

8:00 a.m. – BAS Holy Eucharist (*Psalm 95 p. 833 BAS*)

Lay Minister: Diane Yetman

Collect of the Day (*in unison*): Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life, may we always thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

10:00 a.m. – BAS Holy Eucharist **Lay Minister:** Jean Stratford

Processional Hymn (screen) – By the Well a Thirsty Woman

Gathering of the Community *p. 185*

Trisagion (*sung*)

Collect of the Day (*printed*)

The Proclamation of the Word:

Exodus 17: 1-7 (Darrell Feltmate)

Psalm 95 *p. 833 BAS*

Romans 5: 1-11 (Mary Feltmate)

Gradual Hymn (Back Seat Boys) – Fill My Cup, Lord

Gospel: John 4: 5-42 (Sarah Slater)

Homily

Apostles Creed *p. 189*

The Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution *p. 191*

The Peace *p. 192*

Offering Hymn 394 (CP) – Eternal, Unchanging

Prayer over the Gifts: Spring of life and Source of goodness, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to the living water, Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.

Amen

Celebration of the Eucharist #2 *p. 196*

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread #7 *p. 213*

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) – Eat this Bread and Never Hunger

Ablutions 617 (CP) – Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Prayer after Communion *p. 290*

Doxology *p. 214*

Children's Hymn (screen) – One More Step Along the World I Go

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 565 (CP) – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Dismissal *p. 215*

(screen) – May the Lord

In lieu of altar flowers, a donation has been made to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents Horace and Ella Hatfield, brothers Fred and Earl, sister Velma and her husband Jim Sutton from Arnold Hatfield.

Greeters: Robin & Ruthie Phillips, Placide Chiasson, Bert Pratt, Bob Adams, Ellwood Mantley

Chancel Guild: Prue Hansen, Diane MacLeod, Judy Rose, Joan MacDonald

Provincial Prayer: Diocese of Eastern Nfld & Labrador (Bishop Geoffrey Peddle) and Diocese of Central Nfld (Bishop John Watton). Give thanks for the unity of the church and the freedom to proclaim the good news of the gospel, and pastoral/hospital chaplains (CNL); Diocesan staff, ministry of parish nurses and health teams, and intentional discipleship initiative (FRED); Theological students in their final year and members of the ACW (MON); MORE Mission Schools in the Valley, Eastern Shore and Cape Breton Regions and the ministry of parish officers elected at annual meetings (NSPEI). Pray for the World Day of Prayer, those who are discerning a call to ordained ministry and the Lenten season (CNL); Synod planning committee and those preparing for baptism, confirmation and reception (MON).

Diocesan Prayer: St. John the Baptist, North Sydney (The Rev'd Douglas Beck, Interim Incumbent, and Thomas); Sydney Mines (The Rev'd Stacey LeMoine and Ted); Canso (The Rev'd Susan Slater and Lief); Three Harbours (Archdeacon Sue Channen and Bob).

Praying for our Parish Families: We pray for Colin Curren, Carolyn Barrett, Pat Dodsworth and Greg & Megan Bishop.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tues., Mar. 17th – Clericus 9:00 a.m.

Wed., Mar. 18th - Eucharist 12:00 noon

Choir 6:30 p.m.

Thu., Mar. 19th – Nursing Home Communion 10:30 a.m. (Elk Ct., Debert Ct.)

Widower's Supper 4:00 p.m.

Fri., Mar. 20th – Meditation 11:00 a.m.

Lectionary Lunch 12:00 noon

Next Sunday, March 22nd: Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

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

No Sunday School – March Break

11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour

Angela will be on **vacation** the week of March 16-20th.

Bookworms & Church Mice meets next on **Sunday, March 29th** following the 10:00 a.m. worship. The book for discussion will be The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out a Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson. All are welcome to join us.

On behalf of the Chancel Guild we wish to express our sincere thanks for all contributions received for our **"Baby Needs Drive"** for February. 68 pounds of food, clothing, diapers, etc. and handmade crib blankets have been delivered. A big thanks to you all! - Maria and Prue

The consultation for **coffee/fellowship** has taken place. Thank you to all who attended. Parish Council will make a final decision at its March meeting.

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.

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

Could the person using **envelope #41** please contact Warren Tay (902-843-4166).

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. These booklets are being provided by a generous donation from interested parishioners. (One booklet per household please, so we can ensure as many as would like to can participate). A small number of children's booklets are now available from Melinda Tattrie. Booklets are available now at the back of the church or from the church office.

Our **Easter Garden** has appeared for this year. Watch it grow as we count down the Sundays of Lent and progress toward Easter.

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!

For those wishing to make a donation to **Grow Hope Truro** after the presentation by Brenda Leenders and Ian MacHattie, please place an envelope on the offering plate marked Grow Hope Truro and we will forward it to the proper folks. You may also donate online at www.cbmin.org/truro or by cheque directly to CBM Grow Hope Truro, 860 Granton Abercrombie Rd., Abercrombie, NS B2H 5C6. Cheques should be made payable to CBM and indicate GH Truro C1045 in the memo line. Thanks!

Our **Giving Cross** is up for another year. Our charity is **The Blue Marble Initiative**. A local charity, the Blue Marble Initiative is a youth-focused compilation of curriculum based, innovative environment and peace activities, video slide shows, video loops and links from which educators can draw or to which they can add their experience and wisdom. We have benefitted from their resources and experience here at St. John's during our environment focus last fall. Please consider giving your pocket change through the season.

COVID-19 Precautions: Archbishop Ron has encouraged the Diocese to be cautious in preparation for a full outbreak of this virus in Nova Scotia and PEI. At this time we are asked:

1. To use hand sanitizer after passing the peace and before receiving communion.
2. To consider a different form of greeting than a handshake or hug ie. a wave, smile, nod of the head or elbow bump.
3. To refrain from the chalice if you are sick.
4. To refrain from intinction (dipping host into the chalice).

We are reminded that either form of communion (host or chalice) is full reception of the Lord. Simply cross your arms over your chest if you do not wish to receive the wine.

St. John's is responsible for the **Community Dinner** on March 28th. A poster with our food and volunteer needs is at the back of the church today. Please help as you are able. Food can be dropped off Friday, March 27th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

#Fast For the Earth – Pick up a copy of this Lenten calendar focused on the earth. Compliments of the Anglican Communion Environmental Network. Try to keep each day until Palm Sunday!

Once again we will hold a children's **Easter Egg hunt** at the 10:00 a.m. service on Easter day. Donations of wrapped eggs would be appreciated.

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 began 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.

Lenten Quiet Day - Mission is Possible: Empowered by God. Sponsored by the ACW Board. A Lenten journey for spiritual renewal with meditations offered by students studying at AST. **Saturday, March 28th** from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at St. James, Shubenacadie (2856 Hwy 2). Program will start at 10:30 a.m. Lunch provided. Pre-register by Friday, March 20th by contacting Marjorie Davis (462-3637) or davisnow@eastlink.ca (\$10 registration at the door – cheques payable to the ACW Board. All are welcome – women and men of all ages and stages!

2020 Bicentennial Year Events (a partial listing):

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

Ten Thousand Villages is coming, one last time to Truro! This time we're at the Truro Fire Hall. Ten Thousand Villages-Truro is hosting a sale of beautiful, Fair Trade gifts benefiting artisans from 27 Developing countries.

Our last Truro Festival Sale: Friday, April 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Truro Fire Hall, 165 Victoria St., (entrance at the back of the building). Free Admission, 30% off all items except food. Recognition Event for our producers, volunteers, and supporters, 3:00 p.m. on Friday.

The items you buy at the Ten Thousand Villages Sales give the blessings of steady work, fair wages, and a better life for struggling families around the world. For more information call Brenda Leenders at (902)893-4197. **Your purchase makes a difference!**



March 15th, 2020
Third Sunday of Lent



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey

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



Wardens: Neil Harris and Leona Hunt

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