|  |
| --- |
| ***Worship Calendar*****Sunday, April 6, Fifth Sunday in Lent, 10:30 a.m.** (Purple) Family Service in Lent followed by a Cup O’ Tea in the Parish Hall (AG Team 3) Isaiah 43: 16 – 21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3: 4b – 14 John 12: 1 – 8 **Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.,** Wednesday in Lent – Compline & Address**Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday, 10:30 a.m.** (Red) Procession & Holy Eucharist (AG Team 1) (EA Iain Hollett)Isaiah 50: 4-9a Robert Dawe Psalm 31: 9-16 Shirley Butt Philippians 2: 5-11 Donna Dawe Luke 22: 14 – 23: 56**Monday in Holy Week**, April 14, 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae **Tuesday in Holy Week**, April 15, 7:00 p.m. ACW Service**Wednesday in Holy Week,** April 16, 7:00 p.m. Compline**Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. (White)** The Washing of Feet & The Institution of the Lord’s Supper, Stripping of the Altar (EA Donald Sparkes)Exodus 12: 1- 14 Stephanie Gavell Psalm 116: 1, 10-17 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 Rev. Emeline Coffin John 13: 1-17 |

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

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

April 6th Rex H. Andrew B.

April 13th Audrey M. Jim S.

April 20th Betty P. Philip G.

April 27th John C. Bob D.

|  |
| --- |
| Bishop: The Right Reverend Dr. Samuel RoseDiocesan Administrator: The Venerable Charlene TaylorRector: The Reverend Canon Josiah “Jotie” Noel, T.S.S.F. (Third Order, Society of St. Francis)Parish Deacon:  The Reverend Lisa CoxOrganists/Choir Director: Stephanie Gavell, Amanda Dawe-LedwellParish Wardens: Rex Hillier & Donald SparkesOffice Administrator: David Kelland |

**Welcome to the**

**Parish of St. John The Evangelist**

**Conception Bay South, Newfoundland**

**April 6, 2025**



This Bulletin is given to the Glory of God

and in Thanksgiving on the occasion of the birthdays of

**Brother, Reg, Sister, Shirley & Special Friend Betty Hiscock**

by Betty Power

[www.stjohntheevangelistnl.com](http://www.stjohntheevangelistnl.com/)

Facebook: SJTE Topsail

Office email: sjtetopsail@nfld.net

Office phone number: 709-834-2336

Address: P.O. Box 13033, CBS, NL, A1W 2K1

E-transfer: sjtetopsail@nfld.net

Rector Email: jotienoel@gmail.com

 Rector’s Cell: 709-325-2366

**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**

The Parish live-streams our regular Sunday Services and posts to Facebook

*“****Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment.” John 12: 3***

The Lord Jesus understood what this anointing meant; Mary had performed a sacrament of his burial.

Anointing was performed for different reasons – Aaron, the brother of Moses was made a priest when a jar of oil was poured over his head; David was made a king over Israel when Samuel poured a cruet of oil over the crown of his head. These anointings were sacraments of enthronement – the pouring of oil upon the head symbolized conferring kingly power.

People go head-first into power; they go feet-first into the grave. Jesus was anointed on his feet, not on his head. So, his anointing at Bethany signified the depravation of all power, the destruction of all authority, that is death and the grave.

The Aaronic priesthood may have endured Aaron’s progeny, but Aaron himself had no more power to bless or sacrifice when his feet were carried over the verge of the tomb. David had his heirs on the throne of Judah, but he himself passed under the sovereign power of death.

Yet, when Mary anointed the feet of Jesus and made a sacrament of his burial, she symbolized more than just his death. The anointing at Bethany signified the great paradox – that Jesus, even in his powerlessness, was to exercise the greatest power of all. One of the prophesies of Christ said that God would put David’s enemies under his feet. When Mary anointed the feet of Jesus, she foreshadowed the vanquishment of the last enemy.

She did this on Monday, the second day. On Sunday, the eighth day, Jesus, the son of David, will rest his foot on the neck of conquered death.

*Canon Jotie, T.S.S.F.*

*Extravagant God,*

*lavishing your love on our poverty of heart:*

*inspire us to give with generosity,*

*to love life so that we may find it again,*

*and thus the world will be filled*

*with the fragrance of your love;*

*through Jesus Christ, who offers himself for us. Amen.*

*(Prayers for an Inclusive Church)*

**Making Palm Crosses** – We have received our order of Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday with ready – made crosses for those who may attend our service. On Sunday evening our Clergy and Choir plan to visit Admiral’s Coast for Evening Prayer. We would like to offer the residents a Palm Cross. To that end we are gathering to make Palm Crosses on **Saturday, April 12, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.** upstairs in the Church. Instruction on making the crosses will be provided. Bringing scissors might be helpful. You are most welcome to join us.

**“NSO Recital 3: “The Seven Last Words of Christ”**

Join the Atlantic String Quartet of the NSO for a profound and moving evening of music with Recital 3 at the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. On **Good Friday, April 18, 2025 at 8pm**,  experience the spiritual and emotional depth of Joseph Haydn’s masterpiece,*“The Seven Last Words of Christ”* together with a special companion oration delivered by local actor George Robertson. This extraordinary work, originally composed for the Good Friday service, consists of seven meditative sonatas, each reflecting on the final words spoken by Christ on the cross. Haydn’s music is both powerful and contemplative, offering a journey through sorrow, reflection, and ultimately, hope.

The Anglican Cathedral provides a stunning and acoustically rich setting, enhancing the intimate and reverent atmosphere of this performance. Don’t miss this special opportunity to experience one of Haydn’s most profound works.

Secure your tickets now for Recital 3 at the Anglican Cathedral. Tickets are available at the ACC Box Office (709-729-3900), online at [www.artsandculturecentre.com](https://www.artsandculturecentre.com/stjohns/Online/article/RecitalSeries) and at the door.

**St. John the Evangelist Annual Meeting** – The Vestry is tentatively preparing to have our Annual Congregational meeting on **Sunday, May 4**, following family prayers at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Parish Home Visits** – The dynamic of the times still provides many issues for clergy home visit ministry. As we continue to emerge out of the pandemic and still live with it, Canon Jotie is ready, willing, and able to visit you in your home. Under the circumstances, this offer comes with the understanding that he will respond to invitations. Please call him to invite him to visit your home if you wish for conversation, prayers, or Home Communion.

**Bible Study** - We are meeting on Thursday mornings, at 10:30 upstairs in the Church, for a more comfortable setting. as we walk through the Gospel of Luke. We will provide a copy of the Lesson for this study. All are welcome.

**Easter Memorials -** The office is accepting Easter Memorials. Please contact the office to have the names of your departed loved ones included.

**Easter Flowers -** If anyone would like to make a donation toward our Easter flowers in memory of a loved one it will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Please contact the office to make this donation.

**2025 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.

**UPCOMING EVENT**

The Parish Spring **Takeout** **Lasagna Supper** will take place on **Saturday, May 03,** **2025** Details to follow!

**So, Who Needs a Church Anyway?”**

There is a real and intrinsic value to being part of a local faith community – an integral component as we respond to Jeus’ invitation to love God and love our neighbour.

The gathering of those who have dedicated their faith and life to the teachings and life of Jesus Christ is the essence of what it means to be ‘church’. Over the past two thousand years we have created ‘church’ into a Diocesan and Parish structure.

The intention to demonstrate that the essence of what it means to be a Christian includes being active in a faith community. Interacting with our neighbours as an expression of gratitude for the grace and love of God through Jesus Christ is a fundamental mark of discipleship.

This reality has been a focus of life since the earliest Christians attempted to live following the teachings and walking in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. May our faith community be nurtured and challenged as we reflect upon five components of early church life – patience, behaviour (habitas), school (catechesis and worship), forgiveness and ferment.

**Wednesday in Lent 5, April 9** – The Faith Community Proclaims by Word and Example – Ferment

*Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings*

*With thy most gracious favour,*

*and further us with thy continual help,*

*that in all our works begun, continued,*

*and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name,*

*and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life;*

*through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (BCP)*

**We invite prayers for those who are sick**: Cassidy B., Patricia B., Elaine M., Doug T., Tammy H., Jeanette P., Wally H., Trudy T., Ruby H., Kelly R., Eva B., Hayden P., Cynthia W., Scott S., Don M., Colin C., Hilda S., Elaine C., Lois B.

**Sowing Seeds – Growing Community** is a community initiative with the purpose to provide fresh produce to local food banks and community groups. The garden is located on land across from St. Paul’s Anglican Church, 202 Main Road, Goulds.

In early spring of 2024 Goulds Recreation Association Goulds Lions Club Kilbride to Ferryland Family Resource Coalition, St. Kevin’s Food Bank St. Kevin’s Roman Catholic Church, St. Paul’s Anglican Church, and Amy Williams, an Ocean Wise alumna, came together for the shared vision of providing fresh produce for the less fortunate and to promote food sustainability.

Through the efforts of volunteers, in the fall of 2024 Sowing Seeds – Growing Community distributed:

* St. Kevin’s Community Food Bank - 1900 lbs. of potato carrots & turnips plus peppers, lettuce, tomato, zucchini which were delivered throughout the summer.
* The Gathering Place - 550 lbs. of carrots & turnips
* Choices for Youth - 150 lbs. of potatoes plus 1 crate of carrots
* Community Food Sharing Association 800 lbs. of potatoes plus 4 crates of small potato + carrots & turnips approx.

This fresh produce would have been part of well over 10,000 meals on the kitchen tables of those less fortunate in our local communities.

With lessons learned and more volunteers it is hoped that this coming season we will harvest in excess of 7,000 lbs. of fresh produce which will be part of 20,000 meals. In addition, this spring we plan to introduce an educational component on gardening and the benefits to the environment and food sustainability.

This project was possible through funding from the Province of Newfoundland & Labrador Community Gardens Program, Gould’s Lions Club, The Anglican Foundation of Canada. The land was provided by the Anglican Diocese of Newfoundland and Labrador. Tractor and ploughing services provided by Mr. Bobby Searle, Goulds.

The garden consists of 34 drills x 90’ along with a number of planter boxes and high planter boxes. This past season potato, turnip and carrots were planted in the large garden with peppers, lettuce, tomato, zucchini and strawberries planted in the boxes. This season we are hoping to add an additional 8 – 12 planter boxes and make the planter box area accessible to those with mobility issues.

For this growing season we are inviting other groups to take part. We would hope that groups may take ownership of one or more drills.

**Sowing Seeds – Growing Community:**

1. Will provide seeds.
2. Large water containers, filled by the Goulds fire department, are available for watering the planter boxes.
3. An on-site storage shed is available to store tools etc. Gardening tools are available.

**Groups will be able to:**

1. Manage their own time for planting, weeding and harvest. Planting can commence as soon as the weather permits. Due to the extreme wet conditions last year it was late June / early July before anything could be planted.
2. Plant whatever root crops they want. We ask that the selection of seeds to be planted be in consultation with the steering group who may offer some advice based on local growing experience. **NOTE: Potato seeds MUST be certified.**
3. Weeding of the main garden may be required 3 – 4 times during the season.
4. Maintenance of the planter boxes will depend on what is planted.
5. At the time of harvest, groups can donate the produce to the charity of their choice, or place it with the bulk harvest which will be distributed by the Community Food Sharing Association.

Thank you for your interest. Together we can help place fresh produce on many plates.

If you require any further information contact:

Rev. Fred Marshall

PH: 709-727-4346

e-mail: fredjmarshall@gmail.com