

THE CONGREGATION OF  
ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
LUNENBURG, NOVA SCOTIA

INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM IN CELEBRATING THEIR  
**260TH ANNIVERSARY**



1st Church 1753/54, Conical Tower



1870 Gothic Reconstruction



1892, Restored after Fire 2001

with a choral eucharist

**Sunday June 9, 2013 10:30 a.m.**



**Presider:** The Rt. Rev. Sue Moxley, Bishop of NS and PEI

**Preacher:** The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Archbishop and Primate of Canada

An outdoor interchurch and community service and a Giving Thanks, with the Town of Lunenburg, will take place at noon time in the Church Parade followed by an old fashioned community picnic.

For more information call 902 634-4994 or visit [www.stjohnslunenburg.org](http://www.stjohnslunenburg.org)



# Special 260th Anniversary Edition - June 2013

## Rector's Message

### Dear friends and parishioners of St. John's

Throughout 2013 we are celebrating the 260<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of St. John's with a number of events. Ours is a long and colourful history that is rich and full of great stories of faith and triumph on the part of parishioners and parish rectors. From the first days when the settlers came ashore in June of 1753, they faced both challenge and opportunity as they cleared the land to begin their new life in Lunenburg. There is no question that the Christian faith played a central role in strengthening them for the tasks ahead, and St. John's was at the centre of the community. The rhythm of coming to St. John's in times of joy and praise as well as in tragedy and loss has been etched into the souls of countless numbers of parishioners and townsfolk.

On June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am, we will hold a Choral Eucharist for the Anniversary of a Parish, with Bishop Sue Moxley and the Primate of Canada, Archbishop Fred Hiltz. The service is being held on the same weekend when the Town of Lunenburg celebrates its 260<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Following the church service, we will gather outside in the church parade around the Monument dedicated to the Reverend Jean Batiste Moreau, the first Anglican missionary in Lunenburg. It was here, that Colonel Lawrence, the soldiers and settlers gathered week in and week out for more than a year to honour and praise God, and to give thanks for God's blessings. Our outdoor event will include participation from the town churches, clergy and choirs as well as the Mayor and Lt. Governor of NS, and a visit from 'Colonel Lawrence and Rev. Moreau'. It will be a time to give thanks for the 260<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Lunenburg. Following this, everyone is invited to share in an old-fashioned community picnic on the church grounds. Plan to attend and to bring family and friends to these events.



Our parish motto has the words, "Faith, Heritage, and Vision". The motto speaks not only of the past, but is also an invitation to live our Christian faith with a vision that is meaningful to today's world. I ask you to pray for your parish of St. John's. Pray for the parishioners and members of the community. Pray for your Rector and for the assisting clergy. Pray, that as a parish family we may be a welcoming place for all and that we might live the Good News of the Gospel in a way that shows Christ's love for the world.

**Blessings**

**Michael+**

## Director of Music Report - St. John's 260<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The primary focus of our music program at St. John's is the preparation of music for Sunday services and working in collaboration with all our resources to create a program that is meaningful as well as inspirational. Music is carefully chosen each week with a focus on church liturgy. There is currently a wealth of music that is important and available to us that draws from our rich history as well as the present. While our book of 'Common Praise' provides the core of music that we sing each week, there are also many other resources constantly being created and developed that add to our worship experiences and speak to all ages.

Important elements of Parish music at St. John's include:

- Two high quality instruments, a two manual Casavant organ and Yamaha grand piano providing support to congregational singing,
- The Chancel Choir and St. John's Ringers consisting of dedicated members of the congregation meet each week to prepare for Sunday and special services. On particular occasions such as a funeral, our main choirs are assisted by a Congregational Choir,
- A 'music moment' at the 10:30 service for the Sunday School children is meant to further engage the children in singing and to broaden their musical experiences,
- Yearly workshops include a 'Sheer Joy of Singing Workshop' with invitations for neighbouring adult and youth choirs to participate and a Handbell Workshop in Moncton where members share experiences and repertoire with other handbell choirs. St. John's Chancel Choir also participates in vocal workshops during Boxwood week,
- An active music committee meets monthly, providing an important avenue for discussion and support a Music and Meditation series each Wednesday at noon during Advent and Lent.

In the past few years St. John's Church has become a major cultural centre here on the south shore. In the summer time it is used significantly by Boxwood Festival and Workshop, and Lunenburg Folk Harbour Festival. It is also the home base for Musique Royale where concerts and events are held year round. A major focus of Musique Royale is to contribute significantly to the cultural life of Lunenburg and surrounding areas through concerts and events held at St. John's Church.

Significant areas of musical outreach through Musique Royale include:

- Concerts with Symphony Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra and visiting artists from across Canada.
- A strong association with King's College Chapel Choir and the presentation of major choral works like the Passions of J.S. Bach during Holy Week and 'A King's Christmas' each December,
- Capella Regalis Men and Boys Choir with its strong presence at St. John's as an educational component of Musique Royale,
- Events that bring up to 8,000 people to St. John's each year with many increasing their association with St. John's,
- Special presentation concerts such as 'The Atlanta Boy Choir' for the 260<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, 'To Bethlehem with Kings' raising funds for local food banks, or events held in collaboration with the Lieutenant Governor's office.

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- Special sponsored events such as Maritime Concert Opera production of 'Amahl and the Night Visitors' on Epiphany Sunday are an inspiration to our youth,
- 'Coffee Haus', an attraction during First Saturdays in Lunenburg and 'Souper Market' hosted by Musique Royale volunteers and choir members takes place in February,
- Providing a service to over 20 communities throughout the province from Musique Royale's home base at St. John's.

Emphasis for the future:

- Increase our music budget as funds become available so that our music programs can grow in health and support,
- Continue to nurture our choirs by providing inspirational activities and increasing our music libraries,
- Provide and enrich the music experience in worship for all ages and strengthen the resources that we have,
- Continue to develop St. John's musical outreach and its leadership role in the community.

God's gift of music is something in which we all share together. I look forward to continuing that journey with you in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted  
**Barbara Butler**  
Director of Music

**ACW News**

**LOBSTER ROLL TAKE-OUT**

will be held on **Friday, June 21.**

Take-out meal includes lobster roll, potato salad, cabbage salad, vegetable garnish and brownie.

All take-outs are \$10 and must be pre-ordered by June 14th

Pick-up at the parish hall from 11 - 12:30 am on Friday, June 21.

Tickets may be obtained by calling the parish office at 634-4994 or Sharon Green at 634-8269.

**260th Anniversary Donations**

**Thank you for your special 260th Anniversary donation to St. John's.  
Your gift supports the ongoing ministry of the parish.**

## A Brief History of St. John's Anglican Church and Mirligueche/Lunenburg

Date	Mirligueche/Lunenburg	St. John's Anglican Church
1632	Isaac de Razilly took over the governing of Acadia in 1632. Set up headquarters at Fort Ste Marie de Grâce at LaHave. Shortly after, Catholic Acadians and Mi'kmaq established a village called Mirligueche, today's Lunenburg. It remained so for almost a hundred years.	
1710	Britain gained control and renamed Nova Scotia, but did not enforce control over the territory.	
1749	<p>Settlers sought among Protestants in Germany, Switzerland, and France. Transported to the new town of Halifax.</p> <p>Edward Cornwallis arrived with a fleet to establish Halifax, and take control of Acadia. This violated an earlier treaty signed with the Mi'kmaq, and resulted in armed rebellion by Catholic Acadians and Mi'kmaq, led by a French Priest Father Le Loutre. The Acadians and Mi'kmaq at Mirligueche declared themselves peaceful towards the British. This did not stop Cornwallis from sending Commander White with troops and the 20 gun sloop "Sphinx" to destroy the village in October of that year.</p>	<p>Among the settlers was Jean Baptiste Moreau, listed as Gentleman and Schoolmaster, previously the Prior of an Abbey in France. He left the Catholic Church, went to Bath in England where he married and joined the Cornwallis Expedition. Recognising him as the best person to minister to the French speaking Protestants, the Bishop of London ordained him on the recommendation of Rev. John Breynton the priest at St. Pauls Church in Halifax. In 1752 he became the spiritual leader of the different nationalities of Foreign Protestants who would transfer to Lunenburg. Essentially the parish was established, before the town was inhabited.</p>
1753	The settlers, led by John Creighton, arrived by ship from Halifax in June 1753, protected by several British Navy ships, Regular Soldiers under Major Patrick Sutherland, and Rangers under John Gorham. Mi'kmaq raiding parties harried the British through the summer, and by August had received payment for 18 British scalps from Father Le Loutre.	In the beginning, Father Moreau held church services in the open air, using the Parade Ground (now the Church Square). As many as 200 people took Holy Communion, outside in all weathers and through the first winter. Father Moreau had to preach in English, French, and German to the Garrison troops and the settlers.

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1753 Contd.	Living conditions in Lunenburg were very bad. In December the settlers rebelled. Led by John Hoffman they imprisoned some of the garrison. Hoffman was arrested by troops sent from Halifax. He was sentenced to 3 years on Georges Island.	Father Moreau continued to hold out door services.
1754/1763	Blockhouses were built to defend the town and area around the settlers fields. Lunenburg was attacked 9 times by Acadian/Mi'kmaq from Shelburne and Yarmouth Counties. 32 people died in these attacks.	St. John's church construction began in 1754 and when finished in 1763 it was a plain 60' x 40' rectangular building with a plaster ceiling, no chancel and a round tower. No heating or seats were provided. It is the second Anglican church in Nova Scotia.
1763/1840	Lunenburg prospered with a bustling economy based on farming, fishing, shipbuilding, and ocean based commerce, particularly in the West Indies trade.  Other churches were built in the town, the Lutheran church being the first.	St. John's becomes a missionary church, sending out priest and curate on horseback to serve the needs of settlers from St. Margarets Bay to Liverpool. From this missionary work new churches were added in communities on the south shore.  1818 the Reverend Mr. Aitkin insisted on a rectory at a time when attendance at Vestry meetings was sparse. However a partially built house was bought but it was not completed until 1824 under Rev. Mr. Cochrane.
1840	Lunenburg had grown so much that the original town site was almost full and every plot had a house or store on it.	A new square tower was erected to replace the original. It was 12' square and 70' tall. Inside it provided a "Singing Pew" for the choir. It was designed in the Gothic style by William Lawson the local schoolmaster and the frame was built by John Mullock from LaHave. Now there was also heating and seats.
1840/1870	Lunenburg needed to expand and in 1862 portions of the surrounding common land were sub-divided to provide room for more houses. This became known as "New Town" with the original site being "Old Town".	The church needed to expand and in 1840 the building was raised and moved 25' west onto new foundations. The east end was extended 10' and a new tower built. The plaster ceilings were removed, the roof exposed, and supported by hammer beams.

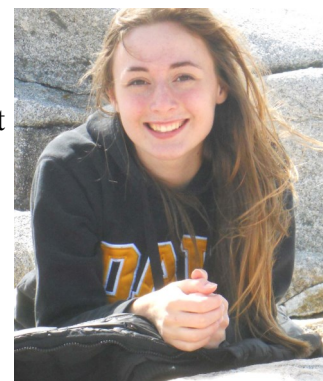
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1840/1870	First Academy built in 1865 on the corner of Townsend and Prince Streets. Steamship service to Halifax begins 1866.	The windows were reconstructed in the Gothic Style to match the new Chancel. David Stirling a Halifax architect Gothicized the church.
1870/1900	1893, The first Academy burns to the ground and is replaced with the new academy on Gallows Hill , opening in 1895, after completion by Solomon Morash. Lunenburg Foundry opened in 1896. The first ice hockey team, called the Lunenburg Victoria Team, played their first home game in the Drill Hall in 1898. The railway arrives in December 1889 with the opening of the new line to Bridgewater.	1875, Gothicization of the church completed, total cost \$5300. 1892, The church was further extended by pushing out the sidewalls and adding side aisles. The design was drawn up by Master Carpenter Solomon Morash, and the work was done by a committee of 5 carpenters from the congregation. They enhanced the outside of the church by building 14 pinnacles surmounting the buttresses around the perimeter, and the main support pillars by encasing them in octagonal marbleised sheathing inside.
1900/1950	Men and women from Lunenburg and St. John's serve in the military in both World Wars.  Fishing and shipbuilding continue to be major industries of the town.	1904, St. John's purchases the old Lunenburg County Court House and moved it to the Rectory site to be the new Parish Hall. 1947, plaques installed at the front of the church with the names of all members of the parish who gave their lives in the two wars.
1950/2000	1992 Federal Government of Canada designates Old Town Lunenburg a "National Historic District". 1995 UNESCO adds Old Town Lunenburg to its World Heritage List.	St. John's church designated a Heritage Building.
2000/2013		2001 November 1st, St. John's destroyed by fire. Over 50% of the building destroyed. Parishioners vote to restore the building and accept the need to raise large amounts of funding. 2005 June 12th first service in the restored church.  See the St. John's website for more details of the restoration process.

**Parishioners As Volunteers**

Two of our young parishioners are volunteering their time this summer during recess from university. Brittany Gerhardt and Eric Pottie who have both been altar servers and summer tour guides at St. John's are travelling abroad to help people and the environment in Africa and India .

Brittany is going to work at the Masebe Nature Reserve, four hours drive from Johannesburg, which is part of the UNESCO Waterberg Biosphere. The reserve is home to 129 species of mammals, 350 species of birds and over 2,000 plant species with a number of endemic or endangered butterflies, fish and reptile species, making it an extremely important conservation area. During her stay she will be doing ecological work, conducting surveys and teaching the locals the importance of environmental preservation and how to conserve the area. An important part of the work will be assisting children and adults learn how to manage, run, benefit from and organize Masebe the nature reserve. Debates and discussions are held so that they become empowered to be involved in the community and the environment that surrounds them.



Eric is volunteering for Developing Indigenous Resources (DIR). It is based in the city of Chandigarh in India, but does its work in a slum called the Janta Colony. DIR believes that the best way to combat the terrible health conditions like malnutrition of children is to teach the family health lifestyles, like proper food preparation. DIR also offers a school program, School With a Difference, which is for pre-schools and lower elementary students. Their goal is to teach the children so they can get into schools in the city and find a new life outside the Colony. The local Anglican Church was founded by missionaries from the Anglican Church of Canada. Eric recently showed them a slide presentation on the History and Restoration of our

Church of St. John's. They had great interest about St. John's and the Church in Canada. Eric will also be assisting in a project, called the Green Roof Project, where the people of the colony are given small potted crops like tomatoes, to be grown on their rooftops.

Meanwhile here at St. John's, twenty men of the parish gifted 76 ladies and a number of young girls with a 260 Anniversary Mothers Day Brunch. They cooked, served, and even cleaned up afterwards, lots of good fun and good food.

Parishioner volunteers continue to care for the church property and support the Ministry. Others volunteer at the food bank, the hospital gift shop, animal welfare organizations and much, much more that is done without fanfare. To all our volunteers on behalf of the parish and the communities you serve a Big THANK YOU.



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