



## **Sunday November 8, 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 November 8, 2020" into Google. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

### **Matthew 25:1-13**

**This Sunday**, our service will begin with a celebration of Remembrance. We remember all of those who have lost their lives or the lives of loved ones due to armed conflict, particularly members of this congregation and family. In these days of division and political unrest, we do well to remember the great cost of war and the price that was paid so that we might live in peace. May we remember the pain of war and loss, and seek to live out the reconciling love of Jesus Christ in our world.

*"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:1-3)*

Edward Barnes	George T. Cowan	Lionel T. Duley
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Alec J. White	Wallace Wilbur Chancey	William Jacob Tiller

**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, November 8** We give thanks that those suffering from leprosy find support and learn about their condition at the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Shining Hospital in Nepal.

**Monday, November 9** We pray for the members of the Presbyterian Church Heritage Centre (formerly the Presbyterian Museum) committee as they work to preserve and display artifacts from the church's history.

**Tuesday, November 10** We pray for the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean who serves as a Bible Translation Advisor for Hakka and nine Indigenous teams in Taiwan.

**Wednesday, November 11 (Remembrance Day)** We pray for all who suffer or have died as a result of conflict or war. We ask for God's blessing on peacemakers and peacekeepers in this country and around the world, and that God protect and guide those who serve in the armed forces.

**Thursday, November 12** We pray for women accused of witchcraft in Ghana who have found safety and freedom from stigma at the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Gambaga Outcast Home.

**Friday, November 13** We pray for Lisa Baker who serves as the convener of the In-reach Committee for the Presbytery of Winnipeg.

**Saturday, November 14** We pray for all students enrolled in the church's theological colleges as they seek to learn and grow in their faith.

**From the Board, Session and Treasurer**

**Important Dates and Milestones**

**Our Evolving Church Services -**

We have been at church together now for over a month and based on our experiences, we are continuing to make improvements. If you have attended any of our "in person" services, let us know "How did it go?" If you have some thoughts for us, please have a chat with any member of the Board or Session.

In the next little while Session is planning for a service with Communion. We'll let you know our plans as that date approaches.

Christmas is approaching and with that comes the Christmas hampers. Community Food Sharing has gotten in touch about this year's hampers. We are looking at what we can safely do to create and deliver or have people pick-up hampers. If you have some thoughts on how we can do this, or if you would be interested in helping us, please get in touch with any member of the Session or Board.

Meanwhile, people have been asking whether we still provide **“Wheels to Worship”**? And the answer is **“Yes!”**. If you need a ride to church, please call Newfound Cabs.

### **New \*\* Church Service's Self Assessment Guide and Sign-in / Sign out Sheet Process**

St. David's has improved the process for completing our Self Assessment Guide (SAG) and the sign-in procedure for Sunday's church service. The manager on duty will ask you the questions on our SAG and will complete it for you. They will also complete the sign-in sheet allowing you to proceed directly into the sanctuary if all is well. As has been happening for some time, the manager will also complete the sign-out sheets allowing you to leave in an orderly manner.

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

### **Coming to Visit St. David's not during a service – A Review**

You will be required to complete two forms, the SAG and the sign-in sheet. The SAG is valid for 24 hours and there are many ways to complete it (you can call in your answers to the church office, to any member of the Board or

Session, or you can fill in the form and email it to the church). It helps to determine if you should visit St. David`s or stay home. 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.

### **Sunday Service November 8<sup>th</sup>**

This coming Sunday we will follow the new process for the completion of the SAG and the sign-in sheets. We will again have people enter through the breezeway and come in through the side narthex door or the front door. 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 will be managers and elders to greet you and if you are new to the process, they will help you through it.

### **Public Health Guidelines**

This statement 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.

## Treasurer's Report

The email address we are using to accept donations is [stdavidsnfld@gmail.com](mailto:stdavidsnfld@gmail.com) and this one is linked to our bank account and it will **automatically accept** all donations.

If you send (e-transfer) money to the church at its "normal" email address which is [stdavids@nfld.com](mailto:stdavids@nfld.com). The money will sit in a kind of "cyber lost space" for 30 days (your bank may use a shorter timespan), then your money automatically returns to your account. Alternately, if you've e-transferred money and no one has yet accepted it, you may cancel the transaction yourself within 24 hours. The money again returns to your account, however, you may be charged a fee for this service, depending on your bank the fee ranges from \$3 to \$4.

## Bridges to Hope

Non-perishable food items are being accepted at BRIDGES TO HOPE once again! Your help is needed, so as you return to weekly worship at St. David's, remember to bring in your food items for the trolley. Below is a list of the items most needed:

Canned Beans

Mac and Cheese

Canned meats (Meatballs, Beef Ravioli, etc.)

Canned Milk

Tins of Fruit and Vegetables

Tins of Soup

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Pasta Sauce

Cereal

Cash donations are always acceptable, and very much appreciate

The Annual General meeting of **Bridges to Hope** which, except for COVID, would have been held in April 2020, is now scheduled for Monday November 16, 2020, at 7:00pm at Wesley United Church Hall. Also because of COVID we have had to make some adjustments for this meeting.

Attendance will be restricted to Board Directors, and one other person from each partner church. Our bylaws require that each partner church appoint a person who is not a Board Director, to be present at the Annual Meeting as a voting delegate.

Churches are asked to designate a person as voting delegate, and to contact the Board Chair, Eleanor Bonnell, at [bonnells@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:bonnells@nf.sympatico.ca)

Social Distancing will be practised. Masks must be worn when entering and if moving from a seat. There will be no refreshments served, or socializing. This is strictly a meeting. We regret having to make these regulations, but know you understand they are for safety reasons.

N.B. Lillian Crawford will represent St. David's at this meeting.

**Food for Thought**, Food for Thought, a Bible Study group for university-age / young adults, is meeting during the pandemic via Zoom. Although we can't share a meal, as was always our custom during normal times, meeting by Zoom has its advantages. Folks can participate from the comfort of their homes. For young parents, there is no need to hire a babysitter. And also no need for anyone to arrange transportation. And you can participate from anywhere. We have been delighted to welcome friends from Toronto and Halifax. New people are always welcome. Anyone interested in participating should contact Ernst Rollmann (ernstrollmann12 at [gmail.com](mailto:ernstrollmann12@gmail.com)) for the time and the Zoom link.

## **Prayer Shawl (Knitters) Group**

The Prayer Shawl will meet on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. They will meet at 217 Portugal Cove Road. If you are interested in joining the group of happy knitters and would like more information, please contact Bouwina Fogwill at 726-4535.

## **Muffin Mania**

Muffin Mania will be starting up again. Our first baking session will begin on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. We will need two volunteers each week. If you are interested in helping with this great cause, they muffins go to Bridges to Hope, please call Monica at 722-2382, 9-1 Monday to Friday!

## **AMS**

The AMS will be meeting for the first time since February! We are looking forward to being back together. Please join us at 12 on Sunday for a short meeting.

## **Associates AMS members**

The Associate members of the AMS are reminded that their donations are due. Call Bouwina Fogwill at 726-4535 if you are unable to bring them yourself. Somebody will come and pick them up.

## **News from the Pews**

### ***Birth Announcements***

We are delighted to announce that Phoebe and Nick Stansbury are the proud parents of a baby girl, Penelope (Penny) Anatolia Ruth. Penny was

born on October 24<sup>th</sup>. We're happy to report that everyone is doing well. Penny is the grand-daughter of Lori and Fuat Sezer and the great-grand-daughter of Edith Peach. Best wishes to the entire family on Penny's safe arrival!

### ***Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations***

Happy Birthday greetings to Samantha and Timothy Bruneau who will be celebrating their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday with family and friends on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Helping to make their day really special will be their mom and dad, Jill and Ian Bruneau, their brother, Alexander, and their grand-mother, Jean Bruneau. Best wishes Samantha and Timothy from your St. David's family! We hope you have a great day!

Congratulations to Mirearo Shin, on graduating from Memorial University with a Masters of Applied Statistics! Mirearo and her sister, are faithful St. David's attendees and supporters. We wish Mirearo all the best as she continues the next step in her career.

**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?***

The other day I was visiting Elizabeth Thistle and we got talking about an old photograph on her table. It turns out this was a picture of Elizabeth's family back in the summer of 1946. We enjoyed a wonderful conversation about everyone in the picture and I learned quite a bit about Elizabeth's family.

Elizabeth was a Kelly. Her father, Tom Kelly, was from Bull Cove, part of today's Brigus. Her mother was Marcella Moores from Northern Bay. One fascinating story about Elizabeth's family was that two sisters married two brothers – Marcella's sister, Bertha, married Tom's brother, Ern! The Kelly family eventually moved to St. John's and lived on Gear Street (between Prince of Wales Street and Franklin Avenue). They had 5 children, Madge,

George, Harold, Ern and Elizabeth. Tom Kelly was a binder at Dick's & Company for 50 years. He had an excellent reputation among his customers for doing quality work. When Tom retired, he and Marcella made the decision to move to Montreal to be closer to Madge and her family, who had moved there some years before.

Elizabeth's siblings always stayed in close contact with one another even though some were separated by distance. Madge married Albert MacGillivray. They had 1 daughter, Judith. Elizabeth was telling me that she and Judith still call one another weekly and enjoy a fine chat. Harold met a local girl, Jean, and settled down in St. John's. Elizabeth's other two brothers, Ern and George, were in the army during WWII. While overseas, they each found the love of their life – for Ern it was Mary and for George, it was Eve. Both Ern and George returned to Newfoundland with their “war brides”. As was common back in those days, young couples often lived with their parents until they got “settled”. Let's just say that the Kelly house was well-lived in!

Elizabeth also told me the story of how she and Dave met. It all started with a date to go to a movie – a very big-deal back then! That first date led to others, including trips to “Mrs. Chafe's” on Topsail Road for hamburgers, hot-dogs and later on french fries (a real treat!!). The result of that first date and the courtship that followed was a long and treasured married life together.

Dave's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thistle, lived on Scott Street. Mr. Thistle had his own electrical company on Prescott Street and while Mrs. Thistle had trained to be a nurse, once married she stayed at home with the children. Dave had two other brothers – Jim, who worked for CBC and Eric, who was an electrician with Memorial University. Dave meanwhile, worked for ADT for many years and was well respected by his customers and co-workers alike. He was remembered for being meticulous with any job he undertook and for being a mentor and advisor for any new employee that joined the company.

By the time Elizabeth and Dave married, Mr. Thistle had passed away. The young couple moved into the house on Scott Street to look after Mrs. Thistle and Elizabeth says she has special memories of Rev. Armour dropping by for many a visit with Mrs. Thistle. Elizabeth and David had two children, Margo (Noseworthy) currently living in Corner Brook with her family and Gail (Whitten, d. 2010). Scott Street remained their home for many years and still holds many wonderful, happy memories for Margo and Elizabeth. Today, Elizabeth lives in Masonic Park, ( Dave d. 2017). Many of us know that Elizabeth loves music and that she was very active in the Church Choir for many years. Today, she is an faithful member of our WA group and is a great supporter of all our Church activities. Elizabeth is looking forward to travelling to Corner Brook later on in November to spend time with her family over Christmas and into the New Year.

Below is the family picture of the Kelly Clan! It was a very happy family gathering for sure! (See if you can find Elizabeth.)



The Kelly Clan 1946

Front Row: (l to r) Albert, Madge, Judith, Linda, Bob, ELIZABETH, Peter

Middle Row: (l to r) Tom, Marcella, George

Top Row: (l to r) Harold, Ralph, Ruby, Ern, Mary, Jean, Aunt Bertha, Uncle Ern

Steve Bruneau was going through some pictures the other day and came across this one. Talk about “capturing the moment”! Steve writes: *It was taken in 1999 by either me or Angus - can't recall! Seems St. David's has it covered at either end of the rainbow!*



Rainbow over St. David's 1999

### **An Archival Moment**

In the October 25<sup>th</sup> bulletin, we showed you a picture from a Sunday School Picnic (1980's) with Lal and Valera Parsons, Lolly Barnes and others. When I stopped by the Woods this week, Gracie showed me another picture of that same picnic! Who is the lady with the paper napkins?



Sunday School Picnic #2

Gracie also had a couple of pictures of the time when the AMS would put together fruit baskets. These fruit baskets would be dropped off the same time as the Christmas hampers and would go to members of the congregation who found it hard to get around, (especially in the colder months), or who resided in long-term care homes or retirement homes. I remember dropping off some of these baskets and people were delighted to receive them and to know that we were thinking about them. Notice the love and care that went into preparing each basket. Do you know who the worker-bees are?



Fruit Baskets for Hampers 2008



Christmas Fruit Baskets 2008

## Church Trivia Questions

### Way back when:

**Last week the question was:** When was the first Presbyterian minister ordained and inducted at the Queen's Road church?

**The answer is:** On Friday night October 28<sup>th</sup> 1938, the first Presbyterian minister was ordained and inducted. He was Rev. Wilfred F. Butcher.

**This week the question is:** Who were the first Presbyterian elders of the Queen's Road congregation?

### Recent History:

**Last week the question was:** Do you know what muffin-making mania Monday is all about?

**The answer is:** Bridges to Hope (BTH) asked for help getting healthy snacks for the school children whose families use BTH. Under the sponsorship of the WA, muffin-making started on Monday morning with three volunteers. At times they made between 12 and 15 dozen blueberry or chocolate chip muffins between 9 am and noon on Mondays. Hence the "mania",

**This week the question is:** Do you know who officially opened the ramp at the church hall in 2018?

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://stdavids.nf.ca)**

Once there, choose ministries and look for the service you'd like to see or hear. There are 592 services on-line too listen to or see.

**How to reach us:**

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**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:

Kyle Sampson	Ken Templeton	Ed Vanderkloet
Tanya Shalaby	Steve Bruneau	Allison Crawford
Andrea Crosbie	Sandra Perry	

**Treasurer:** Anne Calver

**Envelope Secretary:** Ian Bruneau