

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Licensed Lay Minister: Jon Muers

Opening Hymn – Will You Come and Follow Me?

Gathering of the Community

Gloria

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Proclamation of the Word:

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 (Cory Lunn)

Psalms 62: 6-14

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 (Leona Hunt)

Gradual Hymn – Send Me Lord

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20 (Jeff Hunt)

Homily – Darrell Feltmate

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn – Two Fishermen

Prayer over the Gifts: Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Celebration of the Eucharist #3

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread #6

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn – For Everyone Born

Ablutions Hymn – How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Blessing

Closing Hymn – How Firm a Foundation

Dismissal

May the Lord

Chancel Guild: Laurel MacIntosh, Elaine MacInnis

Greeters: Tom Rudolph, Mary Wolfe, Darrell Feltmate

In lieu of flowers, a donation has been made to the glory of God and in loving memory of our late beloved friends of St. John's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesday, Jan. 24th – Choir 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 26th – Meditation 10:00 a.m.
Lectionary Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

Next Sunday, Jan. 28th – 4rd Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 a.m. HE (BAS) Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Looking Ahead: Our parish **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **February 18th, 2024**. Those responsible for submitting their committee or organization's annual reports are asked to have them into the office by **January 25th**.

Sunday School dates for the winter/spring term: Jan. 28th, Feb. 11th, Feb. 25th, Mar. 10th, Mar. 24th, Apr. 14th, Apr. 28th, May 12th, May 26th.

Office Hours Change: Our parish office is now open Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

2024 Offering Envelopes are now available at the back of the church.

Our next **parish book club** meeting will be held on Sunday, February 25th after worship. The book for discussion will be The Road Years by Rick Mercer. All are welcome to join in the parish hall meeting room for the discussion.

Common Cup: As part of our cautionary approach in dealing with Covid 19 and other communicable illness, we continue to offer two options for the receiving of communion wine: the common cup and a second cup from which a medicine dropper is used to place wine upon the host. You are invited to make the choice that is best for you and cross to the appropriate chalice after receiving the host.

Note: Dipping of the wafer (intinction) is not permitted in the common cup.

Our **Mitten Tree** has gone up for another year. We welcome your handmade or purchased donations of mittens and scarves to share with our local schools. Please note: we are not accepting hats this year.

2023 Income Tax Receipts: The latest version of the computer program we use to record our offerings now gives us the ability to issue income tax receipts by email. In order to implement this change beginning with the 2023 year, we are in the process now of setting up email addresses in our database. If you've had a recent email address change, and you haven't already done so, please make sure you provide it to Angela before the end of the month. For those who do not have an email account, receipts will be printed as in past years. Should you have any questions about the emailing of receipts please see Harry MacKenzie, our Envelope Secretary.

Coldest Night of the Year takes place on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Again this year, St. John's will enter a team of walkers in support of our local homeless shelter Haven House. Please speak to Natasha Bejarano if you would like to join the team or to donate to any of our walkers. Thank you for your help with this worthy cause.

Interfaith Expo Public Event – Celebration of Interfaith Peace & Harmony. Sunday, Feb. 11th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Truro Fire Hall. Come and meet representatives of Truro's varied faith communities and learn of our many similarities. Multi-faith expressions, including music and poetry, will be presented with plenty of free time for conversation and fellowship. Refreshments will be served. This is a free community service event. Everyone is welcome and the diversity of opinion honoured as we learn from each other.

Next **Coffee Hour** date is February 4th.

Next **8:00 Holy Communion (BCP)** service will be held on February 11th.

Next **Friday Morning Prayer** will be on February 2nd at 9:15 in the church.

The next **Community Dinner** will take place on February 17th. Grocery items for the pantry table are welcome and can be dropped off in the blue bin at the back of the church.

Our **Baby Needs 2024 Drive** for the Colchester Food Bank takes place from **January 28th – March 3rd**. Donations of food, clothing and other essentials for babies and toddlers will be received in the Red Food Cart on Sundays or can be dropped at the parish office. The items will be delivered to the Food Bank the week of March 4th. Thank you for your support of this initiative of your Chancel Guild. For more info speak to Maria Murphy or Prue Hansen.

Lent is coming up fast with **Ash Wednesday** on February 14th this year! Again we will have several resources to help you observe the season. An at home online devotion called **Seeds of Joy** will be available for daily reflection and prayer. Sign up now by contacting Rev. Lori to be added to the email list. Do you have musings or questions about your faith? Our Thursday evening Lenten program this year will be **"Big Ideas!"** – a weekly conversation about some of the spiritual things that can fascinate and frustrate us. (Runs Thursday, February 22nd to Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church). Watch this space for the weekly topic! As always, **Lent Madness** will take us on a daily journey with the saints of the past and present. Sign up to be inspired by these holy lives at www.lentmadness.org and join us as we learn about and vote for our favourite saints. And as we did for Advent, we'll also be providing a take home, colourable Lenten calendar with prayer prompts and ideas for daily observance of the season. So there's lots to help you on the Lenten road this year!

Grief: Moving Through the Hard Times. Facilitated by Sheila Ago and sponsored by Transforming Tides Counselling. Six Online Sessions – New dates of March 2 - April 13. Fee is \$200. Register at admin@irenegunn.com



January 21st, 2024 3rd Sunday after Epiphany



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Elaine MacInnis and Neil Harris

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