

Scripture—II Kings 14:23-29; Amos 5:14, 15, 21-24; 6:1-7; 7.



Courageous leadership of Jeroboam II brought the Northern Kingdom to the height of its wealth and military power, yet the country was spiritually dead.—II Kings 14:23-29.

Under an imbalance of wealth, a small group of the extremely rich lived luxuriously while abusing and oppressing the great masses of the extremely poor.—Amos 2:6, 5:14-15.

Amos, an austere herdsman-prophet, denounces Israel for her sins and warns of punishment to come for her transgressions of God's moral will.—Amos 5:21-24, 6:1-7.

Charged with conspiracy against the king, Amos reveals he is sent by God and again pronounces Israel's doom.—Amos 7.

MEMORY VERSE: "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."—Proverbs 16:18.

DESTINED FOR FAILURE

Integrity Outweighs Conquests

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By R.H. RAMSEY

Our lesson today deals with the Northern Kingdom and its monarch, Jeroboam II, who began his reign about 150 years after the division of the kingdom and about 50 years after the circumstances discussed in last week's lesson.

Though larger in area and stronger in military power than the Southern Kingdom, the Northern Kingdom was destined for failure and ruin, for it, as a nation, had broken entirely away from the true worship of Jehovah God. The people simply reverted to paganism, falling into all sorts of immoral practices and going over, body and soul, to the idolatrous worship of golden calves. Their large area and population, their broad, fertile fields, their immense natural resources were as nothing for they were spiritually dead.

Jeroboam II, whose exploits are described in the first Scriptures assigned to our lesson (II Kings 14:23-29), was a mighty warrior, courageous and bold. If military valor could make a kingdom great, the Northern Kingdom should have been great. Not only was it larger in area and population than the Southern Kingdom, and most of the other kingdoms of that part of the world—it was led by Jeroboam II, a mighty man of valor. But the nation was headed toward decline and dissolution and neither its size, its natural resources, nor the brave and resourceful leadership of Jeroboam II could save it.

As time went on, the Northern Kingdom underwent a shocking imbalance of national wealth, though the nation was, at that time, at the height of its prosperity. At the top of its financial pyramid was a small group of nobles, military leaders, merchants and large landowners, all of whom were extremely wealthy. Beneath them was a great mass of people, all of whom were extremely poor.

Totally unconcerned over the welfare of the poor, the wealthy lived lives of luxury, drinking their wine from bowls instead of goblets, lolling on beds of ivory, disporting themselves amorally, wantonly abusing and oppressing the poor to the point of selling them into slavery for a pair of shoes (Amos 2:6).

This was the situation that Amos saw, challenged and denounced.

Today Amos is a popular prophet. He saw light in a period of darkness; he had the courage to protest vigorously against the injustices around him; he had the ability to grasp great truths and express them in terms simple enough to be comprehensible to the common man; and he, like many others, had to wait centuries for this vindication.

Amos was a humble shepherd living at Tekoa, one of the northernmost villages of the Southern Kingdom. He tended a little flock of sheep and pieced out his income by preparing the fruit of sycamore trees so it could be used as food. His occupation took him to the wool markets of the northern cities where he became acquainted with the life and religion of the people. He was uneducated, but had a penetrating discernment of human nature. Like Micah, he was a rustic who developed into a religious reformer supremely concerned for the rights of God and for justice.

At Bethel, Amos stood up and denounced Jeroboam II and the people of his kingdom. Amaziah, priest of the shrine at Bethel, told Amos to go back to his own land of Judah and earth is bread and prosperity there. But Amos would not take orders from such as Amaziah. He saw the rich gorging themselves with dissipation while they cruelly oppressed the poor. "This is contrary to the will of God. Your material splendor is leading you nowhere. You are headed for dissolution and death," he warned.

To the evils confronting the nation Amos offered a drastic remedy: the Spirit of God—must be infused into the social order; repeating the Commandments was not enough, their central meaning must be applied in practical terms.

In making his plea for social justice, Amos emphasized the transcendence of God and His rule of all nations and all history, saying that God would not come primarily to help Israel in her conflict with her enemies but to judge all those, including Israel, who had ignored His moral will.

Thus, in his teachings and through his visions, Amos gave to mankind last thoughts on the relation of the individual to society in the sight of God.

SPEAKS TO AFRICA

South Africa's foreign radio service broadcasts in English, French, Portuguese, Afrikaans and Zulu.

72 Million Publications Circulated

Over 72 million Bibles, New Testaments and other parts of the Bible were circulated throughout the world in 1965 by the Bible Societies. This figure does not include circulation by the commercial publishers, which is considerable in Europe and North America.

In Africa, Asia and Latin America, however, it is estimated that at least 95 per cent of all Scriptures circulated is linked with the Bible Societies.

Of the total 4.5 million were complete Bibles, 4.2 million were New Testaments, and 64 million were other parts, almost equally divided between complete books of the Bible and booklets of selections of Scripture passages. Many of these latter are especially prepared for new readers in many languages.

The total circulation figure is far short of the goal set by the Societies in their "God's Word for a World" campaign launched in May 1963. It was envisaged, then, that circulation might reach 150 million copies annually by the end of 1966. In 1962 it was just over 50 million Scriptures circulated.

The demand for Scriptures is accelerating beyond the ability of the Bible Societies to supply until additional funds are available, since Scriptures are sold below cost or given free, in the emerging countries.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, May 23: Acts 28.
Monday, May 23: 1/4 Corinthians 12.
Tuesday, May 24: I Corinthians 13.
Wednesday, May 25: I Corinthians 14.
Thursday, May 26: John 3: 1-21.
Friday, May 27: John 3: 22-36.
Saturday, May 28: Joel 2: 21-32.

GOD'S WORD for a NEW AGE

An old man in Australia holds his Bible with shaking hands. Painstakingly his pointing finger follows along a well-loved passage. In a village in Guatemala an Indian lad reads joyfully from a New Testament written in elementary Spanish. In a rural area of Japan a lively youth group discusses the Scriptures using Bibles printed in their mother tongue.

People like these, and thousands more in every corner of the earth, read Bibles today because of the work of the American Bible Society. Founded on May 8, 1816, the Society's sole object is the widespread circulation of the Scriptures. Now, faced with a worldwide population explosion and mounting literacy, the Society sees an exciting challenge in re-dedicating itself to its goal: that no matter what his language, whether rich or poor, or where he lives — no man, woman, or literate child should be without the Scriptures.

In our space age of confusion and change, the Bible remains constant. Read and study the Bible faithfully, and attend your church regularly. Hear there the word of God — His greatest gift, so freely given.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL • ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Celebrating Anniversary

On Sunday, May 22, services celebrating the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Freetown Presbyterian Church will be held at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Both services will be conducted by the current minister, Rev. George R. Tannahill and Rev. John McBride of the Summer-side Presbyterian Church will be the guest speaker.

The church was first organized during the ministry of Rev. R.S. Patterson and was erected and dedicated in 1890 when Rev. W.M. Tufts ministered to the congregation. The church now forms part of the Malpeque Pastoral Charge under Mr. Tannahill.

Previous ministers for the church were: Rev. William M. Scott, Rev. William McCullough Thompson, Rev. R.S. Whidden, Rev. W.H. Macintosh, Rev. A.S. MacKay, Rev. W.A. MacQuarrie, Rev. D.K. Ross, Rev. M.E. Rev. T.L. Williams, Rev. Fred Genge Rev. T.L. Williams, Rev. Fred Williamson, Rev. Dr. William O. Rhoad, Rev. J.A. MacGowan and Rev. E.H. Bean.

Special music will be a feature at both Sunday services.

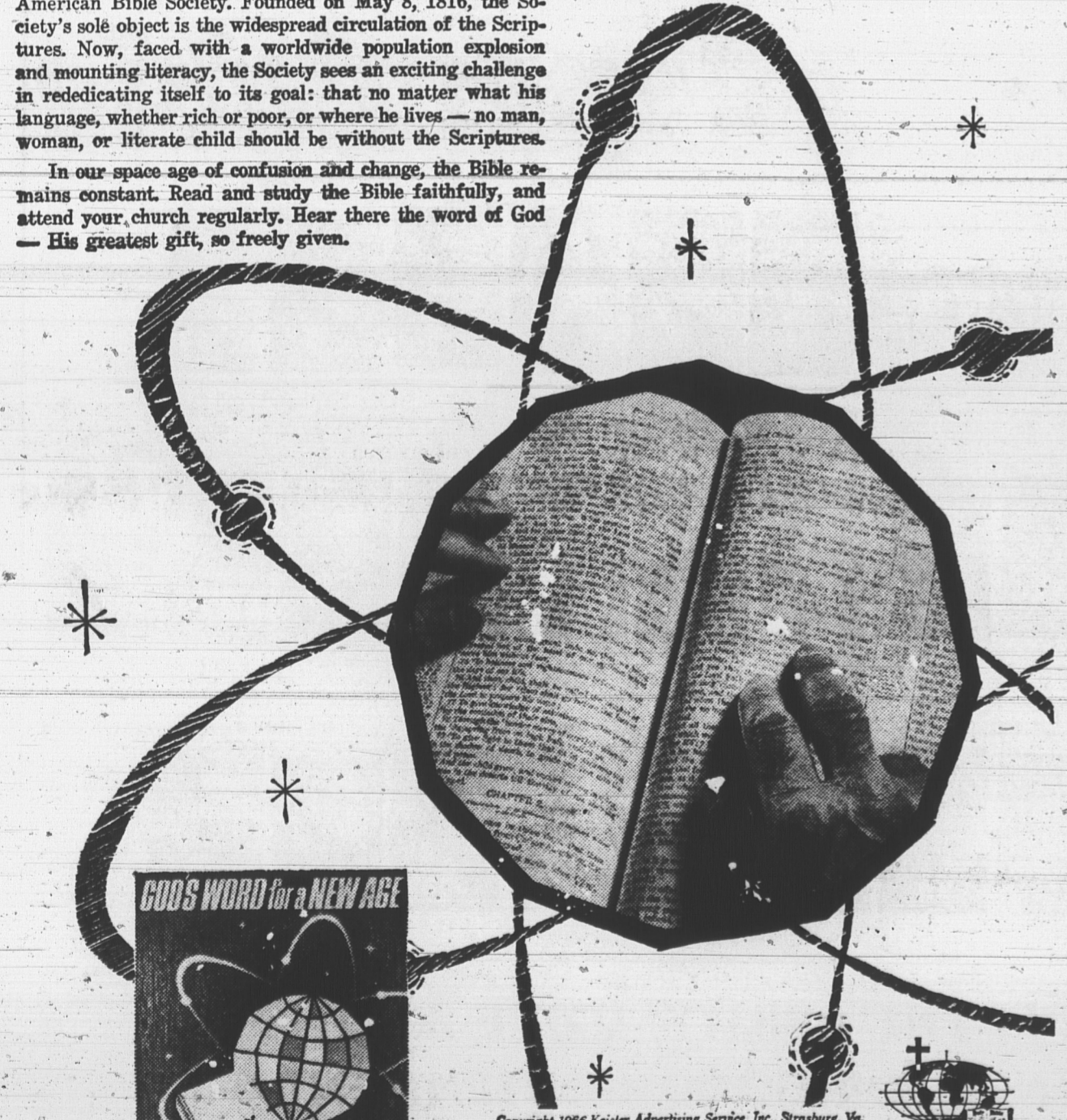
TEST SURVEYOR

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. (AP)—A test version of the Surveyor vehicle designed for an unmanned soft landing on the moon made a smooth 900-foot descent from a balloon in a successful final test Friday prior to the scheduled May 30 flight to the moon. Surveyor, the U.S. counterpart of Russia's Luna IX, is to be launched at Cape Kennedy, Fla. Luna IX landed softly on the moon Feb. 3.

What is the Bahá'í Faith?

My object is none other than the betterment of the world and the tranquillity of its peoples. The well-being of mankind, its peace and security, are unattainable unless and until its unity is firmly established. This unity can never be achieved so long as the counsels which the Pen of the Most High hath revealed are suffered to pass unheeded. Through the power of the words He hath uttered the whole of the human race can be illumined with the light of unity, and the remembrance of His Name is able to set on fire the hearts of all men, and burn away the veils that intervene between them and His glory.

Bahá'u'lláh



Sunday Deuteronomy 11:18-25	Monday Psalms 119:6-16	Tuesday Isaiah 55:5-11	Wednesday Luke 8:4-15	Thursday Hebrews 4:11-16	Friday James 1:19-25	Saturday 1 Peter 1:16-21
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READ THE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THIS PAGE FOR TIMES OF SERVICES

New Clocks Are Tested

OTTAWA (CP)—The Dominion Observatory's new atomic clock should be within a millionth of a second of similar installations in other parts of the world today after an overnight calibration check.

A two-man team from the clock's manufacturer, Hewlett-Packard Co. of Palo Alto, Calif., started work on the observatory clock Thursday night after a shorter, two-hour check of a similar installation at the National Research Council.

While specific figures on the accuracy of the two clocks may not be available for some time, day with a record participation of 36 countries, including China said he believes the new installation is within 20 microseconds (20 millionths of a second) of the world standard.

The Guardian, Charlottetown, Sat., May 21, 1966. 7

BUDAPEST FAIR OPENS
BUDAPEST (AP)—The Budapest industrial fair opened Friday with a record participation of 36 countries, including China said he believes the new installation is within 20 microseconds (20 millionths of a second) of the world standard.

UNITED STATES AND WEST GERMANY

CHRISTIAN CONVENTION

Christians gathered to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ will hold their 15th annual convention in the will of the Lord: over the weekend in Crapaud.

ORDER OF MEETINGS

Friday 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting Gospel Hall
Saturday 2:30 p.m.—In the Engelwood High School; Ministry meeting.
Saturday 8 p.m.—In the Engelwood High School Gospel Meeting.

Lord's Day: 10 a.m. Worship. 1:15 Sunday School. 2:30 Ministry. 7:45 Gospel meeting.

Monday: 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Ministry; Gospel Meeting at 8 in the Gospel Hall.

ALL MEALS ARE SERVED FREE IN THE GOSPEL HALL. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Central Christian Church

219 Kent Street

MORNING—

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper
Sermon: "CLIMBING JACOB'S LADDER"
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
Sermon: "THE STONE"

Minister: Mr. W. O. Weale
Organist: Mrs. Helen MacRae, A.R.C.M.

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

Sherwood Church of Christ

(Meeting in Sherwood Elementary School)

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper
Guest Speaker: Mr. Rankin MacKinnon from the Maritime Christian College.

WE EXTEND A WARM INVITATION TO ALL TO WORSHIP WITH US.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

A church-planting project of Central Christian Church, Charlottetown

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 and Senior Church School
11:00 a.m.—Nursery and Kindergarten Classes
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: "NEW SKINS FOR NEW WINE"
Anthem: "Bless the Lord O My Soul"
—Ippolitoff-Ivanoff

11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School
7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP
Sermon: "THINE IS THE KINGDOM"
Anthem: "Hymn to Joy"—Beethoven
"It fell upon a Summer Day"—Welsh Carol (Junior Choir)

YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

The Kirk of St. James

Minister:
The Rev. Malcolm A. McCuaig, A., B.D.
Director of Music
Christopher Gledhill, M.A., E. Mus., ARCCO

11:00 A.M.
Sermon
"THE DOCTRINE OF THE ASCENSION"
Anthem
"From all that dwell below the skies"

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

Charlottetown Bible Chapel

233 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave.

11:00 a.m.—Adult service and Sunday School
7:30 p.m.—Alexander Marks, Blind Jewish Evangelist
"The Old Book... the New Birth... the Precious Blood... the Blessed Hope."

Zion Presbyterian Church

Corner Prince and Grafton Streets
The Reverend Donald A. Campbell, B.A., D.D.
Miss Roberta Shaw, Deaconess
Mrs. Harvey MacKinnon, L.Mus., B.Mus.
Organist and Choir Director.

9:45 a.m.—The Church School Classes for all ages
10:00 a.m.—Bible Class 11:00—Nursery School

11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: WHY I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST
Solo: Ring Out The Sweet Message—A. E. Adams
Mr. Frank Wood
Service Broadcast over Radio Station CFCY

7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: THE ART GALLERIES OF THE MIND
VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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. Malohe, M.A., D.D., LL.D.
Honorary Assistant Priest
Miss Suzanne Brenton, Lic. Mus., Organist
Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director

May 22—The Sunday after Ascension Day

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
8:45 a.m.—Matins
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School (11 a.m. Infants' Class)
11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and sermon
7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon

Visitors are cordially welcome at all services.

The Salvation Army

176 Great George Street
Capt. and Mrs. Ray Nelson

Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m.
Sunday School—10 a.m.
Holiness Meeting—11 a.m.
Missionary Service
Sermon: "THE MOST DANGEROUS WORD IN THE HUMAN LANGUAGE"
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.

Christian Reformed Church

135 Mt. Edward Road
(The first church in Sherwood)
Rev. M. Dornbush, Minister

10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship (English)
11:15 a.m.—Sunday School
2:30 p.m.—Afternoon Worship (Dutch)

You are cordially invited to worship with us.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

Presbytery of P.E.I.
SHERWOOD - PARKDALE EXTENSION CHARGE

Meeting in the Sherwood Women's Institute Hall, Maple Avenue

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School (held in Sherwood Women's Institute Hall, Maple Ave.)
ALL ARE WELCOME

First Baptist Church

Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets
Rev. Malcolm F. Barlow, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mrs. V. L. Dingwall, Organist and Choir Director

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.

11:00 a.m.—ANNIVERSARY SERVICE
Mr. K. E. Spencer, President, Atlantic Provinces United Baptist Convention, Guest Speaker.
Male Octet: "Leave Your Heavy Burden At The Cross"
Solo: "The Holy City" (Adams)
—Miss June Foster

7:00 p.m.—"HOW TO FACE PAIN"
Duet: "Ponder My Words O Lord"—Misses Janet Down and Faye Rogerson

Wednesday 7:30 Prayer Meeting.

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH

Kirkwood Drive

Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis
Organist and Director of Choirs:
Mrs. J. B. Herdman, L.R.A.M.

9:45 a.m.—Senior, Intermediate and Juniors
11:00 a.m.—Primary and Kindergarten
11:00 a.m.—Crib Room and Nursery.

11:00 a.m.—Sermon: "DEDICATED" Rev. J. G. E. Ball
(Dedication Ceremony for Trinity Hall Furnishings)
Anthem: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"
Ippolitoff-Ivanoff

7:00 p.m.—Sermon: "GUIDE LINES FOR THE GOOD LIFE" Rev. J. G. E. Ball
No. 2—Happy Mourners
You are welcome to worship with us

A Welcome Awaits You"

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

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

9:45 a.m.—Intermediate and Juniors
11:00 a.m.—Primary and Kindergarten
11:00 a.m.—Crib Room and Nursery.

11:00 a.m.—Sermon: "DEDICATED" Rev. J. G. E. Ball
(Dedication Ceremony for Trinity Hall Furnishings)
Anthem: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"
Ippolitoff-Ivanoff

7:00 p.m.—Sermon: "GUIDE LINES FOR THE GOOD LIFE" Rev. J. G. E. Ball
No. 2—Happy Mourners
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A Welcome Awaits You"

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., (CHM) A.R.C.M.

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION
9:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL: Junior, Senior and Bible Classes
11:00 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL: Crib Nursery, Primary and Beginners Classes
11:00 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON
Anthem: "Had We But Heardened"
H. W. Davies
Sermon: "THE MOSLEM FAITH AS I SAW IT"
(More impressions of the Rector's recent Holy Land Tour)

7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON
Sermon: "NOT 'JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES' BUT WITNESSES OF JESUS CHRIST"

YOU ARE CORDIALLY WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL OUR SERVICES