



Sunday April 18th 2021

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 April 18, 2021" into Google. Copies of the hymns and scripture readings are included in the email sent out each Friday. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

Acts 3:12-19; Luke 24:36-48

Church Office Hours: Rev. Sturtevant is now back in the office from Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 2 pm He can be reached on his cell phone at 699-3661 or the office 722-2382. Alternately, you may contact youelder. The elder's list is on the back of this bulletin. Monica is in the office each weekday from 9 am to 1 pm, if you need to drop off or pick up something.

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, April 18 We give thanks for the farmers of our country who work so hard to grow and provide us with the bountiful fresh produce we are able to enjoy at this time of the year.

Monday, April 19 We give thanks for camp committees, staff and leaders who have nurtured our faith and enlivened the church, and pray that camping ministries continue to flourish in the PCC.

Tuesday, April 20 We give thanks for music and the choir members, directors and musicians who share their gifts with their congregations.

Wednesday, April 21 We pray for the members of the Committee on Education and Reception as they meet this week with the candidates and ministers who have applied to be received into The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Thursday, April 22 (Earth Day) We give thanks for the earth and all creation, and pray for the courage to make hard changes that will protect and preserve the earth's ecological systems so that all creation may thrive.

Friday, April 23 We pray for the staff at Action Réfugiés Montréal as they provide hope and assistance to asylum-seekers and refugee people in Canada.

Saturday, April 24 We pray for PCC mission partners who are facing so many new challenges and striving to find safe and economical ways to respond to so many enduring needs.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services Are Back

St. David's is again having in-person services. In Alert Level 2 we are able to have a worship service that will be both in-person and live-streamed at 11:00 AM on Sundays. Please keep in mind that under the latest restrictions, we are allowed a maximum of **50 people** in our sanctuary. For those members of St. David's who are unable to participate in virtual worship for one reason or another, we would like to invite you to attend in person when you are comfortable doing so. If you are able to participate with us virtually over Zoom or YouTube live, please join us that way.

Getting the Service and Bulletin using our website

This bulletin and the Sunday service are placed on our website as soon as the Rollmann family get Monica's email. The website is **stdavids.nf.ca** and if you type this in as your search, our website will be right there. At the top of the main page is a "Sunday Service" which will take you to this week's service link and bulletin. Since our Sunday services are now live-streamed, the link is already posted so people can experience the Sunday service at home live beginning at 11 am on Sunday. If you click on Video Service for April 18th you will see the screen and the note: live in "a number" of hours. After the fact, you can see the YouTube video of the service. If you would like to catch up on previous services all are available, simply scroll through the services and choose the Sunday service or bulletin that you would like to see or read.

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? You may call the church at 722-

2382 or email us at stdavids@nfld.com and we'll see what we can do to help. Monica is still at the church during regular office hours from 9 am to 1 pm each weekday, if you want to drop by for any reason.

Communion Services

It has been so good to be able to worship in person the last few Sundays. We have stayed well under our capacity, even on Easter Sunday, thanks to the willing sacrifices of those who stayed home to be one of the many faces on the Zoom call or Youtube live stream of our services. Thanks to God's grace and the hard work and dedication of Newfoundlanders, we are able to continue to meet together, and it was particularly meaningful to be able to celebrate Communion together. Many people said how good it was to enjoy Communion together, and so we have decided that we will be celebrating **Communion** again on **Sunday May 23rd**. We are confident that we can offer communion in a way that is both safe and meaningful, and the sense of unity and togetherness we share is so important in these isolated times. As always, there is a space for everyone at Christ's table, whether you join us virtually or in person.

Treasurer's Report

Thank you to all who are continuing to donate to your church through your envelopes on Sunday mornings, by e-transfers, or through your monthly PAD contributions. My thanks go out to elders and friends who happily and gladly pick-up envelopes from those not able to get out and help by dropping them off at the church office.

By the way, the sole email address we are using to accept donations is stdavidsnfld@gmail.com and this one is linked to our bank account and it will automatically accept all donations.

2021 Annual Report

The Board of Managers, Session, the minister, your treasurer, and others are completing their reports for the Annual Report. Monica is putting the report together. The question is how would you like to receive this report and the other reports that go along with it? Those other reports are the Review Engagement Report(s) and our Financial Statements. We normally print copies and this year we are going to send copies out to the congregation by email, the same way you receive this bulletin. Please let your elder, any member of the Board of Managers or Monica know if you want a printed copy.

Advance Notice – Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)

The Board and Session are looking forward to having the ACM on **May 16th starting at 2:00 PM**. Depending on the situation regarding the pandemic, if we are still in Alert Level 2, we are able to have some in-person attendance as well as virtual attendance. For those not able to attend either in-person or virtually, if you have any thoughts on how we may receive your feedback or thoughts, please get back to the Board. Thanks and stay tuned for more information!

AMS

The AMS will be holding its monthly meeting today after the worship service in the Armour Room. All are welcome!

Bridges to Hope

Hurrah! Renovations are complete for the new Food Pantry at Bridges To Hope and volunteers will return in the week of April 27, 2021.

The Food Pantry may be new but the need for food is greater than ever!

Now that we're back to in-person worship services, please remember to bring along some non-perishable food items for the trolley each week so that we can continue our support of Bridges To Hope and their programs.

If you are not coming out to worship on Sunday, you can always drop off food items at the Church Office and they will be included with that week's food collection, normally delivered to "Bridges" on Thursdays.

Some basic items, listed below, are always in high demand. Household and personal care items, such as toilet tissue, cleaners, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, shampoo, soap, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, etc., are often requested, and distributed, if available.

As always too, cash or gift cards are helpful and greatly appreciated.

These gifts allow Bridges To Hope to purchase perishable items required, such as, margarine, fresh fruit & vegetables, etc.

Basic food items:

Canned milk	Canned beans	Canned soup	Dry Pasta/Rice
Canned meat/fish	Canned pasta	Pasta sauce	Crackers
Cereal	Cookies/snacks	Canned vegetables	Kraft Dinner
Juice	Canned fruit	Tea/Coffee	Sugar

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy belated Birthday greetings to our minister Rev. David Sturtevant who celebrated his birthday on March 1st! We know that Michelle, Oliver and Orson made sure you celebrated in fine style and that it was a special day. Best wishes from your St. David's family and we wish you many more!

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Marijke den Otter who will be celebrating her birthday on April 23rd with family (Lori Kim, Andy, Benjamin and Dini) and friends, near and far! Even though Marijke is living in Ontario now, she will always be a part of our Church family. Happy Birthday, Marijke and best wishes from everyone here at St. David's!

Happy Birthday to Cassidy Quinton who will be celebrating her birthday on April 22! Even though Cassidy is living far from Newfoundland right now, her family, including mom and dad – Becky and Leith Quinton – brothers, Josh and Luke and their families, along with many great friends, will be celebrating with her on her big day! Best wishes Cassidy from your St. David's family. We'll be thinking of you – have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday greetings to Kurt Aubrey-Bassler who will be 11 years old on April 22nd! Kurt will be celebrating his big day with mom and dad, Christine and Kris, sisters, Maggie and Charlotte, aunts, uncles and cousins, and proud grand-father, Gerhard Bassler, not to mention lots of friends. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a wonderful birthday Kurt! We hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday wishes to Jeremy Rumbolt who will be celebrating his birthday on April 24th with family and friends, including his mom, Jill, brother, Daniel, and grand-parents, Patsy and Dave Carmichael. Best wishes, Jeremy, from everyone here at St. David's and we hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday to Charles Stockwell who will be celebrating his very first birthday on April 22nd with family and friends! Charles is the son of Gordon and Sarah Stockwell. Gordon was our organist for many years here at St. David's and both Sarah and Gordon sang with the choir and delighted us with their musical talents. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a wonderful birthday Charles and we know you'll have lots of fun!

Special birthday wishes go to Minnie Bonnell who will be celebrating her 96th birthday on April 21st! Minnie is a longtime member of St. David's. She resides at Tiffany Village and although she has not been able to come to Church now for many years, she still holds a special place in our hearts. Helping Minnie celebrate her birthday this week will be her sons, Aubrey, David, Chris and Paul and their families. Happy Birthday Minnie from all your friends here at St. David's and know that we are thinking of you!

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.

News from the Pews

Special Plaque

Our Sanctuary is full of commemorative windows, plaques, banners and other remembrances of occasions and families that hold a special spot in the history and life of our congregation. Now you can't miss some of these memorials, but others – well you might have to walk around a bit and take a closer look. The plaque we're going to talk about today, hangs on the east wall where the choir sits. (It's right next to the door David sometimes uses to go back and forth to his office.)

The inscription on the plaque says that the plaque "...was donated to St. David's as an act of remembrance for Fred Chancey, a humble friend and beloved, tireless member and elder of this congregation." Many of us have fond memories of Fred. He was on Session when I became an elder and he was always an inspiration and mentor – not only to me but to all of us. It's fitting that we have this remembrance of him - for what he stood for and for what he did for our Church.

The design on the plaque is very familiar as well. Over the years, most of the special wood-working in St. David's has been done by Angus Bruneau – he just had a special talent – so of course I had to ask Steve Bruneau if he could shed some light on the design behind the plaque. Steve explained that Angus built the plaque in 2009. The same company that does the leaves for the Memorial Tree, did the laser printing of the writing on the plaque. But it was Angus who did the carving and actual colour inking on the plaque. The plaque is a model of the Queen's Road Church interior.

So I encourage you to take a walk through our Church and find this special plaque – a remembrance of Fred Chancey and a testament to the care and attention Angus gave to each piece of his work.



Fred Chancey's Memorial Plaque

The inscription reads:

“The oak banner above the cross was designed and made by Dr. Angus A. Bruneau and donated to St. David’s Church as an act of remembrance for Fred Chancey, a humble friend and beloved, tireless member and elder of this congregation.

It was inspired by a display of the same scripture from Psalm 29: 2 that once adorned an arch in the Queen’s Road Church, the former home of this congregation.

In this year, the fiftieth anniversary of the move to St. David’s from Queen’s Road, the congregation may again be inspired by the prominent display of this scripture that had long been a part of our tradition.

The congregation accepted this gift with great thanks and dedicated it to the glory of God on the fifth day of April in the year 2009.”

Archival Moment

This week, thanks to Steve Bruneau, we have a beautiful picture of the inside of the Queen's Road Church, showing the banner that was the inspiration for the plaque crafted in remembrance of Fred Chancey.



Queen's Road Church Showing the Banner

Church Trivia Questions

Apologies for last week's mistake! As you can probably tell, last week was not a good week – I forgot to put in the answer to the crossword puzzle and I re-printed an old Trivia Section! I believe we are back on track now though – thanks for being so patient with me!

(Janet.)

Way back when:

Last week the question was: On August 1, 1894, the church had its Annual Picnic. Where and how people get there?

The answer is: The picnic was held in Manuels and most people took the train. Tickets for the train and tea cost ninety cents. About 120 children took part in cricket, football (soccer), made rings for singing and had various races. The train back to town left at 8:20 pm and arrived back at the Depot (at the foot of Signal Hill) 50 minutes later after a stop at the Ropewalk crossing. The train ran along what is now Empire Ave.

This week the question is: On August 2, 1894, the day after the successful picnic. What happened?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What was the impact on the congregation of the old (Queen's Road) and new (Elizabeth Ave.) church's roofs?

The answer is: In the Queen's Road Church, the roof had leaks. On rainy days, the organist had to have someone hold an umbrella over her head while she played and some of the organ pipes gurgled. The rest of the

congregation remained relatively dry! In the new church on Elizabeth Ave. the first roof was metal. When it was hot, the condensation caused “rain” and on rainy days it was extremely difficult to hear the softly-spoken minister preach his sermons.

This week the question is: What was the “church hall” in the new Elizabeth Ave. church?

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 over 600 services on-line too listen to or see.

How to reach us:

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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 – Ken Templeton (Session rep)

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

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Eleanor Bonnell

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