

# St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia  
Rector: Archdeacon Michael H. Mitchell

October 12, 2014

## RECTOR'S MESSAGE



Welcome everyone as we gather to give thanks to God for all the blessings of creation, for the gift of life and the gift of worshipping in this beautiful House of God.

The presence of 'The Little Sister Dory' in our church, is a reminder of God's gifts to us and of our desire to offer thanksgiving by sharing a portion of our abundance with those less fortunate. Thank you for your support of the Lunenburg Food Bank.

Giving thanks is a way of acknowledging that all we possess comes from God. Having a spirit of thanksgiving makes all the difference in our lives, turning us from being self-centred, to being other-centred. Someone once said: "If the only prayer you say in your whole life is 'thank you,' that would suffice."

The prayer of thanksgiving is a recognition that God is constantly at work in our lives and in the world. A grateful attitude impacts the attitude of others as well, bringing joy through sharing what we have.

God bless you all and have a great week.

*Michael+*

### LAY MINISTERS TODAY

**Lay Readers: 8:30 am** Barbara Eisenhauer

**10:30 am** Roger Demone, Susan MacMillan, Charlene Demone,

Sharon Green, Holly Mitchell

**Lectors: 8:30 am** Josephine Eisenhauer, Carolyn Hogg

**10:30am** Kevin Skinner, Rose Conrad

**Sidespersons:** Judy VanRyckevorsal, June Coote **Server:** Aisling Curtin

### NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 19TH

**Lay Readers: 8:30 am** Barbara Eisenhauer,

**10:30 am** Sandy MacDonald, Heather Hyson, Sheila Morris

**Lectors: 8:30 am** Sandra Jordan, Cathy Ramey

**10:30am** Sandy Mac Donald, Aisling Curtin **Server:** Aisling Curtin

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# The Holy Eucharist

## The Gathering of the Community

**Prelude: From 'Royal Fireworks' Suite - Handel**

**St. John's Ringers: 'Alleluia/Give Thanks - Fishel/Tucker**

*Please stand for Processional Hymn*

**Processional Hymn #262 "Come Ye Thankful People Come"**

## Greeting

**Celebrant** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**All** **And also with you.**

**All** Almighty God,  
**to you all hearts are open,**  
**all desires known,**  
**and from you no secrets are hidden.**  
**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**  
**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**  
**that we may perfectly love you,**  
**and worthily magnify your holy name;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Glory To God #702CP

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**  
**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you,**  
**we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**  
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,**  
**you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**  
**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**  
**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**  
**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**  
**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day** Let us pray with Thanksgiving.

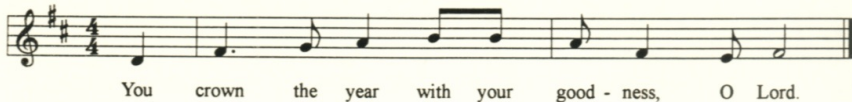
Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors as he is doing today. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** DEUTERONOMY 8:7-18

### PSALM 65 Said at 8:30 am. Sung at 10:30 am



You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem. To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions. **R**

Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out. Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple. **R**

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away. **R**

You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might. You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamour of the peoples. **R**

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your

marvellous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth. **R**

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase. You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. **R**

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy. May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing. **R**

### A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

### Gradual Hymn #403 "Let All Things Now Living"

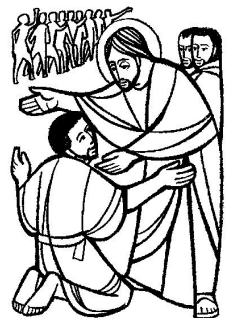
#### Gospel

The Lord be with you. *People* **And with your Spirit.**

**The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.**

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus



asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well." LUKE 17:11-19  
The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to your Lord, Jesus Christ.**

## Sermon

**The Apostles Creed** *We give thanks for our faith, as we say,*  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People** *Please kneel or sit for the prayers.*  
**Response: Lord our God, we give you thanks.**

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa, The Most Rev'd. Justice Ofei Akrofi, Archbishop of West Africa and Bishop of Accra.  
**Diocesan Cycle:** Pray for LaHave with Blue Rocks, Rev'd Jane Reid - St. Matthew's, Upper LaHave, St. Bartholomew's, Middle LaHave, St. Barnabas, Blue Rocks; St. John's, Lunenburg, Rev'd Michael Mitchell and Holly.  
**Local Ministerial:** The Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian.  
**Fisheries:** Adams & Knickle - **Chockle Cap** Clearwater - **Atlantic Protector**; Tall Ship - **Picton Castle.**

## Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon + and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Peace** *All stand, and the celebrant addresses the people.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The assembly greets one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Choir Anthem "A Celtic Thanksgiving" - Williams/Martin**

## The Celebration of the Eucharist The Preparation of the Gifts

**Offertory Hymn #399** Now Thank We All Our God

*We welcome the Sunday School children and teachers to our Service. Representatives of the parish present the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharist. Each one as they are able, makes an offering to the Lord for the needs and responsibilities of the Church to be placed on the altar.*

**The Prayer Over The Gifts** *Read by celebrant.*

Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours and you invite us to be good stewards. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. We give you thanks for the abundance of creation, for rich harvests of land and sea. We praise you Lord, with all the angels, in their song of joy. #719

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

*“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”* After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, *“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith. #720  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.  
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

We offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.** (Sung #721)

## The Lord's Prayer

In a spirit of gratitude for God's many blessings, let us pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread for distribution, and says*  
Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,  
whose many grains we have gathered  
and made into this one bread.

**So may your Church be gathered from the ends  
of the earth into your kingdom.**

*The celebrant invites the people to share in communion.*

The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## The Communion #745

**Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

*The Anglican Church of Canada welcomes to the Lord's table all who  
desire to receive Holy Communion and who wish to be nourished with the  
Body and Blood of Christ.*

## Communion Hymn #60 "I Come with Joy"

# 62 Come, Let Us Eat

## Children's Time and Music Moment #359 This is the Day

## Announcements

## The Prayer after Communion *Read by celebrant.*

God of our hope, in this Eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Doxology

Glory to God,  
**whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing & Dismissal

Let us rejoice and give thanks in the Day of the Lord. **Amen.**  
May the blessing of God almighty, Father + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Recessional Hymn #258 "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

## Postlude: Sonata in C minor - Guilment

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## NOTICES

### ACW 'FUN - FUNDRAISER' - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 10am TO 2pm

There will be a bake table, flea market and silent auction table. A lunch canteen will serve fish chowder, lobster burgers, chicken burgers, desserts, tea, coffee and juice. Good quality items are needed for the flea market (no clothes or large appliances please) and special items for the Silent Auction Table. Your items may be brought to the Parish Hall and placed in the Sunday School room up to Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. We would appreciate donations of rolls, bread and baked goods, as well as jams, jellies and pickles for the bake table. This is a fun way to raise some money for St. John's. Last year's sale was a huge success. **We need YOUR help to make this one even better!**

### Two Special concerts to note:

**Symphony Nova Scotia** conducted by Bernhard Gueller and featuring guest violinist Martin Beaver - Friday, October 17 at 7:30 pm here at St. John's Church. Tickets on sale now at Shop on the Corner - \$30 (students \$10 at the door)

**Organist John Laing** - Sunday, October 19 at 3 pm also at St. John's. Tickets, \$20, at Shop on the Corner, reserve at 634-9994 and at the door. For detailed information on Musique Royale events please visit [www.musiqueroyale.com](http://www.musiqueroyale.com)

"**Dry kindling Wood** is now available for \$10.00 per box either by calling Roger Mason at 624-1095 or at the ACW Fundraiser on Saturday October 18th. Proceeds for St. John's Community Outreach Fund" Thanks.

## JOIN US FOR A FRESH WAY TO IMAGINE CHURCH!

'RE-IMAGINING CHURCH' with COFFEE AND CONVERSATION is about exploring Fresh Ideas for living the Christian Faith.

**PLACE:** Meeting at the SAVVY SAILOR,  
100 Montague St., Lunenburg.

**TIME:** Tuesday, October 21, 3:00 - 4:30pm,  
continuing for 6 consecutive Tuesdays ending  
November 25<sup>th</sup>.



### What is Re-imagining Church?

The "Re-imagining Church" is a five part course designed by Fresh Expressions Canada, an initiative of the Wycliffe College Institute of Evangelism. It has been adapted by the Anglican Diocese of NS&PEI for our Maritime context to consider our future ministry goals. It is sponsored by St. John's Anglican Church.

### Why participate?

1. Introduces creative ideas of being a missional church.
2. Helps develop a deeper understanding of discipleship and the nature of church.
3. Offers insight to consider the 21st century spiritual needs of wider community.

### Who is it for?

It is for ALL members of our parish and any interested members of other faith communities. Anyone who is involved in a particular ministry, including congregational leadership and other ministry leaders, will find this program particularly interesting and helpful.

**WE WELCOME EVERYONE FOR A COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!**

For more information call Rev. Louis Quennelle: 902-527-0122 or email: [louisq@eastlink.ca](mailto:louisq@eastlink.ca). or speak with Fr. Michael.

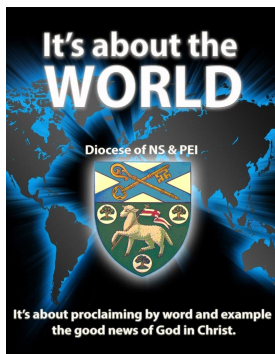
### CHURCH SEXTON POSITION

St. John's Church is seeking an energetic and dedicated individual for the position of Church Sexton. This position ensures that St. John's Church is kept clean for Services and the many activities that occur in the church. Winter snow removal in the area immediately in front of the church is also undertaken. For more information and a detailed job description, please contact the Parish Wardens: Wayne Dodge and Bruce Holdbrook by October 19, 2014.



# GIVE THANKS... for local businesses

## THINK GLOBAL. ACT LOCAL.



We are so grateful for the communities in which we live. For our neighbours, beautiful scenery, schools, medical centres, parks and all the things that make Maritime living enjoyable. As we turn our attention and ministry efforts outward, we remember “*It’s About the World.*” This Thanksgiving let’s pay particular attention in ‘mission’ to our local businesses. These family-run shops and community- based services are a blessing to us in many ways.

Here are some of the benefits of supporting neighbourhood entrepreneurs. Locally owned businesses...

- Build strong communities by sustaining vibrant centres
- Link residents in a web of social and economic relationships
- Contribute to neighbourhood causes
- Keep dollars in the local economy
- Create more jobs locally, often hiring students for first time jobs
- Generate revenue and thus pay taxes to help fund community police, fire departments and schools, etc.

**We believe part of loving our neighbour includes loving our neighbourhood and encouraging those businesses who serve the community in numerous ways. Christians, in gratitude, can support local companies in the following ways:**

- ◆ Each week select a local business to include in your Sunday Prayers of the People. Send them a note to let them know you’ve been praying for them to flourish.

- ◆ Deliver a pot of flowers, a tray of homemade muffins or a basket of fruit to a different local proprietor complete with a card that says “St. John’s Church appreciates you!”
- ◆ Highlight neighbourhood businesses that provide services and supplies to your church by listing them on your website, Facebook page or in your bulletin. Be sure to drop off a photocopy and thank them for their support.

**As individual Christians, you can ‘love’ neighbourhood businesses, services and industries by:**

1. Purchasing your produce from farm markets
2. Enjoying dinner in a locally owned and operated restaurant
3. Choosing gifts from nearby independent crafters
4. Hiring community trades people and professionals
5. Recommending a good neighbourhood company to others



### PRAYER:

Almighty God, who abundantly provides all good things, turn our thoughts, hearts and actions outward, as we give You hearty thanks. Inspire us to be attentive to the blessings of local businesses. Provide us with opportunities to support and ‘love our neighbours’ as we minister to the World and share the many blessings of our faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### **HARBOUR VIEW HAVEN ANNUAL TEA AND SALE**

**Date:** Wednesday October 15<sup>th</sup> Tea: 2pm-3:30pm Main Dining Room

**Sale:** 1:30pm-3:30pm, Floor Two Lounge

**Admission:** \$5.00 at the Door. Join us and bring along a friend. We are gratefully accepting donations of crafts, small plants and baked goods. Thank you for your support.