



Numbers

The season of vestry meetings, annual reports, and the submission of statistics to the diocese has been upon us. Numerous forms have had to be completed and sent away. Our world measures performance and progress largely with numbers. In the church, we count attendance at each service and the number of members we have. And, of course, the number of dollars we give in our offerings is critical to the operation of the congregation and its continued ministry.

A discussion about our concern with numbers took place at a recent gathering of the Anglican clergy. Are numbers really the most significant measure of what we are doing? Numbers can discourage us, particularly when they are going in the wrong direction. Are they an accurate indication of success or failure, or should we be focusing on other measures of our faithfulness?

That other measure of our faithfulness can better be told in the stories of the ministry we do, the lives that are changed, and the spiritual growth that is evident. We gather for worship and are fed with Word and Sacrament. We are a community of those who enjoy being together and who love and care for one another. We reach out to feed the hungry in body and soul. We baptise and teach. There are any number of stories of faithfulness to be told. Good things are happening. God is at work in us and among us.

Numbers continue to be important, and we rejoice when they are going in the right direction. We celebrate growth in membership, in worship attendance, and in our offerings, for that means that people are being reached with the gospel and that we have the resources we need for ministry to continue and grow.

When I was doing my internship year, back in the late 1970s, the pastor I was working with used to remind me, "Don't be discouraged by what doesn't happen; rejoice in what does." A lot of good is happening here at St. John's. Let's rejoice in that and continue to work faithfully, knowing that, as the apostle Paul encourages us, "be steadfast, unmovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain" (1 Cor. 15:58).

Your interim pastor,

David Knudson





From the Wardens

We are all pleased to be entering our second term as wardens and would like to thank the parishioners and the advisory board for their support this past year. We will look forward to the same team work and enthusiasm in the future and will strive to ensure that your confidence in us was not misplaced.

Although it's been just over a month since the Vestry meeting, it has been a busy time for St. John's (particularly in the kitchen and Hall!) During that time Elevate Northwest held their annual Waffle Breakfast, St. John's had a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, a lunch for The Food Cupboard was held and St. John's hosted the Deanery Council. All these activities made for careful timetabling of space and equipment but the energy and fellowship that resulted from these events was very uplifting.

The Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle was the guest speaker at the February Deanery Council. As many of you know, he presents us questions to make us think and evaluate where we are and we are going. At this meeting, one of the questions he posed was, "What would be lost if your church disappeared?". What would we lose if the earth opened and swallowed St. John's Church? A beautiful, historic building for sure. Many historical documents and artifacts would also be gone. A place of worship and fellowship? We are certain that the parishioners would come together and make arrangements for a place to

meet and worship. So, even though it contains a lot of love and history, the church building is really not us.

If on the other hand, we as parishioners evaporated off the face of the earth, would anything be lost? In other words, what do we as a congregation contribute to the greater society? If the answer is, "Very little" then does St. John's need to be here? If, on the other hand, we are a valuable part of the community, what are the valuable things that we do? What do we as individuals need to do to ensure that they continue? What resources should we pursue to enhance our efforts?

Are we expending too much of our effort to maintain a building, and too little to enhance our contributions to society? At this point, Rev. Koyle left it for us to work it out. Perhaps we need to consider this question as a parish. Feel free to share your thoughts with each other, and the wardens.

Pastor David reminded us at the last advisory board meeting that in a few months he will have been here for a year as an interim rector and that he is looking forward to doing some travelling. We certainly recognize the importance for some much needed vacation time and continue to be thankful for the contributions that he has made to our parish.

As always, if you have an idea for an activity that would benefit the parishioners of St. Johns, please share your idea with a warden.

Your Wardens,

Marg Boone, Rector's Warden
Jim Green, People's Warden

Worship Schedule for Holy Week and Easter

- + Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion, 29 March, includes the procession with palms and the passion narrative from Mark. Several readers are needed. There are voice parts for two narrators, Jesus, Judas, Peter, Pilate, false witness, high priest, servant-girl, and congregation. Some are very short.
- + Maundy Thursday, 2 April – Evening service of Holy Communion at 7:00
- + Good Friday, 3 April – Worship at 2:00. Not a Communion service. On Good Friday we hear the passion narrative from John. Again several readers are needed.
- + Easter morning, 5 April – Services of Holy Communion at the usual times
- + Second Sunday of Easter 12 April – One service only,

a joint one at 9:30, followed by brunch. This will use neither BCP or BAS and will be printed out for everyone, as we did on Christmas Day.

- + Ascension Day, Thursday, 14 May – Joint Anglican-Lutheran worship here at St. John's at 7:00. This replaces the service that has been held on Tuesday of Holy Week for the past few years and which has alternated between Lutheran and Anglican churches. This celebrates our full communion relationship and this year, to demonstrate how truly mixed together we have become, the service will take place in an Anglican church (St. John's), served by a Lutheran. The preacher will be an Anglican, Nancy Ringham, who is now serving a Lutheran congregation.

Please plan to take part in all of these opportunities for worship, and your pastor eagerly awaits your offer to read one of the voice parts in the passion narratives.





Easter Flowers

If you wish to donate towards the Easter altarflowers for those you want remembered in the Easter Bulletin, please speak to:

Audrey Love (344-4955) prior to March 22nd



Pot Pies

Work Parties will be held each Monday at (:30 am beginning March 16th until April 20th with

the exception of Easter Monday, April 16th. We will meet in the church kitchen. All helping hands would be greatly appreciated. Join us for a morning of fellowship filling pies, packaging, labelling, etc.

Sales—Place your order for our delicious beef or chicken pot pies, \$4.00 each, with Irene Humby or Sharon Sparkes. Orders will be received until Sunday, April 5th. You will be notified when your pies are available for pick up.



Lunch, Bridge, Whist and Card Party

Will be held on Tuesday, April 14th ,starting at 12:30 pm in Langworthy Hall. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. For tickets or more information, see All or Marilyn Chisholm.



Spring Tea

We have a coordinator and we have a date. Rita Ash has volunteered to coordinate. The tea will be on Saturday, May 9, 2015. Stay tuned for further developments !



St. John's Food Cupboard

The food cupboard is currently operating only two Sundays a month, down from the previous three.

The issue is not a lack of food to be distributed, but the volunteers required to oversee the distribution.

The third Sunday can easily be reinstated if more volunteers offer to serve.

This would be a one-Sunday-a-month commitment only.

Please speak to Dale Sparkes.



Easter Eggs

We are sorry to say that St. John's will be unable to do the Easter Eggs this year.

Nearly New Sale



Date: Saturday, June 6th

This will be the next nearly new sale date and I hope you are all saving all your treasures and asking friends and neighbours too.

Help will be needed

Thursday night 6.30- 8.30pm - start set up

Friday - 10.00 to approx. 2pm - complete set up

Saturday – Sale/ clean up - 9.30 – approx 2pm

Many hands make light work so I hope all who can - will help.

Please use cardboard boxes – not too heavy – for all items other than clothing and linens as it is easier to get it carried up the stairs.

Thanks again for all your previous help.

Sheila Douglas

March 2015

Sunday	1	
Monday	2	
Tuesday	3	
Wednesday	4	
Thursday	5	Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
Friday	6	Craft Group
Saturday	7	Chancel Guild Meeting 11:00-12:30 am
Sunday	8	Holy Communion Service 8:30am; Choral Eucharist Service 10:30am
Monday	9	
Tuesday	10	
Wednesday	11	
Thursday	12	Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
Friday	13	Craft Group
Saturday	14	
Sunday	15	Holy Communion Service 8:30am; Choral Eucharist Service 10:30am
Monday	16	Pot Pie Work Party 9:30 am
Tuesday	17	
Wednesday	18	
Thursday	19	Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
Friday	20	Craft Group
Saturday	21	
Sunday	22	Holy Communion Service 8:30am; Choral Eucharist Service 10:30am; last day for donate for Easter Flowers
Monday	23	Pot Pie Work Party 9:30 am
Tuesday	24	
Wednesday	25	
Thursday	26	Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
Friday	27	Craft Group
Saturday	28	
Sunday	29	Holy Communion Service 8:30am; Choral Eucharist Service 10:30am; Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion
Monday	30	Pot Pie Work Party 9:30 am
Tuesday	31	

April 2015

Wednesday	1	
Thursday	2	Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm
Friday	3	Good Friday, 3 April – Worship at 2:00
Saturday	4	
Sunday	5	Easter morning; Holy Communion Service 8:30am; Choral Eucharist Service 10:30am; last day for Pot Pie Orders
Monday	6	
Tuesday	7	
Wednesday	8	
Thursday	9	Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
Friday	10	Craft Group
Saturday	11	
Sunday	12	Second Sunday of Easter 12 April – One service only, a joint one at 9:30, followed by brunch
Monday	13	Pot Pie Work Party 9:30 am; Bridge Setup
Tuesday	14	Bridge Luncheon
Wednesday	15	
Thursday	16	Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
Friday	17	Craft Group; Mission to Seafarers 10th Annual Fundraiser Dinner
Saturday	18	
Sunday	19	Holy Communion Service 8:30am; Choral Eucharist Service 10:30am
Monday	20	Pot Pie Work Party 9:30 am
Tuesday	21	
Wednesday	22	
Thursday	23	Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
Friday	24	
Saturday	25	
Sunday	26	Craft Group
Monday	27	
Tuesday	28	Holy Communion Service 8:30am; Choral Eucharist Service 10:30am
Wednesday	29	
Thursday	30	Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm

May 2015

Friday	1	Craft Group
Saturday	2	
Sunday	3	Holy Communion Service 8:30am; Choral Eucharist Service 10:30am
Monday	4	
Tuesday	5	
Wednesday	6	Tea setup
Thursday	7	Tea setup; Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
Friday	8	Craft Group; Tea setup
Saturday	9	Spring Tea
Sunday	10	Holy Communion Service 8:30am; Choral Eucharist Service 10:30am
Monday	11	
Tuesday	12	
Wednesday	13	
Thursday	14	Ascension Day; Anglican/Evangelical Lutheran Joint Service at St John's
Friday	15	Craft Group
Saturday	16	
Sunday	17	Holy Communion Service 8:30am; Choral Eucharist Service 10:30am
Monday	18	
Tuesday	19	
Wednesday	20	
Thursday	21	Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
Friday	22	Craft Group
Saturday	23	
Sunday	24	Holy Communion Service 8:30am; Choral Eucharist Service 10:30am
Monday	25	
Tuesday	26	
Wednesday	27	
Thursday	28	Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
Friday	29	Craft Group
Saturday	30	
Sunday	31	Holy Communion Service 8:30am; Choral Eucharist Service 10:30am

June 2015

Monday	1	
Tuesday	2	
Wednesday	3	
Thursday	4	Nearly New setup; Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
Friday	5	Craft Group; Nearly New setup
Saturday	6	Nearly New Sale
Sunday	7	Holy Communion Service 8:30am; Choral Eucharist Service 10:30am
Monday	8	
Tuesday	9	
Wednesday	10	
Thursday	11	Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
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On Sunday February 22nd we held a luncheon for the food cupboard

clients and the members of our parish. We raised \$395.00.

The luncheon was a big success as the members mixed with the food cupboard clients and chatted with them. This is what is needed to help assist St John's in our local missionary work, and hopefully help increase our members but also help increase our Sunday School.

Would like to thank Rita Ash for spear heading this endeavour, as well as those who helped behind the scene in preparation of the meal, Brenda Watts, Rita's husband Steve and Jim Bolt.

Also like to thank Neil and Wayne for serving up the meal, and Linda for greeting everyone at the door and accepting the free will offerings.



Change for Change



the "box at the front"

In the ast newsletter, the "boxes at the back" were highlighted. These are the boxes for donations of stamps to Oxfam, Canadian Tire money for Camp Gitchigomee and Campbell's labels for the ACW collection for local schools. The donations to these boxes have increased since that update and reminder - so thanks to all. This time the "box at the front" is the focus. This is the box just below the lectern that looks like a treasure chest. It too is in need of some more "treasures". The sign on the chest says **Change for Change** which tells us that the change or coins that we put in will be used to contribute to change in our community. In the past money has been donated to the Dew Drop Inn, The Underground Gym, Elevate NWO and other important services in Thunder Bay.

When the penny was still in existence, it was often handy to lessen the load in our pockets and purses by simply dropping them in this box. While we may not have the weight of all those pennies, local charities are still in need and it may be time to consider lessen the weight of nickels! For those who use plastic only there are probably some options to put a few coins in the chest.



Caring for seafarers around the world

Mission to Seafarers 10th Annual Fund-raiser Dinner

is being held on Friday, April 17th.

- Adults \$30.00.
- Children 12 and under \$12.00

For tickets and more information contact Marg Boone (345-2184 or mboone@tbaytel.net).

The Mission to Seafarers: Port of Thunder Bay



Caring for seafarers
around the world

The purpose of the Mission to Seafarers is to promote the spiritual, moral and physical well being of seafarers and their families world-wide.

Calendar

April

- 2 12:10 pm Eucharist and Lunch
- 2 1:00 pm Annual General Meeting
- 17 5:30 pm Symposium, 6:15 pm Annual Fund-raising Dinner at the Current River Community Centre, 450 Dewe Ave.

May

- 3 2:00 p.m. Battle of the Atlantic Commemoration at HMCS GRIFFON.
- 4 Meat Orders due
- 6 to 10 Anglican Diocese of Algoma Synod not scheduled Eucharist and Lunch
- 6 Eucharist and Lunch
- 13 10:00 am Board of Directors meeting
- 13 Meat Orders picked up

June

- 3 10:00 am Board of Directors meeting
- 3 12:10 pm Eucharist and Lunch
- 27 10:30 am Blessing of the Fleet at the Royal Canadian Navy Pier - Pier 3, Prince Arthur's Landing Marina Park - *tb confirmed*

July

- 8 10:00 am Board of Directors meeting
- 8 12:10 pm Eucharist and Lunch
- 12 Sea Sunday - please pray for seafarers and the organizations that minister to seafarers: Mission to Seafarers and the Apostleship of the Sea Prayers and Worship Resources

August

- 5 10:00 am Board of Directors meeting (if required)
- 5 12:10 pm Eucharist and Lunch

September

- 2 12:10 pm Eucharist and Lunch
- 2 10:00 am Board of Directors meeting
- 27 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm Open House at the Seafarers' Centre, a light lunch will be provided.

St. John's Representative is tba. For more information contact Marg Boone (345-2184 or mboone@tbaytel.net)



The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)

Introducing Fred Says 2015

Another step in a journey already begun

What do a goat in Tanzania, a rice mill in the Philippines, a spirulina tank in India, certified seeds in the Diocese of Masasi and Archbishop Fred Hiltz have in common?

They are all part of this year's continuing Fred Says Food Security Campaign! Fred Says is PWRDF's three-year campaign to raise awareness, to educate and learn locally and globally, and to support partners' initiatives. Archbishop Hiltz is the Fred in Fred Says and is motivated by the work of PWRDF and the difference that PWRDF supporters are making.

Join Fred as he takes us to PWRDF partners and projects to look at the great work being done and the change that a secure source of food can make for vulnerable people and communities.

The four 2015 Fredisms are being introduced together to give people flexibility around when and how they are integrated: www.fredsays.ca.

Rice is Nice: introduces Philippine rice farmers who have lived through a devastating typhoon and struggle to feed and educate their families, often on land they do not own. Earning a good price for their rice will encourage many to make their livelihoods from the land to ensure a secure food source for the future.

Kids Rock: illustrates the value of a goat-and the increased value of two goats! Kizito is living with AIDS in the small community of Mkumba. The Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania runs a program that teaches the benefits of goat ownership not only for individuals like Kizito but for the entire community.

It's Easy Being Green: when you live in a spirulina cultivating refugee camp in Tamil Nadu, India. Spirulina is a protein rich algae and is called 'miracle food' by those who produce it and those who take it. Spirulina products also generate much needed income.

Veg Out: is the story of 'passing it on'. Seeds, that is. In southern Tanzania, farmers have produced foundation seeds that will allow them to grow and sell seeds to others. 20% is given back to the village seed bank to ensure a more food secure future.

St. John's Representative is Margaret Boone. She can be contacted at 807-345-2184 or mboone@tbaytel.net.



Books I have beside my Chair

By Gail Clifton

Books You Might Find Interesting

- The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions by Marcus Borg and N.T. Wright
- The Greatest Prayer by John Dominic Crossan
- The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus by Amy-Jill Levine
- The Power of Parable: How Fiction by Jesus Became Fiction About Jesus by John Dominic Crossan
- Befriending the Beloved Disciple: A Jewish Reading of the Gospel of John by Adele Reinhartz

These Next Two Are A Bit Harder Read

- Theology for a Troubled Believer: An Introduction to the Christian Faith by Diogenes Allen
- A New Heaven and a New Earth: Reclaiming Biblical Eschatology by J. Richard Middleton

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