



## **Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4, 2021" into Google. Copies of the hymns and the scripture readings are included in the email sent out each Friday. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Mark 16:1-8**

**Church Office Hours:** Rev. Sturtevant is working from home. 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. 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 4 (Easter Sunday)** God's love has given us new life and hope. By love, for love, Christ is risen! In love we proclaim: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

**Monday, April 5 (Easter Monday)** We pray that we will be filled with the joy of Easter, and live our lives in response to God's abundant grace.

**Tuesday, April 6** We pray for people who are questioning their gender identity or sexual orientation. May they be supported by their families and communities through their discernment and self-discovery.

**Wednesday, April 7** We pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners walking hand-in-hand with those suffering from tuberculosis, HIV, leprosy and malaria as they journey to health and well-being.

**Thursday, April 8** We give thanks for those who have been nominated to serve on the committees of the General Assembly and for the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees as they prepare a slate of nominees for the 2021 General Assembly.

**Friday, April 9** We pray for colleague covenant groups and clergy support groups as they support one another and develop healthy perspectives for themselves and their ministries.

**Saturday, April 10** We pray for Lay Training Centres of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana (Nsaba, Tamale, Ramseyer) as they train and equip ordained and lay leaders.

## **From the Board, Session and Treasurer**

### **In-person Church Services Are Back Starting April 4, 2021**

St. David's is again having in-person services starting this Sunday. The recent lowering of our province's alert level to alert Level 2 means we are able to have a worship service that will be both in-person and live-streamed on Easter Sunday, April 4th, at 11:00 AM. Please keep in mind that under the latest restrictions, we are allowed a maximum of **50 people** in our sanctuary under alert Level 2. As the weather warms and vaccines are distributed, all signs point to us being able to have more in-person services in the weeks to come. To keep us under this limit, if you are happily able to participate with us virtually over Zoom or YouTube live, we ask that you consider doing so. I have heard a consistent desire from the people of St. David's that our first priority for in-person worship should be those who are unable to participate in virtual worship for one reason or another.

### **Easter Sunday and Communion**

This week is Easter Sunday and to celebrate we will have a Communion Service. We invite you to participate with us in person or from your home. If you choose to attend, we will be serving the elements in a safe and reverent way, with the utmost care to prevent any possible vectors of viral transmission. However, if you are in a high-risk group or otherwise feel unsure, you are free to bring your own elements of bread and grape juice to participate with. For those joining us remotely, we will also be blessing the elements you provide for yourself at home. As for the elements themselves, grape juice and grain-based bread are the norm, but we also recognize that since we worship a God who makes imperfect things perfect, so too imperfect communion elements can be made perfect in our worship.

Back on November 22, 2020 we had another Communion Service. To see how Communion took place then please use our web site to look for the service of November 22<sup>nd</sup> and see how Communion was celebrated.

## **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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:stdavidsnfld@gmail.com) and this one is linked to our bank account and it will automatically accept all donations.**

## **Advance Notice – Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)**

The Board and Session are looking forward to having the ACM in the next month or so. Again, depending on the situation regarding the pandemic, if we are still in alert Level 2, we may be able to have some in-person attendance with virtual as well. 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!

## **Preparing the Annual Report for the ACM**

The Annual Report is being prepared in time for the ACM. Those groups who normally have reports: the minister, Board, Session and so on have been asked to complete their reports. If you would normally do a report for your group, even though you have not been able to get together, you can always report on how your year did go and what hopes you have for this year.

**Please get your submissions in to Monica by April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** will resume their in-person meeting here at St. David's in the Armour on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

**Food for Thought**, a Bible study group for university-age / young adults, meets weekly via Zoom. New people are always welcome. Thanks to Andy Effiong for leading the discussion last week. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 3, at 8pm. Anyone interested in participating should contact Ernst Rollmann (ernstrollmann12 at [gmail.com](mailto:ernstrollmann12@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link. Ernst can also add you to the email list for instant updates.

**We are please to welcome Noelle Slaney as our soloist for this Easter Sunday Service**



## Our Piggies have arrived!

They are very cute but they do have a purpose!

Here's how the project works:

- Purchase one (or more) of these cute piggy banks for \$5.00 each
- Fill it with coins - all denominations will fit (even bills if folded)
- When full, remove the snout and contribute the contents to St. David's AMS, for which you will receive a charitable donation receipt
- Replace the snout .... and **REPEAT** the process .... As many times as you wish
- Piggies are available in assorted colours - Blue, Green, Pink, Purple, Red
- Purchase your Piggy(ies) **now** from the Church Office or any AMS member.

Join us in this fun activity while supporting Presbyterians Sharing and the mission endeavours of St. David's - local, national and international.



## **Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations**

Happy Birthday greetings to Andrea Greeley who has a birthday coming up on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Andrea will be celebrating her big day with family and friends including her mom and dad, Mildred and Darrin Greeley, and her aunt, Marilyn Reardon. We hope you have a wonderful birthday, Andrea. Best wishes from your St. David's family!

Eleanor Patey will be celebrating her birthday on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Eleanor will be marking her big day with family and friends, including her mom and dad, Heather and Bob Patey, sister, Jean and of course proud grand-parents, Sylvia and Bob Taylor. Happy Birthday Eleanor from all your friends here at St. David's and best wishes for a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday to Ciaran Putt who will be celebrating his 9<sup>th</sup> birthday with his family and friends on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Ciaran is the son of Kim Andrews and Craig Putt. They, along with Ciaran's younger sister, Kaylee and proud grand-father, Steve Andrews, will all be sharing the happy day with him. Your friends here at St. David's wish you a very Happy Birthday Ciaran! Enjoy!

**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**

### **Story from Sam Johnson**

*This week we are delighted to have another little story from Sam Johnson. Thank-you Sam... we always look forward to your writings!*

#### **The Shaving Box**

A plain old water stained box, maybe half the size of a shoe box, sits on top of my bookcase. The quarter inch plywood, as well as water stained, has splatters of paint and a couple of small finishing nails protruding. The varnish has disappeared in many areas and the inside is darkened with years of use. Two narrow strips had been attached on the top of the longest sides providing grooves for the sliding cover. Most people during spring-cleaning would simply dump this in the garbage; most, but not all, especially not me for on the bottom of this box are scratched the initials RJJ. I simply knew him as Dad.

RJJ was a gentle man who worked as a lumber jack and fisherman, construction worker and sailor, packing room foreman and cook, painter and cleaner, labourer and time keeper and who knows how many other jobs. He also gave generously of his time and ability to his community, church, school and numerous organizations. His work often took him away from home for many months of there year especially when involved with the Labrador fishery and the lumber woods. At one stretch, he was working as a sailor on the Queen of Bermuda, a cruise ship, for eleven months, unable to afford to come home. The plain old water stained box went with him on many of his trips away from home.

The box always contained his shaving gear, a safety razor, Gillette Blue Blades, a crock of shaving cream, shaving brush and anything else he could cram in. This box went with him year after year from Labrador to the lumbar woods. The best place for it, however, was on the old wash-stand underneath the stairs. When it was there, it meant he was home.

The box reminds me of him. He was always there faithful to the people he loved and to the work that had to be done. Like the box, there was many a rough time, but despite the wear and tear he endured. The box, however, would always remain an old water stained construction which held shaving gear. In the hands of those who loved the man behind the box, it had a golden glow.

The time I most admired my Dad and yet became furiously angry with him (he however didn't know it) was immediately after one of his story telling times. It was about a year before he died. I enjoyed his stories of his younger days in the States; his problems getting through school because of math, but especially his sailing days to Labrador. He had just finished his story and I was a boy again waiting to become old enough to sail with him. He brought me back to the present when he turned to me and said, "You know I think I could have been a writer." My eyes filled quickly and I had to walk away while filled with admiration that this man spent a lifetime working to make a living and provide for us but I was angry that he had not taken his secret dream of writing and explored it. Did he feel his obligation to his family too strong? The question in his day and also in mine as a boy, if you said you wanted to be a writer was "What are you going to do to make a living?" I knew he also liked reading. There were stories about him as a young married man spending time reading while his own father was doing most of the chores. He could recite so much poetry from the old Royal Readers and to become a writer was his dream.

I now treasure his memories as he treasured his water stained shaving box. I also have become a writer, the writings won't become best sellers but I write. I write of my memories and my experiences. I write for my children and my grandchildren and if you read this and you think you have nothing worth writing about, think again. There is always someone who loves you and wants to hold on to you in some form. How I wish Dad would have written his experiences and stuffed them in the well-traveled shaving box.

I hold the simple box in my hands, sliding the cover back and forth, felling the warm surface and growing admiration for this this gentle man, RJJ.

Samuel J. Johnson, December 2009



The Shaving Box



Robert James Johnson

## **Easter Colouring Contest**

This year we'd like to challenge the children and adults to a colouring contest. Why the adults too? If you received an adult colouring kit for Christmas three years ago - yes that long ago - and you haven't had a chance to use it in a while, here's your chance! Print the page(s) attached in this Email and have a go!

Why colouring? Well, Monica and I had a chat this morning and when I spoke about colouring – I was thinking Easter eggs – Monica said that her 99 year old Aunt in Bonavista has taken up coloured pencils and she enjoys it immensely.

What to do with the pictures that you complete? Well, if you send them in to the church we are very likely to take pictures and have a collage in some upcoming bulletin.

See attachments to your email!

## Spring is Coming

(Anne Calver)

I am writing this on Tuesday March 30<sup>th</sup>. The weather looks nice until you get outdoors and the wind chill hits you. But Spring is coming. How do I know? The signs are all around us and we in Newfoundland just hope they are all correct.

Animal Behaviour is the first sign. Last week while driving through Clarenville, a coyote came up onto Marine Drive from the wooded area around the Senior Citizen's Club and disappeared up a driveway across the road. I didn't think a lot about that until I watched the NTV News last night and apparently people are seeing and getting videos of coyotes. There were videos of them wandering around, even in Mount Pearl and St. John's.

The hens are also behaving differently. One of my friends to whom I gave a flock (8 hens – Rhode Island Whites) told me yesterday that one of the flock had gone broody. (A broody hen is one who “sets” eggs in hopes of having chicks in twenty-one days or so.) He wanted to know what to do since all the hen would do is sit on the eggs for 23 hours a day only leaving to get some food and water. My 92-year old cousin, Hedley, had an answer or two. The first was to hang the hen in an onion bag on the clothesline for three days – not acceptable! Or, says he, you could find some eggs for her to set.

Several years ago, I did just that for a hen who went broody in June. Another hen-farmer in the area had two eggs that were due to hatch within the next couple of days. I traded a bag of chick starter feed for the two eggs. While I waited for the “soon-to-hatch eggs” to arrive, I substituted golf balls for the eggs! The hen seemed fine with that!

What's the expression... "best laid plans go astray"? Well, it turned out that the chicks hatched earlier than expected. What to do? In the evening, my hen-farmer-friend showed up with the two newly hatched chicks, just out of the egg-shell. We waited until dusk and then crept to the hen house. I carefully took the two golf balls from underneath the hen and gingerly placed the two new chicks on either side of the "mother hen". Thinking "Good luck, everyone!" we took off!

At five o'clock the next morning, I checked on the flock and sure enough there was proud momma hen and her two chicks! She looked after them over the summer, using her beak to grind up her 18% layer feed for them. No chick starter for them! She also taught them to eat locally found/grown food from the garden around the sheds. That was the year I never got a ripe black currant for a couple of weeks and I had three guilty-looking chickens with purple beaks!

What is my friend going to do with his broody hen? Not sure, but I still have some golf balls if he needs them!

A change in human behaviour is another sign of Spring. With all that sun last week you started to think, it's time to plant! Then the questions started: When should we plant the tomato seeds? Where can I find some tomato seeds? And so the hunt was on. This year you did have to start early since some of the seed stores on-line and locally were already sold out of favourite varieties.

My friends, Jessica (my very able assistant for 12 years in packing and delivering the St. David's Christmas hampers) and Wendy (her mother) were first-time farmers last year. They had two raised beds and grew carrots,

onions, Romaine lettuce, broccoli, and cucumbers. Last summer I gave them a five-gallon bucket filled with a mixture of kelp, hen manure, soil and three levels of potatoes. This produced some great greenery and a goodly number of smallish potatoes, a sure sign of too much kelp and manure! We all learn.

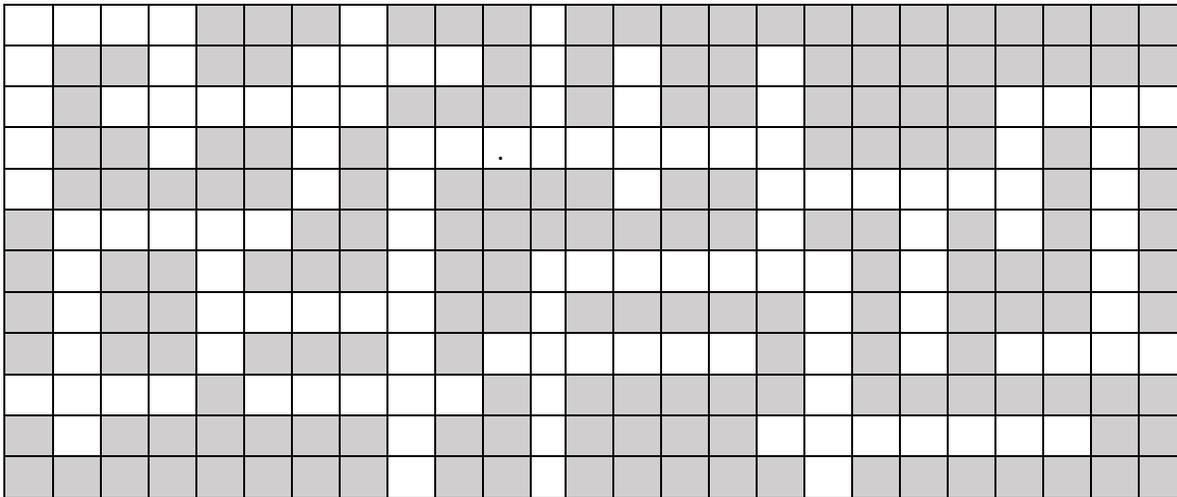
As second year farmers, they have already sowed 16 tomato seeds, (a small bush tomato variety from last year's seeds, 14 out of 16 currently coming) and they sowed another 16 plants (3 of 16 are up) from this year's seed. So, it looks like they will have some tomato plants to share. They also plan to expand their garden plot to a third raised bed. But that's not all. They looked at the trees in their garden and have successfully tapped a maple tree! So far they have more than eight cups of sap and are keenly looking forward to cool nights and warm(ish) days.

I already have my tomato, spinach, Romaine lettuce and zucchini seed, for this year. I've dusted off the "Aero Garden" and I'm thinking what to plant and when. The tomato seed will go in this week in the house until some time in June when they make the trek to the greenhouse. The spinach will go directly into the green house now. There are some sturdy dandelion coming up in there now, so the spinach will be fine. The other seeds are waiting their turn.

It's still early and there's another bit of snow on the ground, but green fingers-and-thumbs everywhere are tingling at the thought of gardens, flowers, veggies, fruit, berry picking – bring it on!

## Good Friday and Easter Crossword Puzzle

This is a different kind of crossword puzzle, note the “.” Dot! Below is a list of words that will fit into each of the blank spaces. Good luck and the answer will be in next week’s bulletin.



The words to fit in are:

Baptism	Dead	Died	Easter	Flowers	Friday
Gift	God	Good	Great	Hymn	Light
Lily	Love	Narthex	Night	Organ	Pews
Poor	Psalm	Pulpit	Raised	Robe	Rose
St.Davids	Sanctuary		Sunday	Thanks	Window

## Archival Moment

The past two weeks we've showed some pictures from the March 15, 2018 St. Paddy's Day – Good Companions dinner. There were so many great pictures from that day and we wanted to share a few more with you!



Grace and David Artiss



Patsy with her sister, Carol Colton; Dave and Michelle in the Background



Dave Carmichael and Pat Galbraith with the Donations for Bridges to Hope

## Church Trivia Questions

### Way back when:

**Last week the question was:** The Rev. G. Ward Siddall and his wife gave the congregation a present for the church on March 4<sup>th</sup> 1894. What was it?

**The answer is:** It was a silver communion set used for the first time at the March 4<sup>th</sup> 1894 Sunday Communion which was held in the new church basement. The inscription read "Presented to the Congregational Church, St. John's, Newfoundland, by the Reverend and Mrs. G. Ward Siddall, as a Thank Offering as Preservation from the Great Fire, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1892"

**This week the question is:** On August 1, 1894, the church had its Annual Picnic. Where and how did people get there?

### Recent History:

**Last week the question was:** With the move to Elizabeth Ave., the Church looked for a manse nearby. Our manse on Bideford Place, had previously been owned by a well-known local personage. Who was that person?

**The answer is:** That person was Mr. Donald Jamieson who was a well known radio and television personality. He served as a federal politician and held several Cabinet posts until he was appointed Secretary of State for External Affairs. He was later appointed Canada's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.

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

**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.

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**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 over 600 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 – 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
Aubrey Bonnell	Eleanor Bonnell	Jenny Griffioen
Jennifer Waterman	Ed Vanderkloet	Tanya Shalaby

## **Board of Managers:** the members of the Board are:

Ken Templeton	Ed Vanderkloet	Steve Bruneau
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**Treasurer:** Anne Calver

**Envelope Secretary:** Ian Bruneau