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The St. David's Connection

Anticipating Hope

By Dr. Jonathan Dent



Change is all around us. The city and province are experiencing an economic boom in many parts. Both the federal governments in the United States and Canada are in the fever pitch of elections. The church, like many congregations across all denominations, is full or fuller in the start of a new year. We wonder how it will all turn out.

We've begun a new contemporary, small group, informal worship service on Saturday nights at 7, and are moving to the stage in the Hall because too many showed up for the Armour Room, for which we are thankful. The worship songs are new and the format is different. It's not everyone's cup of tea, but it is there for all generations and we are expanding our ministry.

Through the change, we look for stability and hope. We recognize that there are many stresses, changes and challenges that we manage sometimes well, sometimes not too well. Where do we go in the midst of our stress? Here we come back to the core of the Christian faith, to the relationship we have with Christ through the Holy Spirit. In that relationship, we find the stability and the hope we need. In that relationship, we find the truth about us as individuals and those close to us. This can keep us calm and full of peace. In that relationship, we are freed to be thankful more than complaining.

Thanksgiving is one way to express hope. We remember how much we have in Christ. We give thanks to God for the blessings we experience everyday. This season of Thanksgiving we encourage you to celebrate from the beginning of the blueberry season until at least our mid-October festival, and perhaps continue until American Thanksgiving later in November.

In this time that is no longer Summer, let us give thanks for strength in the midst of change, and the anticipation of hope as well as the practice of being thankful.

Leviticus 23:22

And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the LORD your God.

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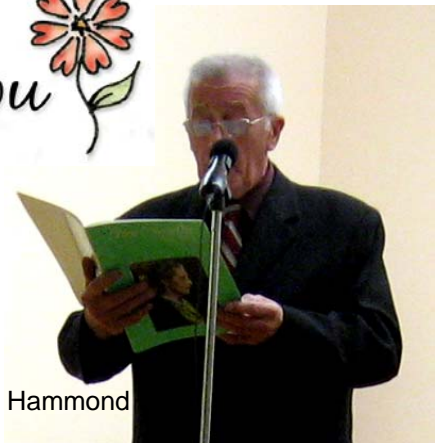
NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Gracie and Joss Wood and family would like to thank Rev. Jonathan Dent and the congregation of St. David's for all the help and support they received during the sudden death of Gracie's brother, John Mudie. Thanks so much to all; your kindness will never be forgotten!

Our former Treasurer, Susan Purchase, moved to Halifax, Nova Scotia during the summer and has sent her new address, which is: 216 Milsom Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3N 3M1. Her phone number is (902) 479-2842 and e-mail address is susanmp2008@hotmail.com

Friends and acquaintances of Brian and Colina Titus will be pleased to know that they will be visiting St. John's September 25 – October 9. It has been 12 years since they left St. John's to live in British Columbia and we look forward to seeing them!

Christmas 2007 Newsletter gave news about the arrival of John Abraham's wife and daughter to Calgary from Ethiopia last October. Recently John called with the good news that they have a son, Enoch, born in July. They are all doing well. He is employed and they are adjusting to life in Canada. John says he thinks often about his friends at St. David's, and asks to be remembered to them ..Millie Hammond



A Big Thank You: Dear friends at St. David's. I would like to let you know how much it meant to me and my family to know that you were praying and thinking of us when I was in hospital. Thank you to those who visited me, sent cards, words of comfort and kept in touch by phone. Rev. Dent, thank you for being with my family at a critical time, and for the many visits when you prayed with me. Harold Hammond

Congratulations to Rev. Ian S. Wishart who celebrated the 50th anniversary of his Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on September 30, 2008. Having served as Minister at St. Andrew's for twenty-five (25) years, Rev. Wishart is now Minister Emeritus at that church but is well known to St. David's, having been guest preacher on many occasions and Interim Moderator over the years.

Having graduated from McGill University this Spring with a master's degree in Library and Information Science, Cameron McKay spent the summer employed as librarian in the Provincial Legislative Library in St. John's. This fall, he commenced studies at Dalhousie University in Halifax where he will pursue a master's degree in Political Science. While in Halifax, Cameron is sharing an apartment with his younger brother, Neil, who in August successfully completed comprehensive exams and is now a candidate for a Ph.D. in mathematics studying combinatorial game theory at Dalhousie.

Gordon Stockwell, St. David's musical director and organist will play the role of 'Prince Charming' in an upcoming production of Cinderella, which runs from October 1st – 4th. Cinderella will be played by Sarah Small who, over the summer soloed at St. David's and recently joined the choir. For those who wish to learn whether Prince Charming finds his beautiful Cinderella, tickets can be obtained from The Holy Heart Theatre Box office (579-4424) which is open Mon-Fri from 12-5.



News from Aunt Andrea Crosbie about her nephews Nicholas and Thomas Crosbie: Nicholas Crosbie has returned to St. John's to practice law with Cox and Palmer. Thomas Crosbie is at Yale studying for a PhD in sociology. He has a full scholarship for four years. His girlfriend Jill Slater is with him. Jill lived in St. John's and attended St. David's with her parents David and Diane Slater for a number of years.



Congrats to those St. David's runners in the Tele 10 this year! Paul Bassler, Dan Berghuis, Jill Bruneau, John McLean, Scott Morton-Ninomiya, Dave Rudofsky, Mike Rudofsky, Rob Stenecker, Gordon Stockwell. Sorry to others who may have run but were erroneously left from the list – shame on those of you who tried to make the list without doing the run.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATHS

William Edward Peach – August 10, 2008
 Donald Joseph Whitten – August 23, 2008



MARRIAGE

Richard Sean Christopher Noah and Tracey Jean Hibbs – July 20, 2008

BAPTISMS

Junup John Jal Chol and Guandong John Jal Chol, children of John Jal Chol and Nyayalyal Gang-Lual Biel – July 6, 2008
 Mila Rebecca Pike, daughter of Krysta Rudofsky Pike and Keith Pike, granddaughter of David & Judy Rudofsky – September 14, 2008



John Jal Chol holding Guandong, along with wife Nyayalyal Gang-Lual Biel and Rev Dent holding Junup John Jal Chol.



Sylvia Hudson, Rev Dent, Dave Rudofsky, Krysta Rudofsky-Pike, Keith Pike (holding infant Mila Rebecca Pike), Arwa Snook and Mike Rudofsky



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RETURNABLE RECYCLABLES

Please place returnable recyclable items into the blue plastic crates in the "new" kitchen. These items can be Juice, water and soft drink bottles (glass or plastic), Juice boxes, pop tins etc. **DO NOT CRUSH** any of these items as the sharp edges are potentially hazardous to the recycling workers.

Also I would be happy to "make house-calls" to collect these items and any other returnable glass bottles that may accumulate from time to time. Just phone 722-6436 and we will arrange a convenient time for a pick-up.

Please note that all the money collected from returnables goes to the AMS and the WA at St. David's.



Thank You.

Jean Bruneau



Kirsten's Connections

Kirsten McKay made the St. David's 'connection' repeatedly over the past summer. Kirsten spent 2½ weeks with her brother, Neil, who is currently a student at Dalhousie University. Kirsten participated in beginning and intermediate outdoor rock-climbing programmes while in Halifax.

After that, Kirsten flew to Toronto, and was greeted there by Darlene and Ted Thompson. Kirsten spent the week with Ted and Darlene and their dog, Brennan. During Kirsten's time with the Thompsons, Eric and Shelly stopped by one day for a visit, too! Throughout the week, Darlene and Kirsten went on a number of outings in the Greater Toronto Area, and Kirsten really enjoyed the chance to meet Brennan for the first time.

Ted and Darlene then took Kirsten to Madoc, Ontario, where they rendezvoused with the Jones-Whyte family, formerly of St. David's. Kirsten spent the next ten days with the Eileen, Mark, Naomi and Ramsay at their home in Eganville, Ontario. In addition to enjoying the beautiful surroundings of the Jones-Whyte home, with regular opportunities for canoeing literally outside their back door, Kirsten and the Jones-Whyties' went on a two-night camping/canoeing trip near Algonquin Park which was a highlight of Kirsten's visit.



Don, Kathy and Kirsten's Connections

In the summer of 2006, Donald and Kathy McKay hosted a young Austrian medical student who was in St. John's for a one month clinical rotation. Nora Schwarzenbrunner, from Wels, Austria, was keen to return the hospitality, so when Don had a meeting scheduled for Munich, Germany earlier this month, the family seized the opportunity to plan a visit with their friend Nora and tour parts of Bavaria and Austria.

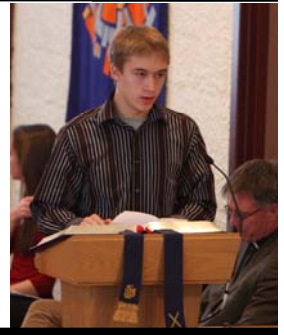
In the arranging for the trip, Don encountered some difficulties in finding a hotel in the Munich area. The meeting that he was to attend had 30,000 registrants, so hotel rooms were scarce. Despite the help of the Internet for booking hotel space around Munich, Don repeatedly received the same message: there is no room in the inn. Kathy suggested a St. David's connection. Iain Whitehead lives in the Munich area where he is studying to become a brew master. Don immediately e-mailed Iain and asked for advice about possible hotels in surrounding communities near Munich. Iain had an even better idea: stay at his apartment in Freising, which is the nearest community to the Munich airport. As it turns out, during the time of the McKay's visit, Iain would be honeymooning in Kaslo, BC and his apartment would be empty. In preparation for the McKay's trip, Iain kindly provided Don with his own personalized beer drinker's guide to Munich and Salzburg, a document that Don referenced on multiple occasions during the trip. Iain's apartment was very nice and convenient to the local train and bus station as well as the airport.

In addition to visiting their friend Nora, highlights of the trip included: a visit to a very old salt mine that crossed the Germany/Austria border underground; a visit to ice caves in the Austrian Alps; a visit to the former concentration camp in Mauthausen, visits to many beautiful churches including the St. Stephansdom in Vienna, the Dom in Freising and other churches in Enns and St. Jacobs, Austria. At Iain Whitehead's suggestion, a number of beer kellers made it onto the itinerary, with the family favourite being Augustiner Keller in Munich (where Iain is now an intern). For those who need a reason to be thankful to return home after an absolutely wonderful vacation, one need search no further than the price of a litre of motor oil, which cost approximately €23 or \$ 37.

WHITEHEAD family news. We are back in St. John's after 14 months away. John had a fruitful year of administrative leave, spent partly at the University of Western Ontario in London, and partly at our home near Nelson in the southeast corner of BC. There was also a visit to a colleague in Switzerland which turned into a month-long trip to visit and travel with family in Scotland, Germany and the Czech Republic. The culmination of the year took place on 9th August in Bettendorf, Iowa where Iain and his fiancée Amanda Hanson were married. It was a wonderful occasion and the first time the five Whiteheads had been together since January, 2005! Iain and Mandy have now returned to Germany where Iain is doing an internship with the Augustiner Brewery in Munich and Mandy is teaching. Stephanie continues with her water related environmental engineering job in Calgary, and Alastair is enjoying life in Toronto, playing music and working at Mountain Equipment Co-op.



Christine McLean was presented with the 2008 Newfoundland & Labrador Public Service Award of Excellence on June 16. The award was presented by Premier Danny Williams. Jackson McLean graduated from Gonzaga high school in June and received a MUN entrance scholarship.



Church Sunday School

Church School. A full slate of teachers is in place for the start of our 2008-2009 school year and Scott Morton-Ninomiya has accepted the position of Sunday School Co-Ordinator, starting in January 2009. A replacement teacher for the Grades 1-3 class will be required to replace Scott at that time. Sue Templeton and Scott will work as joint co-ordinators using a two-year model. This year's teachers are:

PreK and Kindergarten: C. McLean, A. Dent, S. St. Croix

Grades 1-3: A. Kennedy, S. Morton-Ninomiya

Grades 4-5: C. Whitehead, S. Templeton

Grades 6 and up: L.K. den Otter, M. Morton-Ninomiya

Substitute teachers: E. Loomis, V. Loomis. S. Hudson



Session Report

Much is happening as we begin a new year. The Summer hours stayed at 11 a.m. and attendance was up this Summer, so we rejoice. We are pleased with our new Organist/Music Director, Gordon Stockwell, and ask God's blessing on his work among us. We are working on a joint retreat between Board and Session for mutual encouragement and communication.

A request was received to inscribe "O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness" on the front of the Sanctuary, which is a quote from 1 Chronicles 16:29, Psalm 29:2 and 96:9 (KJV), and also was at the front of the Queen Street Church. It was further requested that this work be done in memory of Fred Chancey. The Session enthusiastically received this request and the work will be done sometime in this new season.

Dave Rudofsky was reappointed to the Bridges to Hope Board. Andy den Otter and Kathy McKay were reappointed to the Presbytery as our representative and equalizing elders. September 28 is "Presbyterians Sharing Sunday" and October 19 is "Students and Colleges Sunday."

The Lectionary Bible Study is starting up again on Sunday mornings at 9:30 with Dr. Dent leading. All are invited. Wednesday night "Explore Your Faith" this Fall will begin with some training on the public reading of Scripture. If you are interested, please contact the church office or the Minister.

On September 18, 2008, the **Good Companions** began the Fall season with an outing to the Captain's Table in Mobile. Including volunteer drivers and a registered nurse, twenty-four friends enjoyed companionship and a pleasant meal.

We meet every Thursday 2:00 - 4:00 PM at St. David's Church and if anyone knows a senior who might be interested in joining this friendly group, please do not hesitate to contact Kathleen Scott at 753-5925 or 341-0224 (Cell) for details.



Board of Managers Report

from the desk of . . . Anne Calver, Board Chair

The Board always seems to have challenges and it also manages with help, and sometime with a lot of help, to pull off happy and amazing successes. We hope to continue this trend! During the late spring and summer, the Board assisted with spring cleaning and summer spruce-up. In the last newsletter we introduced Monica Janes as our new Church Administrator.

She has settled in nicely and with her sometimes trusty new paper shredder has made the Tower Room look larger. A lot of the old paper has been discarded and there's more room up there for the archives. Again this year, St. David's had a summer student, Danny Follett. He was with us for eight weeks from late June until the middle of August. He tackled various jobs, including the washrooms' makeover. Take a peek into the washrooms in the Hall - you'll be amazed at the change some rust removal and paint can make. He also brightened up many of the things we look at daily and used numerous cans of paint in the process. Danny loved to work outside and proof of that is the new fence which he worked on with initial help from the congregation's work gang. In one Saturday, the old fence was demolished, the trees shading the east and north side of the church were cut down, the new fence was started, and the church grounds were spruced up. The Board would like to thank the volunteers who came out that sunny day with chain saws, other tools, and lots of enthusiasm. We'd also like to thank the drivers who loaded up their vehicles with the debris and paid a visit to Robin Hood Bay.

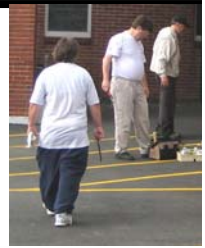
In September, John McLean took on some of the unfinished maintenance work. John and a group of volunteers came out on two successive Saturdays to finish the painting of the fence and start the caulking and painting of some of the windows around the building. The Duke of Edinburgh troops also painted the fence around the Ada Barnes House next door. Thank you to John for his efforts, and especially to those who came out to help. We will be looking for more such help as the fall progresses. The Board has a list of small jobs - light carpentry, caulking, painting and even sewing. These jobs require from one to three people and all jobs, except one, should take less than three hours to complete. Many hands make light work, so please be on the lookout for our requests for assistance.

This fall looks like a very busy time for the Board and we will be looking to the congregation for your ideas and support. Last year the Board reviewed the rates charged for rentals to outside groups and in March we formally notified those groups of our upcoming rental rate increases which started this month. Our heating rates have gone up considerably and the new rates better reflect the true costs and needs of the church. Most of our groups have come back recognizing that our rates are competitive and also - they like us! While the Suzuki group will not return for their weekly practices, they will still perform their concerts here.

The Board prepared the 2008 budget showing a deficit for the year and this has come to pass. As of the end of July, our expenses exceeded our income by some \$17,000 and that deficit is growing by approximately \$2,500 per month. This is not the deficit that was budgeted for and it is not the deficit we would like to see. Donations were slower over the summer. Based on other years, we should see increased contributions over the fall and Christmas season, however, the situation will be exacerbated starting this month since our new fuel budget payment has risen by 50% from \$1975 per month to \$ 2,850 per month. The Board's Finance Committee is aware of these concerns and had a full discussion on how to tackle the problem at the Board's September meeting. The Board will be looking at the following choices: work on ideas to increase the number of individuals and families involved in the church, solicit an increase in the PAD offering, borrow funds to complete some of the energy efficiency tasks so as to reduce the oil bill, have one or more serious fundraising events, look at options for investing the significant bequest that is in the offing and use some of the investment return to offset the fuel bills and repairs.

We need your assistance, ideas and support to help us work through these challenges. If you can spare a morning to assist us with some of the tasks in our job jar, if you have ideas for fund raisers or would like to sponsor a fund raiser, or if you could look at your own budget to help us with ours, please have a chat with any member of the Board.

John and Don under the watchful eye!



Don McKay (not hammering with a saw). John Jal Chol looking on.



Anne Calver with Danny follett



Rare image of Danny Follett with hands in pocket



MQP Venturer troop painting reception house fence w/ excited Albanian guests looking on



From the Women's Auxiliary

Our Annual Afternoon Tea & Sale is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 15, 2008, at 2:30 P. M. Plan now, not only to attend, but to contribute to one of the various stalls, which are Baked Goods & Preserves, Christmas Crafts & Candy, Plants, White Elephant and the Surprise Stall! More details will be communicated as we draw closer to the event but, for now, MARK YOUR CALENDAR so that you won't miss it!

We hope to have a quantity of our new chairs within the next month; certainly in time for the Sale, there having been delays in shipping and delivery from the U.S. distributor to our local supplier. Please don't let that stop you from considering making a donation to our Chair Fund, either directly to the W. A. or through the Church. Without a specific fundraising effort, we already have sufficient funds to place a further order which would bring us close to the halfway mark of 60 chairs, as our goal is to replace all 120 chairs in the Hall. Your support would be greatly appreciated.



From the Atlantic Mission Society

On September 2, 2008, St. David's Auxiliary of the AMS marked the beginning of its new year, and a new Executive, with a "New Year's Party" theme, complete with a countdown and toast to a brand new year, and a "reverse loot bag" in support of Bridges to Hope "Bag-to-School" project.

Those present were asked to make suggestions and "dream dreams" of things St. David's Auxiliary would like to do in this AMS year.. Thirteen suggestions were offered, some short-term and others more long-term, and it will be interesting to see how some of these ideas may take shape over the coming months.

From September 19-21, 2008, three of St. David's AMS members attended the Annual Meeting of the Atlantic Mission Society which took place at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. We were delighted to have Lynn Tuck, a former member of our congregation now living in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts join us for the weekend. Guest speakers for the event included Rev. Dr. Donald McKay, who spoke of his work in Ghana over the past 2-1/2 years, and Druse Bryan, President of the Women's Missionary Society, recently returned from a trip to India. Although lots of business was dealt with, there was also time for socializing and fellowship, as well as "free time" Saturday afternoon when attendees could see and visit some of the many attractions of this UNESCO heritage site, and home of Bluenose II, by way of horse and buggy rides, cruises on the bay, or on foot!

St. David's AMS meets at 7:30 P. M. on the second Tuesday of each month from September to May. New members are always welcome but if your schedule just won't allow for any additional meetings, why not consider becoming an Associate Member and support the mission projects of our church in that way. Further details may be obtained from Elisabeth Berghuis, or any member of the AMS Executive.



Recent AMS Meeting – Photos by Cathy McKay



Presbytery of Newfoundland

The Presbytery of Newfoundland met on Saturday morning, 13 September 2008 and, in addition to the usual routine administrative business, adopted some significant initiatives.

Presbytery authorized its Congregational Life Committee to establish a task force to develop a long-range church extension plan, including capital, stipend, and other costs that could be financed by the St. Aiden's Trust Fund.

Presbytery will also name a committee to develop a job description and to estimate the cost of appointing a part-time youth minister to develop programmes for the three Newfoundland congregations. The McCorquodale Fund will contribute to the expense of the proposed position. Presbytery also intends to create a regular visitation schedule for the congregations within its bounds. Such visitations will assist each congregation to review its ministry and to implement the Leading with Care policy. Since the membership of the Presbytery is small, it will seek the assistance of the Atlantic Synod in carrying out the visitations. The national church developed the Leading with Care programme to ensure that local congregations are safe places for all vulnerable people.

Andy den Otter

Moderator's Visit – On Saturday, October 19, 2008, The Moderator of the 134th General Assembly, The Rev. Cheol Soon Park, will be in St. John's. He will be preaching at the 11 A. M. service at St. Andrew's on October 20th and a gathering at St. David's later that same day is being planned. Further details to come!

There is an ever increasing demand for food at Bridges to Hope Food Aid Centre, an organization supported by the two Presbyterian congregations in St. John's, and others. Why not get into the habit of bringing a non-perishable food item each week and placing it in the basket near the church entrance!

Although any non-perishable food item is good, Bridges to Hope depends on St. David's congregation to provide specific food items Peanut butter (500 ml), jam, baking supplies (baking powder, baking soda, pancake mix, raisin, walnuts, dates, chocolate chips, cake mixes, etc.). Personal hygiene items, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, toilet tissue, feminine projects, soap, etc. are always in demand as well! You may also make monetary donations through St. David's Church.



Bridges to Hope

Should you be interested in a more "hands on" approach, volunteers are always welcome and further information can be obtained from Jennifer Whitfield at (709) 722-9225.

Our continued support of the services provided by Bridges to Hope is encouraged.

In addition to your regular church offerings, there are several other ways you can support outreach projects at St. David's:

Recycling – St. David's has an account at Evergreen Recycling if you'd like to donate your recyclable beverage containers! There are boxes in the church entrance for:

- **Grocery Tapes** – Dominion cash register tapes (for fruit baskets and hampers at Christmas)!
- **Magazines** – Distributed by volunteers to the library at H. M. Penitentiary
- **Canadian Tire Money** – Used to purchase small maintenance items, such as light bulbs, batteries, etc.





St. David's Church Building Anniversary!

Laying of the cornerstone on Thanksgiving Day 50 years ago

In the 1975 bicentennial book, *The Dissenting church of Christ at St. John's*, Rev. James Goldsmith described how, with the major burden falling on the Board of Managers and its treasurer, James Steele Jr., plans were made to relocate from Queen's Road in the 1950s to Elizabeth Avenue. Ralph Barnes was superintendent of works. Once plans and a model had been presented at the annual meeting of 1958 the project commenced. "Mrs. Elizabeth Calver turned the first "sod" (it was really shale, because there was no sod left on the site) ... On Thanksgiving Day 1958, the cornerstone for the building was laid by the Moderator of Presbytery, the Reverend Alan M. Old, and throughout the winter work went on ... Characteristic of the willingness and zeal of all was that of David Clouston and Frank Parsons, both of whom had limited vision. One was heard to say to the other, "We've got two good eyes between us, we'll get her lined up right".

Pam Bruce



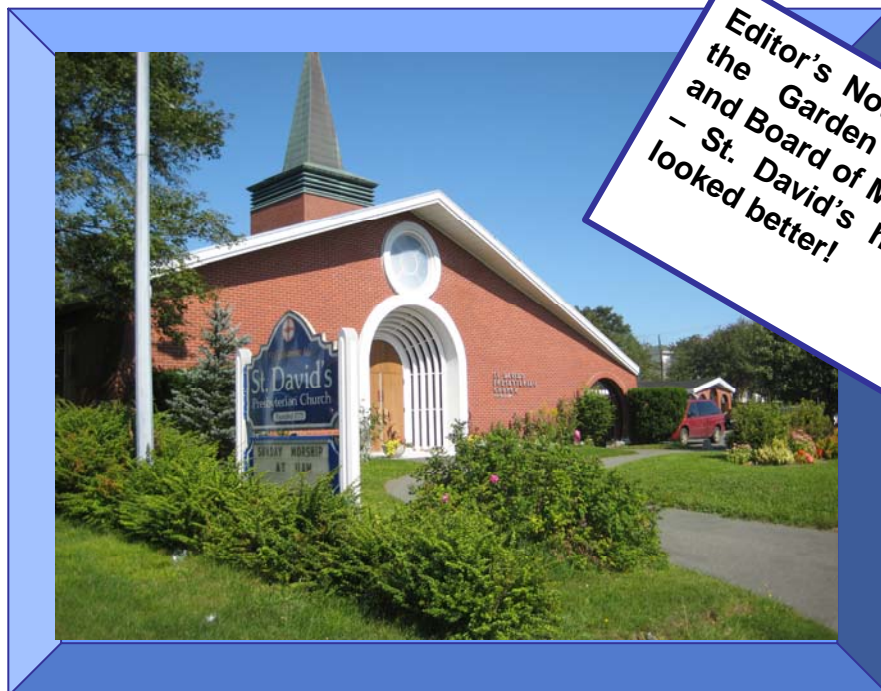
The Rev. Allan M. Old, moderator of the presbytery of Newfoundland, laying the cornerstone on Thanksgiving Day, for the new St. David's church in St. John's, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Archibald Brown, St. Matthew's, Grand Falls, and the Rev. James Goldsmith, minister of the new congregation. — Terra Nova Photo Service

A warm hello to St. David's from the Steneker family in Aberdeen. We so enjoyed our visit back to St. John's this summer and being at St. David's on the Sunday. It was so nice to see so many friendly faces again and to be back "at home". We had a great time in July spending time with both Rob's family in Ottawa and at Lake George NY and then with the Cumming family. It was our first visit back to Canada and we all realized just how much we'd missed everything (Tim Horton's - first stop upon landing in Montreal! The kids talked about it the whole time traveling) and more importantly, everyone. It was hard to head off again to Aberdeen, but once we landed we were happy to be back in our home and with our friends here as well. We have a good church family at Kingswells Village Church and the services are so similar and the people so nice that it's almost like being back with you all! We are now into our 3rd year here and still enjoying it very much. The kids are settled back into the International school and are happy there - it is a wonderful facility and the people are so friendly. There are about 35 nationalities represented at the school and it is always interesting and fun.

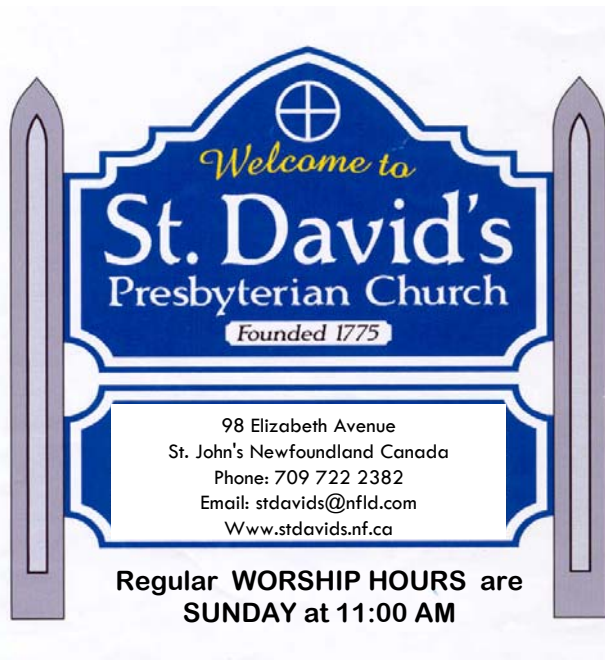
We have tried to take advantage of the opportunity to travel in the UK and also into Europe while we are on this side of the Atlantic. This past year was a good but busy one. We skied in Norway, moved house, went to Egypt, and Rob ran the London marathon, all within 2 months. Egypt was a wonderful experience. We saw as many sights as we could pack in to the time and we were all fascinated by the history and the ingenuity of the Egyptians. Rob in particular enjoyed the sense of humour that was such a strong feature of the people we encountered. On our return to Aberdeen, we had a week, in which we moved house and then headed to London for Rob to run his first marathon. We were delighted to have a message that Jean and Angus Bruneau were going to be in London and even more so when we were able to arrange to meet up after the race. You can imagine Rob's surprise when he came around the corner at mile 20 and saw myself, but also Jean and Angus waving their Canadian flags! They had managed to find me in the throngs of supporters for 35,000 runners! Rob finished well and later we were able to meet up for a more relaxed afternoon tea. It was a lovely visit and made the day extra special. The heather is now off the bloom and the air is cooler and days shorter. Soon we will have the beautiful fall colors. Last week we enjoyed warm sunshine, and just as it is in St. John's you appreciate it all the more when it is rare! We all agreed that this is a most beautiful country in the sun. Everyone who visits has remarked on the green lushness of the area and the surprise of beautiful sand dunes. If you are traveling this way, be sure to look us up and we'll show them to you!

All the best, Jane, Rob, Kate, Helen and Ian Steneker





Editor's Note: Thanks to the Garden Committee and Board of Managers – St. David's has never looked better!



The editorial committee wishes to thank all those who contributed items to this edition of our St. David's Connection newsletter. Please feel free to drop items or notes off any time to members of the newsletter committee listed, or, leave them in the church mailbox.

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