

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist BAS

Licensed Lay Minister: Kim Benedict

Opening Hymn – Let Us Build a House

Gathering of the Community
Gloria

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; 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 14: 19-31 (Darrell Feltmate)

Psalms 114

Romans 14: 1-12 (Arnold Hatfield)

Gradual Hymn – Help us Accept Each Other

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35 (Mary Feltmate)

Homily – Kim Benedict

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Prayer over the Gifts: Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Celebration of the Eucharist

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread #3

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn – I Come with Joy

Ablution Music – Instrumental

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Blessing

Closing Hymn – Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

Dismissal

Music – May the Lord

Chancel Guild: Team January **Greeters:** Hazel Sherren, Faye Kennedy, Judy MacKenzie, Harry MacKenzie, Bill Wesley

In lieu of altar flowers, a donation has been made to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy P. Harris and Len Harris from Neil, Kim, Ashley and Adam.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuesday, Sept. 19th – Parish Council 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 20th – Choir 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 22nd – Meditation 10:00 a.m.

Lectionary Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

Next Sunday, September 24th – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

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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.

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

Our next **parish book club** meeting is **TODAY** in the parish hall meeting room following the worship. The book for discussion will be Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel. All are welcome to join in the discussion.

Our weekday services of **Morning Prayer** in the Chancel will be switching back to Fridays for the fall. The service dates will be: **September 29th, October 20th, November 10th and December 1st**. All services start at 9:15 a.m.

Meditation (10:00 a.m.) and **Lectionary Bible Study** (11:00 a.m.) have restarted for the fall season **Friday mornings** in the parish hall. All are welcome.

Next 8:00 a.m. BCP Communion – **Thanksgiving Sunday, Oct. 8th**
Next Coffee Hour - **Sunday, Oct. 1st**

Sunday School dates for the fall term will be: Sept. 24th, 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 10th offerings totaled \$1,204.

Mark the Date: Sunday, **October 1st** 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!

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!

The Alzheimer Society presents **Community Night** on September 20th from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. at the Truro Fire Hall. This event is for people living with dementia and their care partners, families and friends. It is an opportunity to learn about some of the resources in our community to help support you on the journey. There will be exhibitors from various organizations as well as guest speakers. Register at Alzheimer.ca/ns/communityweek2023 or by calling 1-800-611-6345.

Looking Ahead: We are in the midst of preparation for the 2024 parish diary and are looking to update our list of parishioners 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.



16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17th, 2023



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Elaine MacInnis and Neil Harris

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