***Worship Calendar***

**Sunday, July 7, Pentecost 7, 10:30 a.m. (Green) Holy Eucharist** (AG Team 3)

2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10 (Louise Smith) Psalm 48 2 Corinthains 12: 2-10 (Sharon Smith) Mark 6: 1-13

**Sunday, July 14 Pentecost 8, 10:30 a.m. (White) Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist** (AG Team 1) (EA- Iain Hollett)

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19 (Donald Sparkes) Psalm 24 Ephesians 1: 3-14 (Rosalind Sparkes) Mark 6; 14-29

**Wednesday, July 17, Flower Service, 7:00 p.m. St. John the Evangelist Cemetery**

Lessons TBA\*

**Sunday, July 21, Pentecost 9, 10:30 a.m. (Green) Holy Eucharist (Old Church Building)** (EA - Donald Sparkes)

2 Samuel 7: 1 – 14a (Glenda Tapp) Psalm 89: 20-37 Ephesians 2: 11-22 (Gail Trewhitt) Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

**Sunday, July 28, Pentecost 10, 10:30 a.m. (Green) Holy Eucharist** (AG Team 2) (EA - Gail Trewhitt)

2 Samuel 11: 1-15 (Sandra Squires) Psalm 14 Ephesians 3: 14-21 (Shirley Butt) John 6: 1-21

**Parish Office hours are Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Sunday Bulletins -** If you’d like to give a weekly bulletin to commemorate the life of a loved one or in Thanksgiving for an event in your life, please contact David in the office for the dates available.

***Service Roster:*** Sidespersons Sound Room

July 7th Rex H. James S.

July 14th Audrey M. Andrew B.

July 21st Gail T. Robert D.

July 28th John C. Philip G.

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| Bishop: The Right Reverend Samuel RoseDiocesan Administrator: The Venerable Charlene TaylorRector: The Reverend Canon Josiah “Jotie” Noel, T.S.S.F. (Third Order, Society of St. Francis)Parish Deacon:  The Reverend Lisa CoxOrganists/Choir Director: Stephanie Gavell, Amanda Dawe-LedwellParish Wardens: Rex Hillier & Donald SparkesOffice Administrator: David Kelland |

**Welcome to the**

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**Conception Bay South, Newfoundland**

**Summer (July) 2024**



This Summer Bulletin is given to the Glory of God

and in Thanksgiving for the Blessings of

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**and for our Family and Friends**

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***Our Parish Mission Statement***

***We believe in nurturing a community of faith dedicated to inclusion, support and sharing the story of God's love with all people regardless of the stage of their spiritual journey***

The Parish live-streams our regular Sunday Services and posts to Facebook

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|  | **Welcome to St. John the Evangelist, Topsail**.Thank you for joining us for worship today. We pray this service will truly be a blessing to you. |  |

‘Summer’ means different things to people - vacation, gardening, travel, gathering with family & friends, solitary walks enjoying the outdoors, etc. May the bounty of creation offer you/and your family every opportunity to seek and find joy and peace this season.

If you are seeking a faith community, we invite you to prayerfully and/or discuss this possibility with us. We welcome new members.

Take a moment while you are with us to sign our Guest Book at the front door. By all means introduce yourself to the clergy and people of our Parish. We do enjoy meeting visitors. There are hearing assist apparatus’ available for those with hearing difficulties at the back of the church.

Our Summer Bulletins are published for July & August, resuming with our regular publication after Labour Day in September. Occasionally, there may be special announcements published as the need arises. *Canon Jotie, T.S.S.F.*

***God whose glory fills the whole creation,***

***and whose presence we find wherever we go,***

***preserve us during this summer season,***

***especially those who travel;***

***surround all with your loving care;***

***protect them from every danger;***

***and bring them in safety to their journey’s end;***

***through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (ACC)***

**Annual Summer Leave *-***Canon Jotie will be on vacation for the first three weeks of August. David Kelland will post notices in the Parish Office when he is away.

**Prayer Corner** – Please avail of the Prayer Candles and Prayer Net Ribbons as needed. We are open to adding persons to our Parish Prayer List. Please contact the Parish Office or one of the Clergy.

**Food Bank Giving Tree** – Take a decoration, purchase the item, drop it off in our basket.

**Pilgrimage in the Park** – Join us for a Prayer Walk in Chamberlain’s Park:

Pilgrimage on any scale is an opportunity to awaken to the wonder and beauty of the world around us. In breaking from the daily routine, we are able to move out of our familiar ruts in order to re-examine our relationship with the MYSTERY OF LIFE. Our pilgrimages support opening and deepening awareness to the present moment, to our bodily senses, and to expanding conscious relationships with Creation as we seek and find in the Park. Our senses are stimulated by adding Scripture, Poems, Stories and Chocolate. All are welcome.

Wednesday, July 24, 10:30 a.m.– **Ode to Spring** – Flora and all That takes Root

Thursday, September 12, 10:30 a.m. – **All That Moves** - The Local Animal Kingdom

**St. John the Evangelist Vestry**

Clergy – Canon Jotie Noel, TSSF; Deacon Lisa Cox

Wardens – Rex Hillier, Donald Sparkes

Treasurer – Ken Carter

Synod Delegates – Gail Trewhitt, Tracey Carter

Elected Members – Joanne Metcalfe-Roil, Audrey Mercer, Betty Power, John Carter,

David Morris, Betty Hiscock

We meet on the third Thursday of the month in the Parish Hall, our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 7:00 p.m.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO JACOB McGANN**

Jacob, one of our cemetery summer workers, won first place for his Remembrance Day poster at Branch 50 of The Royal Canadian Legion in Kelligrews, first place at the provincial level, and third place at the federal level. His poster will be displayed at the parliament building in Ottawa for the two week Remembrance Day period. In addition, Jacob will travel to Beaumont Hamel in the fall.

Our parish wishes you well, Jacob.

**Important Message from the Treasurer**

At the regular meeting of Vestry on June 20th, I provided a financial update with projections that invoked a very thorough discussion of our financial position. The update included …

**January – May 2024 Net Loss YTD (Revenue/Expenditures) = ($52,000)**

One-time expenditures Jan – May 2024 = $27,000 (new A/V system, computer, insurance, etc.)

**Net loss on fixed expenditure costs Jan – May 2024 = $25,000/5 months = $5000/month**

As per the above information, for the first five months of 2024, our expenditures are exceeding revenue by an average of $5,000 per month. Our level of contributions is down significantly, and it is very unlikely that we will meet our budgeted amount for contributions this year. This level of financial loss is not sustainable for the long term and directly impacts our ability to operate in the short term.

Vestry agrees the situation requires our ongoing attention. As such, Vestry has passed a motion to withdrawal $42,000 from our Land Sale Investment to cover fixed operational expenses for the remainder of this year. This withdrawal was included in the Budget that was approved at our last Annual Meeting.

In addition, your Vestry has taken further action and limited expenditures for the remainder of 2024 to fixed expenses (utilities, salaries, etc.). If necessary, any other expenditures will be approved by the whole of Vestry.

Your Vestry is taking this situation very serious and will continue to make responsible decisions. It is important that our congregation understand and realize this situation is not sustainable for the long term and we will provide necessary updates.

Ken Carter,

Treasurer