

10:00 Holy Eucharist (BAS) Licensed Lay Minister: Leona Hunt

Processional Hymn: Alleluia #1 (CP 405)

Gathering of the Community
Gloria (said)
Kyrie

Collect: O God, whose Son is the good shepherd, send us out as shepherds to seek the lost, to heal the injured and to nurture all with grace and compassion; through Jesus, who calls each by name. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word:

Acts 2: 42-47 (Jeff Hunt)

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2: 19-25 (Leona Hunt)

Gradual Hymn – Like a Shepherd

Gospel: John 10: 1-10 (Ikedi Chikwendu)

Homily – Rev. Lori
Nicene Creed
Prayers of the People
Confession and Absolution
The Peace

Offering Hymn – The King of Love My Shepherd Is (CP 520)

Prayer over the Gifts: God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer #1
The Lord's Prayer (sung)
Breaking of Bread #8
Lamb of God
The Communion

Communion Hymn – Shepherd of Souls (CP 85)

Ablution Hymn – Are You a Shepherd?

Prayer after Communion: God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

Doxology

Children's Hymn – This Little Light of Mine

The Blessing

Closing Hymn – Crown Him with Many Crowns (CP 378)

Dismissal

Music – May the Lord

Postlude

In lieu of **altar flowers**, a donation has been made to the glory of God and in loving memory of Chimdiamara Chikwendu from Ikedi and Blessing.

Greeters: Hazel & Michael Sherren

Counters: Michael Sherren & Stephen Hamlin

Chancel Guild: Leona Hunt, Natasha Bejarano

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuesday, April 28th – 8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday, April 29th – 6:30 p.m. Choir

Friday, May 1st – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Spiritual Café

Next Sunday, May 3rd – 5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS) Sunday School Coffee Hour

Anyone wishing **Easter Communion** at home during the Easter season is asked to speak to Rev. Lori.

ASK ME! You may have noticed some of our members wearing bright yellow and red "ASK ME" buttons. If you are new to St. John's (or even not so new!) and have questions – please speak to anyone wearing a button. If they don't have an answer for you, they'll find one!

Communion: We 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 cross to the chalice of your choice after receiving the host. **Dropper cup on the piano side/Drinking cup on the organ side.** **Note:** Dipping of the wafer (intinction) is not permitted in the common cup.

Our **Water of Life** campaign continues until May 10th. Please consider giving generously to this year's campaign. Donations may be made via the offering plate (Marked "Water of Life"), dropped off at the office, or you can join or support our Walk-a-Thon on May 30th. See the flyer in this week's bulletin for more information.

Coffee Hour dates: May 3rd and 17th / June 7th and 21st.

Spiritual Café dates: May 1st / May 22nd / June 12th.

Sunday School dates: April 26th / May 3rd, 24th and 31st (Sundae Sunday).

Easter Season Book Study – We'll be reading and discussing John Mark Comer's Practicing the Way. This short book is a guide to being with Jesus, being like Jesus and acting like Jesus. Leadership will be shared by Rev. Lori, Cory and Natasha. Dates: Sundays – April 12th, May 10th and June 14th after worship in the meeting room. Bring a bag lunch – coffee/tea will be provided. All are welcome. **Books are available from the office for \$30.**

Calling on anyone with sewing skills!!! We are planning to create some new costumes for our Sunday School to use in Christmas pageants. We'll provide the fabric and notions; we just need someone to sew. If you are interested and can volunteer some time, please speak to Esther or Rev. Lori.

Mother's Day Tea at First United Church in support of the Colchester Regional Hospital Auxiliary. Friday, May 8th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Tickets \$15 each. Tickets can be purchased at the Colchester Hospital Coffee and Gift Shop, Monday – Friday 9:00 – 2:30 p.m. For more information contact 902-895-6936 or 902-899-5934.

Walk for Water of Life

Founded in 2003, the Water of Life Project raises funds to drill wells and provide life and hope. Supported by schools, churches, businesses, and individuals, it has funded 69 projects, bringing safe water to 50,000 people in Africa and Haiti.

We proudly support Lifewater Canada, improving health, education, and opportunities. We are grateful to our partners and Lifewater Canada for their ongoing support.



Scan the QR code to donate \$10 minimum for receipt, please write Water of Life on the memo line

Fundraiser:

Saturday, May 30th

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (rain or shine) Victoria Park, Truro

Walking Path

The bandshell to the falls & a secondary route for easy walking

These walks are symbolic of the daily walks the people of the community make to fetch water everyday to survive

Donate: Cheque: Pay to **Lifewater Canada** - Please write "Water of Life Project" on the memo line

Request other ways to donate or a pledge sheet for the walk by emailing wateroflifeproject1@gmail.com

Every Person Has The Right To Safe & Accessible Water

Therefore We Have Hope: Strategic Planning Engagement Sessions –

The Diocese is developing a new five year strategic plan, and we need your voice! As we enter this important season of discernment, we are exploring one central question: *What future do we want to shape together for the Diocese, and what will it take to get there?*

Parishioners, lay leaders, and clergy are invited to an in-person or online gathering to reflect on day-to-day parish life and ensure our new strategic plan reflects local realities. Everyone is welcome. No special preparation or expertise is required – just your care for the future of the Church! **Why attend?** By attending, you will help shape the priorities and direction of the Diocese, share your hopes and aspirations for parish life in your region, share ideas on how the Diocese can be more connected and supportive, and discern together where God may be calling the Church next. This is a space to imagine the future and name what we want to grow over the next five years. Your perspective is vital. Please join us in this hopeful, collaborative conversation! There will be in person open gatherings for the Mainland region on Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 – 12 noon at the Church of St. Andrew, Dartmouth and Saturday, May 2nd from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon at Holy Trinity Church, Bridgewater. An online open gathering for all will be held on Thursday, May 7th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. To register for the online gathering, go to <https://forms/gle/BTWxzWL7fvhdR1Up7> To register for any of the sessions by phone, call 902-420-0717. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact: thereforewehavehope@gmail.com

Praying for Peace: During the Second World War, a group of people stopped whatever they were doing for a specific time every night to pray for peace and safety for everyone. They did this every day, and it was as if the whole city paused – such was the power of prayer. The result was so overwhelming that the bombing stopped shortly afterward! Now once again some people are organizing. A group of people around the world has agreed to spend one minute praying for the safety of our countries, for the end of the problems that oppress us, and for God to guide the decisions of our leaders. The time chosen for Canada to pray is **12:00 noon**. Please pause in your busy day to pray for peace at that time.



Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions- so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days (May 14th – 24th) in their own way. Specifically, we invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call. It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

This year's Thy Kingdom Come is all about the presence of God through His spirit.

The God who is with us in the everyday – in the joys and sorrows of life (and everything in between) and the One who, through His spirit, longs to reveal Himself to those who do not yet know Him.

From the story of Ruth to the story of Gideon, from the story of Elijah to the story of the early church who waited for the promised Holy Spirit to come - over the 11 days we will explore a different Bible story each day, which demonstrates God's transformative presence, power and love at work in the lives of people and places.

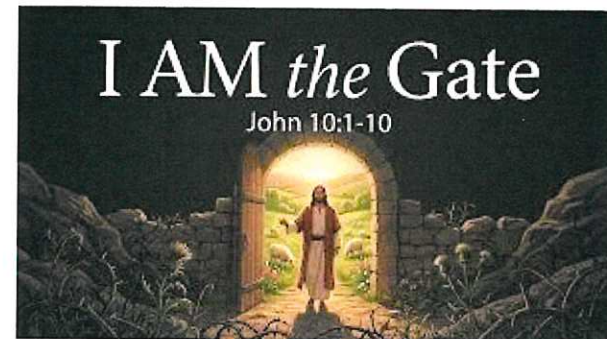
Our hope is that as we pray for our five people, they will also experience the life-changing love of God and choose to follow Him.

For more information visit <https://share.google/dzGr7Zrj7QgFH1MiV>

Local Senior Games Week: May 11th – 15th. Come, join us! Local Senior (55+) Games Week is a great event aimed at keeping seniors active while having fun and making connections in their communities! You may participate in as many events as you wish! Auction 45's, cribbage, darts, bowling, washer toss, casual walking, skip-bo, badminton, euchre, bingo, scrabble, crokinole, Yahtzee and lawn bowling. Registration deadline is Monday, May 4th at the Village of Bible Hill office (67 Pictou Rd.) The office is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. to accept registration, which is on a first come first served basis. Questions? Please contact the Village at 902-893-8083 or admin@biblehill.ca



April 26th, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Sarah Lennerton and Michael Sherren

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