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| ***Worship Calendar***  **Wednesday in Lent, March 13th**  **10:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer** (Reckless Prayer – The Jesus Prayer)  **CLB Sunday, March 17th, Fifth Sunday in Lent**  **10:30 a.m**. – (Purple) **Holy Eucharist** (AG Team 1)  Our local CLB Company will be present.  **Wednesday in Lent, March 20h**  **10:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer** (Reckless Prayer – Breathing)  **Palm Sunday, March 24th,**  **10:30 a.m**. – (Purple) **Blessing of the Palms, Procession & Holy Eucharist** |

**2024 Envelopes -** If you need a new box of envelopes for 2024, please contact the parish office by email [sjtetopsail@nfld.net](mailto:sjtetopsail@nfld.net) or call 709-834-2336. We also have the option of Pre-Authorized payment or e-transfer. To learn more about these options please call the Parish Office.

**A Note from the Treasurer:** Please ensure your **envelope number is on** all financial **correspondence** so that we can credit your account for income tax purposes.

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

**2024 Bulletins -** If you’d like to give a weekly bulletin to commemorate the life of a loved one or in Thanksgiving for an event in your life, please contact David in the office for the dates available.

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

March 17th John C. James S.

March 24th Ken C. Philip G.

March 31st Dianne H. Robert D.

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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**

**March 10, 2024**



The Bulletin is given to the Glory of God

and in Loving Memory of

James Smith

Remembered by

Wife, Barbara, his children, grandchildren

& great-grandchildren

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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***

*“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (John 3: 16)*

*The Diocesan Set Sail Strategic Plan: Charting the Course for Christ’s Church* calls us to ask ourselves **why** people join our church, **what** attracts them, and then **calls us to lead** the church in playing to our strengths and strengthening our outward reach.

Anybody who joins our church signs up to be a witness, a missionary, joining in Christ’s work in the world. There are people with whom you work, people whom you sit next to in class, or who you run into every day at the grocery store or in your club meetings, people who are confused into thinking that Christ died for the church, that Jesus Christ is **our patron** rather than **our leader into the world**. They need Jesus! They need us!

Any congregation, even one so loving as ours, that is merely a warm-hearted group that is not actively, daringly following Christ across cultural, racial, ideological, and national boundaries (mission) is not faithful. Our congregation is God’s loving self-presentation to the world.

The world has got to be able to **look** at us **and see** some of the truth of who God is as presented in John 3:16. It is not enough for us to believe that “God so loved the world”; we are called to **show** it, to **enact** that belief in our words and work as participants in God’s **mission**.

One of the things I admire about many of you is the way in which you are already participants in Christ’s mission. You do not limit your concern and care to your fellow members of this congregation. You are already showing, in your loving outreach and work in the world, that you believe John 3:16 to be true. **Sailing and Charting are verbs, not nouns!**

The friendship you offer those in need, your family and neighbours, sharing in the work of various organizations, town council, recreation committee, fire department, cadets, school breakfast program, Royal Canadian legion, Conception Bay South/Paradise Community Food Bank, For God so loved the world that God gave us Christ, and then God called us to work with God in giving Christ to the world. Thanks be to God!  *Canon Jotie, TSSF*

*Steadfast God, you reach out to us in mercy.*

*When we rebel against your holy call and walk in disobedience,*

*soften our hearts with the warmth of your love,*

*so that we may know your Son alive within us, redeeming us,*

*and raising us up into your eternal presence. Amen. (ACC)*

**Chancel Chat** – This morning we welcome Louise Smith, St. John the Evangelist Anglican Life Correspondent. As part of our ***Ministry Model - Life on Board*** our Chancel Chat is an opportunity to hear, support and give thanks for a story from a person who is living out their faith in a meaningful way that benefits the person and others through *Prayer, Community and/or Missional Action.*

**Thursday, March 21**, St. John the Evangelist Vestry Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Lent is Here - The Discipline of Reckless Prayer**

The word **reckless** refers to a person or their action without thinking or caring about the consequences of an action. If we say that someone is **reckless**, we mean that they act in a way which shows that they do not care about danger or the effect their behavior will have on themselves or other people. Well indeed, you might ask **what this has to do with prayer?**

It is a good question. Many of us in our faith community pray using the prayers and forms set out in Anglican Books of Prayer, much like we do on Sunday when the community gathers. These prescribed and approved Orders of Service and Prayers keep us within a boundary and direct exactly what we say, think and believe.

**Reckless Prayer** references stepping outside these boundaries of words and form into a wilderness, an unfamiliar borderland. We seek to encounter the *“holy”* without the walls of prescribed words or actions. We seek to listen, to hear, to know, completely on our own without the filters (approved forms and words). Without the safety net of the censoring norms of the faith community we dare to bask in the presence of *‘the source of our being, the eternal word and the Holy Spirit’.*

**Our Mid-Week Lenten Observance, Wednesdays in Lent, 10: 30 a.m.:**

Wednesday, March 13 – ***Reckless Prayer through The Jesus Prayer***

Wednesday, March 20 – ***Reckless Prayer through Beathing***

Wednesday, March 27 – ***Reckless Prayer Through Silence***

**ACW Lenten Project:**

During the month of March, the ACW will be collecting Personal Hygiene Products for both men and women and/or boxes of tea bags and jars of Instant Coffee for the Gathering Place.  There will be a container at the back of the church or items can be given to any ACW member.

We are grateful for any help from our congregation!

**Bible Study – LUKE** – **Bible Study will resume after Easter** now that we have changed our Wednesday in Lent to Mornings at 10:30 a.m. We have made a mid-course correction on our sail through Lent. **Our Mid-week Lenten service will be Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.**

**Life in the Eucharist** is a program whereby young children are prepared to participate more fully in the Eucharist where they receive Communion before Confirmation. This program is designed for young families. In fact, it recognizes that the parents are the key people in nurturing children in the faith. After completing this program, the young people come and make their first Communion with the rest of the congregation and continue to do so for the rest of their lives. If you are interested, or know of some family who might be, please contact Canon Jotie.

**The Laying on of Hands** – In preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, **Sunday, May 26,** **2024**, 10:30 a.m. we plan to start Confirmation Classes in late January. Confirmation Candidates should currently be in Grade 6 or older. Please contact the Church Office to register or for more information (709-834-2336 or [sjtetopsail@nfld.net](mailto:sjtetopsail@nfld.net)).

We are ready, willing and able to prepare adults for Confirmation if you may be interested. Please contact Reverend Jotie for details.

**We invite prayers for those who are sick -** Patricia B., Elaine M., Benjamin C., Doug T., Tammy H., Jeanette P., Wally H., Trudy T., Brad L., Ruby H.

*Almighty and immortal God, the giver of life and health: We beseech thee to hear our prayers for thy servants for whom we implore thy mercy, that by thy blessing upon them and upon those who minister to them of thy healing gifts, they may be restored, according to thy gracious will, to health of body and mind, and give thanks to thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Annual Meeting –** The annual meeting for the parish will be scheduled shortly; This is reminder for all groups and organizations to prepare their reports and submit them to the office as soon as is possible.

**Tent City For Change:** - As you are all aware, Tent City still exists at the Colonial Building. Currently, there are 8 resident protestors living there. Resident Protestors is a term used to describe people who are experiencing homelessness and who, through their circumstances, are advocating for themselves by protesting the need for safe, supportive housing in our city.

These 8 individuals are in need of one hot meal per day. If you are able to prepare such a meal, or if you would like to donate money for the church to purchase a meal, it would be most appreciated.

Meals could include anything- soup, chili, meatballs and rice, stir-fry, etc. Meals will have to be individually packaged (packaging and cutlery will be provided for you), and delivered to Tent City on your scheduled day.

If you would like more information, or you would like to contribute to this initiative, please contact Archdeacon Amanda Taylor at [stmarksrector@bellaliant.com](mailto:stmarksrector@bellaliant.com). Please note, financial donations will be used by the church to purchase the meals, and money will not be given to Tent City. Thank you for your support.

Together as a faith community let us know the truth of Jesus' words that in serving the least of these among us, we are serving Christ himself.

**Donations have been given to the Glory of God**

**in Memory of: Remembered by:**

Theodore (Ted) Barnes Wayne & Barbara Tucker

David & Shirley Glynn

Sandra Squires

Jerry & Liz Randell

Kathy Knight

Dorothy J. Mercer

Karen & John Rose

Rev. Sam & Christina Butler

Derek C. Mercer Dorothy Mercer

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