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| ***Worship Calendar***  Sunday, October 15, Pentecost 20, 10:30 a.m. **Morning Prayer**  Sunday, October 22, Pentecost 21, 10:30 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**  Sunday, October 29, All Saints Sunday, 10:30 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**  Thursday, Nov. 2, All Souls’ Remembrance, 10:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**  Sunday, November 5, Pentecost 23, 10:30 a.m. **Family Service**  Followed by a Cup O’Tea in the Parish Hall |

**A Note from the Treasurer:** Please ensure your **NAME & ENVELOPE NUMBER** are onall financial **correspondence** so that we can credit your account for income tax purposes.

**Regular Parish Office hours are Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Parish E-mail List** – We have begun e-mailing the Sunday Bulletin on the previous Thursday and will be sending other information of Parish Life from time to time. If you would like to add your name to this Parish List, please call the Office or email us at [**sjtetopsail@nfld.net**](mailto:sjtetopsail@nfld.net)

***Service Roster:*** Sidespersons Sound Room

October 15th John C. Robert D.

October 22nd Ken C. James S.

October 29th Dianne H. Philip G.

November 5th Andrew B. Andrew B.

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| Bishop: The Right Reverend Samuel Rose  Diocesan Administrator: The Venerable Charlene Taylor  Rector: The Reverend Canon Josiah “Jotie” Noel, T.S.S.F. (Third Order, Society of St. Francis)  Parish Deacon:  The Reverend Lisa Cox  Organists/Choir Director: Stephanie Gavell, Amanda Dawe-Ledwell  Parish Wardens: Rex Hillier & Leanne Squire  Office Administrator: David Kelland |

**Welcome to the**

**Parish of St. John The Evangelist**

**Conception Bay South, Newfoundland**

**October 8, 2023**

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING**



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***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***

*On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. (Luke 17: 11-14)*

All is gift and all comes from the hands of a faithful creator, a loving God.

Presumably that’s the whole point of Luke’s Gospel – to get us to worship Jesus. Jesus’ own disciples haven’t yet gotten to that point. They are still confused by Jesus, some following him, but at a confused distance.

Now, late in the Gospel, somebody finally gets the point – a Samaritan, someone from the margins, an outsider. It would have probably been shock enough for Luke just to report that Jesus dared to reach out beyond boundaries and heal this Samaritan.

But Luke has Jesus take it beyond even that. The Samaritan is the only one to show gratitude toward Jesus for his healing and Jesus makes this man a positive example of how we ought to behave!

The encounter with Jesus points to a principle that we ought to be thankful and cultivate gratitude as a primary part of our lives.

Harvest Festival may be an opportune time to start! Canon Jotie, TSSF

*Gracious One,*

*you satisfy the need of every living creature.*

*Fill us with gratitude for the abundance of the earth*

*and for the bonds of love and care*

*that unite all creation into one family.*

*May our thanks be the soil*

*in which dreams of justice grow and thrive;*

*through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. Amen.*

*(Prayers for an Inclusive Church)*

**In keeping with the Diocesan Offices, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 9, 2023 in observance of**

**Thanksgiving Day**

**Set Sail - Life on Board** **-** A Bible Study Series based on suggested Lessons for Season of Creation 2023, “Let Peace and Justice Flow Down like a River,” will take place on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 18, Exodus 3: 1-15 – God is Calling

Wednesday, October 25, Matthew 16: 21-27 – The call to Discipleship

This Hybrid Bible Study Series will be onsite on Wednesdays, at 10:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall and via zoom to our parish family who want to be a part of this conversation but cannot be physically present. If you wish to attend via zoom, please contact Canon Jotie, he will send you a link to join us virtually. This gathering is part of The Parish of St. John the Evangelist’s commitment “to offer a variety of opportunities for people to explore communicating with God, living with their neighbour and serving the world.”

***Breakfast Club -*** Once again we are looking for volunteers to help with the breakfast club at Villanova Junior High. If you are interested, please contact Dianne Hillier at 834 4434.

***Pilgrimage in the Park***– Join us for a Prayer Walk in Chamberlain’s Park:

Monday October 23rd , 10:30 a.m. – Harvest Thanksgiving

Pilgrimage on any scale is an opportunity to awaken to the wonder and beauty of the world around us. In breaking from the daily routine, we are able to move out of our familiar ruts in order to re-examine our relationship with the MYSTERY OF LIFE. Our pilgrimages support opening and deepening awareness to the present moment, to our bodily senses, and to expanding conscious relationships with Creation as we seek and find in the Park.

**Congratulations**  **-** to Sharon Smith who received the Long Term Volunteer Recognition Award (25 years) from MADD (No Alcohol, No Drugs, No Victims) at their National Leadership Convention on September 30 in ON.

**New Wooden Stool –** Thanks to the craftsmanship of Graham Yetman we have a new stool.

***Food Bank Giving Tree*** **–** Take a decoration, purchase the item, drop it off in our basket.

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

**Lewis Walters by wife, Maud and Family**

**Ralph & Elizabeth Carter by the Family**

**Glenn Carter**

**Allan J. Fowler by Donna Fowler**

**The Season of Creation**, September 1 – October 4, is an opportune time for us to reflect on our lifestyle as part of the web of creation.

Our Creation Care and Stewardship Team has launched a Survey to provide ongoing conversation. We believe that everyone is in their own unique time and place regarding Creation Care. Our lifestyles express various commitments to the well being of creation. The survey is an opportunity for you to share with us your journey and commitment to Creation Care.

 The survey will assist our discernment as we endeavour to continue to facilitate this ministry in our diocese. Prayerfully consider, setting aside 12 minutes to complete the survey. We look forward to hearing from you.

You may find the Creation Care Survey using the following link <https://forms.gle/EV5y6pUD24QBS9QT8>

Thank you for engaging in this conversation,

 Jotie Noel, Canon

Creation Care & Stewardship

**Family Ukulele Group -** The Family Ukulele Group is a music ministry of the parish.  The group is open to all parish members including family participation.  If the ukulele is new to you, no problem since the ukulele is one of the easier stringers instruments to learn and works well in group settings.  And of course, it is lots of fun.  Practice times are the second and fourth Sundays of each month immediately following worship.  If you are interested in joining feel free to contact me, Archdeacon Greg Mercer, at [archdeacon.gregory@gmail.com](mailto:archdeacon.gregory@gmail.com), or call the office.  Arrangements for instruments can be made through he parish office.

**All Souls’ Remembrance Sign-up Sheet** **–** There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church, All Souls’ Remembrance Sheet. Please add names of departed family or friends you would like for to include as part of this Requiem Eucharist. We plan to celebrate All Souls on Thursday, November 2, at 10:00 a.m.

**ANNOUNCING**

**St. John the Evangelist**

**2023 FALL FAIR**

**Flea Market**

Saturday, October 21st

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Fall Fair Day**

Saturday, November 4th

9:30 am – 2:30 pm

**Fall Fair Dinner**

Saturday, November 25th

**This is a major Fundraiser for our Parish! All parishioners are asked to take note of these dates, to assist, support and participate wherever possible.**

**Thank you in advance for your support.**