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| ***Worship Calendar*****Sunday, March 2, Transfiguration Sunday, 10:30 a.m.** (White) **Family Prayers in Epiphany** followed by a Cup O’ Tea in the Parish Hall (AG Team 1) Exodus 34: 29 – 35 Maxine Reccord Pinhorn Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2 Louise Smith Luke 9: 28 – 36**Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist With the Imposition of Ashes**Joel 2: 1 – 2, 12 – 17a \*\* Psalm 103: 8 – 18 2 Corinthains 5: 20b – 6:2 \*\* Matthew 6: 1 – 6, 16 - 21**Sunday, March 9, Lent 1, 10:30 a.m.** (Purple) **Holy Eucharist (BCP)** (AG Team 2) (EA Iain Hollett)Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 11 Sharon Smith Psalm 91: 1 – 2, 9 – 16 Romans 10: 8b – 13 Glenda Tapp Luke 4: 1 – 13**Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday in Lent – Compline & Address**  |

**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

March 2nd Dave M. Robert D.

March 9th Tracey C. Andrew B.

March 16th Betty H. Jim S.

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| Bishop: The Right Reverend Dr. 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 |

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**The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February 23, 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

***“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. (Luke 6: 27 – 31)***

One thing that impresses me about the instructions of this sermon is that they are so simple. What Jesus says here is simple, obvious, clear, and direct. I did not say that what he said was easy. I said it was clear and direct.

One of the things that makes this sermon so memorable, and so difficult to hear, is that it is so understandable.

How many people do you know who live by the dictates of Jesus’ sermon? How many communities, especially churches, have formed themselves around the dictates of this sermon? Not many.

I wonder if the scarcity of concrete, living examples of people living in ways that are aligned with this sermon is testimony to the sad fact that we have forgotten who God really is, we have overlooked what God is really up to in the world. Something about us seems determined to worship gods other than the God who meets us in Jesus’ sermon.

In living out of step with this way, difficult though it may be, we risk living out of step with reality, out of step with the way God has created the world to be, and counter to who God has created us to be.

Before we dismiss preacher Jesus, saying that his way is impossible, let us pause for just a moment and ask the preacher for his help in living his way of love.

**God of mercy,**

**keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son,**

**who prayed even for his enemies.**

**In our words and actions help us to follow his example,**

**so that we may transform hatred into love and selfishness into generosity;**

**through Jesus Christ, our great reward. Amen. ACC**

**Chancel Chat** – As part of our Ministry Model – Life on Board as We Set Sail, this opportunity provides insight into persons and current ministries that are timely and informative. It affirms the work and life of those who live out their Baptismal Covenant through some form of Prayer, Fellowship or Missional Action that impacts other people or creation for good. This morning our guest is Rex Hillier.

**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.

**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** - We are meeting on Thursday mornings, at 10:30 upstairs in the Church, for a more comfortable setting. as we walk through the Gospel of Luke. We will provide a copy of the Lesson for this study. All are welcome.

**2024 Contribution Statement and Income Tax Receipt -** your 2024 contribution receipts are available - and arranged alphabetically - at the back of the Church.

Please pick yours up today. Those not collected will be mailed at the end of the month.

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.

**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.

**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 709 834 4501 or text/call Linda at 709 351 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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(Sausage, baked beans, roll and pancake dessert)

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(no later than Friday, February 28th)

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