**8:30 a.m. Service - (BCP) Page 67**

The First Reading: Isaiah 35:1–10: Psalm: 146:4–9: Refrain: Come, O Lord, and save us.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2–11

**10:30 a.m. Service**

**See Handout**

***Collect***

God of justice, clear our lives of hatred and despair and sow in us seeds of joy and peace; so that shoots of hope may spring forth in us as we await the coming of the Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

***Prayer over the Gifts***

God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Prayer after Communion***

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for

ever. **Amen.**

**Hymns**

Processional: 111 CP Offertory: 434 CP

Candle Lighting Hymn (see order of service) Communion: Selections by the Choir

Children’s: see below Recessional: 109 CP

Gradual: 585 CP

**Children’s Hymn**

1. Whisper a prayer in the morning 2. God answers prayer in the morning

Whisper a prayer at noon God answers prayer at noon

Whisper a prayer in the evening God answers prayer in the evening

To keep your heart in tune so keep your heart in tune.

1. Jesus may come in the morning

Jesus may come at noon.

Jesus may come in the evening

Diocesan Bishop: The Right Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Peddle

Rector: The Reverend Jolene Peters

Parish Deacon:  The Reverend Lisa Cox

Organist/Choir Director: Stephanie Gavell

Parish Wardens: Sharon Smith and Randy Sparkes

Office Administrator: Madonna Scott

**Welcome to the Anglican Parish of**

**St. John The Evangelist**

**Conception Bay South, Newfoundland**

December 15, 2019

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The bulletin has been given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

Loving Parents, Willis & Jean Tapper

& Other Family Members

 By

Daughters, Joan, Linda & Pat & their families

**Our Parish Mission Statement**

**We believe in nurturing a community of faith dedicated to inclusion, support and sharing the story of God's love with all people regardless of the stage of their spiritual journey**

**Dear Friends,

I extend a warm welcome to you this morning. This evening we will hold our special candles in memory service and honour and give thanks for our loved ones who have passed. We know that this time of year can be difficult when you have lost someone that you love and I pray you will join us this evening and find some comfort in being with others who understand your pain and allow us to honour the memory of your loved ones.

Every Blessing,

Reverend Jolene

**PRAY for:** Sokoto (Nigeria) and El Salvador (Central America)

**Tri-Diocesan Intercessions**

**Central Newfoundland Synod Office Staff**

The Rt Rev. John Watton The Rev. Harvey Bullen

The Ven. Terry Caines The Rt. Rev. Donald Young

Ms. Ada Fudge Ms. Lori Wheaton

**Sunday Duties for Sunday, December 22nd**

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| Sidespersons | Sound | Counting | Readers |
| Team 2 – Lori C. | Michael G. | Dec. 30th All | Team 9 - Ron S. |

A donation has been given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

**Weston Carter** by **Eleanor Stokes**

**Christmas Memorials**

The Parish office is now accepting Christmas Memorials. Because of the busyness of the office during the Advent and Christmas Season, **any memorials received after DECEMBER 19th at 1:00 p.m. will be published in the January weekly bulletin.**

**Parish Budget for 2019 – $260,642.00**

**Amount needed for Regular Sunday Givings**

**(i.e. Envelopes & PAD)**

**Yearly - $130,000.00**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Amt needed per month** | **Amt received in May**  | **Difference +/-** | **Total Y-T-D** |
| **$10,834.00** | **$7,224.85** | **- $3,609.85** | **- $7,219.00** |

**Reverend Jolene’s Christmas Open House**

Reverend Jolene invites you to drop by her home on Monday, December 16th any time between 7 and 9:30 p.m. Please ask Reverend Jolene for address and directions.

**Christmas Home Communions/Visits**

Home Communions are for any who are ill or who cannot get to church for other reasons. If you would like or know someone who would like to have home communion or a pastoral visit before Christmas please contact the parish office.

**Children's Christmas Pageant**

 " O Come Let Us Adore Him"   Please come out on Sunday December 22 at 6:00pm for our beautiful children's Christmas pageant. This is an evening you won’t want to miss!!

**Foodbank outreach project**

If you have taken a box for our Advent Outreach project to the foodbank please return it by Thursday December 19th so we can deliver to the foodbank. Any boxes returned after this date will be dropped off after Christmas.

**Year End**

You are reminded that our **financial records for 2019 will close on December 31st**. **ALL** contributions must be in by that date to be used for 2019 Income Tax purposes. **Any monies received after December 31st 2019 will be credited to your 2020 account.**

**Committee Reports**

All committees are asked to have their reports submitted by January 2nd for inclusion in the Annual Report.

**Outreach Project**

We will be collecting plastic bread tags for a Daycare Project and pull tabs from tin cans for Ronald McDonald House. Please place your tags/tabs in the containers located on the table by the Ross Reccord Library in the porch. Thank you for your help!!

**2020 Envelopes**

Parish Office Christmas Hours

**In keeping with the Diocesan Synod Office Christmas hours,**

**The parish office will be closed from Tuesday, December 24th to Friday, December 27th**

**We will open on Monday, December 30th,**

**from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for year-end contribution**

**drop off.**

**The office will be closed Tuesday, December 31st and Wednesday, January 1st.**

**Regular office hours (8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.- Monday to Thursday) will resume on Thursday, January 2nd, 2020**

**A locked mail drop box is available at the office entrance for your convenience.**

**If you have an emergency during the Christmas season, please contact:**

Sharon Smith (Rector’s Warden) – 834-4102

**Randy Sparkes (People’s Warden) – 687-6068**

Your 2020 contribution envelopes are now available in the back of the church. Please pick them up and if you see someone that you know that you can deliver please do so. If you currently do not have envelopes but would like to contribute financially to our parish in this way please email the office sjtetopsail@nfld.net or call 834-2336. A reminder that we also have the option of Pre-Authorized payment or e-transfer. To find out more about these options please call the office.

**Connect Card**

We want to get to know you! Please ask a member of our sidespersons team for a form. We invite you to fill one out and turn it in during the offering time.

**Did you know!!**

Our Sung Blessing and Going forth song "Go Now in Peace" are now located on the **inside cover of the blue hymn books** found in the pews. If you do not know the words, now you can follow and sing along with us!

**Did you know!!!!!**

We accept e-transfers for envelope giving’s, donations, memorials etc. Just send along your donations to sjtetopsail@nfld.net If you require a tax receipt you will need to email the parish office at the same email address with your name and address.

**Hymn Requests**

If there is a hymn you would like to hear at a Sunday Service, please request it by contacting Stephanie Gavell at 834-3445 or the parish office by emailing sjtetopsail@nfld.net or by calling 834-2336.

**Hall Rental**

Our parish is available to rent for baby showers, bridal showers, birthday parties, etc. Please call 834-2336 if you need a place to hold your event.

##### **Christmas Eve Services – Tuesday, December 24th**

4:00 p.m.- Family Eucharist

7:30 p.m.- BAS Holy Eucharist

11:00 p.m.- BCP Candlelit Eucharist

**Direct Deposit**

We are looking for more families to consider this convenient way of contributing. Signing-up is simple. Just visit the Church Office or pick up a form at the back of the church, complete the Authorization Form, attach a cancelled cheque and we’ll do the rest. Please give this careful consideration. Pre-authorized contributions will allow you more convenience and allow us to better manage our finances throughout the year. If you have any specific questions, please contact the parish office at 834-2336.