

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Readings For Next Sunday: * First Reading, Acts 2:14a, 22-32 * Psalm 116 * Second Reading, 1 Peter 1:3-9 * Gospel, John 20:19-31

Jean's Box Outreach Jean's Box collects all year long for North Shore Crisis Services and the North Shore Shelter. Needs include seasonal clothing, toiletries, treats and more. Leave your donation in Jean's Box, at the back of the church near the main doors.

Our Lenten Season appeal for items for **Missions to Seafarers** is continuing on through the Easter Season. Each ship that visits our port has 20 to 30 seafarers and many struggle financially. Items needed for seafarers are warm toques, socks, medium sized body wash, tooth-paste, toothbrushes and reusable shopping bags.

Spring Rummage Sale - May 9th 10am-12pm

Hospitality & Fellowship will be holding the annual Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 9th from 10am to noon. As you are doing your Spring cleaning, please save your household treasures in good condition for the sale.

Popular items include:

- Dishes and glassware
- Jewellery
- Housewares
- Wall art and figurines
- Books, DVDs, puzzles and Games

Not accepted:

- Clothing, furniture, junk-drawer items

Bring your donated treasures to the church on the afternoon of Friday, May 8th - no storage at the church before that date. Thanks!

A Plea to be Scent-Free - Our congregation is filled with so many wonderful, caring people. Some of those people are very sensitive to scents. Whether you wear perfume or cologne, or use scented products like hand-cream or hair-spray, those odours can be troubling for people with allergies, asthma, and serious lung conditions. We respectfully ask for your understanding, and ask that you avoid wearing strong scents to church. Thank you so much.

Service of Remembrance and Blessing the Memorial Garden - It's not too late to help with the special service and reception honouring the people laid to rest in our refreshed memorial garden. The celebration will take place **Sunday, May 24, 2026**. Help will be needed inviting people to the service and organizing ways to invite people, as well as determining who we would like to invite. We would also be organizing a reception to be held after the service. Please contact Leeann at 604-980-4001, or popcornbunny46@gmail.com if you are able to help. If you know of someone who should be invited to this special service, please let Leeann know, or send the information to Donna in the office.

Caring in Community Workshop - Saturday, May 2 - 10:00am-12:00 Noon.

The workshop will be facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Shawn Bullock along with a priest colleague who is also a Chaplain Candidate in the Canadian Navy. They will both be drawing on their respective chaplaincy training to present some ideas on caring for each other in the community, and they will be leading an interactive discussion. More details will be provided soon. See Deacon Shawn if you have any questions.

Deacon Shawn's Study Leave - Deacon Shawn Bullock will be away from the church from April 11 through April 17. During his absence, please reach out to the Wardens, or to Reverend Georgina with any pastoral concerns.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Feel free to join them every **2nd and 4th Tuesday at 1:30pm**, in the chapel or the lounge. They gather to pray, knit and gift. "Knit one, Pray two". Wool is provided. Please bring your own knitting needles.

The New Organ and Sound System

We know that you have been experiencing challenges with the new sound system in the sanctuary. We thank you for your patience as we work to improve the sound experience with the new speaker system. Further adjustments were done this week, and hopefully you noticed the difference today. Please use one of the headsets in the Narthex if you have difficulty hearing. The headsets provide great sound.

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 fit in a fun and effective way with chair yoga!

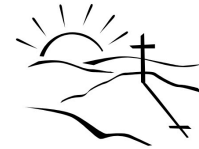
Hospitality & Fellowship - Sat. April 11, 10am - Lounge & Zoom - Everyone is welcome to join us to plan upcoming events. Refreshments provided.

Quote of the Week

Here is this week's quote that provides food for thought or inspiration, or, better yet, both. If you have any suggestions for quotes please pass them along to Donna in the office.

"Easter is more than a day; it is a way. A way to live eternal life here and now. A way to see how hurts are not numbed but healed by the power of love. It is a way that offers hope in knowing that God so loved the world – the good, the bad, and the ugliness of it—that God is daily making it—and us—into something honest, beautiful, and real."

- The Right Reverend Samuel Rose, Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador



This Easter, let us be the reflection of God's love in this world - shining examples of hope and compassion to everyone we meet.

The Coming Week At St. John's

Sunday, April 5 * *Coffee Hour Today (Lounge) After the service*

Monday, April 6 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm*

Tuesday, April 7 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Memorial Garden Planting Plan (Lounge) 10am * Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7pm - 9pm **

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

Thursday, April 9 * *Church Office is Open 12pm-3pm * AA Meeting (Lounge) 7pm- 9pm * Choir Practice (Sanctuary) approx. 7:00pm*

Friday, April 10 * *Church Office is closed * Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am **

Saturday, April 11 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Hospitality & Fellowship Meeting (Lounge) 10am-12pm*

Sunday, April 12 * *2nd Sunday of Easter (sanctuary) 10am*