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| ***Worship Calendar*****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 **Sun., March 2, Last Sunday of the Epiphany** **Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday****Sunday, March 9, Lent 1**   |

**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 23rd Ken C. Philip G.

March 2nd Dave M. Robert D.

March 9th Tracey C. Andrew B.

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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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Conception Bay South, Newfoundland

**Christingle Sunday**

**February 16, 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

**The Symbolism of the Christingle**

Whereas the original Christingle consisted of a beeswax candle with a red ribbon, which represent the light and blood of Jesus respectively, the modern Christingle is an altogether more complex creation with added symbolism. The various parts of the Christingle represent the following:

* **An orange:** With its round shape, the orange represents the world.
* **A candle:** Pushed into the center of the orange, the candle symbolizes Jesus Christ as the Light of the World, as it does in the original version of the Christingle.
* **A red ribbon:** The meaning of the red ribbon, which is wrapped around the orange, is also retained. It symbolizes the blood of Christ.
* **Dried fruits and/or sweets:** The sweets or fruits represent the fruits of the earth, which are nurtured by rain and sunshine.
* **Four cocktail sticks:** The sticks that are pushed into the orange represent the four seasons and also the four cardinal directions, namely North, South, East, and West.

**Preparing the Christingle**

1. *Turn orange upside down, Push four sticks into the bottom to stabilize the orange. Think about the orange symbolising the world.*

**Creator God, thank you for the wonderful world we live in. Thank you for homes and family, for friends and pets. Help us to notice the good around us every day. Amen.**

**“Name the Bus”** 

On Nov. 28, 2024 Bishop Sam Rose sent a communication to all parishes regarding an exciting new ministry initiative in the Diocese to provide shelter and nourishment to the homeless by way of a Mobile Ministry Bus. Metrobus will be donating a 13-passenger bus to the Diocese for this ministry.

The **Mission Statement** for this endeavour is:

*to provide compassion to street-involved individuals through a mobile wellness platform. We will form partnerships with other like-minded stakeholders and sponsors to provide integrated services. We aim to improve the well-being and quality of life of those in need, fostering a community where we respect the dignity of every human being.*

**Our vision** is:

*A society where no individual is left behind or overlooked and where marginalized populations receive the care and support, they deserve. Through our mobile wellness platform, we will strive to create a safe and welcoming space for street-involved individuals to access holistic services, build connections, and regain hope for a brighter future. Together, we envision a community where wellness is inclusive and where every person is valued and supported on their journey to health and healing.*

The Diocese is inviting submissions to “Name the Bus.”

Please send your submissions along with a short explanation for this name to adminassistant@anglicanenl.net no later than March 31st, 2025.



**ACW SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER**

**Tuesday, March 04, 2025**

**Eat-in at 6 pm**

(Sausage, baked beans, roll and pancake dessert)

 Adults $15.00 Children under 12: $7.00

To order, please call: Louise @ (709) 834-7385 or Shirley @ (709) 368-9504 (no later than Friday, February 28)

We thank you for your continued support!

1. *Add the red strip around the middle of the orange. Think about the red representing the broken-ness of the world and us.*

**Forgiving God, we are sorry for the wrong things we do that hurt your world and make things bad. Please forgive us and help us to look after your world and each other. Amen.**

1. *Put sweets on the sticks. Think about the sweet reminding us of all the good things we have*

**Generous God, thank you for all the good food that the earth produces. Thank you that we can eat healthy food and sweet treats. Please teach us to be generous to those who do not have enough. Amen.**

1. *Push the sticks in to the orange between the segments. Think about the four sticks representing all of time (seasons) and space (directions).*

**Eternal God, You are with each one of us at all times: spring, summer, autumn and winter; and in all places: north, south, east and west. Thank you that you are always near. Amen.**

1. *Push the candle holder into the top of the orange, then add the candle. Think about the candle representing Jesus, who brings light into darkness, especially during this dark time of Epiphany, and who came to be God With Us.*

**Loving God, you sent Jesus to be the Light of the World, so that you could be with us, and we could be with you. Thank you for Jesus and thank you for enabling me to be a Light in the Darkness. Amen.**

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

The **Anglican Church Women** are undertaking an **Outreach Project** during **February** month. We will be collecting Personal Hygiene items for the Gathering Place to be delivered the first week of March. Items could include any of the following: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Kleenex, bathroom tissue, socks, underwear, face clothes, hand towels, etc. If you would like to contribute, it would be greatly appreciated. A carton will be placed at the back of the church for your convenience. Thank you for your past and continuing support.

**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.

**Annual Meeting –** The annual meeting for the parish will be scheduled shortly; This is reminder for all groups and organizations to prepare their reports and submit them to the office as soon as is possible.

**Vestry Meeting –** The Vestry will be meeting this week on **Thursday, February 20th** at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

**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.

**PRAYER< PRAISE AND REFLECTION SEMINAR –** On **Saturday, March 1st., from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** our All Saints CBS Prayer Chain Team will be hosting a free seminar. Following the theme **“BE STILL – BE THANKFUL”**. The guest speaker for this event is Dr. Carmel Doyle of Queen’s College. We invite you **to drop in at 9:30 am to enjoy some tea, coffee and muffins, and get to mingle and make new friends** before the seminar begins. Lunch will be provided from 12:00 0 12:45. We ask that you RSVP our Parish Office at 706 834 4501 or text/call Linda at 706 351 4008. All are welcome, so please spread the word!

**2025 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.

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