

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Readings For Next Sunday: First Reading, Hosea 11:1-11 * Psalm 107:1-9, 43 * Second Reading, Colossians 3:1-11 * Gospel, Luke 12:13-21

Tea & Coffee Hour - After every Sunday service we have our Tea and Coffee Fellowship time downstairs in the Lounge. Please do come and join us. Helping hands are always needed. The sign up sheet for coffee hour volunteers and baking is on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

Congratulations! - To Howard and Kathy on the occasion of their 60th Wedding anniversary. And to Kitty and Brian for the Blessing of their Relationship. Love is certainly in the air! Both will be celebrated in today's service.

Our Altar Guild has a very important job and they do it extremely well. Each Sunday they set up the sanctuary so that we can have a Holy service of worship. We would like to thank Margaret, Jill, Naomi, Hazel, Bev, Nancy and Mercy. They are a great team, but could always use more help. If you think you would like to help out with the Altar Guild please talk to Patrick. Thank you for your consideration.



It was wonderful to host the **Aspire Day Camp** at St. John's this past week. It was fantastic to hear and behold the energy of young children. A big thank you to all those who organized it and participated.



Patrick Away - will be away on vacation for the **August 10 and 17 services**. We will be welcoming the **Reverend Gary Hamblin** as celebrant, and as well as Joy Hamblin. In case of a pastoral concern in Patrick's absence, please contact the Wardens Kathryn or Alison. Thank you.

Our New Alongside Hope Representative - For many years now **Kingsley Agyeman** has been a representative to what was then called PWRDF and what is now called Alongside Hope. We would like to thank Kingsley for his many years of service in this important ministry in our church. Thank you Kingsley for job well done. We are very happy to announce that **Heather Rhodes** will be stepping up to fill the position as our church's representative to Alongside Hope. Thank you, Heather and we hope, know and trust you will thrive in this new post. We hope to be hearing from Heather soon about her plans for this ministry. Thank you once again.

Our Garden - As you know St. John's has an extensive garden surrounding our building. There is a small and very dedicated team that looks after it and they do a fantastic job. Our many thanks to Jean W, Patrick Y, Bev P, and Heather R for their outstanding work that make the outside of our Church look fantastic.

Chair Yoga with Andrea is a drop in by donation group **every Friday at 10 am in the Lounge**. No experience is necessary and all are welcome. Donations are kindly accepted at the door. Come and get fit again with chair yoga!

Morning Prayer - Every Friday Morning at 9:00am on Zoom. It's a really great and refreshing way to start your day and it only takes ten minutes. Meeting ID: 818 1170 0940.

Jean's Box - We collect items like seasonal clothing, toiletries, boxed snacks and blankets for Jean's Box. The items are so appreciated by those who are struggling and find themselves at Lookout's North Shore Shelter or North Shore Crisis Services. Drop your items into Jean's Box at the back of the sanctuary beside the offering plate. If you are donating food, please make sure that the best before date has not expired.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Feel free to join them every **2nd and 4th Tuesday at 1:30pm**, in the chapel or the lounge. Please note that the **Prayer Shawl Ministry is on hiatus** during the summer months.

Quote of the Week

"how much more ought we to cherish and marvel at the fact that for nearly two thousand years people have prayed this prayer. When you take these words on your lips you stand on hallowed ground."

N.T. Wright, talking about The Lord's Prayer

At times it is easy to take the Lord's Prayer for granted or at least as something we *just do* at our services of worship. The theologian N. T. Wright I think correctly reminds us of the profound nature of this prayer. It is called the Lord's Prayer for a reason. It comes directly from Jesus to us. It is the prayer Jesus taught us to connect with and be with God and to make God the center of our lives. To us Christians there is no prayer more important or powerful.

When we say it, we enter into a sacred and holy space. *The Rev. Patrick Blaney*

The Coming Week At St. John's

Sunday, July 27 * *Tea and Coffee Fellowship (Lounge) After the service*

Monday, July 28 * *Church Office is Open 9:00am-12:00pm*

Tuesday, July 29 * *Church Office is open 9:00am-12:00pm * Alanon Meeting (Sanctuary) 7:00pm*

Wednesday, July 30 * *Church Office is Open 9:00am-12:00pm * Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30pm - 8:00pm **

Thursday, July 31 * *Church Office is Open 9:00am-12:00pm * A A Meeting (Lounge) 7:00pm - 9:00pm * Choir Practice - On hiatus for the Summer*

Friday, August 1 * *Church Office is closed * Morning Prayer (Zoom) 9:00am * North Shore Young People AA Meeting (TBA) 8:30pm - 9:30pm*

Saturday, August 2 * *Church Office is Open 9:00am-12:00pm*