

10:00 a.m. – BAS Morning Prayer

Lay Minister: Leona Hunt

Introit – How Blessed are You

Opening Hymn – For Everyone Born

The Penitential Rite

Versicles and Responses

The Invitatory

The Venite

The Proclamation of the Word:

Micah 6: 1-8 (Prue Hansen)

Psalms 15

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 (Bob Vair)

Gradual Hymn – Blest Are They

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12 (Gordon West)

Homily – Joan MacDonald

Apostles Creed

Offering Hymn – O For a Closer Walk With God

Prayer over the Gifts: God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Prayers of the People

Collect of the Day: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Hymn – Many Are the Lightbeams

The Grace

Closing Hymn – Lord You Give the Great Commission

Dismissal

Music – Holy One

Postlude

Chancel Guild: Laurel MacIntosh, Elaine MacInnis

Greeters: Tom Rudolph, Bob Standing, Mike Keddy

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuesday, Jan. 31st – 12:15 p.m. Noontime Prayer (Chancel)

Wednesday, Feb. 1st – 6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, Feb. 2nd – Pastoral Ministry 1:00 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 3rd – 10:00 a.m. Meditation

11:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study

Next Sunday, February 5th – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist BAS

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. World Interfaith Harmony Week Coffeehouse (Truro Fire Hall)

Bookworms and Church Mice book club will meet next on February 12th after worship. The book for discussion is The Things We Keep by Sally Hepworth.

Mitten Tree: Our mitten tree is up for another season. We appreciate your donations of hand knitted or purchased mittens, hats and scarves for the local schools.

Our parish **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **February 19th, 2023**. Committee and organization annual reports were due on **January 27th**.

Continuing Covid precautions: Masking is still recommended. Be mindful of physical distance. Offering remains in the centre aisle. Hands-free gesture of peace. Eucharist by a drop of wine on the wafer. Spacing by greeters in the centre aisle (abiding by the marks on the floor) at Communion. Chair area at the back for greater distance.

Mark **Sunday, February 5th** in your calendars for this year's celebration of **World Inter-Faith Harmony Week** presented by the Cobequid Inter-Faith Council. This Inter-Faith Coffeehouse will feature expressions of faith from Truro's varied faith communities, including music, poetry and time for conversation and sharing. The event takes place at the Truro Fire Hall (165 Victoria St.) from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome to drop in and learn about the rich variety of faiths in our local area.

Sunday School Update: We are planning to have Sunday School every second week for the winter months, except where Holiday or March Break interrupts the schedule. Our schedule to the end of March is as follows:

Jan 29 - Sunday School

Feb 5 - X

Feb 12 - Sunday School

Feb 19 - X

Feb 26 - Sunday School

Mar 5 - X

Mar 12 - No Sunday school due to March Break

Mar 19 - X

Mar 26 - Sunday School

We are continuing with our **Baby Needs 2023 Drive** for the Colchester Food Bank from **February 5th until March 5th**. Donations of food, clothing and other essentials for babies and toddlers will be received in the Red Food Cart if you are coming to church on Sundays, dropped at the parish office, or dropped off every Tuesday from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. at the link door. There will be two members of the Chancel Guild to accept your donations. Thank you for your support of this initiative of your Chancel Guild. For more information speak to Maria Murphy or Prue Hansen.

Coldest Night of the Year walk to raise funds for Hub House, our local homeless shelter, is returning in person this year! The walk happens on the evening of **Saturday, February 25th**. We are gauging interest to see if there are any folks interested in creating a St. John's team as we have in the past. Please speak to Rev. Lori asap if you would like to walk with us.

There are **poinsettias** available on the baptistry steps for anyone who would like to take one home.

Choirs for Comfort returns to Truro on **February 4th at 3:00 p.m.** at First United; this year in support of Colchester Mental Health Association. Participating choirs include: Cantabile Singers, Cantabile Truro Youth Singers, CEC Vocal Ensemble, Colchester Girls Choir, Creative Voices, First United Church Choir, Redcliff Middle School Singers, and Tatamagouche Area Singers.



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29th, 2023



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey

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Wardens: Elaine MacInnis and Jason Reynolds

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