**Upcoming Events:**

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| Saturday, November 6th  | Fall Fair Day |
| Saturday, November 20th  | Fall Fair Dinner |

**‘A Night on The Town’**

The Parish is now selling tickets on a ‘*Night on the Town’* which consists of 2 Growlers Hockey Tickets, a night at the Delta hotel and a $100 Dinner Certificate! Price is $2.00 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased through any vestry member or by calling the Parish Office @ 834-2336. If you would like to help sell tickets, please contact Dianne Hillier @ 834-4434 or the Parish Office 834-2336. Thank you for your support!

**Direct Deposit**

Have you considered direct deposit as a 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.

**CBS/Paradise Food Bank**

The food bank is in need of the following items:

Tin Milk

Tin Vegetables

Sweet Cookies

Meat & Gravy

**Monetary donations are gratefully accepted**

**Welcome to the**

Diocesan Bishop: The Right Reverend Samuel Rose

Diocesan Administrator: The Venerable Charlene Taylor

Priest-in-Charge: The Reverend Jotie Noel, T.S.S.F.

Parish Deacon:  The Reverend Lisa Cox

Organists/Choir Director: Stephanie Gavell, Amanda Dawe-Ledwell

Parish Wardens: Sharon Smith and Rex Hillier

Office Administrator: Madonna Scott

**Parish of St. John the Evangelist**

Conception Bay South, NL

October 31, 2021

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**Loving Memory of:**

**Husband, Father & Grandfather**

**Howard Brown**

**By**

**Valerie & Family**

**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**

*"But Ruth said ‘Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you where you go. Where you go I will go and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die and there I will be buried. Thus, may the Lord do to me and worse if anything but death parts you from me.’ When she saw that she was determined to go, Naomi said no more to her." (Ruth 1: 16-18)*

Here in the Book of Ruth we see that God is giving us an Old Testament glimpse of the plan that He is preparing to bring about as He brings all the nations to Himself in Christ. We see that the Gentile Ruth’s name, is not only included in the people of God, not only is she converted and the Gentile brought into the Church, but her name actually appears in the genealogy of Christ. Ruth became the great-grandmother of king David. This means, if you think about how God worked things out providentially, that God caused the famine that sent Elimelech, even in his weakness and disobedience, out of the land. God even used Elimelech’s disobedience to accomplish His own plan. Nothing will thwart the purposes of God to give His Son an inheritance from all the nations. Even using Elimelech’s disobedience he sent this little Israelite family into Moab.

Why? Because He had His heart fixed on one Moabite woman, named Ruth. So, He sent this family, completely unbeknownst to them, into Moab to lay hold of Ruth, that Ruth might also be laid hold of by God. Ruth came back at a time, after her husband had died, into Bethlehem. She returned there, married Boaz, became one of God’s covenant people, and married into the line of the Messiah.

I think, as I remember, that the great-grandmother of Boaz was Rahab, another Gentile brought into the lineage of the Messiah.

By that same working, God is even now as we sit here, all over the world, bringing Gentiles, bringing nations, people like us, into the kingdom of God and presenting them at Jesus’ feet, a reward for His great finished work.

Let us praise God for the mission of God which is taking place in the world right now, and His faithfulness to see it full. That God the Father will give the Son the rewards of His obedient work.

We are called to love God for what He is doing in giving a great inheritance to the Son.

We are called to participate in what God is doing.

We are called to invest ourselves in world mission and we are called to believe that God will accomplish it to the very end.

*Heavenly Father, thank you for the Book of Ruth,*

*reminding us that no-one is outside your offer of salvation,*

*and that no matter how far we have strayed away from your loving arms,*

*you are ready and willing to bring us back into fellowship with yourself.*

*We praise and thank you that no one is beyond redemption*

*and no matter how far we have strayed, you are ready*

*and willing to open your arms of love.*

*Thank you for your goodness and grace that we may find our hope in Jesus. Amen.*

**The Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

**Tri-Diocesan Intercessions**

**Parish of St. Michael and All Angels, St. John’s**

Rector – The Rev. Jonathan Rowe

**Parish of St. Peters, CBS**

Rector- The Rev. William Strong

**People who are sick who have asked us to pray for them**

Salem, Michael C., Eleanor M., Fred T., Phyllis H.

**We acknowledge and are thankful for the following request which was omitted or was not received in time to be included in our Hymn Sing booklet:**

In loving Memory of Son & Brother, Perry Hulan by Surrey & Phyllis & Deanna - “Because he Lives”

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

**Son, Perry Hulan**

by **Surrey, Phyllis & Sister, Deanna**

A donation has been given to the Cemetery Fund and Old Church to the Glory of God and in Loving in Memory of **Father, Cecil & Brother, Howard Brown** by **Brenda Brown**

**Office Closure**

The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, November 1st but will be opened on Friday, November 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Fall Fair Reminder**

You will need to have your VaxPass/proof of vaccination and an ID to attend the Fall Fair. Please bring your shopping bags along as well!

**Confirmation 2021**

We are delighted and grateful to announce that the seven Confirmation Candidates we have been preparing for Confirmation since January 2020 will be presented to Bishop Sam on **Sunday, November 7, at 2:00 p.m.** Please keep these Candidates and Bishop Sam in your prayers: **A.J. Tibbo, Alivia Lawrence-Pond, Cameron Poole, Keaira Lawrence-Pond, Sarah Fowler, Sophie Squire and Zoey Leights.**

Please note anyone wishing to attend the Confirmation service **must pre-register by Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021 by 1:00 p.m.** by calling the parish office @ 834-2336. Vaxpass/proof of vaccination and an ID will be required upon entry.

**Committees of Vestry**

One of the joys of the Annual Congregational Meeting is the opportunity to establish the working Committees of Vestry. These Committees carry out the important work of our faith community in day-to-day operations, details and groundwork to prepare Vestry members to make a decision or follow through enabling Vestry decisions to be acted on. The membership of the Committees of Vestry is not limited to members of Vestry. We invite members of the Congregation with particular gifts/skills/interests to discern which Committee of Vestry they may be called to consider. Please contact Reverend Jotie if you wish to **volunteer** to discuss an option or if you have a question. Membership on Vestry Committees are appointed by the Priest in Charge and ought to be renewed annually.

The following Committees of Vestry are open for consideration:

1. **Property/Finance Committee**
2. **Cemetery Committee**
3. **Communication/Technology Committee**
4. **Old Church Building Committee**

**Family Life Ministry**

As a commitment to our parish Mission Statement to be a nurturing community we want to offer a nurturing opportunity for children and young people within and outside worship. In the past we have availed of several opportunities through a variety of Sunday School Programs and Youth Initiatives. Most recently our Sunday Program, Godly Play, provided an effective learning and insightful experience for our children. This program requires a significant commitment to enable an effective learning environment. While we would prefer to continue Godly Play as our Sunday School Program, we need to establish a team who is willing and able to maintain this program. There are training sessions available in the Diocese to prepare Story Tellers, and those who assist. If you would like to volunteer with a Sunday Program (Godly Play, Sermons 4 Kids, etc.), or with a Youth Initiative (Youth Group, Drama, Creation Care Project, etc.) please contact Reverend Jotie. We plan to meet together soon to discuss how *Family Life* nurturing opportunity may unfold.