

9:00 a.m. – BAS Holy Eucharist Lay Minister: Joan MacDonald

Processional Hymn 384 (CP) – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Gathering of the Community *p. 185*

Gloria

Collect of the Day (*in unison*): Almighty and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; 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:

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 (Jacquie Muers)

Psalms 119: 1-8 *p. 868 BAS*

1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 (Jonathan Muers)

Gradual Hymn (screen) – Make Me a Channel

Gospel: Matthew 5: 21-37 (Maria Murphy)

Homily

Nicene Creed *p. 188*

The Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution *p. 191*

The Peace *p. 192*

Blessing of Link Donor Recognition Cabinet

Offering Hymn 447 (CP) – Lord, We Hear Your Word With Gladness

Prayer over the Gifts: Eternal God, you are the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, receive all we offer you this day; turn our sickness into health and our sorrow into joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen

Celebration of the Eucharist #4 *p. 201*

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread #2 *p. 212*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace

Communion Hymn (*Congregation receives first, followed by the choir*)

(screen) – We Remember How You Loved Us

Ablutions 39 (CP) – You Are God's Work of Art

Prayer after Communion *p. 356*

Doxology *p. 214*

Children's Hymn (screen) – Many are the Lightbeams

Blessing

Recessional Hymn (screen) – Together We Serve

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(screen) – May the Lord

In lieu of altar flowers, a donation has been made to the glory of God and in loving memory of our departed friends of St. John's Parish from Carla and Placide Chiasson.

Greeters: Harold Wilson, Ina Major, Mike Stokoe, Murray MacCormick, Bill & Judy Wesley

Chancel Guild: Sylvia Jeffery, Lynn Rawlinson, Debbie McNutt, Carol Adams

Provincial Prayer: Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario (Archbishop Anne Germond & the Provincial Council). Give thanks for the ministry of retired Clergy lending support to parish ministry, lay readers, congregational executives-treasurers/ vestry members/altar guild/Sunday school volunteers and teachers, newly ordained clergy and ACW work (CNL); Postulants for ordination (CNL/FRED); Ministry of retired clergy and lay readers (FRED); New members of Parish Corporations, committee members serving on diocesan committees, and parish annual meetings (MON); 'MORE' Mission Schools in Northumbria & South Shore Regions and opportunities to grow in faith in the season of Lent (NSPEI). Pray for Food Banks and their volunteers, preparing ourselves for the Lenten Season, the greater mission of the church and work towards sustainable ministry, and clergy retreat (CNL); Parish vestries as they make important decisions (MON).

Diocesan Prayer: Parish of the Resurrection, Sydney (The Rev'd Peter Rafuse and Mary, The Rev'd Roslyn MacLeod and The Rev'd Jackie Warren, Associate Parish Priests).

Praying for our Parish Families: We pray for Sarah Eldridge, Murray & Lois MacCormick, Gary & Rita McGuire, and Cassie Moore & Austin Goosney.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tue., Feb. 18th – Parish Council 7:00 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 19th - Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon
Choir 6:30 p.m.

Thu., Feb. 20th – Nursing Home Communion 10:30 a.m. (Elk Ct./Debert Ct.)

Fri., Feb. 21st – Meditation 11:00 a.m.

Lectionary Lunch 12:00 noon

Sat., Feb. 22nd – Community Dinner 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Coldest Night of the Year 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, February 23rd: Last Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:00 p.m. Bookworms & Church Mice
2:30 p.m. Sunday School Swim - RECC

TODAY: ANNUAL MEETING with finger food potluck after worship. We will be blessing our new Donor Recognition Cabinet at today's service. Also, there will be **no Sunday School** due to the long weekend.

We are pleased to announce that AST student **Jane Magrath** is joining us on Sundays for a field placement in her 2nd year of training for her M.Div. degree and eventual ordination. Please welcome Jane and her wife Wendy into our midst.

Once again the Chancel Guild will sponsor, throughout the month of February and first week of March, a "**Baby Needs Drive**" as our contribution to the Colchester Food Bank. Items such as clothing, diapers, wipes, soaps, lotions, shampoo, and baby food are most gratefully accepted and will be delivered at the end of the month. Thank you in advance for contributing to this much needed project. Contacts: Prue Hansen (893-3526) and Maria Murphy (895-3270).

Bookworms & Church Mice meets **next Sunday, February 23rd** following the 10:00 a.m. worship. The book for discussion will be [You Will Not Always Be This Sad](#) by Sheree Fitch. All are welcome to join us.

A reminder that Parish Council decided at its November meeting to scale back our **coffee hour** to cookies and hot drinks/juice only. This is an attempt to simplify the preparation and clean up and thereby encourage more of our members to volunteer for coffee duty.

The **Pastoral Ministry Committee** has made **comfort pillows and prayer squares** as their project for the 2020 Bicentennial celebration. Each comfort pillow and prayer square has a prayer card attached to remind the recipient that they are surrounded by love and embraced in prayer. The pillows and squares are at the back of the church for parishioners to take one for themselves and for anyone they felt would like one.

On **Sunday, February 23rd** we will have as **guest speakers** at both services **Brenda Leenders and Ian MacHattie**, representing the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. They will speak about an exciting local project called **Grow Hope Truro**. Sponsored by your Pastoral Ministry Committee.

Tax receipts for 2019 are available at the back of the church.

Join the Sunday school on **Sunday, February 23rd** at 2:30 p.m. for a **free swim** at the RECC! All are welcome.

Once again this year, we will be participating in **Lent Madness**. Want to be inspired by some saintly souls and have fun along the way? Join with thousands of Christians across denominations who have discovered the joyful online learning community that is Lent Madness. It begins on **Thursday, February 27th** (the first full day of Lent after Ash Wednesday.) Participate by going to www.lentmadness.org and keep track on Sundays by checking out our bracket poster on the church wall.

Our **Lenten Program** this year is from the Church of England. It's called **#Live Lent: Care for God's Creation**. This follows up on our environment focus from last fall and encourages us to focus on God's invitation to salvation for human beings and all that exist in the web of life. This is a take home program in booklet form with a scripture and reflection for every day in Lent. The parish will provide the booklets for a suggested donation of \$2 to \$5. (One booklet per household please, so we can ensure as many as would like to can participate). A small number of children's booklets will be available from Melinda Tattrie at no cost. Booklets will be available soon from Rev. Lori or the church office.

200th Anniversary Jigsaw Puzzles: The cost is \$22 for 500 pieces, \$25 for 1000 pieces or two for \$45. Get yours by speaking to anyone on the 2020 Committee: Adele Stokoe, Judy MacKenzie, Bev DeVouge, or Dorothy Tay. Commemorative **pewter ornaments** to recognize and celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Parish of St. John's are also available! You'll be amazed to learn the price for each of these treasures is only \$15 and there's no limit to the number you can purchase. A lovely memento of 200 years of Anglican presence in Truro!

On January 8th, **Archbishop Ron Cutler** tendered his **resignation** as Bishop of NS & PEI and as Metropolitan of the Province of Canada (effective July 31st). Archbishop Ron has set into motion the canonical process to elect his successor by May/June of 2020. An Electoral Synod will be held Saturday, May 30th at the Cathedral in Halifax. The full text of Archbishop Ron's resignation letter is available at the back of the church or on the Diocesan website.

Ash Wednesday is quickly approaching on **February 26th**. Observances on that day to help you begin a Holy Lent: 8:30 a.m. "Ashes to Go" on Inglis Place. 11:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Distribution of Ashes. 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Distribution of Ashes (with music).

Saturday, February 22nd, 2020 is the **Coldest Night of the Year** walk in support of Hub House, our local homeless shelter. Again this year, St. John's will field a team of walkers. If you would like to walk with us or to donate, speak to Rev. Lori. **Pledge sheets** for walkers are available at the back of the church today.

Coats/Jackets/Snow Pants: Truro Elementary is looking for donations of winter outerwear in sizes 5T-12/14. If your children or grandchildren have outgrown some, you can drop them off at the church hall and members of the pastoral ministry committee will take them to the school. We'll also accept monetary donations toward the purchase of this winter clothing. Another great option is to shop at our second hand clothing stores and donate.

2020 offering envelopes are available. Please see Warren Tay for yours.

The 2020 Organizing Team is looking for someone to take on a **short term project**. There are several events planned for 2020 to recognize and celebrate the 200th anniversary of Anglican presence in Truro and an entry in the **Santa Claus Parade** is one of them. The 2020 Team is convinced that a float in the Parade would be the perfect finale for the year. If this idea is intriguing to you and you want more information, please speak with one of the members of the Team - Judy MacKenzie, Dorothy Tay, Bev DeVouge or Adele Stokoe.

Our **mitten tree** is now up for another year! Please help us by knitting and/or donating mittens for distribution to our local schools.

2020 Bicentennial Year Events (a partial listing):

Monday, Feb. 24th - 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Stone Soup Anniversary Meal

Saturday, May 9th - 2:00 -4:00 - Anniversary Tea in the Upper Hall

June 14th - Old Fashioned Parish Picnic / Worship on the Lawn

Sept. 13th Holy Cross Day – Celebration of the Bicentennial Cross
8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services

Sunday, September 27th - 7:00 p.m. Historic Hymn Sing in the Church

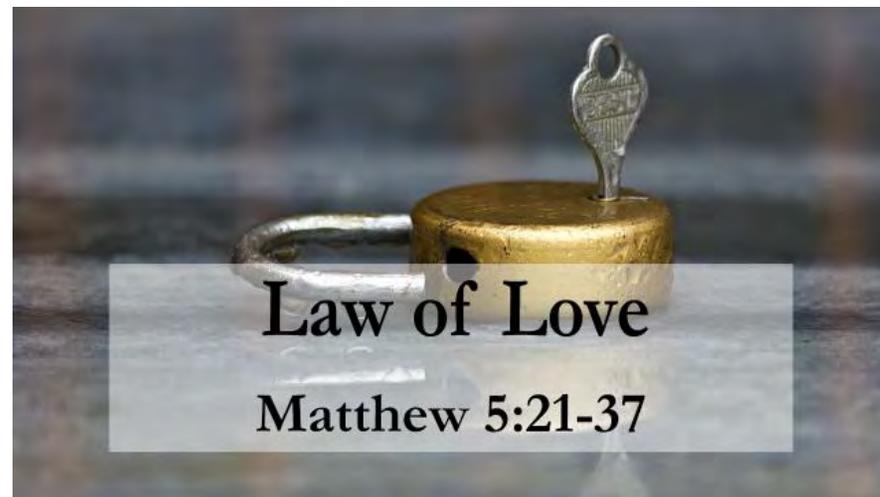
Sunday, Oct. 18th 4:00 p.m. Bicentennial Worship
5:30 p.m. Mingle and Munch
6:00 p.m. Gala Dinner

Nov. 2020 (Date to be Determined) - Truro Santa Claus Parade participation

TREY (Trauma Recovery for Exploited Youth) Music Cafe' - Evening of desserts & entertainment at Immanuel Baptist Church on **Saturday, February 29th at 6:30 p.m.** - with Bob and CJ Prest & Friends. Free Will donations / Silent Auction.



February 16th, 2020
6th Sunday after Epiphany



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey

Associates: The Rev'd Gary Yetman and The Rev'd Dorothy Tay



Wardens: Hazel Sherren and Neil Harris

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