



Sunday May 30th 2021

This Sunday we meet for in-person worship and also record the service. The recording of the service will be available on Sunday and can be found on our YouTube channel by typing "St. David's Presbyterian Message for May 30, 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:

John 3:1-17, Isaiah 6:1-8

Church Office Hours: Rev. Sturtevant is in the office Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm. His cell phone is 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, May 30 (Trinity Sunday) We give thanks and pray for the ministry that the church does through Presbyterian World Service & Development's refugee sponsorship program to provide an opportunity for refugees to rebuild their lives with dignity.

Monday, May 31 We give thanks and pray for presbytery and synod clerks as they fulfill their responsibilities with wisdom, compassion and precision.

Tuesday, June 1 We give thanks for the beauty of creation, and pray that the people and nations of the world are inspired to protect and care for the earth, as God intended.

Wednesday, June 2 We pray for children and young people who have been separated from friends and prevented from doing the things they love during the past year.

Thursday, June 3 We pray for the Presbyterian World Service & Development projects in Haiti that assist and strengthen children who suffer from malnutrition.

Friday, June 4 We pray for an end to child labour, as well as support for those who promote fair labour practices.

Saturday, June 5 We give thanks for the creative and supportive leadership of the Rev. Amanda Currie in her role as Moderator over the past two years.

Message From the Minister

This week, while I was listening to the excellent *Because News* program on CBC radio, the host and the panellists got into a discussion about “Cave syndrome”, a phenomena that some worry will affect a lot of us as we begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel and a return to normalcy. Cave Syndrome, so they say, is not a real medical condition, but rather it’s the feeling of having spent so long in your house with just your own company that you come to the point where you’ve adapted and don’t really want to leave. You prefer the cave.

With lower case numbers and vaccine numbers continuing to rise, as well as the nicer weather, I’ve been able to get out and visit more people over the last few weeks. Some visits are on driveways or in backyards, where the fresh air and sunshine lift spirits and provide a sense of security, but some visits are indoors, sitting at a table or in a living room and catching up. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to speak face-to-face again, and it reminds me of how many little conversations we are missing from our lives. So much of our connection with those we love isn’t just knowing about the big life changes, it’s hearing the little things, like the story of frustration of buying a bag of apples from the store that turned out to be spoiled, like the story of Oliver pulling the screen out of his window so he can lean out of his window at naptime and say hello to the neighbourhood, the story of what you had for breakfast, your favorite kind of tea, or what games you like to play to pass the time. So often, these are the conversations that build bonds between people. These little things connect us. But when we suffer from Cave syndrome, these are the stories we don’t hear at all.

There is a quotation often attributed to Edmund Burke: *“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing”*. The impacts of coronavirus have been largely evil; besides physical sickness, people are isolated, worried, and lonely. A return to normal is still months away, but with improving conditions and vaccination rates, I am beginning to feel some hope that we can begin to poke our heads out of the caves we are in. I hope you’ll take some time this week to have conversations with people. Go out

for a coffee on a patio, meet at a playground, or go for a hike. Meet at the top of signal hill or down by the harbour, and enjoy the views. Or just have tea in your backyard with a friend!

All that is necessary for Cave syndrome to triumph is for us to do nothing. It's easy to stay disconnected. But as we begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel, and as the days get sunnier and more pleasant, we should take those opportunities. And if you've spent so long in your cave you don't know who to talk to, my cell number is 699-3661, and I would really love to meet for coffee, tea, or a walk. It's been too long in the cave.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services

St. David's is having in-person services. We also live-stream the service at 11:00 AM on Sundays. Please keep in mind that under the Level 2 restrictions the maximum is increased. For those members of St. David's unable to participate in virtual worship for one reason or another, we invite you to attend in person when you are comfortable doing so. Those of you who join us virtually via Zoom may certainly continue to follow us that way or if you are comfortable joining us in person, we welcome you back.

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 May 30th 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 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 and this one is linked to our bank account and it will automatically accept all donations.

View of food in preparation

DRIVE THROUGH FOOD DRIVE RAIN OR SHINE!

In support of
Bridges To Hope Food Aid Centre

Hosted by: St. David's Presbyterian Church

Where: St. David's Parking Lot, 98 Elizabeth Avenue

When: Saturday, June 12, 2021 - 10 A. M. - 2 P. M.

Some suggested items to contribute:

Canned Milk, Canned Beans, Soup, Dry Pasta/Rice, Canned Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Canned Meat/Fish, Crackers, Cereal, Canned Vegetables, Kraft Dinner, Cookies/Snacks, Juice, Canned Fruit, Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Peanut Butter, Cheez Whiz, Jam, Pudding Snacks ... the list goes on!

** Personal care items: Toilet tissue, tissues, shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene supplies, dishwashing detergent, laundry detergent, etc.

Monetary donations and gift cards are also acceptable.

Call us at (709)722-2382 or email us at stdavids@fld.com for inquiries.

Weekly Specials May 27 to June 2

This week's Specials (May 27-June 2) - great items for Food Drive!

Colemans - Favorite Mandarin Oranges/Graves Vegetables - \$0.77

Lawtons - Maple Leaf Flakes of Meat - 4/\$5.00

Graves Apple Juice - \$0.99

Dominion - Campbell's Soup - \$0.59

Sobeys - Kraft Dinner - \$0.99

Pipers - Macaroni/Pasta Sauce - \$1.00

Announcements:

Thank-You. We would like to thank Heather Kao for providing the music for us this morning!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be holding the last meeting before summer break on Tuesday, June 01 @ 10 am in the Armour Room.

The Kirk Lobster Dinner:

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Stay Home Year **2021!**

June **SOLD OUT!** AND 10th

Thursday is Selling Fast!

With less than Four Weeks until this highly anticipated event, we are thrilled to announce that **ALL** our Wednesday Take-Outs have completely **SOLD OUT**, and only **Thursday** orders are remaining!

Contact us **NOW** to make sure you **DO NOT** miss out!

To place your order or for more information, please call:

726-5385 or email: **kirklobster@gmail.com**

-Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday to Isaak Bonnell who will be celebrating his 13th birthday on June 3rd! Even though Isaak and his family currently live in Glenview (a suburb of Chicago), we know he will be celebrating his big day with family and friends, near and far, including his mom and dad, Denise and Steve Bonnell, his brother, Evan, and very proud grand-parents, Eleanor and Aubrey Bonnell. Happy Birthday Isaak from everyone here at St. David's! We hope you have a wonderful birthday and a great year to come!

A very Happy Birthday to June Bowden who will be celebrating her birthday on June 4th! June is one of our Good Companions and a dear friend to many here at St. David's. June keeps in touch with the St. David's news via our weekly bulletin and is looking forward to the time when we can safely get together again and enjoy a game of bridge, a chat and a cuppa! June will be celebrating her birthday with family and friends here in St. John's. Happy Birthday June from all your friends here at St. David's! We hope you have a wonderful birthday and may there be many more to come!

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

AMS News

The AMS held their last meeting for the year on Sunday, May 23. It was a lovely time of fellowship and friendship combined. Thanks to Penny Gillies and Kathy McKay for their leadership and ongoing inspiration. Our group may be few in number but there is much enthusiasm for making the world a better place. And how could there ever be a meeting at St. David's without food and a cup of tea/coffee? Below are some of the pictures from our Sunday get-together. The AMS always welcomes anyone who is interested in Mission work – just talk to Penny or Kathy to find out more. Perhaps we'll see you in September!



Part of Our AMS Group



Notice the Hats!



Oliver Brightens Our Day!



David Sporting a Dashing Hat



Lunchtime Snacks!



Gifts From the Garden

Birthday Update – Dean King

A couple of weeks ago, we told you that Dean King was going to be celebrating his 2nd birthday on May 19th. Well, it turned out to be a great birthday by all accounts! Thank-you Sarah and Wesley for sharing some of the pictures from Dean's special day. We certainly miss seeing our little ones at Church and hearing their laughter so it's always great to be able to see their pictures and watch them grow!! Let's hope we all get to see each other soon – in person!

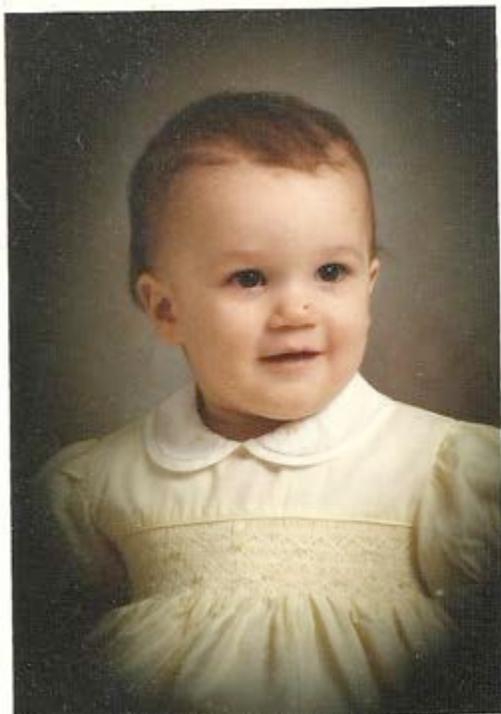


Sarah, Wesley and Dean Celebrating His Birthday



Dean with Best-est Friends, Oliver and Orson >

Sarah also sent along a couple of baby pictures – one of her and one of Dean. She said that “... *as everyone says he looks like me, I love to show the proof.*” There’s no doubt in my mind who Dean takes after. What do you think?



Sarah’s Baby Picture



Dean’s Baby Picture

Birthday update - Monica McNeill

I celebrated my birthday Wednesday and wanted to let everyone know it was a great day! I spent the afternoon with my family and the Sturtevant family at Piattos. We had a wonderful time! I was having such a great time that I forgot to take pictures! I also would like to thank those in the congregation for their kind birthday wishes, phone calls, cards, and gifts. Thank-you so much!!!!

Queen's Road Church Window – In Our Church Hall

All of us who have been in the Church Hall can't help but notice the beautiful window and cabinet on the back wall. But do you know the story behind it?

If you have looked at it closely, you may notice that the cabinet's craftsmanship looks familiar and you would be right. The same artisan skill is evident in the banner and cross that hang in our sanctuary. Yes, Angus Bruneau was responsible for all this beautiful woodworking.

To find out more, I sought out Steve and Ian. It turns out that there is more to the story than I first thought – and a lot of missing information yet to be discovered. Here's what we know so far (from Steve and Ian):

Attached are pics of the Queens Road windows. First two are from a visit that Ian, Dad, Harold (Hammond) and I took to somewhere to investigate the remaining stored windows from Queens Road. That was in 2001.



Queen's Road Church Window



Harold Hammond
with Old Window

Then skip forward to June 2004, and I helped Dad install the window frame he had built in his workshop on Tupper Street.



Job well done!



Angus Bruneau standing by the the finished window and cabinet



Tools and Equipment Being Put Away

I do not recall if the window in the frame was one of the ones we scouted a few years earlier, or, whether it was another that had been sourced by Jim Steel or another person. I also recall knowing the reason for the coats of arms – but have forgotten now and can't put my finger on it. I believe that information would be in a newsletter article (Newsletter from 2003 or 2004). I also have a vague recollection of knowing where in the old building (Queen's Road Church) this window came from. It may be possible to distinguish this looking at the building from the outside today.

The Queens Road window cabinet was installed in the Hall on June 15th 2004.

Thank-you to Steve Bruneau

Below is a picture of the plaque and the inscription.



Inscription on Queen's Road Church Window

It reads:

Queen's Road Congregational Church

1896 – 1957

This window, with its original frame was retrieved from the west wall of the choir in the sanctuary of the Queen's Road Church. It has been mounted and is displayed as a reminder of the six decades that church served the families of many members of this congregation before they constructed and moved to St. David's Church in 1957.

June 2004

I've also included an old picture showing the interior of the Queen's Road Church. Check out the window above the choir. Could this be the same window Ian is looking at in the first picture?



Queen's Road Church Interior 1970

So many questions.... Where were the windows stored for so many years? How did Harold and/or Jim find them? What happened to them? Does anyone have a copy of the old newsletter from 2003/2004? And what about the actual picture frame? Was it found with the window or at a different location? What do the coat of arms represent? If you have the answers to any of these questions, please let me know! (Janet.)

Archival Moment

This week we revisit a time not that long ago – March 26, 2017. This was a Sunday evening and it was the Induction Service for our new Minister, David Sturtevant, here at St. David's. The picture below shows that part of the induction service titled "The Minister at the Pulpit". In the picture you'll see (from left to right) Aubrey Bonnell, Jenny Griffioen, Rev. David and Rev. Derrick Krunys.



The Minister at the Pulpit

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: What was happened next? Hint: you may hear the full story in a future bulletin.

The answer is: There was a squabble in the two newspapers, a former deacon of the church, A. A. Parsons of the *Evening Telegram* commented “What do you think, reader, of the clergyman who could descend to use such Language in the pulpit?”. A letter to the editor followed and the next day the *Evening Herald* responded to the letter on Rev. Siddall’s behalf calling it “a disgraceful attack”.

This week the question is: What was is or was a “ragamuffin”?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What happened on the evening of Oct 29, 1950?

The answer is: The 175th anniversary evening service was broadcast over VOXM with speakers ranging from the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Lieutenant-Governor of Newfoundland, the Premier of the province, the Mayor of St. John’s, and representatives of the United, Salvation Army, and Presbyterian churches.

This week the question is: What indication did one of our previous ministers at the Queen’s Road church recall as his signal for the benediction?

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.

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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**

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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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 – 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