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| ***Worship Calendar***  **Saturday, November 23, 10:30 a.m.** (White) **36th Anniversary Eucharist**\*  **Sunday, November 24, The Reign of Christ 10:30 a.m.**  (White) **Holy Eucharist** (AG Team 1) (EA – Iain Hollett)  2 Samuel 23: 1 – 7 Betty Hiscock Psalm 132 Revelation 1: 4b – 8 Maxine Reccord Pinhorn John 18: 33 – 37  **Sunday, December 1, First Sunday in Advent, 10:30 a.m.** (Blue) **Family Prayers**, followed by a Cup O’ Tea In the Parish Hall (AG Team 2)  The Jesse Tree  **Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday in Advent, 10:30 a.m.** (Blue) **Advent Procession & Holy Eucharist** (AG Team 3) (EA – Gail Trewhitt)  Genesis 2: 4b – 9, 15 – 25 Sandra Squires Genesis 3: 1 – 15 Shirley Butt Exodus 3: 1 – 6 Louise Smith  Isaiah 11; 1 – 10 Sharon Smith Micah 5: 2 -4 Donald Sparkes Isaiah 7: 10 – 15 Glenda Tapp Luke 1: 26 – 38 |

**A Note from the Treasurer:** Please ensure your **NAME & ENVELOPE NUMBER** are onall financial **correspondence** so that we can credit your account for income tax purposes.

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

**Service Roster: Sides Persons Sound Room**

November 24th Betty P. Philip G.

December 1st Gail T. Jim S.

December 8th John C. Bob D.

December 15th Ken C. Philip G.

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| Bishop: The Right Dr. 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**

**November 17, 2024**

26th Sunday after Pentecost



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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

*“This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”* Mark 13: 8c

“Is today’s apocalyptic Gospel good news or bad?” That may depend on where you are when you get the news. At the end, Jesus lets us in on a secret: the world is torn apart, the veil in the temple is ripped by God, so that a new world might be made available by God.

The end of your marriage, your last day at the company, your pink slip at work, rejection letter from medical school, empty nest, death of your beloved—by God’s grace, these endings may be birth pangs, an offer of a new world. It all depends on a God whose eternal love is our only hope.

Allow me to define the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, in two clauses:

(1) God is going to get what God wants,

(2) no matter how much God’s got to mess up what you’ve got in order to give it to you.

Amid the shifts of history, the ending of one age and the beginning of the new, Christians

always try to put themselves in the position of faith—faithfully hoping that God is busy

behind the scenes, beneath the headlines, bringing some new, fresh gift into being.

Therein is our hope in life, in death, in life beyond death. God will not be stumped by our unjust institutions, our mistakes. God will write the last chapter. What’s to be said at the end? I’ll tell you what I said: “The good news is, this is not all there is. God is at work, even here at the end, so that maybe your end is God’s beginning.”

So this Sunday, here toward the end of the church’s year, toward the end of Mark’s Gospel, Jesus goes apocalyptic. He speaks of stone cast down from stone, the grand edifice of the temple in ruins, birth pangs of a whole new world.

Hope-filled apocalyptic promise or dire apocalyptic threat? Good news or bad? Depends on where you happen to be when you get the news! *Canon Jotie, T.S.S.F.*

*Timeless One,*

*you create all moments of our lives,*

*giving each its meaning and its purpose.*

*Strengthen us to witness continually to the love of Jesus Christ,*

*so that we may hold fast in times of trial,*

*even to the end of the ages. Amen. (ACC)*

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

**Bible Study, LUKE** **–** Our next Bible Study will be, **Thursday, November 21st , at 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.

**Vestry Meeting** – St. John the Evangelist Vestry is meeting this week, **Thursday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m**.in the Parish Hall.

**Pilgrimage in the Park** – Join us for a prayer walk in Chamberlain’s Park on **Tuesday November 26th, 10:30 a.m.** – Our theme for this pilgrimage will be Autumn.

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.

*Chamberlains Park is a 16-acre wetland located in Chamberlains, Conception Bay South (CBS), NL. The Main Entrance is 1.5 kilometers east of Manuels Bridge on Route 60. From the Main Entrance, walk the 1 kilometer wheelchair-friendly trail of boardwalk, gravel and sidewalk which leads through the forest, across the park bridge to Chaytor’s Road, and along the Route 60 sidewalk back to the entrance. (Chamberlain’s Park Pamphlet)*

**Parish Home Visits** – Reverend Jotie is ready, willing, and able to visit you in your home. Under the circumstances of time and place, 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.

**Food Bank –** The food bank is currently in great need of cereal as well as canned milk – or take a decoration from our giving tree, purchase the item, and drop it off in our basket.

***Thank you*** **–** To all those who contributed to and attended our Fall Fair Market on Saturday.

It was a great success!!