

# The Church of St. John the Evangelist

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**The Corporation of the Anglican Parish  
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**Honorary Assistant:** Rev. Canon Jon Lownds, Rev. Canon Bruce McKenna, Rev. Charles Smart,

**Treasurer:** Ben Mersereau 457-0558

**Wardens:** Don Adams 472-4366 and Donna Price 450-7917

**Vestry Clerk:** Carol Jones **Other Vestry Members:** Steve Hart, Ruth Lawrence, Jeanne Sayre, Graham Standen, Dennis Williams

Please feel free to contact any member of the Corporation with your questions, concerns or comments. If you prefer to communicate through e mail please contact the church office.

## Church Group Leaders:

Chancel Guild	Susan Baldwin	457-4129
Lay Readers	Shirley Smith	472-9715
	Graham Standen	458-2704
Sunday School	Lisa Stewart-Munn	260-6389
Sunday Volunteers	Lynda Wood	449-2477

## Uniformed Youth Leaders:

Brownies	Elaine Murgatroyd	470-1594
Beavers/Cubs/Scouts	Michael Clark	472-3365

## Staff Home Phone:

Senior / Youth Pastor:	Rev. John Galbraith	471-2429
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Secretary:	Mary Robinson Office	458-9411
Cell	470-4910 Home	472-7364

The Church office is open Monday to Friday  
8:00 am to 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis

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POOR HAVE  
GOOD NEWS  
BROUGHT  
TO THEM

MATTHEW 11:5

December 15, 2019  
Third Sunday of Advent

Our Mission is to enthusiastically worship and serve God  
so that the needs of the parish family and community  
find fulfillment in Jesus Christ.



We acknowledge that the land on which  
we gather is the traditional unceded  
territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet)  
and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

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## Third Sunday in Advent

*The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. Isaiah 61.1*

### 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

**The Collect:** God of power and mercy,  
you call us once again  
to celebrate the coming of your Son.  
Remove those things which hinder love of you,  
that when he comes,  
he may find us waiting in awe and wonder  
for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

#### The Proclamation of the Word:

THE LESSON: Isaiah 35: 1 – 10	NIV	1111
PSALM: 146 : 5 - 10 (BCP page 518)	NIV	980
EPISTLE: James 5: 7 - 10	NIV	1885
GOSPEL: Matthew 11: 2 - 11	NIV	1512

### 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday School Pageant



**Please Pray for:**

**We Thank God for the Life of:** Ian Morton – son of Eva and Bill Morton

**Those in Hospital:** John Dittmer (Veteran's Health Unit),  
Heather Smith, Doreen Wilson (Veteran's Health Unit),  
Donna (Burnett) Williams , Kristell Unick

**Those in Our Prayers:** Jack Weyman, Adam Reid,  
Carmel Sturgeon, Andy Currie, Sherman Nielsen, Lynn Warren,  
Harry Morton, Norma Theriault, Michael Higgins, Darlene Ebbett,  
Linden and Charlie Smart, Kevin and Joanne Hughes,  
Trevor Price, Pam Harvey, Mable Ferris, Loretta Doak,

## Christmas Schedule at St. John's



December 22nd

Fourth Sunday in Advent

### **10:30 am Carols and Lessons Service:**

*Celebrate the Hope we Have because of the Christmas Story through the Reading of Holy Scripture and the Singing of Songs*

**7:00 p.m.**

Candlelight Service and Christmas Caroling (Optional)

*The Candlelight Service is a quiet and intimate time of worship and prayer that focuses on Emmanuel - God with Us.*

*This service is also a warm up for those desiring to spread Christmas Cheer by caroling in the wider community.*

*The Evening will wrap up with Hot Beverages & other Refreshments*

### Christmas Eve - Dec. 24th

- **4pm** Children's Service - designed for families with young children. It is energetic, joyful and under an hour long.
- **7pm** - A Contemporary Service of Holy Communion.
- **10pm** - A Traditional Service of Holy Communion

### Christmas Day - Dec. 25

- **10:30 am** Holy Communion
- **12pm** Christmas Dinner for those who can't get home for Christmas, or who simply want to feast with their Church Family as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

### Memorials in the Church At Christmas:



If you wish to place Memorials Flowers in the Church at Christmas or make an offering to the New Building Fund, St. John's Church or other funds and have them listed in the Christmas Bulletin, please be sure to fill out the following form and turn it into the Church Office or place it on the offering plate no later than Sunday , December 22nd If time is short you can also call the church office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Flowers/Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Offering Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

Placed in Loving Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_

## Advent/Christmas 2019 Series

### Christmas: A Great Game Changer

With Bishop Bill Hockin; the Rev. Dr. Barry Craig; and Canon Albert Snelgrove The first three Mondays in December (2nd, 9th and 16th) – at the Crowne Plaza (Lord Beaverbrook) hotel on Queen St., Fredericton from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. All Welcome

**Service of Comfort and Hope** – For those grieving the loss of a loved one Christmas can be a challenging time. Find a place of comfort and hope at Brunswick Street Baptist Church on Friday, December 20 at 6:30 pm. A gentle service of music, Scripture and remembering.



Donnie Clark, Kaye Holyoke, Susan Peters-Ryan; Gerry McCarthy; Dale Gallagher, Vern and Eloise Harding; Charles Seymour, Tally Gwathmey, Andrew Jones, Bruce Hughes, Jim O'Donnell, Meghan Higgins, Jackie and Sandy Meikle, Arden Doak,

Sherry Weston, Ann Marie Grey, Randy Munn, Shirley Pickard, Alice Young, Colin Ranson, Juanita Richardson, Letitia O'Donnell, Norma Mason, John Saad, Charlene Boone, Cooper Thornton, Chris O'Donnell, Jack Demmons, Ann Cameron, Catherine Jones, Clarence Campbell, Margie Oliver, Melanie, Kim Price-Finnamore, Joshua Gwathmy, Ellen Matthews, Hugh Parker, Elizabeth Galey, Sadie and Ralph Burt, Robert Glencross, George Lemmon, Harold Rice, Barbara Hawkins, Clark Wilcox, Eva Logan, Dick Burgess, Isabel Martin, John Baldwin, Catherine Brewer (York Manor), Trish Mooney, Heather Nash

**Parish Prayer Cycle:** Lance, Kelly and Glendenning, Fred and Coleen Goodwin; Michael and Darlene Greenbank; Ann Marie Grey; Barbara Guggenheimer; Cynthia Gullison; Matthew Gwathmey, Lily Smallwood, James, Joshua, Talley, Winnie and Robert Gwathmey

**The Church:** Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury. Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Central Newfoundland, Bishop John Watton. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Haines Junction: St. Christopher's; Beaver Creek: St. Columba; Alaska Highway mile 918-1202: the ministry team; Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame. David, our Bishop, Claude, William and George, retired Bishops, and their families.

### Lay Ministers

<b>Lay Readers:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Gerry Russon
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Bill MacKenzie and Minna Harjupanula
<b>Hospital:</b>		Shirley Smith and Ross Ingram
<b>Hospital Volunteers:</b>		Darrell Jones, Olive Harris
<b>Sidespersons</b>		Wayne Knorr and Kathleen Chambers
<b>Fellowship</b>		Erma Price, Connie Ballard
		Marilyn Thompson, Jeannie Donald
<b>Chancel Guild:</b>		Judy Jones and Carol Jones

### A Look at This Week:

<b>Monday</b>	1:30 p.m.	Nashwaaksis Memorial School
	6:15 p.m.	Cubs
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 p.m.	Parkinson's Christmas Party

<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Advent Meditation
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Communion and Bible Study
	12:30 p.m.	Nashwaaksis Memorial School Teacher's Luncheon
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
	8:00 p.m.	"Remember When" AA's
	11:00 a.m.	York Manor Holy Communion
	6:15 p.m.	Beavers
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice

#### **Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 22nd**

<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Holy Communion
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Carols and Lessons

#### **Fourth Sunday in Advent December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Isaiah 7: 10 - 16; Psalm 80: 1 - 7, 17 - 19  
Romans 1: 1 - 7, Matthew 1: 18 - 25

**Advent Devotionals : Heading to the Manger, Advent Meditations from Great Writers of the Past**, daily devotionals for the season of Advent are available on the table by the kitchen and grey shelves in the hallway. There is no charge for these devotionals.



#### **WELCOME TO OUR TIME OF WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S**

**PARENTS** are reminded that children are part of the church and are welcome to stay for all of the service. A change table is available in the nursery or washrooms

**NOT AT CHURCH?** If you or someone you know could benefit from a drive to church either regularly or on occasion let us know at 458-9411. We now have a taxi voucher system in place with Checker Cab, 450-8294. We want to make worship with others a reality for as many as possible.



#### **BUDGETED OFFERING:**

Budgeted General Offerings Unrestricted for 2019:	\$ 262,500.00
General offerings to date	\$ 227,833.69
Offerings for last Sunday, inc. e offerings	\$ 3,048.35
Worshippers Last Sunday	135
Building Fund Budgeted Offerings for 2019	\$ 55,000.00
Building Fund Offerings to date-	\$ 48,640.53

**E transfers** - We are now set up to receive e transfers. Sent your e transfers to [stjohns@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:stjohns@nbnet.nb.ca) Make sure to include your envelope number or name and address for receipt.

#### **Offering Envelopes**



#### **Envelopes for 2020 are available for pick up today!**

If you don't have church envelopes and would like some for 2020 please contact the church office 458-9411 or see Mary Robinson after Church.

## **ADVENT CONSPIRACY**

#### **Greener Village Food Bank!**

For the last two years during the seasons of Advent and Christmas we were encouraged to stop purchasing unnecessary presents. Instead we were invited to take that money and use it to make our world a better place. In so doing we would honour our loved ones with purposeful gifts given in their names. Last year raised \$1,510 for the Student Hunger Program.

This year we are conspiring again! Upon prayerful discussion we decided that our funds this year would go to the Greener Village Food Bank.



So this Advent - Join the Conspiracy! Honour your loved ones with gifts that can make a huge difference in the life of people who need support this year. For every \$10 donation we will add a green vegetable to the wall and provide you with a card you can give to the gift recipient.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study: will be meeting at 10:00 am this week for Holy Communion followed by a lectionary Bible study. All welcome.

**BOOKS out of PRINT.** The book "Photographs of Anglican Churches in the Diocese of Fredericton" 2011, by Frank Morehouse is out of print. However Frank is still getting requests for the book and reprinting is very expensive. Are you downsizing? Do you have a copy of the book that you do not have space for? If you are looking for a good home for your copy of "Photographs of Anglican Churches" Frank has people interested. You can either drop your books in to the church office or contact Frank directly at 449-3636 or [frankm@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:frankm@nbnet.nb.ca)



Please check outside Mary's office for left over containers, plates and dishes from recent events.

**LARGE PRINT OUR DAILY BREAD** devotionals for January – March 2020 have arrived and are available on the grey shelves in the hallway.

## YOUTH NEWS

**YOUTH GROUP** – Youth Group will be meeting this Evening from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for a fun time and Christmas gathering. All Welcome. Bring a friend.



Thank you so much to all those who volunteered to spend an hour or two at the Salvation Army Kettle at the Northside Superstore. You have been a blessing.



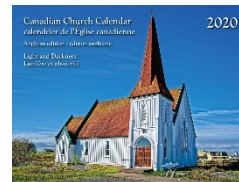
**The 2020 Anglican Church Calendar** featuring paintings of Anglican Churches have arrived as well as the **2020 Canadian Church Calendars - Anglican/Lutheran** featuring pictures fitting the theme of "Light and Darkness". They are for sale for \$7 each again this year. There will be some calendars and an envelope with

change on the table at church today or you can stop by the church office.



**Alone at Christmas Time? Come to St. John's for a delicious meal with wonderful people.**

Thanks to willing volunteers and warm hearts we are offering a Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings at 12:00 noon Christmas Day. If you will be alone or simply would like to enjoy a free Christmas dinner with others, come. Enjoy Christmas music, conversation and food in the friendly atmosphere of our new hall. While we will not advertise in the newspaper you are welcome to invite others from the parish or simply someone you know who might be alone at this special time of year. Please let the church office know if you are planning to attend at 458-9411 either by calling or putting your name on the sign up sheet. If you would like to provide some of the food for the dinner please sign up



## **Warm Hands - Warm Hearts**

Each fall St. John's knitters have participated in a program we've called "warm Hands – Warm Hearts" which provides mittens for children (ages 5 – 12) at local schools and the Food Bank. Some have also made hats, headbands, scarves and socks. Donations will be received until the end of December at the church hall. This is a great project for seniors and shut-ins so be sure to spread the word and invite their contribution. For more information please contact John Galbraith.





**PRAYER** Please call Mary Robinson 470-4910 (cell) or 458-9411 (the church office) with your prayer needs and she and other volunteers will support your prayer request while maintaining your confidentiality.