



St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: Archdeacon Michael H. Mitchell

*To all who mourn or need comfort,
To all who are weary and need rest,
To all who seek friendship,
To all who desire to grow in relationship with God
To all who yearn to pray,
To all who need a Saviour, And to all whoever will worship,
This Church of St. John's opens wide its doors
and in the name of Christ our Lord, says - WELCOME.*

Heritage  Faith  Vision

St. John's - A National Historic Site - Founded 1753

Rector's Message



Welcome everyone on the day the Parish gathers in prayer and discernment at our Annual General Parish Meeting. We pray the good Lord's blessing upon our parish as we look back upon the 260th anniversary of the parish. We give thanks for the many blessings of this past year, for the many celebrations and opportunities to give thanks. We also take time to consider whatever has been of challenge and for God's grace which has brought us to this moment. We also offer to the Lord any failings, wrongs and those things that should or should not have been done.

In the reading today from the Book of Deuteronomy, God says to the people through Moses: "Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days." Each of us faces choices as individuals, as families and in society. We also face choices in living our faith in the community of the church. When we choose the path of Jesus Christ and follow in his ways by what we say and do, then we are choosing life for ourselves and for our parish. Jesus makes this very clear for us in the gospel for today. At our AGM, as we reflect on the past, let us make those choices for the future that will ensure a strong and healthy parish for generations to come.

Have a wonderful week.

Michael+

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Heather Hyson, Robert MacMillan, Susan MacMillan

Lectors: 8:30 am Carolyn Hogg, Jo Eisenhauer

10:30am Grace & Ron Swan

Sidespersons: Carrie & Audrey Skinner; **Server:** Aisling Curtin

NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Sheila Morris, Holly Mitchell, Heather Hyson

Lectors: 8:30 am Sandra & Ed Jordan

10:30am Sunday School

Sidespersons: Carrie & Audrey Skinner; **Server:** Aisling Curtin

Traditional Morning Prayer

Prelude: Thanks Be To Thee - Handel

The Gathering of the Community

Announcements and Welcome

Please stand and join in our Processional Hymn

Hymn #7 'New Every Morning Is the Love'

SENTENCES

The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD,
as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2. 14.
I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.
Psalm 122. 1.

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace. *(A moment of silence is kept.)*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth + all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant O LORD, open thou our lips;
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**
Celebrant O God, make speed to save us;
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Celebrant Praise ye the Lord;
People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

The Venite

O COME, let us |sing unto the |LORD;
let us heartily rejoice in the |strength of our sal- |vation.
Let us come before his |presence with |thanksgiving;
and show ourselves |glad in |him with |psalms.
For the LORD is a |great God; and a great |King above |all |gods.
In his hand are all the |corners of the |earth; and the |strength of
the |hills is his |also. The sea is |his, and he |made it; and his |hands
pre- |pared the dry |land.
O come, let us worship and |fall |down, and |kneel before the
|LORD our |Maker.
For he is the |Lord our |God; and we are the people of his
pasture, |and the |sheep of his |hand.
Today O that ye would |hear his |voice, harden not your hearts: as in
the provocation, and as in the day of temp- |tation |in the |wilderness;
When your fathers |tempted |me : proved |me, and |saw my |works.
Forty years long was I grieved with that gene- |ration, and |said: It is a
people that do err in their hearts, for they |have not |known my
ways. Unto whom I |sware in my |wrath : that they should
not |enter |into my |rest. Glory be to the Father, and |to the |Son :
and |to the |Holy |Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now,
and |ever |shall be : world without |end. |A |men.

The Collect of the Day *Let us pray.*

Almighty and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK DEUTERONOMY

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:1-8

REFRAIN Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.

Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord! Happy are they who observe his decrees and seek him with all their hearts! **R**

Who never do any wrong, but always walk in his ways. You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them. **R**

Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes! Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments. **R**

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgements. I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me. **R**

BENEDICTUS. St Luke 1. 68.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; /
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, /
in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, /
which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies, /
and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, /
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, /
that he would grant us That we being delivered out of the hands of
our enemies / might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, / all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: /
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people /
for the remission of their sins;
Through the tender mercy of our God; /
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and
in the shadow of death, / and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, /
and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations?

For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

Hymn #585 'Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service'

THE GOSPEL

Reader The Lord be with you. People **And with thy Spirit.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO MATTHEW. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgement.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one." MATTHEW 5:21-37

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the

Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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

Response: Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

The Peace

All stand, and the celebrant addresses the people.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy Spirit. *We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Offertory Hymn #486 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'

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*

God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *United with Christians everywhere, we 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.

Then the Priest standing up shall say:

Priest. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People. **And grant us thy salvation.**

Priest. O Lord, save the Queen;

People. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Priest. O Lord, save thy people;

People. **And bless thine inheritance.**

Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People. **And evermore mightily defend us.**
Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us;
People. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal

It is good for us to know that someone before us has successfully faced the illusions and the misleading attractions of a world estranged from God. With Christ we can overcome, we can make a strong choice for God, for others, and for our better selves. Let us follow along Christ's way, with the blessing of almighty God: the Father, + and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, to be with us now and evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn #598 'Go to the World'

Postlude: March in D - J.S. Bach

NOTICES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

St. John's Annual General Meeting will be held **TODAY** after the 10:30 am service. A Pot Luck Luncheon will be held.

INSTALLATION OF PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Installation of our Parish Council members will be held on Sunday, March 2 at our 10:30 am service. The next meeting of Parish Council will take place on Thursday, March 20TH. There is NO meeting next week.

Please pick up your Income Tax Receipt at the back of the church. It is soon time to get them out to folks and we would like to save on postage.

MUSIQUE ROYALE CONCERT THIS WEEK:

Friday, February 21 at 7:30 pm - Lucas Porter, piano *To Love and Be Loved - romantic works by Schumann, Prokofiev, Chopin, and Wagner.*
A native of Port Williams, Nova Scotia, and recent graduate of the Glenn Gould School's Performance Diploma Program, Lucas Porter is the youngest student to date to win the school's Concerto Competition. He has performed at the prestigious Stratford Summer Festival as part of their 'Celebration of Glenn Gould' series with renowned Canadian pianists Angela Hewitt and Jan Lisiecki. He is a two-time winner of the Canadian Music Competition and represented Canada at Expo 2005 in Nagoya, Japan, where he took part in a series of concerts with Canadian soprano, Measha Brueggergosman. Tickets: \$20 at Shop on the Corner or can be reserved through Ruth at 634-9994. Tickets available at the door. Students \$10.

WHAT ARE COOKIE CONCERTS?

'Cookie Concerts' are a new initiative for families here at St. John's. Featured artists will present an engaging hour of music on the first Saturday of each month, when schedules permit. The programs are varied, with an appeal to all ages, especially youth. They are designed to be engaging, entertaining and informative. That was the case with our first cookie concert on February 1 with Chris Norman. About 130 people attended, a delightful mix of toddlers, youth, adults and seniors. Admission is \$5 per person (with the exception of toddlers who are free of charge) ...your admission includes a freshly baked cookie! Please consider attending our next 'cookie concert' on Saturday, March 1 at 2 pm with guests, Paul and Eilidh Buchanan.

GOOD HYGIENE

In this season of colds and flues, each one of us can do their best to keep healthy and prevent the spread of germs and viruses. Hand Sanitizer is available at the entrance to the church. We are reviewing with our Lay Readers the proper protocol for wiping and disinfecting the chalice after each person has received Holy Communion. Let us help one another through it all.

A NOTE FROM OUR HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Did you know? ... 260 years' worth of books and records pertaining to St. John's are being compiled by the St. John's Heritage Committee downstairs in the Interpretive Centre. We meet every Monday from 10 until 2 to inventory the items and package them carefully into archive-acceptable acid-free boxes and files. If you have a question about what happened at St. John's over the past two and a half centuries, just ask! We are finding out many interesting details while we sort through the papers. If you are fascinated by history and want to be a part of our adventure, please speak to Roger or Charlene Demone after the service.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Christians around the world celebrate this event on the 1st Friday in March. It is a wonderful opportunity for women and men and youth to gather in prayer. This year the **World Day of Prayer** will be held at St John's Anglican Church on Friday, March 7th at 2pm. We will pray for the People of Egypt under the theme, **'Streams in the Desert'**. Everyone is welcome to attend this special service. Mark your calendar.

WHAT IS A FRESH EXPRESSION OF CHURCH

In a January 2011 letter to the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Fred Hiltz described the major issue facing his church. **"The Anglican Church of Canada needs to become a mission-shaped Church that speaks with greater relevance to an increasingly secularized country."**

Fresh Expressions Canada, *"seeks to encourage the development of fresh expressions of church alongside more traditional expressions, with the aim of seeing a more mission-shaped church take shape throughout the country."*

"A fresh expression of church is a form of church for our changing culture, established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet members of any church. It will come into being through principles of listening, service, incarnational mission and making disciples. It will have the potential to become a mature expression of church shaped by the gospel and the enduring marks of the church and for its cultural context." – From Fresh Expressions, UK

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa, The Most Rev'd Albert Chama, Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia.

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for Parish of the Resurrection, Sydney, Rev Laura McCue, Rev Roslyn MacLeod, Assistant Priest, Rev Gloria McClure Fraser, Assistant Priest, and Carl.

Local Ministerial: Pray for the Congregation of St. John's Anglican Church and Archdeacon Michael Mitchell and Holly.

Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I; Clearwater - Atlantic Guardian; Tall Ship - Picton Castle; Scientific Research Vessel - Joides Resolution.

Have a blessed week and we look forward to welcoming you back next Sunday. Here are our numbers if you need to reach us in the meantime.

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TODAY'S A GOOD DAY
TO DRAW CLOSER TO
GOD!

