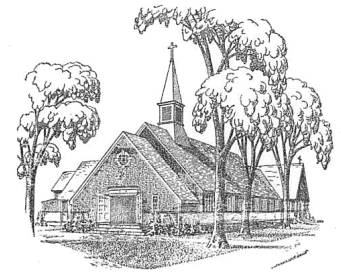


St. John's Good News



From Rev. John...

In Remembrance of Queen Elizabeth II *A Prayer for the Queen's Majesty.*

O LORD our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen ELIZABETH; and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies, and finally after this life she may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I am frequently surprised and confused by the deep affection which many in the United States feel towards the Queen. We fought a war to distance ourselves from a monarchical government. The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution go to great lengths to articulate the dangers of being ruled by someone who is not elected. And yet, there is an attraction which persons of differing political views feel towards Elizabeth II.

The prayer of the Queen's Majesty was one we offered every Sunday in the Anglican Church of Canada, where I had served as a priest for nearly 20 years. I have grown accustomed to seeing enormous paintings of her on prominent display in church halls. Among her titles when she became our sovereign was Supreme Governor of the Church of England in Canada. Though I understand the criticisms levelled against her office as being the primary force behind British Imperialism, I still have a strange reverence for her office.

Though the Queen had been politically neutral (she never voted), she met personally with 15 prime ministers. One downside of being governed by elected officials is that those seeking public office are always in election mode. The time horizon for those in office is restricted to an election cycle. Pronouncements by members of parliament (as well as elected officials in the United States) are made with an eye on presenting a message which will win the next election. The Monarch provides ideological guard rails

October 2022

Sunday worship remains at 10am, in-person and virtually on Zoom. All are welcome to participate, and seating capacity is 75. Please note: we continue to monitor community Covid cases and will keep you updated about worship. The Zoom link is shared weekly via email.

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which force us to consider the principals we endorse. She reminds us there is more to leading a people than winning elections. She embodies both the past and future.

Queen Elizabeth also offered hope and courage at very dark times in British recent history. She genuinely felt her role was that of being the servant of the people. I am moved and inspired by the comments of The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, at her funeral:

"People of loving service are rare in any walk of life. Leaders of loving service are still rarer. But in all cases those who serve will be loved and remembered when those who cling to power and privileges are long forgotten."

Peace,
John+

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Blessing of the Animals ~ Sunday, October 9th, 10am

In recognition of St. Francis of Assisi and his love of all creatures, and as our pets are members of our families, you are encouraged to join us October 9th for a special blessing. Kindly bring your furry (or non-furry) friends on a leash, or in an appropriate carrier. For animals unable to travel, you are also welcome to bring a photo.

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More Than Enough - Theme for 2023 Stewardship Ministry

Fall is St. John's 2023 stewardship season - the time that we are asked to think about what St. John's and our church community means to us, how we would feel if St. John's was no longer here and what our personal contribution in Time Talent and Treasure can be to ensure that St. John's will be here. In November you will receive a stewardship letter that includes a pledge card for you to fill in, showing how you are able to support the church financially in 2023.

The theme this year is More Than Enough, how even when we are going through hard economic times or emotional struggles - with our faith in God and the strength we can find in our church community - we somehow find there is always more than enough.

Every Sunday through November, we will have weekly handouts with a brief summary of the days Gospel for you to take home and read during the week. The gospel readings are all from Luke this season and illuminate the concept of More Than Enough. We hope you will enjoy reading them and that it helps you understand how we can all have More Than Enough through our faith, our support of our church financially and in helping others in the community and the world.

~ Julia Aston, 2023 Stewardship Ministry

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Lobster Roll Sale Update

We sold 245 rolls and raised \$1,664 for St. John's! Thanks again to everyone who participated with purchasing, set-up, clean-up, brownie baking, deliveries, and all the other crucial duties that help to make our events a success. *We are blessed indeed!*

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Every Child Deserves to Smile



Thank you for all the wonderful donations received in the month of September. Baby clothing, diapers, wipes, non-perishable food items, and back-to-school supplies were gratefully received!

October is a busy month! We will be collecting:

- *Non-perishable food items and drinks
- *Diapers-sizes NB, 4 & 5
- *Baby Wipes
- *Halloween treats, edible and non-edible
- *New and gently used warm clothing-baby, children & adult

There is also a need for **gently used baby strollers** and a **Haitian translator**. Please contact Jeanne Seaboyer with any questions, or to volunteer: 781*662*4342. Donations may be left in the church vestibule.

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Founder's Day 2022 - September 10th

We put a smile on 400 faces during a marathon of ice cream scooping, and our popularity outlasted the ice cream supply in less than 4 hours! Thank you to all the dedicated workers who dove in to scoop ice cream, top sundaes, assisted with set up and clean up, and greeted the public in the church and at the booth on the street during this fun event. You are the stars that make St. John's shine!



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*** Reminder: Upcoming Fall Events ***

Annual Fair and Yard Sale

Saturday, Oct. 15th ~ 9am - 2pm

Baked goods, books, candy, greeting card, knit, and jewelry tables; yard sale, basket raffles, outdoor barbeque and more! Please visit our website for updates.

If you wish to make a donation for the yard sale, feel free to drop off items after Sunday worship or during regular office hours. Thank you!

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Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday, October 22nd, 5 - 6:30pm ~ Pick-up and take out

Adults: \$16 Kids 7 to 12 yrs. old: \$8 Children 6 & under: Free (limited availability)

Includes one serving of Roast Beef, Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Salad, Roll, Beverage, and Apple Crisp. Availability is limited - kindly email or call your RSVP to order no later than **Tuesday, October 11th**.

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Word Search

By name or species, can you find these native New England birds and mammals?

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 Opossum ~ Raccoon ~ Raven ~ Sandpiper ~ Weasel ~ Woodchuck

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Vestry: Duana 'Dee' LeMay (2024), Sandy Mears (2025), Donna Manoogian (2024), and Kenneth Webber (2023)