



Nehemiah, cupbearer to Persian King Artaxerxes, is saddened by news from Jerusalem. He gains permission to go help rebuild the city.—Nehemiah 1:1-2:8.

In Jerusalem, skeptics headed by Sanballat scorn his efforts and threaten his workers. Despite intrigue and treachery the wall is finished.—Nehemiah 2:9-6:19.

With the wall completed and dedicated, a religious revival sweeps Jerusalem. The Temple is cleansed and the Book of Moses read publicly.—Nehemiah 12:17-13:6.

Returning on a visit some years later Nehemiah finds the people falling away and institutes further reforms.—Nehemiah 13:7-31.

MEMORY VERSE: "And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands establish thou it."—Psalm 90:17.

DESPITE OPPOSITION

Man Finishes Great Task

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It is fitting that series of Old Testament biographies should end with a lesson on Nehemiah, for this man, who rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem against formidable opposition, is one of the most modern of Bible characters. A man of principle and deep, abiding faith, he was a man suited to the requirements of every age. Given a business suit and briefcase he could step into modern life and become a leading factor in a great enterprise.

Some 50 years after Nebuchadnezzar's destruction of Jerusalem, Cyrus, king of Persia, issued a decree permitting some of the Jews to return to Palestine. Under Zerubbabel, the Temple and some of the homes and other buildings of Jerusalem had

been rebuilt. However, the reconstruction was hindered by "adversaries" and it took an official decree from Darius to allow the Jews to complete their rebuilding in peace.

In the opening chapter of Nehemiah we find that word has been brought to him that the people of Jerusalem were afflicted, that the walls of the city remained in ruins and the gates burned. In those days walls around the cities were necessary for protection against raiders and marauders. Without walls the people of Jerusalem were at the mercy of every passing brigand.

The long periods spent in prayer and soul-searching began to show as a great sadness upon the face of Nehemiah, cupbearer to King Artaxerxes of Persia. Later, when he brought a cup of wine to Artaxerxes, the king asked Nehemiah why he was so sad. He replied that it was because of the condition of his people in Judah. The king then gave Nehemiah permission to go to aid in rebuilding Jerusalem's walls.

Christmas Arrives With Brassy Blare

BETHLEHEM, Jordan (AP)—In this little hilltop town where Christianity began, Christmas comes with the brassy blare of military bands, the clattering noofs of prancing Arab stallions, and the solemn music of hymns and chants.

Beneath the stone floor of the oldest church in the world, an olive wood doll of the infant Jesus lies in the manger where Christ was born.

The cave which tradition says was the stable of Mary and Joseph still exists—under the massive Church of the Nativity—but Christmas Eve in Bethlehem now bears little resemblance to the quiet night when wandering shepherds heard "glad tidings of great joy."

The candle-lit stable is sheathed with marble and hung with rich brocades, a policeman stands guard inside, the thousands of tourists and pilgrims crowd the town.

This year no tourists will be told, like Joseph and Mary, that "there is no room at the inn," for Jordan has added 15 new hotels to handle the crush. The tourist trade is Jordan's main industry, and 29,753 visitors converged on the Holy Land last December.

Fifteen thousand are expected this Christmas Eve in Bethlehem alone.

The day starts with the joyous pealing of bells and the call of prayers from a mosque on Manger Square, for almost half of Bethlehem's 20,000 townspeople are Moslems.

Led by five lancers mounted on horseback, the patriarch of Jerusalem steps at mid-day from his car beneath Bethlehem's Christmas tree, a live, tilting umbrella pine decorated with Japanese lanterns, an electric star and a portrait of King Hussein of Jordan. From its lower branches a loudspeaker wafts carols over the heads of the police and desert troops who inch back the crowds in the big square.

Donning an ermine cloak and crimson hat, the patriarch follows singing priests into the Basilica of the Nativity.

A carnival atmosphere reigns in the square, with the popping of firecrackers, the music of a Jordanian Army and bagpipes band, and brisk business in the souvenir shops, while solemn rite take place in the incense-laden twilight of the 1,600-year-old church.

In nearby Shepherd Field, where the angel announced the birth of Christ, worshippers gather in the chilly late afternoon to sing carols. The field, owned by the YMCA, is fenced now and no sheep are allowed, but the simplicity of the ceremonies is a reminder of the first Christmas.



'Twas the Night before Christmas...

"... And all through the house, not a creature was stirring" ... except these two little rascals! Christmas is their day ... dreams of toys, and sweets, and games, and lots of wonderful things!

Christmas is for children, yes. But, Christmas is for grownups, too. It's a time to give, a time to receive. But, sometimes the spiritual side is overlooked; not deliberately, of course, but lost in the delightful chaos of cheer and joy and fun.

Then remind yourself, to go to church—your choice! Pause there to pray, to give thanks for all you have received; especially, that wonderful gift, the gift of God Himself, in His infant Son. Christmas is Christ's day, His birthday!

Sunday Luke 2:8-20	Monday Romans 6:20-23	Tuesday Romans 8:1-8	Wednesday 1 Corinthians 2:6-16	Thursday 1 Corinthians 13:8-13	Friday 1 Corinthians 14:20-25	Saturday Hebrews 1:1-4
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Christmas, New Year Greetings

It is not unusual in these days to pick up a card that says "Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year."

What is unusual is to see these words in the front of a small booklet containing the Christmas Story as told in the Gospel according to Luke. With only the words of the familiar story (Luke 1:5-2:40), this booklet was designed to be sent out as a Christmas card to friends.

Written in the text of the New English Bible, the familiar words now have a new ring.

Joseph went up to Judea from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to be registered at the city of David, called Bethlehem, because he was of the house of David by descent; and with him went Mary who was betrothed to him.

"She was pregnant, and while they were there the time came, for her child to be born, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him round, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them to lodge in the house."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
Sunday, Dec. 26: Luke 2: 21-52.
Monday, Dec. 27: Matthew 1: 18-24.
Tuesday, Dec. 28: Matthew 2: 1-23.
Wednesday, Dec. 29: Ephesians 6.
Thursday, Dec. 30: Philippians 4.
Friday, Dec. 31: Hebrews 11.
Saturday, Jan. 1: Ecclesiastes 12.

OTTAWA (CP)—Two grants for Mortgage and Housing to support next year's activities orp. The council receives \$104, of the Canadian Council of ar- 000 to support it; administration ban and regional research and of Ford Foundation research of the Community Planning funds and its development and Association of Canada were an- bibliographic work in the field nounced, Thursday by the Cen- of urban research.

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH
13 Christie Drive, Parkdale
Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mr. Leslie Hiscott—Organist and Director of Choirs.

9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate & Senior Church School
11:00 a.m.—Nursery and Kindergarten Classes
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: "FROM FATHER WITH LOVE"
Anthem: "Dear Nightingale Awake"—German Carol arr. Whitehead
11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School

EVENING:
Candidates for the Christian Ministry
Miss Elizabeth Davies and Mr. Ronald Maund will share the Service
Anthems:
"Rocking Carol"
"Under the Stars"
(Junior Choir)

YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

First Baptist Church
Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets
Rev. Malcolm F. Harlow, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mrs. V. L. Dingwell, Organist and Choir Director

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m.—"GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN"
Anthem: "As Lately We Watched" (Black)
Solo: "Song of Mary"—Mr. Douglas McKenney
7:00 p.m.—Presentation of Christmas Pageant, "HE CAME TO BETHLEHEM"

Fri. 11:15 p.m.—Combined Watch Night Service with Trinity United Church. Rev. John Ball, Speaker
A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU.

Charlottetown Bible Chapel
235 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave.

11:00 a.m.—Mr. Sam Bears
7:30 p.m.—Mr. Steve Willis
"The Old Book ... the New Birth ... the Precious Blood ... the Blessed Hope."

The Salvation Army
"Home of Evangelism Since 1865"
Great George Street
Capt. Ray Nelson

58 Villa Avenue
Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m.
Sunday School—10 a.m.
Holiness Meeting—11 a.m.
Christmas Pageant
Salvation Meeting—7 p.m.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Home League (Public meeting)
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting
A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY

BIRCHWOOD FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(Birchwood St. near Longworth Ave.)
Minister: Rev. W. R. Underhay, B.A.

11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
7:00 P.M.—Evening Worship
VISITORS WARMLY WELCOME.

CALVARY TEMPLE
PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA
Upper Prince Street
Rev. C. K. Benn, Pastor

9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summerside Station
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, last Sunday of year
11:00 a.m.—WORSHIP, DAVID AIDE, GUEST SPEAKER, of Peterborough, Ontario.
7:30 p.m.—EVANGELISM. Special music
10:00 p.m.—FRIDAY, NIGHT SERVICE. SOUND FILM, "ANGEL IN EBONY"

Zion Presbyterian Church
Corner Prince and Grafton Streets
The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A., Minister
Miss Roberts Shaw, Deaconess
Mrs. Harvey MacKinnon, L.M.S., B.M.S., Organist and Choir Director.

9:45 a.m.—The Church School. Classes for all ages.
10:00 a.m.—Bible Class 11:00 a.m.—Nursery School
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: THE UNKNOWN SAVIOR
Anthem: Good Christian Men
Solo: Birthday of A King
Mr. Frank Wood
7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: WATCHWORDS FOR THE COMING YEAR
Duet: For Unto Us A Child Is Born
Misses Faye Rogerson and Vickie Robertson
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

St. Peter's Cathedral
Rochford Square
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Davies, M.A., Rector
Rev. Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.D.
Honorary Assistant Priest
Miss Suzanne Brenton, Lic-Mus., Organist
Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director

THE SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 p.m.—Evensong (said).
11:30 p.m.—Procession and Blessing of the Crib
Choral Eucharist and Sermon
CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.—Mattins (said)
11:00 a.m.—Procession, Choral Eucharist and sermon (Family Service)
5:00 p.m.—Evensong (said)
Dec. 26—St. Stephen the Martyr. Sunday after Christmas Day
8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
8:45 a.m.—Mattins
No Sunday School Classes
11:00 a.m.—Procession, Choral Eucharist and Sermon
7:00 p.m.—Evensong, Carols, Procession and Solemn Te Deum
Visitors are cordially Welcome at all Services
Sunday School Christmas Party, Tuesday, Dec. 28—4 p.m.

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Central Christian Church
219 Kent Street

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper
Sermon: "BEHOLD YOUR KING"
Solo: Mr. Merrill Nicholson
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
Sermon: "JOY TO THE WORLD"
Ladies' Sextet: "While Watching O'er Their Flocks by Night"
Solo: "O Holy Night", Mr. W. O. Weale
Minister: Mr. W. O. Weale
Organist: Mrs. Helen MacRae, A.R.C.M.
WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

Sherwood Christian Bible School
A Sunday School for all ages
OPENING SUNDAY
JANUARY 2nd, 1966
Classes each Sunday 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.
Sherwood Elementary School
A cordial invitation is extended to all residents of Sherwood and vicinity.
A Special Project of Central Christian Church

The Kirk of St. James
Minister:
The Rev. Malcolm A. McCullag, B.A., B.D.
Director of Music
Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B. Mus., ARCCO

SUNDAY, DEC. 26, 1965
11:30 A.M.
Sermon:
"THE INN OF THE HUMAN HEART"
Anthem:
"Beside Thy Cradle"—Bach
"See Arise The Winter Snow"—Goss

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Churchtime Nursery
11:30 a.m.—Children's Corner
You Are Invited To Worship With Us

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH
Kirkwood Drive
Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis
Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. J. B. Herdman, L.R.A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL:
11:00 a.m.—Nursery and Kindergarten
11:00 a.m.—Christmas Worship
Sermon: "THEY CAME WORSHIPPING"
Anthem: Senior Choir: "In The Bleak Midwinter"
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Anthems: Junior Choir—
"As Each Happy Christmas", Rink
"Little Children, Wake and Listen", Old French Carol
7:00 p.m.—Carol Service
Mediation: "The Angels and the Shepherds"
Anthems: Intermediate Choir
"Unto Us A Boy Is Born", English Trad.
"Ding, Dong, Merrily on High", French Trad.
Anthems: Senior Choir—
"All My Heart This Night Rejoices", Eberling
"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing", English Trad.
You Are Welcome To Worship With Us

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Charlottetown, P.E.I.
Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A.
Rev. Gerald G. Wyrras, B.A., B.D.
Organist and Director of Choirs: Mr. J. B. Herdman

Church School —
9:45 a.m.—General Session of Senior, Intermediate and Juniors in Trinity Hall Main Auditorium
11:00 a.m.—Kindergarten in Trinity Hall Lower Auditorium
11:00 a.m.—Primary in the Sanctuary followed by general session in the Upper Auditorium of Trinity Hall
11:00 a.m.—"T'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAMS"
Rev. John G. E. Ball
Senior Choir: "Praise The Saviour"—Polish Carol
O'er Bethlehem's Pasture"—Polish Carol
"Snow Was on the Mountain—Polish Carol

7:00 p.m.—Address: Rev. J. G. E. Ball
Choir: "A Virgin Most Pure"—Old English Carol
December 26th—11:00 a.m.—Christmas Day Service
"You Are Welcome to Worship With Us"

St. Paul's Anglican Church
Established 1769 by Royal Foundation
The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.T., Rector
Organist and Choir Director
George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O. (CRM) A.R.C.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

11:30 p.m.—CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE (Friday Night at 11:30 p.m.)
Celebrant: The Rector, assisted by The Rev'd C. B. Ryley.
A brief Christmas Address by the Rector

8:30 a.m.—CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY COMMUNION (Saturday morning at 8:30)

10:30 a.m.—FAMILY-CORPORATE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE (Saturday Morning 10:30)

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 a.m.—CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

9:45 & 11:00—SUNDAY SCHOOL (All Sunday School children are expected to meet at the Parish Hall not later than 10:45)

11:00 a.m.—SPECIAL CHILDREN-PARENT MORNING PRAYER SERVICE
ANTHEM: WHO IS HE IN YONDER STALL"
(Sung by Sunday School Children)
SOLO: "WHY DOES HE LOVE ME SO?"
(by Heidi-Marie Elias)
CHILDREN'S SERMON: "THE TALKING CHRISTMAS TREE" by The Rector.

7:00 p.m.—CANDLELIGHT AND CAROL SERVICE WITH THE READING OF THE NINE LESSONS
(Various officers and Church workers of this Parish will read appropriate Scripture lesson, followed by a Processional Lighting of the Candles)

SHOULD WE NOT GIVE CHRISTMAS BACK TO CHRIST? BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO CHURCH! A WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO EVERY ONE. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL ON THIS JOYOUS DAY. YOU ARE CORDIALLY WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL OUR SERVICES.