

8:00 a.m. – BCP Holy Communion (*Psalm 23 p. 356 BCP*)

Lay Minister: Gordon West

Collect of the Day (*in unison*): Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

10:00 a.m. – BAS Holy Eucharist **Lay Minister:** Diane Yetman

Processional Hymn 444 (CP) – Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

Gathering of the Community *p. 185*

Trisagion (*sung*)

Collect of the Day (*printed*)

The Proclamation of the Word:

1 Samuel 16: 1-13 (Warren Tay)

Psalm 23 *p. 731 BAS*

Ephesians 5: 8-14 (Stephen Hamlin)

Gradual Hymn (screen) – Open My Eyes, That I May See

Gospel: John 9: 1-41 (Adele Stokoe)

Homily

Apostles Creed *p. 189*

The Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution *p. 191*

The Peace *p. 192*

Offering Hymn 35 (CP) – Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Prayer over the Gifts: God of light, your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Celebration of the Eucharist #1 *p. 193*

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

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) – Break Thou, the Bread of Life

Ablutions (screen) – Are You a Shepherd?

Prayer after Communion *p. 292*

Doxology *p. 214*

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

Blessing

Recessional Hymn (screen) – Be Thou My Vision

Dismissal *p. 215*

(screen) – Let There Be Love

In lieu of altar flowers, a donation has been made to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sheila Munday, loving mother and grandmother, from Sara, David, Bret, Alyssa and William.

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 Western Newfoundland (Bishop John Organ). 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: Anglican Churches of Pictou County (The Rev'd Darlene Jewers) and Liscomb with Port Bickerton (The Rev'd Kristin MacKenzie and Michael).

Praying for our Parish Families: We pray for Gloria Short, Betty Starratt, Doug & Helen Glawson, and Joan & David Best.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mon., Mar. 23rd – Stone Soup 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tues., Mar. 24th – Parish Council 7:00 p.m.

Wed., Mar. 25th - Eucharist 12:00 noon
Choir 6:30 p.m.

Thu., Mar. 26th – Nursing Home Communion 10:00 a.m. (Wynn Park)
11:00 a.m. (Vimy Ct.)

Fri., Mar. 27th – Meditation 11:00 a.m.
Lectionary Lunch 12:00 noon

Sat., Mar. 28th – Community Dinner 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
ACW Lenten Quiet Day (St. James, Shubenacadie)

Next Sunday, March 29th: Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (BAS)

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour

12:00 p.m. Bookworms & Church Mice

Bookworms & Church Mice meets **next 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.

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.

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 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.

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.

Looking Ahead: Mark Sunday night, **June 7th** at 7:00 p.m. on your calendars as the next in our ongoing occasional services of **Celtic Evensong**.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

Friday, April 3rd – 6:00 p.m. Palm Cross Making (upper hall)

Sunday, April 5th – 8:00 a.m. HC (BCP) with Palms
8:30 – 9:45 a.m. Palm Sunday Breakfast
10:00 a.m. HE (BAS) with Palms

Wednesday, April 8th – 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae

Thursday, April 9th – 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Eucharist & stripping of the altar

Friday, April 10th – 10:30 a.m. Way of the Cross (intergenerational - upper hall)
11:30 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 11th – 9:00 a.m. Morning Vigil

Sunday, April 12th (Easter Day) – 6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
8:00 a.m. HC (BCP)
10:00 a.m. HE (BAS)
11:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

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 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 22nd, 2020

Fourth 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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