

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Readings For Next Sunday:

\* First Reading, Genesis 12:1-9 \* Psalm 33:1-12 \*  
 Second Reading, Romans 4:13-25 \* Gospel,  
 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 \*

**Deacon Shawn Away** - Deacon Shawn has been away this week, and will return Monday, June 1. In his absence, please reach out to Reverend Georgina with any pastoral concerns.

**Is Someone Graduating?** On Sunday June 28 we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul. During this service, we will have a moment in the liturgy to acknowledge those young people connected to St. John's who are graduating this year. To prepare for this event, parents and/or family members of young people who wish to be formally acknowledged, by name, in front of the congregation are asked to **email Deacon Shawn** directly with relevant details including the name(s) and school(s). Please do make sure this information is sent via email ([shawn@therevdrshawn.ca](mailto:shawn@therevdrshawn.ca)). Family, friends, and classmates of the young people being recognised are more than welcome to attend.

**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.

The weather has started to get warmer, so layered clothes are a great idea. Underwear and socks are always needed, too.

**Welcome Tea for Parish Newcomers** - Plans are underway to hold a Welcome Tea on Sunday, June 7, at 2:00pm. Please contact Alison if you know someone who should be invited, or if you would like to help.

## Service of Celebration for the Memorial

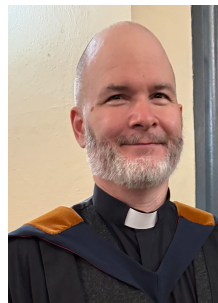
**Garden** - The planning for the refurbishment of St. John's Memorial Garden, and for the service of celebration, began more than fourteen months ago. Many, many people were involved in all aspects of this event, and we are grateful for their time, talents and treasures. We cannot possibly name everyone involved, but our sincerest thanks go out to all of you.

Every person in attendance helped to make it a wonderful event! Many pictures were taken of the service and the reception, and you can see them on our website or the St. John's Facebook page. A few are posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge, too.

We hope you all find the Memorial Garden a tranquil space for meditation.

## Congratulations, Deacon Shawn!

Deacon Shawn was delighted to attend his graduation from VST this past week. He received his Master of Divinity (Anglican Studies) degree from VST and his Certificate in Leadership from the Sauder School of Business (UBC). Deacon Shawn was humbled to learn that he was awarded



both The Professor S. Vernon Fawcett Prize in Hebrew Bible Studies and the Rev. Dr. Robert Robinson Morrison Prize in New Testament Studies. He wishes to express his gratitude to all of those who supported him over the last couple of years, and to the parish of St. John's for holding him in prayer and support during this

final academic term.

We look forward to celebrating the next big step in Deacon Shawn's journey:

"It is Archbishop John's intention to ordain the Rev Shawn Bullock to the sacred order of priests. The liturgy will take place at **Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday, June 27th, 2026** beginning at **10:30am.**" All are invited to attend.

**Chair Yoga with Andrea - Fridays at 10 am in the Lounge.** Chair Yoga is a drop in by donation group 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!

**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.

**A Plea to be Scent-Free** - We respectfully ask for your understanding for people with breathing issues, and ask that you avoid wearing strong scents to church. Thank you so much.

**No Soup** - Just a reminder that our **Soup and Buns and Conversation** program is now on hiatus for the summer, returning in September.

**Greeters and Welcome Table** - June is the last month for Greeters and Welcome Table, as both take a hiatus in July and August. They will both return in September. Let Donna or Alison know if you would like to be part of either team.

**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.

*"And since all this loveliness can not be Heaven, I know in my heart it is June."*

*-Abba Louisa Goold Woolson (1838-1921)*

Hers might not be a household name, but Abba Goold Woolson was a prolific author, educator, and champion of the women's dress reform and women's rights.

As June begins, let us consider all the June gifts for which we are thankful - graduations and weddings, lush green forests and vibrant flowers, and the long-awaited beginning of Summer.

Pondering these words in your heart, for which of God's gifts of June are you most thankful?

**The Coming Week At St. John's**

**Sunday, May 31** \* *Coffee, Tea and Fellowship - Today (Lounge) After the service*

**Monday, June 1** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm*

**Tuesday, June 2** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm \* Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7pm - 9pm \**

**Wednesday, June 3** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm \* Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30 - 8pm \**

**Thursday, June 4** \* *Mother Goose Nursery Program (Lounge) 10:30-11:30am \* Church Office is Open 12pm-3pm \* AA Meeting (Lounge) 7pm- 9pm \* Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00pm*

**Friday, June 5** \* *Church Office is Closed \* Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am \**

**Saturday, June 6** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm*

**Sunday, June 7** \* *Holy Worship (Sactuary) 10am \* Welcome Tea (by invitation) 2:00pm*