

<u>Events Calendar</u>	
Sun Jan 5th 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm	<u>Conclave</u> - Movie – Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci, John Lithgow – When Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading the selection of a new Pope, he finds himself at the centre of a conspiracy that could shake the Catholic Church. Cost: \$13 - Al Whittle Theatre, 450 Main Street, Wolfville
Tues Jan 7th 5:30 – 7:00 pm	<u>King's Kitchen</u> A simple meal with friendly people. This free weekly hot meal is open to anyone. Whether you're struggling with putting food on the table or you find yourself in need of valuable community, you are welcome. Cost: Free. Emmanuel Congregational Church, 37 Gates Ave. Middleton
Fri Jan 10th 7:00 pm	<u>Agatha Christie's Mousetrap</u> – CentreStage Theatre, Cost: \$18, Students/Seniors \$15 - 61 River Street, Kentville
Sun Jan 12th	<u>Holy Trinity Council Meeting</u> after the 11am service at Holy Trinity
<u>January 18-25th</u>	<u>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</u> The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) is an ecumenical celebration held each year from January 18-25. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in ecumenical services and to share fellowship. https://www.weekofprayer.ca/2025-wpcu-resources/
Thurs Jan 26th	<u>Parish Council Meeting</u> after the 11am service at Holy Trinity
Sun Feb 2nd	<u>Food Bank Sunday</u> Let us show the love for Valentine's Day and fill some pantries.
Sun Feb 9th	<u>Holy Trinity AGM</u>
Sun Feb 16th	<u>All Saints AGM</u>
Sun Feb 23rd	<u>Parish AGM</u>
If there are any types of events you would like to see on this calendar or any events you want to add, please let the Parish Office know.	

Parish of Wilmot

January 5th 2025

The Epiphany of our Lord



OUR VISION STATEMENT

Parish of Wilmot is a strong, caring and inclusive community.

Welcoming All!

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Participants	Holy Trinity – 10:00 am	
Preacher	Rev Sue	
Greeter	Bruce	
Licensed Lay Minister	Roz	
Chalice Bearer	Wendy	
Readers	Phil	Sibella
Talliers	Graham	Connie
Musicians	Shannon	

Offerings



Offerings may be placed in the plate, or you may send **e-transfers** as follows:

For All Saints: asdeposit@parishofwilmot.ca

For Holy Trinity: htdeposit@parishofwilmot.ca

Please include your mailing address for the tax receipt

Hub Anthony, Rollie Arseneault; Ron Burton; Teresa Comeau; Wayne Comeau; Kathy Cormier; Sherry-Anne Deveau; Marie Durling; James Greensides; Judy Hammond; Jonathan Howland; Kathryn Hindmarsh; Jennifer M; Jennifer Michaud; Vivian Morris; Alice Murphy; Wilma Nelson; Monique Parker; Hayden Petten; Bev Poll; Stacey Porto; Louisa Robertson; Llewellyn Robicheau; Marg Shepherd; Carol Ann Sargent; Cheryl van der Pryt.

Persons need not be hospitalized or ill to be in our prayers. Please make sure you have permission before adding them. Contact the Parish Office to update the list.

Cycle of Prayer:

New London, Prince Edward Island

The Rev'd Shirley Cole, Rector

St. Mark's, Kensington

St. Stephen's, Burlington

St. Thomas', Spring Brook

St. Elizabeth's, Springfield

We pray for our prayer partner - St. Nicholas Church, Westwood Hills, Tantallon

Announcements:

Any announcements you wish to have included in the bulletin must be provided to administrator@parishofwilmot.ca

The office will be open **Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm** unless otherwise indicated in the bulletin and on the website



12 Baskets and The Upper Room Foodbanks January Needs

- Cereal
- Jam (store bought)
- Peanut Butter
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Relish
- Prayers

Message from 12 Baskets

Thank you for your continued support of our Foodbank. Just to give you a little overview, from January 2024 - November 2024, the foodbank served 4,964 people, and gave out 175 Christmas hampers. We will definitely be over the 5000 mark as we serve nearly 500 people a month. Donations have been down, and we continue to see a decrease in food donations from almost all of our sources, so we need your help. Please consider joining our board. We meet monthly, on the 3rd Monday at the Nictaux Baptist CFC for approximately an hour. Thank you again for your support and prayers.

Los Reyes Magos - The Three Magi



Gospel MATTHEW 2:1-12

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, **accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

God of all the nations of the earth, **guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

The Epiphany of Our Lord - Year C

Collect

Eternal God,

who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son.

Guide by your light the nations of the earth,

that the whole world may know your glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading ISAIAH 60:1-6

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

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All kings shall bow down be - fore him, and the na - tions do - him ser - vice.

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. R

In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight. R

Second Reading EPHESIANS 3:1-12

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**