



Sunday September 27 2020

This Sunday's Service will be available on Sunday, and can be found on our YouTube channel by typing "St. David's Presbyterian Message for Sept 27, 2020" into Google. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

Matthew 21:23–32

Church Office Hours: Rev. Sturtevant is in the office Tuesdays through Fridays from 9:30 am to 2 pm daily, should you wish to drop by. In case of an emergency, he can be reached on his cell phone at 699-3661. Alternately, you may contact your elder. The elder's list is on the back of this bulletin.

Prayer Partnership: The Presbyterian Church in Canada offers a prayer partnership that may form part of a daily devotional, please consider these prayer partnerships:

Sunday, September 27 We pray for everything we work for in our church and community, and everything we hope for in the face of so much change. We pray for the choices we face in our country and community, in our homes and workplaces, and for all the responsibilities we bear in our different roles. We pray for the troubles that weary us, the situations that puzzle us and the uncertainty that surrounds us. Fill us with the strength and hope we need to walk with you, united in your love.

Monday, September 28 We pray for those in mission fields overseas and for those supporting them here in Canada.

Tuesday, September 29 We pray for the Rev. Susan Mattinson who serves the Presbytery of Superior as the clerk and in many other roles.

Wednesday, September 30 (Orange Shirt Day) We pray for children, especially in Indigenous communities across the country.

Thursday, October 1 We give thanks for music leaders, choir members, technicians and others who give of their time and their talent to lead worship.

Friday, October 2 We pray for ministers, elders and professional church workers who have been serving Christ faithfully and creatively in this time of change due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Saturday, October 3 We pray that the committees and agencies of our church are blessed with wisdom as they work to unite the church in Christ.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

Important Dates and Milestones

Last Sunday September 20th

Last Sunday the Board members attended the service as a walk-through for this coming Sunday. If you look at the YouTube service, you'll notice that it starts at roughly the 20 minute mark. If you watch the first 20 minutes of the service you can see: David doing the set-up, hear conversations between David and Brian, see Kyle getting the Bible reading ready, off-screen hear the rest of the Board, and hear Ken with tape measure in hand and Anne setting out chairs six feet apart. Based on our experiences, the Board now knows, or think we know, what we have to do and how to do it to welcome you back to church safely.

Dr. Andy Effiong was with us last Sunday to help us out and point out things that need to be either in place, or not in place.

Coming to Visit St. David's

You will first see the signs on the tower and other doors. **Everyone** visiting the church now must complete two forms. The first is a Self Assessment Guide. This should be completed within 24 hours before the time you intend to go to St. David's. This is to help you determine if you should visit St. David's or stay home. This asks questions about whether you've been out of the province in the past 14 days, had contact with someone who recently tested positive for COVID, or if you have any symptoms of COVID. This assessment is asked of many people entering places of work, stores, restaurants and many other locations. The assessment is also valid for 24 hours. (For example, if you come for the service on the 27th and come back for the ACM at 2 pm, you do not need to complete a second assessment.) If you wait to do this assessment at the Church, and should you not pass this assessment, you will be asked to not enter the Church. The second form is a

sign in and out form. This is to allow contact tracing, should we ever need to do so. If you are a member of the congregation, please enter your name and phone number. If you are not a member, you will also be asked for your address. When you leave, you must also sign-out.

Self Assessment Guide

St. David's has created this form with the help of our COVID-19 Best Practices Committee. A copy is attached to the email you have received, so you may print it at home if you wish. Alternately, you may obtain copies from the church office any time during the week. Our recommendation for you is to complete it before coming to church any Sunday or for any other event. Complete one copy for each person (including any children) who will be attending. The manager on duty will take and date stamp your form(s). This will shorten the time required to work through the entrance process, allowing you to go directly to sign-in .

First In-person Sunday Service

This **Sunday September 27th** will be the first in-person church service since March 7th. You will see some changes in the sanctuary. All the hymn books, Bibles and seat cushions have been removed from the pews. The first four rows of pews were removed several weeks ago to allow the TSO to continue their practices here at St. David's.

There will be changes in how you enter the sanctuary and what we will ask of you. Steve Bruneau will be in the parking lot directing people towards the tower door. We will start by having people enter through the breezeway and come in through the side narthex door or the front door. Once in the narthex there are two forms to complete. The first is the assessment form and the second is a sign-in sheet. Then the person or the "bubble" will be seated. The exit plan is to leave via the door to the lobby and out through the tower door.

There are some things that will **not** change. You will see the managers and elders who, under their masks, will be looking very happy to see you back at St. David's.

Having said that, there is one more statement and this comes directly from the Public Health guidelines:

“While not a requirement, Public Health maintains their warning to people 60 and above, or with additional risk factors, to avoid any non-essential gathering.”

We feel duty bound to openly communicate this statement. We will certainly welcome and include anyone wishing to join us in person for worship. Meanwhile, we will continue to offer on-line services for those who may prefer that option. Everyone should feel comfortable participating in or engaging in any activity in which they take part. Do not feel compelled to participate, nor be barred from participating, by virtue of age or underlying medical condition. Every precaution to meet and exceed the Public Health guidelines will be taken. However, that is not a guarantee that we can make our gathering a risk-free activity.

We all look forward to a day when this Public Service warning is no longer required.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation in helping us ensure we are all protected.

Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)

The Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) will be held over **two days** this year. The first day, **Saturday, September 26th**, will consist of the reports not requiring motions. This will be a Zoom meeting only. **Details on the Zoom meeting are sent out in the email with this bulletin.** It may also be reiterated via email as Saturday or Sunday approaches.

The second day of the ACM will be held on **Sunday, September 27th starting at 2:00 pm** at the church. This meeting will have two components, an “in person” meeting for those who wish to attend at the church and a Zoom meeting for those who wish to meet virtually. This meeting will cover the budget and our finances and those reports that require motions. **Details on this Zoom meeting are also sent out in the email with this bulletin.**

Saturday Meeting for those not attending by Zoom and Sunday Meeting for those not attending by Zoom or in-person:

On Saturday, Ken Templeton will be available via his cell – **325-3111** if you have any questions to raise or if you want your comments and votes recorded. Ken will also be available during the Sunday meeting for comments, questions, and recording votes.

The Annual Reports were sent out Monday via email. Copies were also distributed to some church members by their elder and are still available from the church office.

Treasurer’s Update

The revised budget was sent out via email Monday September 21st and is available in a hard copy version from the church office. Alternately, it may have reached you via your elder. If you have any questions about this document and are unable to attend either version of the ACM but would like to have your questions answered, please forward them to the church office at stdavids@nfld.com or call the office at 722-2382.

Stay Tuned...

Next week’s bulletin will contain information about the Sunday service and the results of the ACM.

News from Bridges to Hope

Bridges to Hope Food Aid Centre has been struggling to keep food on the shelves since the pandemic and we want to ensure they are fully stocked for Thanksgiving.

We will be hosting a Food Drive on Saturday October 3rd from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Mount Pearl Autopro on 1072 Topsail Road.

For your convenience - it will be a contactless drive thru to keep you safe. We will be collecting both non- perishable food and financial donations. Hope to see you there!

Encore Patio Series – Brian Way

This note from Brian:

Hi Everyone,

Hope this finds you well. I am writing regarding the final encore patio series concert which is taking place this coming Sunday, September 27th 3pm at the Masonic Temple here in St. John's, NL. It will be a one hour event which will feature seven talented guests. This is a virtual concert with a ticket price of \$25, available by visiting [Spirit of Newfoundland Productions](#).

Subscribers will receive a YouTube channel link which can be accessed for a week or so should they not be available for the live broadcast and this link can be viewed from any country. In addition, for those in the metro area Sunday, there are a limited number of "live" tickets which will be available either by visiting the website or by calling 709-579-3023.

For those not familiar with the patio series, I have hosted 132 mini-concerts daily at 3pm beginning late April and finishing September 13. The series has

showcased artists all from Newfoundland and Labrador and each episode can be found on YouTube by searching my name and "patio series." Please share this information with your family, friends, and colleagues. Thank you for your support!



The TSO is back

This picture comes to us from the TSO which started practices here at the church on Wednesday September 23rd.

News from the Pews

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Birthday greetings to Patsy Carmichael who will be celebrating her birthday on Sunday, September 30th. Patsy will be celebrating with family and friends. From all your friends here at St. David's Patsy, Happy Birthday! Hope you have a wonderful day and cheers to many more to come!

Also celebrating on Sunday, September 30th is Jim Mallowney. Jim is the son of Jean and Bob Mallowney. Best wishes Jim from your St. David's family and we hope you enjoy your day!

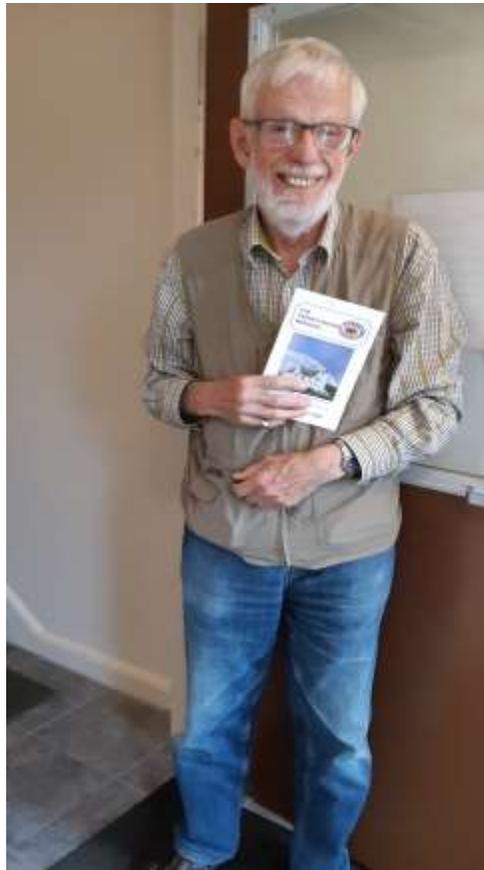
A very Happy Birthday to Annie Rae Crosbie who will be celebrating her 8th birthday on September 28th. Annie Rae will be celebrating with her mom and dad, Jill Slater and Tom Crosbie, her great-aunt, Andrea Crosbie, and all her little friends. Happy Birthday Annie Rae, from your St. David's family and we hope you have a wonderful day!

If you know of someone who is going to have a birthday or an anniversary in the coming days or weeks, please call or email the church.

What are People Doing?

Kathy and Penny were busy again this week dropping off Presbyterian Messages and visiting and chatting with families from the Church. Here is

Penny's note: We delivered the latest copies of the Message this week and had a couple of visits along the way, the first with John Molgaard. It was good to see him.



Then it was on to visit the Hamid family. While there we were able to have the family "Zoom" and thus get ready for the AGM and future meetings. Baby Beli and big brothers, Solomon and Shemsadin, are hoping that someone from our church family may have a double stroller that they could use to all go for a walk in the neighbourhood. Do you have one sitting in your garage or basement or know of someone who does? If you can help please call Monica at the church office 722-2382.



Rukiya, Thomas and Beli



A Happy Family

It was wonderful to hear from Kay and Eric and to know they are keeping well. We all know how much they do for other people - both here at St. David's and in their community. It was good to know that they took some time for themselves and got to enjoy a "Staycation" here within the Province. Here is the note from Eric: *We spent last week in Central Newfoundland, showing Kathleen my hometown of Grand Falls, the highlights of the area and my usual haunts. We had a wonderful day in Millertown visiting the land of my roots, even retracing the path through the woods to school. (Of course, snow days were unheard of.) I proudly showed*

off the house where I was born. (It's just a question of time, I'm sure before it's declared as a National Historic Site!)

We had a very interesting visit to the Beothuk site at Indian Point on Red Indian Lake. At Indian Point we struck up a conversation with a couple of post grad archaeologists who were working at the restored Beothuk site. The four of us were standing on ground where the Beothuks lived - one from Northern Ireland, another from Toronto, Kay from England, and myself from the country of Newfoundland. Sometimes, it is a funny old world!

After that, it was a quick trip to Buchans. We capped off our week with some time in Twillingate enjoying our ocean front premises.

A big basket of warm memories and emotional ties in Central. It was an absolutely wonderful week with a great travelling buddy. God willing we'll visit again next summer.

I am happy to report that St. Matthews in Grand Falls is well on the road to restoration. We were able to have a good look around from the outside, but there were workmen busy inside. The tower is looking forlorn and out of place, sitting on the ground waiting to again be restored in it's accustomed place, proudly lifting it's spire towards the heavens. Tiny but tenacious St. Matthews is the oldest church in Grand Falls and is a source of comfort and stability to many. It is indeed part of the warp and weave of the tapestry of Grand Falls. Blessings and best wishes to the faithful that keep St. Matthews alive and well.

Below is a picture of Kay and me at my daughter, Judy's, cabin at New Bay Lake near Grand Falls.



Kay and Eric in Central Newfoundland >

Pam Bruce has always been a great supporter of St. David's and all the activities and events that go on within our walls. Pam has brought much deserved praise and admiration for her "green thumb". She has contributed her talents to many of the floral arrangements that grace our Sanctuary throughout the year and of course, she and Penny have worked tirelessly on the outside gardens and flowers. We have to look no further than the front entrance of our Church to see the result of their love of gardening. The rose bushes that gracefully climb the brick wall bring admiration from many people who walk and drive by the Church. Pam's love of history has also played a major part in her work with the Church's archives and records. With over 200 years to work with and families that go back many generations, Pam has sorted, catalogued, identified and filed hundreds of

pictures, articles and journals. The result of all her work is showcased every week here in the bulletin and in the display window outside Monica's office. Our history is a wonderful way to connect with our ancestors and learn about their lives and their accomplishments. Pam also works quietly behind the scenes with many Church groups including the WA and Good Companions and she's always there to help out with our garage sale, plant sale and the WA's Fall Sale and Tea. She's a great friend and inspiration to many!

I had a lovely visit with Pam last week, enjoyed a tour of her garden and shared a chat and a cup of tea. I was delighted to hear about her birth-home. Pam came from a little town called Bacup in Rossendale Valley in Northern England (close to Yorkshire and Lancashire). According to Pam, Bacup is one kilometer above sea-level and has lots of hills and rolling meadows. Pam's husband, Iain, was also from the area. They met at the University of Sheffield in South Yorkshire. They would go on to marry and have two children – Helen and Peter. In 1963, Memorial University was just getting going and there was a major recruitment for professors. Iain was offered a position teaching Classics, including History and Latin. The young family packed up and headed for St. John's and stayed!

Pam left behind her parents and two siblings – a brother and sister. Although her parents have passed away, Pam still speaks regularly with her brother and sister. Her brother lives in an old farmhouse now in the little community of Todmorden and every week, Pam still looks forward to having a long chat with her sister! Pam's daughter, Helen, lives in Grand Falls-Windsor with her husband, Brian Reddick, and they have one daughter, Laura, who lives in St. John's.

Pam's love of gardening and everything floral, led her to volunteer with MUN Botanical Gardens back in the mid-70's which she continues to enjoy to this day. Pam's own yard reflects her love of gardening. There are many little interesting walkways that lead you to a well-tended bush or perennial. Each one has a story behind it – a gift from a friend, an experiment, a work-

in-progress. All a delight! Here are just some of the treasures found in Pam's garden.



Pam's Backyard



Another Corner



A Trough



Chinese Lantern



Front Yard



Climbing Cotoneaster

An Archival Moment

Thanks to Pam Bruce, we have this wonderful picture from the archives. Here's this week's time to remember:



The Mayflower Club and Friends

The Mayflower Club was a club for the girls of the Church. Most of the girls were school age but some were a bit older and were already working. Who recognizes some of the people in the picture?

Back Row (l to r): Unknown, Ethyl Thomas, Barbara (Langmead) Rose, Jessie Barnes (organist), Isabel Thomas, Rev. Friggens, Unknown, Jean (Thomas) Hoddinott, Ethyl (Barnes) Cahill

Other "Row" (l to r): Ada Barnes, Marjorie Frost, Bessie Thomas, Unknown, Jennie Barnes, May Frost, Violet (Frost) Homer, Unknown

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: What was the name of the location of the first church in St. John's?

The answer is: The first services were held outdoors on the "barrens" above the town of St. John's, roughly where the LSPU Hall now sits.

This week the question is: What was the name of the drama society of the old Queen's Road Church?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: When was the tower added to the current church?

The answer is: The tower was added several years after the building itself was completed, around 1965.

This week the question is: When the new Christian Education building (our hall) was opened, it had two memorable renters – a library and a day care centre. What were their names?

Do you have any ideas for some church trivia? Email or call the church!

Offerings While COVID-19 keeps us from church each Sunday, please consider other ways to keep up your weekly donations. For those of you who are not on PAD, please consider signing up. Simply email the church and we will put you in touch with Ian Bruneau, our Envelope Secretary. He will answer any questions you may have. Alternately, you can donate via e-transfer to stdavidsnfld@gmail.com. Using your bank's comment section, you can specify information like your envelope number and how you would like your money distributed; to Current, Presbyterian Sharing, or any of our outreach programs. You may also donate through Canada Helps. You may also mail your donation, drop it off at the church, or call the church and someone would be pleased to pick it up for you.

How can we help you at this time? Do you need any help getting groceries, having something picked up, or having something dropped off (like this bulletin or the minister's weekly sermons)? Would you just like to have a chat with the minister or your elder? Please call the church at 722-2382 or email us at stdavids@nfld.com and we'll see what we can do to help.

Ideas to keep in touch Do you have any ideas how we can keep in touch with one another or what you'd like to see us do over the next period of time while we're all under orders to stay safely distant from one another? Call and let us know! Please keep in touch!

Web Site We'd like you to visit our web site, which is the place to find past services and any number of interesting things. The Sunday services are found on the web site and the text of the sermon is also available in the comment section. Our web site is **stdavids.nf.ca**

Once there, choose ministries and look for the service you'd like to see or hear. There are 584 services on-line too listen to or see.

How to reach us:

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Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/stdavidsstjohns>

Groups:

Women's Auxiliary – Lillian Crawford

Good Companions (Seniors) – Kay Scott

Bible Study Group – Sheena Findlay

Atlantic Mission Society – Kathy McKay

Session – Lillian Crawford

Board of Managers – Kyle Sampson

Prayer Shawl (Knitters) – Bouwina Fogwill

Willing Hands (Quilter Group) – Patsy Carmichael

Food For Thought (University and Early Career) – The Rollmanns

Session: the elders are:

Lillian Crawford

Jim Steele

Ken Templeton

Sue Templeton

Janet Calver

Kathy McKay

Penny Gillies

Steve Bruneau

Ian Bruneau

Aubrey Bonnell

Board of Managers: the members of the Board are:

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