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| ***Worship Calendar*****Sun., Feb. 2,** **Family Prayers** (Green) followed by a Cup O’ Tea in the Parish Hall (AG Team 3) Jer. 1: 4 – 9 Donald Sparkes 1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 13 Rosalind Sparkes Luke 4: 21 - 30**Sun., Feb., 9,** **The Presentation of the Lord,** 10:30 a.m. (White) **Candlemas Procession & Holy Eucharist**, (AG Team 1) (EA – Gail Trewhitt)Malachi 3: 1 – 4 Glenda Tapp Psalm 84: 1 – 7 Hebrews 2: 14 – 18 Gail Trewhitt Luke 2: 22 – 40**Sun., Feb., 16**, **Christingle Service**, 10:30 a.m. (White) **Ukulele Family Ministry** (AG Team 2) Jer. 17: 5 – 10 Shirley Butt Psalm 1 1 Cor. 15: 12 – 20 Sandra Squires Luke 6: 17 – 26 **Sun., Feb., 23**, **Epiphany 7**, 10:30 a.m. (Green) **Holy Eucharist** (AG Team 3) Chancel Chat with Rex Hillier (EA Iain Hollett)Genesis 45: 3 – 11, 15 Rev Emeline Coffin Psalm 37: 1 – 12, 42 – 42 1 Cor. 15: 35 – 38, 42 – 50 Betty Hiscock Luke 6; 27 – 38  |

**2025 Envelopes -** If you need a new box of envelopes for 2025, please contact the parish office by email sjtetopsail@nfld.net or call 709-834-2336. We also have the option of Pre-Authorized payment or e-transfer. To learn more about these options please call the Parish Office.

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

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

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

February 2nd Gail T. Robert D.

February 9th Betty P. Andrew B.

February 16th John C. Jim S.

February 23rd Ken C. Philip G.

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| Bishop: The Right Dr. 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 Parish of

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**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February 2, 2025**

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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

***A Missionary Approach to Culture***

This is where the members of a church are fully immersed in the culture. They enjoy all the benefits of the culture. The difference here is that this church points to areas where the culture is going astray. They stand up and point to areas where the culture is in conflict with the teachings of the church. They have the higher road and the most challenging task in ministry.

This group, of which I believe the Anglican Church is a part, can also make the greatest impact. This church can become the conscience of the culture. This church lives in the culture but stands up to point out where the problems are.

This church is not satisfied with the status quo. This church critically examines all areas of culture to determine the right way, the right teaching, the right practices.

My fellow siblings in Christ, we are called to be missionaries in the culture. It is no easy task. What we have to do is not unlike what St. Paul did. He went to the marketplace and he engaged with common people, politicians, merchants, academics, and religious leaders.

He watched and listened. He was interested and he cared. Then he spoke. St. Paul was a missionary in the culture. The missionary approach lets people know that the Church cares about the forces that shape their lives.

Like it or not, this means the church must be prepared to debate the news and the modern media. This will help us engage in the conflict to separate faith and life. We must try to understand the culture, various forms of media - how it thinks. This will take time and prayerful reflection.

Then we must battle for the hearts, and minds of those who might be lost.

Why? Because we are engaged in this battle for the salvation of ALL souls.

*Provoking God,*

*calling us through the face of the Other:*

*free our fickle hearts*

*from our need to divide and exclude*

*both the foreign and the misfit;*

*lead us through the storms of rage*

*to a clear and new beginning;*

*through Jesus Christ, whom hatred cannot touch. Amen.*

*(Prayers for an Inclusive Church)*

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

**CBS Paradise Foodbank** is looking for 1-2 volunteers to cover our Coordinator's position so Fay can take a much-needed LOA for 2-3 weeks ASAP. This would require a commitment of working 9 am - 2 pm Tuesday to Friday. If there are 2 willing volunteers the days would be evenly divided. The job involves Fay's role as client service duties only & not administrative work. Orientation by Fay herself will be given. Confidentiality is of utmost importance in this position.

Fay is hoping to fully retire later this year as well. If you are interested in the temporary position or a full time paid position as the Foodbank Coordinator, or you know anyone who might be interested, please contact Gail at 709.834-3909; cell - (519)955-9239.

**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, Canon 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 for conversation, prayers, or Home Communion.

**The Laying on of Hands** – In preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 10; 30 a.m. we have started our Confirmation Class. Confirmation Candidates should currently be in Grade 6 or older. Please contact the Church Office to register or for more information (709 834-2336 or sjtetopsail@nfld.net).

We are ready, willing and able to prepare adults for Confirmation if you may be interested. Please contact Canon Jotie for details.

***Family Ukulele Group*** - The Family Ukulele Group is a music ministry of the parish and is open to ALL ages. No prior musically knowledge or experience is needed. Practice lessons are the **second** and **third** **Sundays** of each month immediately following the 10:30 service. We resume lessons in January 2024.  Ukuleles are available for purchase through the office for approximately $50. To register for the group call David at the office. Be sure to let him know if you will be needing a Ukulele. If you are unable to purchase one, please contact Canon Jotie.

**Bible Study –** Join usas we presently explore the Holy Land through Pilgrimage. We are using resources from Canon Jotie’s Holy Land Pilgrimage of Israel & Palestine in 2015. Following this study we will resume our focus on Luke’s Gospel. We meet on **Thursday morning upstairs in the Church at 10:30 A.M.** for one hour. All are welcome.