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| ***Worship Calendar***  **Sunday, September 22, 10:30 a.m. Pentecost 18, (Green) Holy Eucharist** (AG Team 1) (EA - Donald Sparkes)  Proverbs 31: 10 – 31 Robert Dawe Psalm 1 James 3: 13 – 4: 3, 7-8a Donna Dawe Mark 9: 30-37  **Sunday, September 29, Season of Creation 3 (Act With the Spirit) , 10:30 a.m. (Green) Holy Eucharist** (AG Team2)  Proverbs 1: 20 – 33 Rev. Emeline Coffin Ps. 19 James 3: 1 – 12 Glenda Tapp Mark 8: 27 – 38  **Sunday, October 6, Pentecost 20, 10:30 a.m. (Green) Morning Prayer followed by a Cup O’ Tea in the Parish Hall**  (AG Team 3)  Job 1: 1, 2: 1 – 10 Betty Hiscock Ps. 26 Heb. 1: 1-4, 2: 5 – 12 Maxine Reccord Pinhorn Mk 10: 2-16  **Sunday, October 13, Harvest Thanksgiving, 10:30 a.m. (Green) Holy Eucharist** (AG Team 1) ( EA – Gail Trewhitt)  Joel 2: 21-27 Psalm 126 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Matthew 6: 25-33 |

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

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

September 29th John C. Philip G.

October 6th Betty P. Jim S.

October 13th Ken C. Bob D,

October 20th David M. Andrew B.

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| Bishop: The Right Reverend Samuel Rose  Diocesan Administrator: The Venerable Charlene Taylor  Rector: The Reverend Canon Josiah “Jotie” Noel, T.S.S.F. (Third Order, Society of St. Francis)  Parish Deacon:  The Reverend Lisa Cox  Organists/Choir Director: Stephanie Gavell, Amanda Dawe-Ledwell  Parish Wardens: Rex Hillier & Donald Sparkes  Office Administrator: David Kelland |

**Welcome to the**

**Parish of St. John The Evangelist**

**Conception Bay South, Newfoundland**

**September 22, 2024**

18th Sunday after Pentecost



This Bulletin is given to the Glory of God

and in Loving Memory of our daughter,

**Kimberley Mercer**

on the 10th Anniversary of her Death

September 27,2024

Remembered by Shirley & Dave Glynn

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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

**“You are the light of the world.” Matt 5. 14**

God did not give us a plan, God gave us Jesus Christ. It seems to me that from Scripture what God wants for us is something quite larger and more lasting even than a good marriage, a good job, the right house in the right neighbourhood – so many of the things that we wonder about in God’s supposed plan for us.

God’s greatest desire, that plan to which God is relentlessly moving us, is simply for God to be with us, now and for all eternity. I am uncomfortable when we cut that grand eternal plan down into a moment-by-moment, mundane, earthbound plan for each and every step that we are to take in our lives.

That seems to me an incredible trivialization of the notion of God having a plan. In my experience, when I have encountered or come to an awareness of God’s plan for my life,

that plan impresses me as always grander and greater than the plans that I have made for my life.

Jesus looks at his disciples and he does not say to them, “I want your little light to shine forth

before the people with whom you work in your office on Monday morning.” Of course, he certainly implies that. But what Jesus says is, “You are the light of the world.”

That is Jesus’ plan for us, that is large, cosmic, and considerably grander than most of our ideas of discipleship. The Christian story keeps telling us that we are who we are, not only through our knowledge and choices, but also through God’s desire for us.

Though you may have no idea of the specifics, and though you may not be certain of the next step you are to take in your life journey, “God has a desire for my life.”

*O God, who draws near to us*

*and whose nature is revealed in lordship laid aside:*

*give us grace to welcome you in the child and in the outcast;*

*in the name of Jesus Christ,*

*who humbled himself so that we might know eternal life. Amen.*

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church*

**We invite prayers for those who are sick**: Patricia B. Elaine M., Benjamin C., Doug T., Tammy H., Jeanette P., Wally H., Trudy T., Ruby H., Kelly R., Phyllis H., Eva B., Hayden P., Cynthia W., Christine H.

**Bible Study, LUKE** – **Thursday, September 26, 10:30 a.m.** Join us as we continue to study the Gospel of Luke references for Sunday worship. If you do not have a Bible, we can provide one for you, as well as a large print copy of the lesson for the study.

**An early Reminder of some social/fundraising activities for the coming months:**

Sept 28 Lasagna Takeout *(See insert)*

Oct 26 Flea market

Nov 16 Fall Market

Dec 14 Holly Tea

**These are parish functions and we look forward to your support.**



The Parish wishes to thank Mrs. Jessie Cox for the gift of a Ride-On Lawnmower for use in our Cemetery.

This generous and most useful gift has been given in Loving Memory of Ted Barnes & Sidney Cox.

**Family Ukulele Group** – In October we will resume regular scheduled practices which is the second and third Sundays of the month.

Of course, new members are welcomed – young and old alike, single or family.  And if you

haven’t played a stringed instrument before, that doesn’t matter.  The Ukulele is the easiest of the stringed instruments to learn.  For new members there is a signup sheet at the back of the church.  Practice sessions are the second and third Sundays of the month immediately following Sunday worship approx.11:45 am) and last for about 40 minutes. Call the Parish Office or come along to register.  See you then.  Archdeacon Greg+

**Parish Companions** – We offer support to persons who are suffering grief and loss after the death of a loved one. If you would like to avail of the service of this ministry or have questions about it, please contact Canon Jotie or Gail Trewhitt, 834- 3909, [gtrewhitt@gmail.com](mailto:gtrewhitt@gmail.com)

**Endowment Fund** – Our parish has established an Endowment Fund to enable you to

offer a gift for the future life of our parish family. Pamphlets at the back of the Church

describe options for your prayerful consideration.

**Parish Home Visits** – The dynamic of the times still provides many issues for clergy

home visit ministry. As we continue to emerge out of the pandemic and still live with it,

Reverend Jotie is ready, willing, and able to visit you in your home. Under the

circumstances, this offer comes with the understanding that he will respond to

invitations. Please call him to invite him to visit your home if you wish.

**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.

**Senior Choir Practices:** The Senior Choir has resumed its practices on **Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM** in the church. Practices run for about an hour but no longer than an hour and a half. We would love to have some new members join us. You do not need to read music to be part of the choir. We will teach you what you need to know. Singing is good for your overall health and well-being. As well, the social aspect is uplifting.

For more information, please call Stephanie Gavell at 709 834-3445 or drop by after church up to the organ for a chat. Thank you.

**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.

**A Note from the Treasurer:** Please ensure your **envelope number** is onall financial **correspondence** so that we can credit your account for income tax purposes.

***St. John the Evangelist***

***Fall Lasagna Take Out***

**Saturday,**

**September 28th**

Pick up between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Includes: Lasagna, Caesar Salad,

Roll & Dessert

Adult - $15.00 under 12 - $8.00

**To Order call:**

Louise at 709 834-7385

Or Shirley at 709 368-9504

**Order deadline: Monday, September 23rd.**

Pay on pickup or by

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