

10:00 Holy Eucharist (BAS) Licensed Lay Minister: Lorna Sibley

Processional Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy (CP 1)

Gathering of the Community
Gloria (sung)

Collect: Your love, O God, is boundless. We who were strangers have been made your children; we who were defenceless have been brought into your household. Keep us mindful of your mercy, so that we may love you with our whole heart and love our neighbour as ourselves. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word:

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 (Ikedi Chikwendu)

Psalms 90: 1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-18 (Leona Hunt)

Gradual Hymn: I Love You, Lord

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-46 (Natasha Bejarano)

Homily – Rt. Rev. David Torreville

Mustard Seed Creed

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn – Let All Things Now Living (CP 403)

Prayer over the Gifts: God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread #2

Lamb of God

The Communion

Communion Hymn: Now to Your Table Spread

Ablution Hymn: Come Down, O Love Divine (CP 645)

Prayer after Communion: God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Doxology

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: O Worship the King (CP 380)

Dismissal

Music: May the Lord

Postlude

Greeters: Mary Wolfe & Bill Canning

Counters: Bob Adams & Faye Kennedy

Chancel Guild: Laurel MacIntosh & Cathy Boudreau

Altar Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of departed members of Chancel Guild.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mon., Oct. 26th – Pickleball 7:00 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 27th – Morning Prayer 8:45 a.m.

Social Afternoon 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Weds., Oct. 28th – Choir 6:30 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 30th – Meditation 10:00 a.m.

Lectionary Study 11:00 a.m.

Sat., Oct. 31st – Godly Play Training 10:00 a.m.

Next Sunday, November 1st – All Saints/All Souls Day

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

Rev. Lori and Rev. Natasha will be away at the **Diocesan Clergy**

Conference from Tues., Oct. 27th – Thurs., Oct. 29th. Pastoral emergencies during that time may be referred to Cory Lunn (902-956-4410).

Spiritual Café dates for the fall: (Fridays at 9:00 a.m.) - November 6 & 27 and December 18. On all other Friday mornings we will have **Meditation and Lectionary Bible Study**. Meditation is at 10:00 a.m. in the choir room of the parish hall and Lectionary at 11:00 a.m. in the main parish hall meeting room. All are welcome to join us!

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’re 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.

Church office hours are Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

St. John’s Games, Cards and Café: Looking for a mid-week pick me up? Drop by St. John’s Hall for an afternoon of fun, friendship and refreshments. Every second Tuesday – Oct. 27th, Nov. 10th & 24th and Dec. 8th. Bring your own cards/board games or join in the ones provided. There’s always laughter, good company and a fresh pot of tea and coffee. Come play, chat and unwind in a relaxed friendly space! **ALL WELCOME!**

2027 Canadian Church Calendars are available for pick up. This cost is \$8. Please see Mary Hubley if you have not picked up your copy.

Adult Confirmation Class will meet next on Thursday evening **November 5th at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall meeting room.

During the month of October, we will be collecting donations for the **SPCA Truro**. Everything we receive will be brought to the shelter at the end of the month. Donations can be left in the basket at the back of the church or dropped off at the office. Suggested donations:

- wet cat and dog food, non-clumping or pellet kitty litter, bleach, high-efficiency laundry detergent, paper towels and toilet paper, letter-sized white paper, treats and toys, black garbage bags,
- resealable fridge/freezer bags, latex/Nitrile gloves. Thank you for helping our four legged friends in this month of St. Francis of Assisi.

Pickleball anyone? We have set up pickleball play for interested parishioners in the upstairs hall. If you’d like to give pickleball a try, please contact Harry MacKenzie at htmackenzie2@gmail.com **Our next session will be Monday, Oct. 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the upper hall.**

Getting to know the Anglican Liturgy Bulletin Series

Snippet Two: The Procession

Not every Anglican church does this but here at St. John’s at the beginning of the service a few folks line up at the back of the church and come forward or process in behind a cross. What is this about? Indeed, it is an ancient Christian tradition, first noted in the 3rd century when a nun named Egeria who travelled to Jerusalem journaled that everyone processed into the church behind a cross.

The idea of the procession is simple. We are gathering for worship from outside, from our daily lives and community. We are approaching God through Christ; therefore, the cross goes before us. As we leave, we are being sent back out into the world, with the cross leading the way.

It used to be that everyone processed in behind the cross. Because of the need for seating, time, and other factors, not everyone processes today, but the symbolism remains. We are under the cross of Christ, and we follow the cross of Christ into the presence of God and into the world.

Depending on where you are worshipping, the processing “party” may look different. For example, here at St. John’s our “party” is small with the clergy which includes the Presider (Rev. Lori), Deacon, assisting clergy, postulant, the Licensed Lay Minister and sometimes a Crucifer (cross bearer) who is not a Licensed Lay Minister. You also may notice that as the procession passes, some folks at St. John’s choose to bow to the cross as a sign of respect and reverence.

In other Anglican settings the procession may be much bigger and include the choir, and someone carrying the Gospel. Additionally, in the processing party there could also be a **Thurifer** which is the server or acolyte who carries and swings the thurible in which incense is burned during the eucharist and other liturgies, and the **Torch bearers** who are acolytes or servers that carry torches representing the “Light of Christ.”

However, no matter how big or small, the procession serves as a beautiful symbol for all of us gathered that we are on a pilgrimage away from the secular world into the sacred space of worship as followers of Christ.

Mission to Seafarers: We have started our Shoebox Campaign. Items for a regular shoe box include: Hat / Toque, Scarf or neck warmer, Gloves, Socks, Wrapped hard candy (**no chocolate**), Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Shampoo or body wash (no larger than 375ml to fit in a shoebox), Shaving foam, Razors, Deodorant, Lip balm, Playing cards, Pen/pencil, Small packages of tissues, Comb, Christmas card, Bible (supplied by mission), Mementos of NS, PEI or Canada. You will find empty shoeboxes at the back of the church each Sunday. Please take one to fill. Individual items can also be donated.

Christmas Collection 2026: Each week we will be asking for two items and you are asked to bring in only one of them the following week. These items can then be deposited in our grocery cart. Any items left over after preparing our boxes will be donated to the Food Bank:

Sunday, Oct. 18	can of vegetables / can of baked beans
Sunday, Oct. 25	can of soup (any kind) / can of tuna
Sunday, Nov. 1	bottle of jam / bottle of peanut butter
Sunday, Nov. 8	box of crackers / box of cereal
Sunday, Nov. 15	container of juice / small can of fruit
Sunday, Nov. 22	package of cookies / box of stove top stuffing
Sunday, Nov. 29	can of cranberry sauce/jelly box of tea bags/jar of instant coffee or hot chocolate
Sunday, Dec. 6	3 boxes Kraft dinner / bag of Christmas candy
Sunday, Dec. 13	small tub margarine
Monetary donations toward the purchase of potatoes, turnips and carrots.	

Please remember to CHECK THE EXPIRY DATE on the items you give – they will not be used until December and we are unable to distribute outdated items.

Sunday School and **Coffee Hour** dates for the fall term are October 18, November 1, 15, & 29, and December 6 & 20.



FLOURISHING FAITH



A flourishing congregation is grounded in a simple, life-giving truth: when we stay rooted in Christ, our daily lives naturally overflow with joy, purpose, and spiritual vitality. To help our communities continue to grow a vibrant spiritual life, we are anchoring our faith formation around four practical, interconnected rhythms:

Prayer & Spiritual Disciplines

Christian Education & Study

Worship & Sacramental Life

Giving, Serving & Stewarding

— ROOTED & REACHING • MICRO-PRACTICE —

The Gift of Time & Presence

Focus: Prayer & Spiritual Disciplines (Stewardship of Time)

THE PRACTICE

Offer your time as a first-fruits gift to God this week. Carve out just 10 minutes each day for quiet prayer, sacred reading, or sitting in stillness—listening before speaking, and opening your heart to God's gentle guidance.

TRY THIS AT HOME

Set aside your phone or screens for 15 minutes during your morning routine or before evening rest. Use those quiet moments to read a short daily devotion, offer a prayer of gratitude, or simply listen for God's presence in the silence.

PARISH REFLECTION

How might our daily lives change if we treated our time with God not as a busy schedule item to squeeze in, but as the anchor that holds everything else together?



“Be still, and know that I am God.”

— Psalm 46:10



Dementia Friendly Connections Café: Join us at our monthly social group for an afternoon of connection, conversation and coffee (or tea). November 12th at the Truro Library from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Call 1-800-611-6345 or email Donna.Lawrence@asns.ca for more information.

Strides for Safety: Walk for Third Place Transition House. For more than 40 years, Third Place Transition House has provided emergency shelter and support to survivors of intimate partner violence. Now, we're working toward **Second Stage Housing** – safe, affordable housing with wraparound supports where survivors and their children can rebuild their lives for up to two years after leaving shelter. With intimate partner violence at epidemic levels and Nova Scotia facing an ongoing housing crisis, this project has never been more important. **When:** November 7th at 5:30 p.m. **Where:** Meet at Civic Square, then walk 2.5 km together around downtown Truro. **How to participate:** Join a team or join on your own. Spread the word and ask your friends and families to support your efforts. For more info visit <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/third-place-transition-house/p2p/walk-for-third-place-2026/> email: fundraising@thirdplaceth.ca Or phone 902-893-4844.



October 25th, 2026 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

“Love the Lord your God with
all your heart and with all your
soul and with all your mind.”
Jesus, Matt 22:37

Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Sarah Lennerton and Michael Sherren

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