

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist BAS **Licensed Lay Minister:** Gordon West

Opening Hymn – We Have Come to Join in Worship

Gathering of the Community
Gloria

Collect of the Day: Grant, O merciful God, that your church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Proclamation of the Word:

Exodus 17: 1-7 (Jon Muers)

Psalms 78: 1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2: 1-13 (Jacquie Muers)

Gradual Hymn – Servant Song

Gospel: Matthew 21: 23-32 (Judy Rose)

Homily – Joan MacDonald

A New Creed

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn – O Lord My God, When I in Awesome Wonder

Prayer over the Gifts: Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Celebration of the Eucharist #5

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread #4

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn – Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

Ablution Music – Instrumental

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Blessing

Closing Hymn – Thou Whose Almighty Word

Dismissal

Music – May the Lord

Chancel Guild: Cathy Boudreau, Kim Benedict, Laurel MacIntosh

Greeters: Bob Adams, Cory Lunn

In lieu of Altar Flowers, a donation has been made to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marjorie & Stan West from Donna & Gordon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuesday, Oct. 3rd – Spiritual Development 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 4th - Choir 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 5th – Pastoral Ministry 1:00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 6th – Meditation 10:00 a.m.

Lectionary Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 7th – Church Decorating 9:00 a.m.

Next Sunday, October 8th – Harvest Thanksgiving

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)

TODAY at 2:00 p.m. will be our annual **Blessing of the Animals** on the church lawn rain or shine. Come out for a short service of thanksgiving for and celebration of our companion animals. Each animal receives a personal blessing by name!

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.

October 8th is Thanksgiving Sunday. Again this year, we invite you to show your thanksgiving in a tangible way by donating produce and canned or packaged goods to decorate the sanctuary and to be donated to the Colchester Food Bank after the weekend. The church will be open at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 7th for your donations and if you can stay and help with the decorating, that would be appreciated!

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

Our next **parish book club** meeting will be on October 15th after worship. The book for discussion will be Starry Messenger by Neil deGrasse Tyson. All are welcome to join in the parish hall meeting room for the discussion.

Our weekday services of **Morning Prayer** in the Chancel have switched back to Fridays for the fall. The dates will be: **Oct. 20th, Nov. 10th and Dec. 1st**. All services start at 9:15 a.m.

Dates for **8:00 a.m. BCP Communion** till Christmas – Oct. 8th, Nov. 12th, Dec. 10th. Dates for **Coffee Hour** till Christmas – Nov. 5th, Dec. 3rd.

Sunday School dates for the fall term will be: Oct. 15th, Oct. 29th, Nov. 5th, Nov. 19th, Dec. 3rd and Dec. 17th.

Offerings Update: End of August year to date total offerings received were \$83,251 putting us behind \$4,612 from where we needed to be in order to meet our 2023 offerings budget. September 24th offerings totaled \$450.

We are in the midst of preparation for the 2024 parish diary and are looking to update our list of those interested in providing the **Lectionary Readings** at our worship services. Please contact Bev DeVouge (902-814-1992) if you would like to have your name added to or removed from our list. Readers are normally scheduled to read 6-7 times a year.

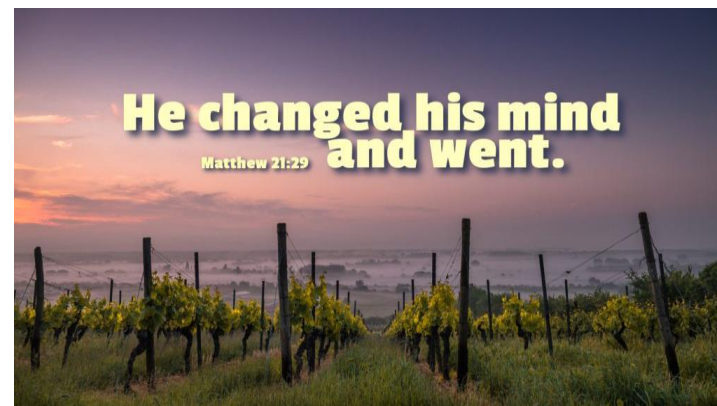
Men's Fellowship Group: An informal (no minutes, no officers!) gathering of our men for fellowship, activities, outings, etc. is being offered at St. John's. For anyone interested in learning more or wanting to help chart the direction of this endeavour please join us in the parlour in Kaulback Hall on **Tuesday, October 10th** at 2:00 p.m. for our first get together. Coffee and tea provided. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to speak to Bill Wesley or Harry MacKenzie.

Christmas Index: Believe it or not, it's almost that time! Our Christmas Index collection begins in two weeks on Sunday, Oct. 15th. Our first Tuesday drop off will be on Oct. 24th. Watch for the grocery donation list in next week's bulletin. Again this year, we will be supporting 30 families in our local area with Christmas dinner and other groceries. As always, we appreciate your help in making this project a success!



18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 1st, 2023



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Elaine MacInnis and Neil Harris

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