

8:00 a.m. – Holy Communion BCP Layreader: Natasha Bejarano

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist BAS Layreader: Jean Stratford

Opening Hymn – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Gathering of the Community

Gloria

Collect of the Day: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Proclamation of the Word:

Acts 17: 22-31 (Jacquie Muers)

Psalms 66: 7-18

1 Peter 3: 13-22 (Tom Rudolph)

Gradual Hymn – If You Love Me

Gospel: John 14: 15-21 (Jon Muers)

Homily – Jon Muers

Hymn – All Things Bright and Beautiful

Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn – Come Down O Love Divine

Prayer over the Gifts: God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **Amen**

Celebration of the Eucharist #4

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread #8

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn – Bread of Heaven on Thee We Feed

Ablution Hymn – I Love You, Lord

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Closing Hymn – You Shall Go Out with Joy

Dismissal

Music – May the Lord

Chancel Guild: Linda Pratt, Leona Hunt **Greeters:** Placide Chiasson, Roger McNutt, John Yuill, Stephen Hamlin

Altar Flowers: Happy Mother's Day to ALL mothers in loving memory from Kathryn Keddy and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuesday, May 16th – 6:30 p.m. Parish Council

Wednesday, May 17th – 6:30 p.m. Choir

Friday, May 19th – 10:00 a.m. Meditation

11:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study

Saturday, May 20th – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Community Dinner

Next Sunday, May 14th – 7th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist BAS

A **Happy Mother's Day** is wished to all of the mothers and grandmothers in our midst. You will be remembered in the prayers of the church today. And please stop at the door on your way out for a small sweet treat!

Our next **parish book club** meeting will be on June 4th after worship and coffee time. The book for discussion will be Ducks by Kate Beaton. All are welcome to join in the parish hall meeting room for the discussion.

Our next **Sunday School** session will be June 4th (Dairy Queen Sundae Sunday).

Covid precautions: Masks remain available for those who wish to wear them. Ongoing, we will continue with the hands free gesture of peace and reception of the Eucharist by a drop of wine on the wafer.

Food Table: Please remember the Community Dinner pantry table when shopping for groceries. The bin at the back of the church is always there to receive your donations. Some suggested items: peanut butter, pasta, granola bars, soup, beans, cereal, rice, fruit cups, toiletries, and sanitary supplies. Thank you from your Pastoral Ministry Committee!

Today is the conclusion of our **Water of Life Project for 2023!** 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 19 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

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

Terrace Hill Cemetery reopened on May 1st. Truro Cemetery Corporation opened later in May than usual, therefore our clean up will be delayed by several weeks.

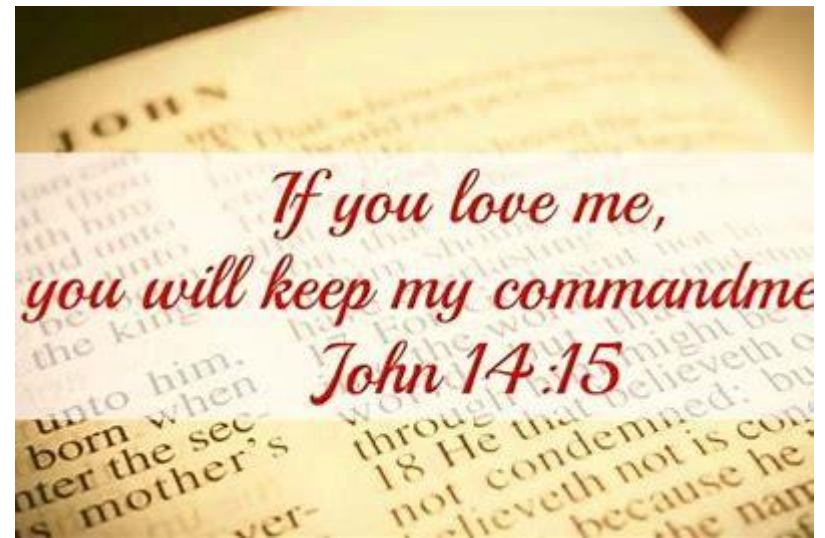
Our **Parish Survey** results have been tabulated. There were many good suggestions which Parish Council is working with now. One clear direction was the desire to return to **coffee fellowship** after the worship. We will begin having coffee hour on a trial basis in May and June to gauge availability and interest of volunteers. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church for those willing to take a Sunday to provide a basic coffee hour treat. The parish will provide coffee/tea and juice. Please note: signing up for coffee duty includes putting on the coffee/tea before church and cleaning up after the coffee hour, so working in teams is probably a good idea. Our next coffee hour will be **June 4**. We will also be trying out a **monthly 8:00 a.m. service** of Holy Communion according to the BCP on the second Sunday of both May (**today and June 11**). Watch for a survey synopsis soon and for other initiatives related to the results in the fall.

Pride Parade: This year's Pride Parade takes place on Saturday, June 24th at 2:00 p.m. Again, St. John's will send a walking group to the event. If you would like to be part of our team, speak to Rev. Lori or Melinda Tattrie. (Watch for an appearance of our special guest walker, The Paraclete!)

Offerings Update: As of the end of April, our total year to date offerings received were \$43,702. This means that we are behind \$2,677 from where we need at this point in the year to be in order to meet our 2023 budget. Going forward, we will be posting the previous Sunday's offerings in each week's bulletin. At the end of each month, we will update our performance against the budget (seasonally adjusted) to allow our congregation to have a clearer picture of our financial realities. **May 7** offerings for the parish totaled \$1,429.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14th, 2023



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Elaine MacInnis and Neil Harris

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