November 29, 2026 – First Sunday of Advent

Announcements

Coffee Hour: Please join your hosts, *Dave & Judy,* after the service for a time of fellowship and a hot cup of coffee or tea.

Christmas Angel Tree: Please take an Angel from the tree to help the Stittsville Food Bank fill Christmas Food Hampers for families struggling this Holiday Season. Purchased gift cards will be given to children, birth – 18 years of age, along with the family hamper. The tree will be up **until December 13th.**

Christmas Flowers: Anyone wishing to donate for flowers at Christmas may do so **until Tuesday December 15th.** Please use the white envelopes found in the Narthex close to the bulletin board. Fill in the information and return to the office, put on the collection plate, or give directly to Arlene.

Advent and Christmas Services: Please see all Advent and Christmas service details on the insert in your bulletin. We look forward to celebrating this season of Advent with all of you.

Piano Movers: As the Christmas season approaches, rentals increase. Piano recitals pick up, and we need to move the piano to the center aisle for those events. If you can help, please contact Pat.

Prayer and a Pint Christmas Dinner: We will be holding our dinner meeting at **The Glen Scottish Pub on Thursday 3 December at 6pm.** All men are invited. Please let William know **by November 27**.

Book Club: Read the book, *Encampment: Resistance, Grace, and an Unhoused Community*, written by Anglican Priest Rev. Maggie Helwig. Make your own book club or join our virtual book club (email: encampment.study@allsaintswestboro.com to sign up). The month will conclude with a **virtual conversation with the author on**

November 30th. For more information and to register for the event, visit: https://ottawa.anglican.ca/what-we-do/homelessness-and-affordable-housing".

Advent Day Retreat: On **Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026**, Contemplative Outreach of Eastern Ontario will host a one-day retreat at the Galilee Ctr, led by Susan Kehoe. For more information: https://www.galileecentre.com/advent-day-retreat/.

Ministry of Hot Chocolate: We plan to serve hot chocolate & candy canes to folks waiting for the Parade of Lights ... this will be **Saturday 5th December 2026**. The Parade starts at 6pm from the other end of main Street. If anyone would like to help us, please contact Mary. Dress warmly!

Fundscrip: Please note, **December 6, at 9:00 p.m.** is when the next FundScrip order is due. Please email Nicole at stthomasfundscrip@gmail.com.

ACW luncheon: All women of the parish are invited to join the A.C.W. for their Christmas Luncheon at **The Glen in Stittsville on Monday, December 7th at 12 noon.** Orders are off the menu and on separate bills. Please sign-up if you want to join. For more information, speak to Diane, ACW President.

Lunch Bunch: Head to St. John's Kanata North's website to **RSVP** to their Lunch Bunch on the first Monday of each Month. The next lunch will be held on **Monday, December 7, 2026.** Bring a friend, meet some new ones, and help support the Kanata Food Cupboard, MHI, Cornerstone Housing for Women and other outreach missions.

Community Events: There are other events posted on the bulletin board in the church hall. Take a look and see what activities are taking place in the community.