

Thanksgiving 2014 Newsletter

Rector's Message

Dear friends,

As I write this note for the Fall Newsletter, we are enjoying warm, sunny days, with the touch of cold at night, as a harbinger of things to come. I love the four seasons that living in Canada and Nova Scotia bring. They form a circle as it were, with the new birth of Spring, the blossoming into full bloom and the heat of summer, harvest thanksgiving and the Autumn ebbing and dying away of heat and light, then the cold brightness and chill of Winter with life buried beneath the snow, awaiting the rebirth that comes again with Spring.

In this Season of Autumn, we give thanks for the harvest of the land and sea all around us, while we cling to the sun and warmth, knowing what lies ahead. In many ways, our lives as individuals and as a community of faith follow the patterns of the season, with one major difference, unlike Mother Nature which slows down with autumn and winter, life in the parish picks up and gets busier and more active. We can be grateful for the contribution of so many parishioners who enrich the life of our parish. Without the involvement of many, our parish just wouldn't be the same.

Let us give thanks for our individual blessings and the blessings that come from our association with St. John's Parish. I invite each of us to reflect on our spirit of gratitude that can make such a difference not only to ourselves and our families but to our parish as well. Our Thanksgiving Services are 8:30am and 10:30am. In addition to the beautiful Thanksgiving decorations, one of our Thanksgiving traditions is to bring in food and donations for the food bank to be placed in a dory.

Enjoy this newsletter. It is chock full of information about our weekly Services and the many people and activities that make up our parish family. Happy Thanksgiving.

Your friend in Christ,

Michael+



Music At St. John's

September, 2014 ... a note from Barbara

Wednesday, September 3 was the date of our first practice with the Chancel Choir following a summer break. It was wonderful to see everyone and start regular rehearsals once again. This practice took the form of a vocal workshop with Edmund Brownless who conducted the choir on Sunday, September 7 for Mozart's *Laudate Dominum* with guest soprano, Judith Burdett. It was also the time when a new Communion setting was introduced to the congregation, one written by Nova Scotia composer Alexander Tilley for All Saints Cathedral. It will be one of a few settings which will be used throughout the year.

Later in the afternoon, eleven members of the Chancel and Congregational Choirs participated in the Fishermen's Memorial service at the waterfront. Sharon Hill, along with members of our choirs, will provide assistance to Christina with music at Sunday School and our 'Music Moments' will continue during children's time at the 10:30 service.

Our first Music Committee meeting took place on Thursday morning, September 11 and we will meet again each chowder lunch day. Our discussions are always lively and fun with so much happening in our musical life here at St. John's.

New members are always invited to join our choirs. Please speak to me if you would be interested in participating in our Chancel or Congregational Choir, and to Sharon Hill for the St. John's Ringers.

An exciting series of Musique Royale concerts will take place throughout the fall at St. John's. Among them are:

Symphony Nova Scotia - Friday, October 17 at 7:30 pm

John Laing, organ - Sunday, October 19 at 3 pm

Fandango Guitar Quartet - Thursday, October 30 at 7:30 pm

Elmer Iseler Singers - Friday, November 7 at 7:30 pm

An afternoon choral workshop with Elmer Iseler Singers will include area choirs

Opera *Don Pasquale* - Friday, November 28 at 7:30 pm

Measha Bruggergosman in 'Measha's Christmas' - Saturday, December 6 at 7:30 pm

King's Chapel Choir - A King's Christmas – Saturday, December 13 at 4:00 pm

Capella Regalis - To Bethlehem with King's (for Food Bank)- Sat, Dec 20 at 7:00 pm

I invite you to visit the Musique Royale website at www.musiqueroyale.com for further information on the artists and the purchase of tickets. Our Cookie Concerts will resume in the new year.

Warm Regards, *Barbara*

Lunenburg Rings 2015

Your favourite 'Ding-a-Lings' (aka St. John's Ringers) will be the hosts for next year's Spring Ring on May 22 & 23, 2015. This is an annual event where English Hand Bell Choirs from around the Maritimes assemble for a workshop and concert under the direction of a guest conductor. We have invited Mr. John Nelson, Jr. from Calgary, AB, to take on this position and we are thrilled that he has accepted. As many as 100 ringers usually take part, so we hope Lunenburg really will be ringing!

As you all know, our hand bell choir is small and this is a huge undertaking for us, so we hope many of you will be willing to help us out on that weekend. You can follow our progress on Facebook as we plan for this big event: just go to St. John's Ringers – Lunenburg, NS.

Our Guest Director:

Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, John Nelson, Jr. moved to Calgary, Alberta at an early age. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Licentiate in Music diploma in vocal studies from the University of Manitoba. While studying in Winnipeg, he was tenor soloist and chorus member with the very popular Winnipeg CBC television program, "HYMN SING". A Bachelor of Education degree was completed at the University of Calgary, along with summer studies taken at Southern Theological Seminary (Louisville, Kentucky), Briercrest Seminary (Caronport, Sk.), and course study from Carey Theological College (Vancouver, BC).

John has been privileged to sing or work with many renowned choral conductors and artists, receiving recognition for both his musical ability and contributions to music. In 2008, the Saskatchewan Choral Federation presented him with the Pro Musica Award in recognition of his contribution to the music scene in Saskatchewan. John has been very involved in the Regina community, directing community based choirs for the past 21 years and doing workshops and seminars. He developed the event "MEET YOUR MUSICIAN", a choral workshop experience for church musicians that has gained a North American wide reputation over the past 25 years.

For over 50 years, John has been involved in all aspects of hand bell ringing including directing, adjudicating and conducting clinics in churches and schools. He was the first Canadian recognized by the American Guild of English Hand Bell Ringers as a mass choir conductor. John has acted as the director of mass choirs in Abbotsford, BC; Winnipeg, MB; London, ON; and right here in Moncton, NB.

He is beginning his 27th year of ministry as associate pastor at First Baptist Church, Regina, directing an active music program and seniors' ministry with enthusiasm, passion, and his warm sense of humor.

Please help us welcome John to St. John's and to Lunenburg!



Submitted by Grace Swan

Messy Church and Blessing of Animals



*St. John's Anglican Church Plaza
Lunenburg, NS*

Sunday – Oct. 5th - 4:00pm

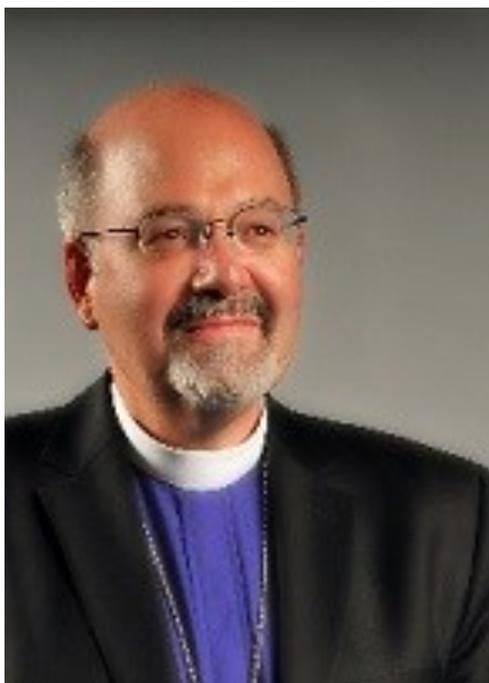
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Our FIRST MESSY CHURCH THIS FALL follows the Blessing of Animals in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Messy Church is a non-denominational event for folks of all ages, with music, bible activities, crafts, fun and food.

It takes place the 1st Sunday of the month from 4pm-6pm.

For more information call: 634-4994

Episcopal Visit To The Parish Of Bishop Ron Cutler



Episcopal Visit

Sunday, October 26th, 2014

St. John's

Welcomes

Bishop Ron Cutler

*This will be his first visit to our parish
as our Diocesan Bishop.*

*Bishop Ron will join us for both services, 8:30am and 10:30am
There will be a meet and greet following both services.*

ACW Fundraiser

PLAN TO ATTEND THE ACW FUN FUNDRAISER ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 FROM 10am - 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 treasures for the Silent Auction Table.

Donations of rolls, bread and sweet treats as well as jams, jellies and pickles would be great 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!



The Work of the St. John's Heritage Ministry

St. John's has had a Heritage Ministry for many years, which has kept the history of the church alive. The Ministry is now chaired by Roger Demone who took over from George Munroe in 2010, as George's health deteriorated.

Present members of the committee are: Roger Demone (Chair), Charlene Demone, Doreen Dixon, Grant Dixon, Peter Matthews, Cathy Ramey, Gary Tanner and Pat Smith.

Recent Past members are: Mary Brownless, Jo Eisenhauer, Mary King, Barbara Simonds, Lilian Hall.

Until 2009 all the church records were stored in the basement of the Parish Hall, in a very unsatisfactory room, in no particular order. George and Roger realized that there was an urgent need to arrange for the records and artifacts to be properly preserved and inventoried. Thus started the mammoth job of moving over 250 years of history to the Interpretive Centre in the Crypt of the church. Once this was done (it took about 20 car trips to move the material), it was decided that the most sensible way to undertake the inventory of the material was to record this by the name and date of each Minister who has served St. John's. The job was essentially completed by spring of this year. Now all the church records are neatly stored in folders in filing cabinets and the artifacts identified and in most cases wrapped in tissue paper, with the inventory in draft form on hand written sheets. The committee has received a lot of help and advice from Nova Scotia Archives on the inventory format and in the correct way to preserve the records and artifacts. Jamie Serran, Archives Advisor, has been particularly helpful.

The committee does not meet during the summer months, but will reconvene on November 3rd. The first task will be to start to enter all the data collected on to a new computer program called **Memory NS**. The intention is that this program will be used by all the provincial archives, so when this work is completed all St. John's records and inventory items will be available to be accessed by computer across Canada. The **Memory NS** program has been supplied free of charge by Nova Scotia Archives and Jamie has very kindly offered to come to St. John's in November, to give training to the committee members on how to use the program.

To commemorate the Centennial of the start of the First World War in 1914 the committee arranged for an interesting display of artifacts from the war to be displayed in the crypt. Some very nice comments about the display have been received from visitors to the church this summer during the Tour Guide Program. Most of the artifacts have a Lunenburg County or Nova Scotian connection. There are also details of the war service and burials of the men of the parish who gave their lives fighting in that awful conflict.

Future projects included breaking the inventory into sub-groups such as music, the history of the various church organs, women's Groups and newspaper articles. In addition a start will be made on the preparation of a Memorial Book, which will record the names of people who have made donations to St. John's. The parameters concerning entry into the book have not been worked out yet, but a decision has been made that amounts of money donated will not be included.

The Heritage Ministry has received some request for genealogical information about parishioners and it is anticipated that this will probably increase as people across Canada become familiar with the existence of the **Memory NS** program. Grant Dixon has very kindly offered to develop a Heritage Ministry website, which will include records of births, baptisms, marriages and burials and numerous other artifacts.

The Heritage Ministry is always looking for new members. If you would like to become a member please contact Roger Demone at 902-543-5753 or by e-mail: Rogerandcharlene@hotmail.com

Submitted by: Peter Matthews

The Diocese of NS & PEI Environment Challenge!

A recent announcement on the Diocesan Website and the NetNews says the Diocese is going to challenge Parishes to think about their environmental impacts. A similar program is underway in Britain where the Church of England has a program called “Shrink the Footprint”. See below.

Coming soon: The Diocese of NS & PEI Environment Challenge!

The Diocesan Environmental Task Group will challenge the parishes of the diocese to think about their environmental impacts and take action to make change in their communities. Each month will bring a new challenge, new ideas, and opportunities for new growth!

These challenges will be fun and engaging and will offer the chance of transformation within your parish and the diocese as a whole. Details will be available soon, so stay tuned here, on the NetNews, and on the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Facebook page for more information!

Together, let’s “strive to safeguard the integrity of God’s creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth.” (BAS Baptismal Covenant).

The Church of England’s “Shrink the Footprint” Campaign

The Church of England's national environmental campaign aimed at helping the Church's 44 dioceses and 16,000 churches reduce their carbon footprint.

The Church is committed to a **carbon reduction target of 80% by 2050**, with an interim target of 42% by 2020.

In the 21st century, in an interconnected world, practicing love of neighbours means that we are committed to mitigate the effects of climate change which will fall disproportionately on the poor and vulnerable in the world."

The Bishop of London, the Rt. Revd and Rt. Hon Richard Chartres, chair of Shrinking the Footprint.

As you can see the Church of England is committed to a serious and aggressive reduction of its carbon footprint. Many churches are turning to solar panels on the roof to reduce electrical and heating consumption.

One rural church with no running water created a “Treebog”, it has to be a British thing toilets being called “loos” or “bogs”, in this case it is an old fashioned outside pit toilet with a difference. The tree bog has willow canes, or similar nutrient hungry plants, planted around it. Both the solids and liquids are deposited within the Treebog base where the solids compost and the liquids soak through the soil and its associated dense rootzone where the nitrogen is rapidly absorbed and metabolised by the mycorrhizal species.

In the course of inspecting some of the churches in the South Shore Region I have come across more than one that relies on the good offices of a kindly neighbour letting parishioners into their home when the need arises. Perhaps they could use this new/old technology.

In British Columbia, St Alban Anglican Church in Richmond, a church I used to attend, has also installed solar panels as part of their reduction of environmental impacts.

All these missions are supported around the world by the World Council of Churches in it’s aim of sustainable living for all.

SafeR Church

One of the major projects that each parish in our Diocese is undertaking is **SafeR Church**. This endeavour will see every parish developing policies and procedures to ensure that our parish, parishioners and all activities and events that take place in our parish are as safe as possible for everyone.

We are in the process of preparing a SafeR Church Guide for the prevention of and response to abuse that will help create a trusting and trustworthy environment.

Each parish is obligated as an incorporated body to take action and Parishes will be audited by Insurance Provider beginning January 2015.

Over the next several months we hope to develop a Risk Assessment and Response Plan for all Church activities, including individuals or groups who rent or use our facilities, or anyone who visits. In time, each ministry/committee in the parish will conduct an audit and develop risk assessment and response plan.

St. John's Prayer Chain Ministry

Presently we have twenty-two Pray-ers. These are people who have committed to praying for those who are ill, in distress, facing uncertainty, surgery, or other forms of illness or concern.

Anyone can call or email me to request prayer for themselves, family member, friend or acquaintance. The permission of the person requesting prayer is relevant to my sending a request on to the 'Prayer Chain'.

We have been blessed with many successful outcomes of those who have asked for prayer. And we have journeyed with those our Creator has welcomed home at their journey's end. It is a privilege and a blessing to be part of this ministry.

If you would like to join us in being a 'Prayer Partner', please call or email and I will add your name to our Prayer Chain. Phone 902-634-8477 or email hollymitchell@eastlink.ca. Thank you, please consider being a Prayer Partner.

Holly Mitchell



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