



St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: The Rev. Michael H. Mitchell

To all who mourn or need comfort ,
 To all who are weary and need rest,
 To all who seek friendship,
 To all who desire to grow in relationship with God
 To all who yearn to pray,
 To all who need a Saviour, And to all whoever will worship,
 This Church of St. John's opens wide its doors
 and in the name of Christ our Lord, says - WELCOME.

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 St. John's - A National Historic Site - Founded 1753

Rector's Message



Today we give thanks for the achievements of the students of St. John's who are moving forward a year, graduating into another level, going to college or university, or moving into the workforce. Hard work, focussing on what's important, the support of others, along with self motivation and dedication all help our students in their endeavours. Congratulations and best wishes to you all.

List of Graduates

Justin Creaser, Grandson of Elroy and Betty Creaser, from Centre Consolidated School to Parkview Education Centre; **Marla Russell**, Granddaughter of Ralph and Amy Strowbridge, from Bridgewater High School; **Sarah Mack**, Daughter of Andrea Zwicker and Granddaughter of Barbara Zwicker, student from Parkview Education Centre leaving September 7 for Grade 11 with Class Afloat; **Michael Francis**, Son of Raymond and Mary Francis, graduated from Memorial University, St. John's, NL with his Bachelor of Science, majoring in math and biology; **Amanda Holdbrook**, Daughter of Bruce and Louise Holdbrook graduated from St. Mary's University with Bachelor of Commerce and Certificate of Human Resources; **Brittany Freeman (Buckmaster)**, Daughter of Pat and Mike Buckmaster graduated May 28, 2010 from Dalhousie University School of Dentistry, now living in Deer Lake, NL; **Eric Pottie**, son of Craig and Christina Pottie graduated from Park View Education Centre and will be attending Memorial University, St. John's in September.

A special word of congratulations to **Eric Pottie** on his last day as an Altar Server at St. John's. Eric has been a faithful server here since the fall of 2003. He is a great example to other young folk in the parish. All the best Eric and thank you for your ministry.

We also extend a warm welcome home to our parishioners who winter elsewhere. Your presence in our parish is a valuable gift and you make an important contribution. Thank you and enjoy the summer!

This morning at the 10:30 am service, we welcome into Christ, the following children who will be Baptised: **Owen Arthur Royers**, son of Rene and Andrea Royers; **Tekoa Rose Chris**, daughter of Jason Chris and Caitlan Bamford; **Jeremy Dale Meisner**, son of Dale and Kimberly Meisner.



A farmer who looks back while he is plowing will certainly make crooked furrows and perhaps not plow some parts of the field at all. Jesus invites us again today to follow him and to do so by going his way, not our crooked way. Once we have accepted his invitation, we should not look back to regret our choice or to dwell on past mistakes. Let us go ahead with Jesus, also when the going is rough. We ask the Lord to give us the strength to follow him all the way.

Michael+

Morning Prayer with Baptism

Prelude: Guest organist, John Laing

Announcements and Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn #442 "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here"

Greeting

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant There is one body and one Spirit,

All **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All **One God and Father of all.**

Venite Psalm 95.1-7

The Lord is our refuge and strength: O come, let us worship.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his for he made it, *

and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God, *

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Listen to his voice.

Glory to the Father

and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray. *The community prays silently. The celebrant says the collect.*

Strong and kindhearted Father, in Jesus your Son you reveal to us how love is a gift from you, calling us to give ourselves without hesitation. We want to be disciples, and so we pray: Open our ears to his call, commit us with open hearts and hands to follow him all the way in faithful and joyful service to you and to people. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF KINGS

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over. 2 KINGS 2:1-2, 6-14

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Refrain I will remember the works of the Lord.

I will cry aloud to God; I will cry aloud, and he will hear me. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted. **R**

I will remember the works of the Lord, and call to mind your wonders of old time. I will meditate on all your acts and ponder your mighty deeds. **R**

Your way, O God, is holy; who is so great a god as our God? You are the God who works wonders and have declared your power among the peoples. **R**

By your strength you have redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph. The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; the very depths were shaken. **R**

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed to and fro; The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook. **R**

Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, yet your footsteps were not seen. You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron. **R** PSALM 77:1-2, 11-20

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation #513 "Guide My Feet"

Gospel

Reader The Lord be with you. People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire

to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." LUKE 9:51-62

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The celebrant says,

I invite the families of the candidates for Holy Baptism to now stand.

Then the candidates are presented by the parents and sponsors, saying,

I present N to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents and sponsors, I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and sponsors, I will, with God's help.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Answer I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The celebrant addresses the congregation, saying,

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ? People **We will.**

Prayers for the Candidate

The celebrant then says to the congregation,

Let us now pray for those who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Other prayers may be added.

The leader concludes,

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn#35 "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

The Celebration of Baptism Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, almighty God and Father,
for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led
your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized
by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your
Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and
resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and
opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us
into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel
to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

We give you thanks for you have called *N* to new life through the
waters of baptism.

Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may
be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed
and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring
them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become
inheritors of your glorious kingdom. We give you praise and honour
and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All **Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, The Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the
breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in
Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as
yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the
dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

The Baptism

The candidates are presented by name to the celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidates, saying,

*N, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

The celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each one using holy chrism oil, saying to each,

I sign you with the cross + and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

The celebrant and family proceed to the chancel.

The newly baptized are presented to the congregation with the following prayer.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace.

Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.

Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Giving of the Light

The newly baptized is presented with a lighted candle, saying,

Receive the light of Christ,

to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

**Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God.

**Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,**

and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace *All stand, and the celebrant addresses the people.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. *We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Offertory Hymn #432 "Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult"

Each one as they are able, makes an offering to the Lord for the needs and responsibilities of the Church to be placed on the altar.

The Prayer Over The Gifts *Read by celebrant*

Lord our God, strengthen our willingness to follow your Son without conditions on the way of unselfish love. We pray you, that, like Jesus, we may make ourselves free to be attentive to one another and to your loving will. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

United with our newly baptized and with Christians everywhere, we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving For Our Graduates

We give thanks for the gift of this year's graduates at all levels of education, for the accomplishments that they have made in their lives and for a bright future ahead.

May they use their God-given talents for the betterment of our world and for the good of their communities and church.

We pray for guidance when the road to follow is not clear.

We pray for Your love when it seems there is not enough love to go around.

We pray for Your light when surrounded by darkness.

Help our graduates to stand firm on their own two feet in a world whose current would sweep them away.

Bless them with good and faithful friends, humility and good humour and most importantly, give them the courage to question deeply and make every decision count.

For all that has been, we say thanks. For all that will be, Yes.

We pray in God's Holy name. Amen.

Closing Prayer

God our Father, we have welcomed into the church on earth this newly baptized. May each of us renew our commitment to love you with mind, body and soul. Following the example of Christ, let us send no one away empty, exclude no one, classify no one, nor build walls around ourselves or others. Help us to take all the risks of love, which became visible in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Glory to God
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God, from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal

Bless one another on the journey of life, and may almighty God bless you, the Father, + and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #565 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Postlude: Guest organist, John Laing

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Sharon Green, Holly Mitchell, Sheila Morris

Lectors: 8:30 am Gill Osmond, Mabel Hardiman

10:30am Christina Pottie, Eric Pottie; Server: 10:30 am Eric Pottie

Sidespersons and Hostesses: Audrey & Carrie Skinner

NEXT SUNDAY JULY 4TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black

10:30 am Holly Mitchell, Charlene Demone, Roger Demone

Lectors: 8:30 am Roxie & Ben Smith

10:30am Graham Pratt, Emily Pottie

Sidespersons: Audrey Morgan, Debbie Chapman

Hostesses: Elroy & Betty Creaser

STORIES FROM THE RICH PAST OF OUR PARISH

Taken from an article in the Progress dated Nov. 12, 1913 dealing with the new church organ and an introductory recital.

"The old historic church of St. John's, Lunenburg, built by the British Government under Royal Charter in 1754, made another forward step in its onward march Wednesday. The occasion was a recital by Professor Austen, A.R.C.O., of All Saint's Cathedral, Halifax, to open the new three manual tubular pneumatic organ just installed by Warren and Co. Woodstock, Ontario. The old organ was a gift from the Creighton Bequest and has been re-erected in the Parish Hall by expert organ builders. St. John's is the only church in the diocese of Nova Scotia which possesses two pipe organs, a two manual in the Parish Hall and a three manual in the Church. The parishioners when purchasing the new instrument determined to obtain one which should be worthy of the best traditions of the second oldest Anglican Church in British North America. This is a parishioner's organ, and their promised subscriptions towards the same will be placed on the offertory plate at the Thanksgiving Service. Submitted by George Munroe

NOTICES

Flowers placed in church this morning are *In Loving Memory of June B. Tanner* from Carolyn and Rick Chenhall, Cathy and Beth.

MUSIQUE ROYALE - A Festival of Music in Historic Nova Scotia, 25th Anniversary Season

LES VOIX BAROQUE, MATTHEW WHITE, DIRECTOR

"Love, Death and the Lady", a mix of contemporary, renaissance, and folk arrangements....Ranging from the straight to a comic twist

Friday, July 23, 6 pm, Cecilia's Retreat, Mahone Bay

BOXWOOD FESTIVAL & WORKSHOP, CHRIS NORMAN, DIRECTOR

Presented in association with Musique Royale - July 25-31 in Lunenburg

LES BOREADES, FRANCIS COLPRON, DIRECTOR - "La Calisto", verve, spontaneity, theatricality, expressiveness, and elegance - Sunday, August 8, 7:30 pm, St. Stephen's Anglican, Chester

LAURA PUDWELL, MEZZO SOPRANO AND TERRY MACKENNA, LUTE - "Historical Romance" - Sunday, August 15, 6 pm, Cecilia's Retreat, Mahone Bay, Friday, August 20, 7:30 pm, St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Chester

TORONTO CONSORT, DAVID FALLIS, DIRECTOR - "Mariners and Milkmaids", a rollicking performance featuring ballads, dances, and madrigals from 17th-century England - Tuesday, August 24, 7:30 pm, St. John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg

Musique Royale presents concerts in 22 communities throughout the province this summer. You're invited to pick up a rack card at the church entrance or visit www.musiqueroyale.com

Crumbs from the Table is an incorporated charity which aims to "help alleviate world starvation by collecting donations from restaurant patrons and channelling the proceeds through established organizations." It is run by a board of directors and originated in Antigonish. Proceeds go to PWRDF, Stephen Lewis Foundation, Canadian Foodgrains Bank and Canadian Hunger Foundation. Laura Roblee is working in the Lunenburg area to place donation boxes in restaurants. Thus far, Big Red's, Lunenburg and Chester, Sweet Indulgence, Dockside Restaurant and the Scuttlebutt Restaurant, Lunenburg have agreed to be part of the program. They each have a box displayed on their counter. If you would like to help or would like more information please contact Laura at 634-8043 or billandlaura_roblee@yahoo.com. You can also learn more about the charity by going to www.crumbsfromthetable.com.