

**10:00 Holy Eucharist BAS**

**Licensed Lay Minister:** Kim Benedict

**Opening Hymn – Like a Shepherd**

Gathering of the Community

Gloria

**Collect of the Day:** O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**The Proclamation of the Word:**

Acts 4: 5-12 (Walter Spears)

Psalm 23

1 John 3: 16-24 (Natasha Bejarano)

**Gradual Hymn – Loving Shepherd of the Sheep**

**Gospel:** John 10: 11-18 (Tom Rudolph)

Homily – Natasha Bejarano

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

**Offering Hymn – Are you a Shepherd?**

**Prayer over the Gifts:** God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. **Amen**

Celebration of the Eucharist #1

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread #8

**Lamb of God**

**Communion Hymn – Here is Bread**

**Ablution Hymn – The King of Love**

**Prayer after Communion:** God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

Doxology

Blessing

**Recessional Hymn – I Know that My Redeemer Lives**

Dismissal

**Music – Let There be Love**

**Chancel Guild:** Kim Benedict, Natasha Bejarano, Leona Hunt

**Greeters:** Mary Feltmate, Walter Spears, Clifford Holder, Cory Lunn, Mary Wolfe

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Weds., April 24<sup>th</sup>** – Choir 6:30 p.m.

**Fri., April 26<sup>th</sup>** – Meditation 10:00 a.m. Lectionary Lunch 11:00 a.m.  
Coffee House 6:30 p.m.

**Next Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist BAS 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Rev. Lori will be taking a week's **vacation** from April 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Any pastoral emergencies during that time can be referred to the Rev. Dr. Jane Magrath, Parish of Lantz at 902-817-2132.

Our **parish book club**, Bookworms and Church Mice, meets next on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> after worship in the parish hall meeting room. The book for discussion is Sisters of the Southern Cross by Jean Grainger. All are welcome to join us in the discussion.

If you know of anyone who wishes Easter **communion at home** in the coming weeks, please speak to Rev. Lori.

Our next **Coffee Hour** date will be May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Next **8:00 Holy Communion (BCP)** service will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday School** dates for the spring term: Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Common Cup:** As part of our cautionary approach in dealing with Covid 19 and other communicable illness, we continue to offer two options for the receiving of communion wine: the common cup and a second cup from which a medicine dropper is used to place wine upon the host. You are invited to make the choice that is best for you and cross to the appropriate chalice after receiving the host. **Note:** Dipping of the wafer (intinction) is not permitted in the common cup.

**Looking Ahead:** Mark your calendars for **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** for an informal **Coffee House** in the parish hall, sponsored by your Parish Council. We are looking for presenters – music, recitation, dance, whatever you would like to share. Entrance by free will donation. Proceeds will go to help those suffering in the housing crisis. Join us for coffee/tea, goodies and a chance to relax and socialize together!

**Calling all parish greeters!** We will be offering training in CPR and the use of our defibrillator on Sunday, May 26 after church at 11:15. The course takes 1 hour and is free. It will not provide you with certification but will teach you to use the defibrillator safely and provide basic CPR until help arrives in the event of an emergency. Please make this a priority!

One more post-Lent **Big Idea** session is being planned! This one is about **The Eucharist** and will take place on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. Join us for one more quiet discussion!

Our parish office is open Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

## Our Water of Life Project for 2024 has kicked off!

In the weeks to come, you will hear more about this well-creating and water improving program. Again this year, we partner with Lifewater Canada, social community groups, schools and individuals around Colchester County as they help us to dig wells in Africa and Haiti.

We're very proud of this St. John's created and led initiative in our community. We encourage you to support this important, life saving and life changing project and also to inform and encourage your friends, family and co-workers to get involved.

**The Water of Life Project was formed in September 2003. Its mission: to create a "caring community working together to raise funds to drill wells giving life and hope to African communities."**

**In the 20 years since then, we have been involved in several projects – we have raised sufficient funds to dig wells, repaired many broken pumps and supported health clinics for villages receiving a well. Over 46,000 people now have access to safe drinking water because of our efforts since 2003.**

Ways you can give:

1. Put money in the jar.
2. Make a cheque out to Lifewater Canada. A receipt will be sent to you from Lifewater Canada.
3. Donate online using this URL:

**[www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/water-of-life-project](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/water-of-life-project)**

When you have completed your donation you can immediately print your tax receipt. Your donation will go directly to Lifewater Canada for our project.

IG Wealth Management **Walk for Alzheimer's** takes place on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at Civic Square, Truro. Join us to support the thousands of Nova Scotians affected by dementia. Register today at [walkns.ca](http://walkns.ca) We're right here to help in your community! Dementia helpline: 1-800-611-6345.

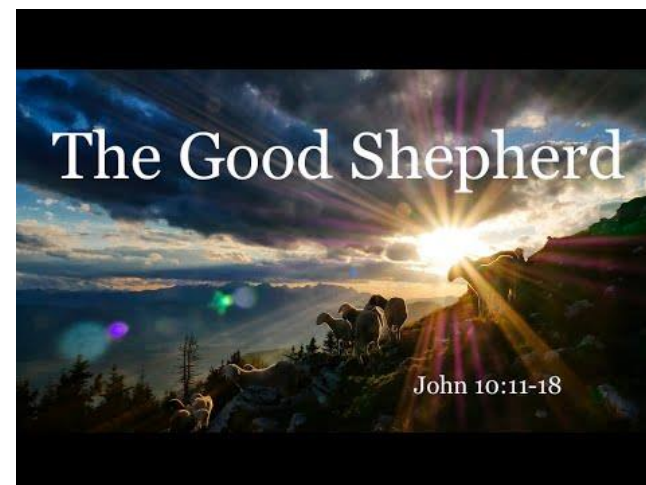
On Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> the **Nova New Horizons Band** program will present A Spring Fling Thing - a concert featuring The Music of The Beatles at Inn on Prince starting at 7:30 p.m. Admission \$20 adults/\$10 students. Refreshments will be available.



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## April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Neil Harris and Hazel Sherren

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