

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Readings For Next Sunday's Service:

- * First Reading, Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
- * Psalm 67
- * Second Reading, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
- * Gospel, Matthew 15:10-28



In Memorium - Chris Gilbert - Rosina "Chris" Gilbert was a long time member of St. John's and a dear friend to everyone in the community. Chris died peacefully in her sleep on Friday June 26, 2026.

A Memorial Service for Chris will be held at St. John's on Saturday, August 15th at 11am, followed by refreshments. If you can help with the reception, please contact Kathryn Atkinson. May Chris rest in peace and rise in glory.

Help Needed - Coffee Hour Volunteers!

The summer is here and many of our regular coffee hour volunteers are vacationing. Can you help? We need folks (any gender will do!) to set up, make coffee, bring treats, serve, and clean up. No one does it alone, and many hands make light work. Talk to Yasmine if you have any questions.

The Gardening Team - From pulling weeds to sweeping leaves to watering gardens, our team of gardeners always has something to do! And with vacation season upon us, maybe you would like to lend a hand. Talk to Jean or Bev if you have an hour or two you can give them. Once Autumn arrives, even more gardening help will be needed. Can you lend a hand?

In Memorium:

Please mark your calendars for this upcoming Memorial Service at St. John's:

Connie Little - Tuesday August 25th
11:00am - Reception to follow

Volunteers are needed to help with the reception on Aug. 25. Please contact Kathryn if you can help.

We will be sharing more about the Memorial Service for Dolores Steele once confirmed.

Call to Action - Roles to Fill on Sundays

In September we will be returning to our normal parish activities, and a new schedule will be set for Readers, Greeters, Intercessors, Welcome Table hosts, and more. We would love to have more volunteers in all these roles. If you would like to try once, or be put on the roster permanently, or simply have questions, please contact Donna in the office.

Jean's Box Outreach - Jean's Box collects items all year long for **North Shore Crisis Services, Lookout Shelter, and the Mission to Seafarers**. Needs include toiletries & feminine hygiene products, treats and more. With summer in full swing, some items to consider: sunscreen, insect repellent, bottled water, light clothing, and sun hats.

Socks, underwear and seasonal clothing are needed. We ask that you only donate new clothing or cleaned almost-new clothing. Please leave your donation in the bins (Jean's Box), at the back of the church near the main doors.

Mark your calendars for the Welcome Back Potluck on Sunday, September 13th after the church service. Our potlucks are always amazing! Sign up on the flip chart in the lounge with the food item you are bringing to share and if you can volunteer to help on the day.

Updated Thursday Office Hours

Going forward, Thursdays the office now will be open 9am - 12pm. Thank you for your understanding

Vicar Night - 2026 marks the 50th anniversary of women's ordination in the Anglican Church of Canada. To celebrate, this Fall we would like to host a "Vicar of Dibley" night at St. John's, possibly as a fundraiser. "Vicar" is a wonderful British comedy about a female minister working in a tiny English village. If there are any Vicar fans who would like to be included, or if you would like to help plan this event, please talk to Donna.

Vacation Alert - Wardens

Our hardworking Church Wardens will be taking some time off during the summer:

Alison Brookfield is on vacation now through the entire month of August. Please reach out to Kathryn Atkinson (Warden), Father Shawn, or Donna in the office during Alison's absence.

Kathryn Atkinson will be away August 20-24. In Kathryn's absence, please reach out to Father Shawn, or to Donna in the office.

Quote of the Week

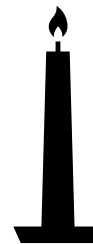
Here is this week's quote that provides food for thought or inspiration, or, better yet, both.

*"May the Lord always be with you
and may you always be with Him.
We are to become vessels of
God's compassionate love for others."*

—St. Clare of Assisi

This week we celebrate the life of St. Clare of Assisi. In this quote, St. Clare reminds us that God is always with us, but we must choose to always be with God. As well, she tells us we are here to help one another in God's name.

Take a moment in your busy day to ponder what this quote is saying to you.



The Coming Week At St. John's

Sunday, Aug 9 * *Coffee, Tea and Fellowship - Today (Lounge) After the service*

Monday, Aug 10 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm*

Tuesday, Aug 11 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7pm - 9pm **

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

Thursday, Aug 13 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * AA Meeting (Lounge) 7pm- 9pm **

Friday, Aug 14 * *Church Office is Closed * Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am **

Saturday, Aug 15 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Memorial Service for Chris Gilbert 11am*