



St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

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*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.*



Throughout the world, thousands of Christian parishes are celebrating 'Back to Church' Sunday.

Our Diocesan Bishop, Ron Cutler extends a welcome to everyone today with this message: There has been an Anglican presence in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for more than 300 years. For much

of our history we have been a people dedicated to creating communities of faithful people deeply aware of God's love and call to justice and peace.

We believe that we are called to be firmly rooted in Holy Scripture and respectful of the fine traditions of theology and worship that we have received. We believe that we are called to be hopeful in the face of life's ebb and flow. We believe that God calls us to act in the world for love, peace and justice.

We are a people who welcome everyone to come and celebrate Creation, Salvation and the Spirit. We celebrate the One who created us and all things; the One who wins for us our salvation and the salvation of the whole world; the One who continues to be with us and all people as we journey together in faith.

If you are new to our Church family, or visiting, or returning we are glad that you are here. Be assured that our gladness is rooted in the belief that your presence here pleases the One, the God and creator of us all.

We will not force, trick or lie to you to get you to join. Together we endeavour to recognize life's transitions and change from birth to death in a faithful community of support and encouragement.

We do not claim to be perfect or to possess of the whole truth only that we do our best to represent the Gospel. If we are not what you are looking for we will help you find what you are looking for. We are in good relationship with other Anglican churches in the area and other sister Churches. We would be happy to put you in touch with one of them too. We want to help bring you more deeply into an awareness of your relationship with the Creator. This is not about your money or joining parish committees. It is about sharing the Good News of God's love for us all in a manner that can support and sustain our daily living.

If there is anything we can do to be of assistance to you on your spiritual journey, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or to one of our supporting clergy. Have a great week.

Father Michael +



Family Eucharist

Prelude Music

The Gathering of the Community

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn 'This Is My Father's World'

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought -
of rock and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world: the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.
3. This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seem oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world:
the battle is not done; Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.

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.**

Children's Welcome

Welcome everyone to St. John's Church - young and old, long-timer and brand new.

We gather to praise and worship our loving God.

Let us join together as brothers and sisters and as friends on the journey.

We are companions on the journey, breaking bread and sharing life.

Let us praise our God who calls us together as a family.

We believe in the love of our God for all.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Collect of the Day

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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples. We give thanks for the welcome you show to all peoples, may our presence here today be to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 THE PROPHET ISAIAH

And as for the outsiders who now follow me, working for me, loving my name, and wanting to be my servants— All who keep Sabbath and don't defile it, holding fast to my covenant— I'll bring them to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer.

They'll be welcome to worship the same as the 'insiders,' to bring burnt offerings and sacrifices to my altar. Oh yes, my house of worship will be known as a house of prayer for all people. The Decree of the Master, God himself, who gathers in the exiles of Israel: "*I will gather others also, gather them in with those already gathered.*"

Isaiah 56:6ff

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

PSALM REFRAIN - Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth. I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice. **R**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror. **R**

Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed. I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles. **R**

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them. Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him! **R**

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him. **R**

Psalms 34:1-10

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JOHN

Dear friend, when you extend hospitality to Christian brothers and sisters, even when they are strangers, you make the faith visible. They've made a full report back to the church here, a message about your love. It's good work you're doing, helping these travellers on their way, hospitality worthy of God himself! They set out under the banner of the Name, and get no help from unbelievers. So they deserve any support we can give them. In providing meals and a bed, we become their companions in spreading the Truth.

3 John 1:5

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

Hymn #430 'Will You Come and Follow Me'

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

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

Jesus says: "I tell you this: Do not worry about your life. Do not worry about what you are going to eat and drink. Do not worry about what you are going to wear. Is not life more important than food? Is not the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds in the sky. They do not plant seeds. They do not gather grain. They do not put grain into a building to keep. Yet your Father in heaven feeds them! Are you not more important than the birds? Which of you can make himself a little taller by worrying? Why should you worry about clothes? Think how the flowers grow. They do not work or make cloth. But I tell you that Solomon in all his greatness was not dressed as well as one of these flowers. God clothes the grass of the field. It lives today and is burned in the stove tomorrow. How much more will He give you clothes? You have so little faith! Do not worry. Do not keep saying, 'What will we eat?' or, 'What will we drink?' or, 'What will we wear?' The people who do not know God are looking for all these things. Your Father in heaven knows you need all these things. First of all, look for the holy nation of God. Be right with Him. All these other things will be given to you also. Do not worry about tomorrow. Tomorrow will have its own worries. The troubles we have in a day are enough for one day.

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** *Matthew 6:25-34*

Homily & Children's Message - 'Bob the Bird'

'I've Got the Joy In My Heart'

1. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart
Down in my heart! Down in my heart!
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart
Down in my heart to stay
2. And I'm so happy, so very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart
And I'm so happy, so very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

The Apostles Creed *Let us confess the faith of our baptism, singing*

I believe in God Almighty - Hymn #44

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

Response: 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 #418 'Draw the Circle Wide'

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.*

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Eucharistic Prayer for all Ages

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.

Loving God, you made us, and the world and everything in it. All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us but people have not always loved you. You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again. He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit we can all be your people. And so with thanks we praise you as we say:

**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.**

We are here because on the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends. There he took some bread and gave thanks to you, O God. He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them and said 'This is my body. Do this, and remember that I am with you.' Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you. He shared it with them, and said 'This is my blood, which forgives sin and brings new life. Do this, and remember that I am with you.'

And so, remembering Jesus, who died, was raised to new life by you, and is alive forever, we are glad to share that life and to live in him.

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people. Help us to care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us. Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land we worship you in songs of everlasting praise. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. (Sung) **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Christ welcome us and invites to welcome others and to pray in his name:

**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:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**All We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and says,

The gifts of God for the People of God.
All Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

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).

The communicant responds each time, Amen.

*Our community of faith welcomes you to the Lord's table
to be nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ.*

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

Communion Hymn #56 'I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life'

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray. Standing, the community says,

All your works praise you, O Lord.
And your faithful servants bless you.
**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**
**May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, ring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.**
**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing & Dismissal

As Christ welcomes us and serves us,
so may we always welcome others and be ready to serve in his name,
and 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 #482 'Come and Journey With a Saviour'

Postlude Music

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LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Heather Hyson, Velvet Eliuk, Susan MacMillan
Lectors: 8:30 am Linda Macdonald, Gill Osmond
10:30am Sunday School
Sidespersons: Denyse Lee, Michael Lee

NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 5TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Robert MacMillan, Velvet Eliuk, Sheila Morris
Lectors: 8:30 am Susan Foote, Laura Roblee
10:30am Margaret Mason, Roger Mason; **Server:** Aisling Curtin
Sidespersons: Denyse Lee, Michael Lee

**Congratulations to Rick and Carolyn Chenhall
on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.**

INFINITELY MORE GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT

Today at 3:00pm, St. John's Anglican Church will host three-time Covenant Award Nominee, **Infinitely More**, for an afternoon of inspirational entertainment! *The concert will be followed by a fabulous fall BBQ. Tickets for the concert: \$10.00. Children under 12 are free. Cost for the BBQ: \$10.00. Children under 12 are free. We hope this will be an exciting event for individuals and families in the community.*

MESSY CHURCH WITH THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF ANIMALS OCTOBER 5TH AT 2 PM

We begin our First Messy Church this Fall with the Blessing of Animals at 2pm.
Messy Church is for everyone. Messy Church is a non-denominational event for folks of all ages, with music, bible activities and stories, crafts, fun and food. It will take place on the 1st Sunday of the month from 4pm-6pm.

WELCOME TO



Bring along your animals, both pet and farm animals. Cats & small animals should be in crates. Then after the Blessing, join us in the Parish Hall for our Messy Church event.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE ACW 'FUN - FUNDRAISER' ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH FROM 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 15th. 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! Thank you.



FLEA MARKET

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 - Advance \$25 till October 10. (After Oct 10, \$30)

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

CALLING ALL KNITTERS

Aisling Curtin is looking for folks interested in knitting socks for a fundraiser for the Food Bank. Please speak with Aisling to let her know you are able to offer assistance.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Episcopal Church, The Most Revd Dr Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop.

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for The Staff and Students at the Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, Dr. Daniel W. O'Brien, President, Rev Canon Dr. Jody Clarke and Beth, Rev Dr. Paul Friesen and Janet, Rev Debra Burleson, Director of Anglican Formation, and Chris, Dr. Susan Slater; The Staff and Students at the University of King's College, Halifax, Dr. John Cooper, President; The Staff and Students at Kings-Edgehill School, Windsor, Mr. Joseph Seagram, Headmaster, and Belinda; The programmes of Discernment, Training and Formation for Ordained Ministry. **Pray for All Parishes**

Participating in Back to Church Sunday, September 21st. 2014 And for All Who Return to Church this Day.

Local Ministerial: Pray for the Congregation of St. Norbert's Roman Catholic Church and Father James MacDonald, OMI.

Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - **Freedom 99**; Clearwater - **Atlantic Leader**; Lunar Fisheries - **Island Pride I**; **Joides Resolution.**

Next Sunday, October 5th, we will have the Dory - 'Little Sister' in church so that we can begin to fill her to the gunnels with foods and items for the food bank. Please be as generous as you are able.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

- **Growing up is when you start beating dad at golf. Maturity is when you let him win.**
- **For every minute you are angry, you lose sixty seconds of Happiness.**
- **'Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, 'Good morning, Lord,' and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, 'Good Lord, it's morning.'**



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