



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

"Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house."



Welcome everyone, as we gather to worship God and strengthen one another in living the Gospel. Many of us have been involved in a building project – perhaps a house, renovating a room or putting on a deck. Headaches, obstacles and setbacks seem to be a part of the process, before it all comes together. Parishioners of St. John's witnessed this with the restoration and rebuilding of the church. The completed church has brought lasting joy and satisfaction, but along the way, there were challenges and much hard work.

Jesus knew that the building of the spiritual temple of his church would involve setbacks and challenges. He assures us that he is always with us and that he, himself, is the cornerstone upon which we build. He is solid rock and when we build upon him, we need have no fear or worry. *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me . . . I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."* In the Father's house there is room for everyone who seeks to know and love God. Following Jesus, is the way there.

This week, we begin the **Reimagining Church Program** which will invite us to look at the spiritual health and well-being of the parish and how we share our faith with others. Each member is a 'living stone' and is important to the overall well-being of the church. Our gifts and talents can support the building up of the parish. Is there an area of ministry that interests you? Would you like to help with our youth or with Sunday School, be a part of our visiting program or help lead a bible study? A healthy parish involves the gifts of the entire community. There is much truth in the African saying: *"It takes a whole village to raise a child."* It takes the whole parish to help one another live a godly life.

Father Michael+

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Sheila Morris, Holly Mitchell

Lectors: 8:30 am Christina Pottie, Maureen Moffatt

10:30 am Kevin Skinner, Rosalie Osmond

Sidespersons: 10:30 am Jim & Viola Green

Server: 10:30 am Aisling Curtin

NEXT SUNDAY MAY 25TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Charlene Demone, Roger Demone, Velvet Eliuk

Lectors: 8:30 am Roxie Smith, Carolyn Hogg

10:30am Cathy Ramey, Rosemary Smith

Sidespersons: 10:30 am Alex & Sharon Green

Server: 10:30 am Aisling Curtin

The Holy Eucharist

Sung Setting "Mass of Creation" - Marty Haugen

Prelude: Adagio - Fiocco

Announcements

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn #10 'We, the Lord's People'

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

All **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

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

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. **R**
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. **R**
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. **R**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray. *The community prays silently. The celebrant says the collect.*

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. **ACTS 7:55-60**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM REFRAIN Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me. **R**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me. **R**

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength. Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth. **R**

"My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving kindness save me." **R PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. **1 PETER 2:2-10**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #451 'King of Love, O Christ, We Crown Thee'

The Gospel

Reader The Lord be with you. People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to

him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it." The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

JOHN 14:1-14

Sermon

Solo: 'Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled' - Chadwick

Soloist: Mary Meisner

The Apostles Creed *Let us confess 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.

The Prayers of the People *Please kneel or sit for the prayers.*

Response: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

God welcomes sinners and invites them to the table.

Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,

All 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. **Amen.**

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you. *The assembly greets one another in the name of the Lord.*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #551 'My Faith Looks Up to Thee'

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*

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer 3

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.

Preface for Easter

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, we praise you Lord, with all the angels, in their song of joy.

**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.

**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 him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.
All Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer *The celebrant introduces the Lord’s prayer in these words:*
Through Christ we have been made a chosen people to give thanks to the Father, let us pray saying:

**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:

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.
All **Now we are raised to new life.**
Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.
All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,
The gifts of God for the People of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Jesus Bread of life, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Jesus Prince of Peace you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.

The celebrant and people then receive communion.

The body of Christ (given for you). The blood of Christ (shed for you).

Or The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

The communicant responds each time, **Amen.**

This community of faith, welcomes to the Lord's table all who are baptized and who wish to be nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ.

During Communion, hymns may be sung, silence may be kept.

Communion Hymn #78 'Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness'

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray. Standing, the community prays in silence.

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ said: those who see me, see my Father. May the people around us see your Son and you, Father in heaven, when we become to one another the way to hope, justice and love, the truth that uplifts and reassures, the life that is given freely even when the cost is high. May Christ thus become to all the way, the truth and the life for ever. **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

In this Eucharist we build on Christ, the cornerstone, for we are God's holy, priestly people.

We are sent from this place to continue the work of Christ in building his kingdom on earth. May we work with Christ to lead others to the Way, the Truth and the Life.

And 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. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. ALLELUIA!

Recessional Hymn #322 'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name'

Postlude: Trumpet Minuet - Hollins

NOTICES

Flowers placed in church today are **In Loving Memory of Andrew Eisenhauer** with love from the family.

Parish BBQ - A BBQ has been purchased for the parish. Thanks to those who have made a donation for a new parish BBQ. If you would like to make a donation, please give it to one of the wardens or place it on the offering plate marked: 'BBQ'.

OUR PARISH RE-IMAGINING CHURCH PROGRAM AT ST. JOHN'S BEGINS THIS WEEK. 5 TUESDAY EVENINGS MAY 20TH, ENDING JUNE 17TH 7:00pm - 9:00pm in the Parish Hall



What is Re-imagining Church?

The "Re-imagining Church in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island" project assists parishes as they consider their future ministry goals.

Why do the course?

1. It assists church leaders and members in introducing the basic ideas of being a missional church.
2. It helps participants understand discipleship and the nature of church.
3. It will serve as an opportunity for learning and growth as members consider the 21st century spiritual needs in a particular community.

Who is it for?

It is for ALL members of the parish and in particular for those who have a particular ministry in the parish, including the parish council and the many ministries in our parish listed on the back page of the bulletin.

Thank you for the Mother's Day Brunch

A sincere word of thanks to ALL the men who were involved in another very successful Mother's Day Brunch along with a word of appreciation to all the women and young ladies who attended the Brunch. We not only enjoyed good food, we enjoyed one another.

A Spring/Summer Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 25th following the 10:30 a.m. service. There will be an informal and informative, but short, meeting for our "snowbirds" and "year-rounders" - with updates on parish activities, including finances, property, SafeRChurch, music, tours - and more!

SafeR Church - Fact Sheet

Here is an update from the SafeR Church Working Committee. The SafeR Church Committee of our Parish has been working for several weeks now to prepare a SafeR Church guideline for our Parish. More information will be shared with the parish as the work progresses.

What are we doing?

Preparing St. John's Parish to develop the SafeR Church Guide for the prevention of and response to abuse.

Why?

To create a trusting and trustworthy environment.

It is part of the Anglican Diocese of NS and PEI policy to identify risks of abuse and to develop measures to reduce risks and to respond.

St. John's Parish is obligated as an incorporated body to take action.

Parishes will be audited by Insurance Provider beginning January 2015 to ensure that Guidelines are in place.

How?

By developing a Risk Assessment and Response Plan for all Church activities, including individuals or groups who rent or use our facilities, or anyone who visits.

What is included?

Parish Ministries, Governance and intangibles (mission, values, environment, culture, etc); on church premises, in programs, services and activities by people on the premises and/or involved in any activity.

SPRING NEWSLETTER - Would you like to place an article for the Spring Newsletter? Please have items to Brian and Janice Kenefick no later than May 20th. Please email them at cynffig@eastlink.ca

Congratulations to parishioner, **Senator Wilfred Moore** who receives an Honourary Doctorate this weekend from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD).

JERUSALEM SUNDAY

Anglicans across Canada will "observe the Seventh Sunday of Easter, commonly known as the Sunday after Ascension Day, as Jerusalem Sunday." This year, it is June 1st. **Jerusalem Sunday** is an opportunity for Anglicans in Canada to learn more about and support God's mission in the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem which has a tremendous outreach ministry in parishes, schools, a hospital and clinic as well as 'on the street ministries. Parishes and individuals are also invited to support important health care work in the Diocese of Jerusalem at the Penman Clinic in the West Bank. Donations are welcome and should be placed in an envelope marked: 'Jerusalem Sunday'.

Spring Ring Celebration Concert
Saturday May 24th at 7:00 PM
Bethany United Church, Halifax
(7171 Clinton, to left of Armdale Rotary)


**HANDBELL
CHOIR**

Featuring 90 Handbell Ringers representing 9 Handbell Choirs. Over 450 Handbell Instruments will present a variety of festive musical selections. Enjoy the thrilling awe of listening to the unique musical sound of massed handbell ringing. Choirs will be visiting from across Nova Scotia and New Brunswick for a two-day workshop, including our own St. John's Ringers. Mark your calendars - we hope to see you there. A freewill offering will be collected during the performance.

PROPERTY MEETING May 21st at 7 pm.

The next Cursillo Ultreya in our Region, will be held in Shelburne on Tuesday, May 20th at 7pm.

Music Announcements:

This afternoon at 3 pm!!!! Amadeus Choir of Greater Toronto conducted by Lydia Adams with special guest, Laura Smith. Tickets (\$20 regular and \$10 for students) will be available at the door.

5TH ANNUAL ALS SOUTH SHORE WALK

May 31st at the Lunenburg Curling Club, Registration at 9am and Start time at 10am. The walk route will be along the Lunenburg waterfront (approx 3.5 km.) There will be a BBQ, entertainment, door prizes, silent auction and tickets for a trip to a Rodd Inn Resort on PEI. Make an online pledge or add prizes for the auction and draws. Enter a team. Contact either John or Maureen 634-8247. www.walkforals.ca

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia The Most Revd David Vunagi Archbishop of Melanesia.
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Retired clergy of the Dartmouth Region.
Local Ministerial: The congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Rev. Laurence Mawhinney and Marion.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Chockle Cap; Clearwater - Ernest E. Pierce; Scientific Research Vessel - Joides Resolution.

