

# St. John's Good News

From Rev'd. Paul...

Well! What a journey! After the jet-lag wore off, came the million and one things to get my head around. How to connect to WiFi; how to find my way around; how to feed myself; how to operate the oven; and on it goes. Most of what I learned in the first few days, I had to learn again. But now I am settling in.

And what a welcome it has been! I have appreciated a great deal the welcome I have received, and the contribution that you have already made to me, and the space that you have left for me to make my contribution to you.

Amidst all of the 'new' there had been the steady rock of the daily prayer, and the Sunday Eucharist. Wherever I go, no matter how much else is new, the Eucharist remains a source of benefit for both comfort and challenge. The Body of Christ, the Christian Community remains a place where I can feel at home. This is a great privilege.

Of course, there have been differences between 'how things are done' here, and how I am used to doing them, but all of this is a very enriching experience for me. I hope that I do not 'tread on any landmines', or if I do, you will be forgiving of me.

Thinking about my arrival from Australia reminds me that it is the process of 'going out' into the unknown, the process of trying new things that really brings 'new life'. The balance between 'staying the same' for comfort, and 'going out' for new life is always going to be a part of every Christian's journey. As they say 'It is the essential nature of the Church always to be reforming' (ecclesia semper reformanda).

Thank you for this opportunity for my own life. I hope I can make a contribution to your own growth while I am here.



June  
2023

**Sunday worship remains at 10am, in-person and virtually: All are welcome to participate, and seating capacity is now at 75. The service also continues to broadcast via Zoom, with link options shared by email.**

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**From the Sr. Warden...**

Hello Everyone,

This is an update as to where we are in the discernment process and what has happened over the last 2 months.

The discernment committee has spent many hours interviewing many of you and ourselves. The gathered information was then compiled and presented during our vestry retreat in April. Many positive results were shared along with actions that need improvement. There were changes that many expressed, one of them being the request to wear name tags. Who knew?

So, as we enter the summer months the work will continue. It may not be as obvious as the interview process was but we will be interviewing those we may skipped due to scheduling conflicts or those we have follow up questions for. And it also works the other way. If you have anything you would like to add to your previous response, please find one of us and it will be added to the compilation.

The members of the committee are -

- Julia Aston
- Rev. John Beach
- Brenda Caggiano
- Dan Casey
- Donna Manoogian
- T.J. Martin

A quick review -

- Timeline - Reverend John's current contract as Priest in Charge is ending in October, 2023. He has indicated that he would like to stay at St. John's through May 2025 when he will retire.

- Interview discussion topics -
  - St. John's Sunday Service
  - Our priest's in charge ministry
  - Outreach
  - Welcome/Engagement
  - Future

Grace and Peace,  
Your Warden,  
Brenda Caggiano

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### Community Garden

The blessing and planting launch for this year's garden was a success! It was well-attended and we deeply appreciate the volunteers and 4th grade students on hand to participate. Great work by Vestry member Dee LeMay and gardening professional Laura Eisener for organizing the purchase of seedlings and fertilizer. We also look forward to the Girl Scout troop helping this month with weeding, and hopeful for a bumper crop!



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### Annual Yard Sale ~ June 10th, 9am



Our annual yard sale is less than two weeks away! Donations are gratefully accepted during the week (Tuesday through Friday, 9am–1pm) or after worship on Sundays. Volunteers are also needed to sort and help the day of the sale – please contact the parish office or Donna Monoogian if you can lend a hand. Thank you!

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### Every Child Deserves to Smile



Thank you for all the great May donations! Your donations allowed us to create 16 gift bags to honor the moms on Mother's Day and to deliver 2 boxes of food supplies. We continue to collect crafts and activity items, new and gently used games & toys, as well as non-perishable food items, microwaveable foods, cases of water, everyday household needs (paper goods, storage baggies, cutlery) and in-season clothing!

The next quarterly meeting will be **June 1, 9:30AM** in the Hurl Room. All are welcome to attend. Donations may be left in the vestibule. Please direct any questions to Jeanne Seaboyer.

Beautiful weather on Saturday May 13 and gorgeous flowers made our **annual spring/Mother's Day flower sale** a huge success! To all our volunteers who made it all possible—the drivers who picked up the plants on Friday, the crew that set up, cleaned up and manned the sale on Saturday, our elves who delivered flyers to our church neighbors, and the magicians who performed the behind the scenes tasks that make everything run smoothly—**THANK YOU!** Our volunteers are the heart of all we do! Our profit for the day was \$1,109.



~ Jeanne Seaboyer

### Word Search

Can you find these weather-related terms?

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Atmospheric ~ Balmy ~ Barometer ~ Blustery ~ Cloudburst ~ Condensation  
 Cyclone ~ Downpour ~ Drought Gust ~ Meteorology ~ Ozone ~ Smog ~ Solar  
 Surge ~ Tropical ~ Upwind ~ Waterspout

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**Officers:** The Rev. John T. Beach, Priest-in-Charge ~ The Rev'd. Dr. Paul Dalzell, Guest Priest, Brenda Caggiano, Sr. Warden, Daniel Casey, Jr., Jr. Warden, Phil Littlehale, Treasurer, Paul Felci, Assistant Treasurer, and Kristina Palazzo, Clerk of the Vestry & Sexton

**Vestry:** Bill Bidmead, Sr. (2026), Dibby LeBlanc (2026), Duana 'Dee' LeMay (2024), Sandy Mears (2025), and Donna Manoogian (2024)