



Sunday August 15th 2021

This Sunday we meet for in-person worship, we also record the service. The recording of the service will be available on Sunday and can be found our YouTube channel by typing "St. David's Presbyterian Message for August 15, 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:

Ruth 1, John 1:35-51

Church Office Hours: Rev. Sturtevant is on vacation for the month of August. For pastoral care, please contact Rev. Derek Krunys at 687-7742. Monica McNeill, our Office Administrator, 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, August 15 We pray for PCC mission staff in Taiwan and give thanks for the hard work they have devoted to translating the Bible for Indigenous churches in the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan.

Monday, August 16 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Edmonton-Lakeland in Alberta.

Tuesday, August 17 We pray for the work of the Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network as they support church communities working for racial justice in Canada.

Wednesday, August 18 We give thanks for Project Ploughshares and their advocacy for policies that promote peace and disarmament.

Thursday, August 19 In Christ we are all one family. We give thanks for KAIROS, bringing together many churches to work together ecumenically for justice and peace.

Friday, August 20 We pray for the congregations of Comox Valley Presbyterian Church in British Columbia and St. David's Presbyterian Church in Nova Scotia as they plan new ministry after completing the denomination's New Beginnings process.

Saturday, August 21 We pray for couples who are experiencing challenges conceiving or adopting children.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

Summer Schedule

This is August and summer holiday time is here, Rev. Sturtevant is on vacation for August and Brian Way is also taking some well-deserved vacation. Here are the schedules for services this month:

	Worship Leader	Organist
Aug 15	Sam Johnson	Brian Way
Aug 22	Ernst Rollmann	Jenny Griffioen
Aug 29	AMS Service	Brian Way

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev Russell, Sam Johnson, Ernst Rollmann and the AMS for taking the services this month. We'd also like to thank Heather Kao and Jennie Griffioen for taking over from Brain Way. And thank-you to our "techie" team who have volunteered to take over the live-streaming (Zoom) and virtual recording (YouTube) of our services while David is away.

In-person Church Services

St. David's has in-person services each Sunday morning at 11 am. We also live-stream the service at 11:00 am each Sunday, or you can access it later. Since we have moved to the government's "Level 2 Re-opening", the number of people who can be in the sanctuary is increased provided we can maintain physical distancing. 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 August 15th 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.

Bridges to Hope

Children will soon be returning to school and, for many families, this creates an extra financial burden. School supplies are expensive and clients of Bridges To Hope find providing these supplies a challenge!

Through its “Bag to School” program, Bridges To Hope provides children with a school bag filled with all the supplies they need to start the year off on the right foot!

In prior years, churches were asked to provide specific items, such as pencils, calculators, loose leaf paper, etc., but in 2020, Covid-19 made that impossible so all the supplies were “purchased” from a local supplier and the bags packed by them as well. This is the same again this year – how can you help? By making a cash donation to Bridges To Hope, you can assist in the success of this program!

Donations may be made online through Bridgestohope.ca, Canada Helps, through your church (just indicate that it’s for “Bag to School”) or dropping off a donation at the Bridges To Hope office at 39 Cookstown Road.

No amount is too small and all contributions are sincerely appreciated. Thank you for your support!

Specials This Week (Aug 12-18) – Good buys for Food Trolley!

Pipers (Aberdeen Avenue location only)

Kraft Dinner - \$0.66

Clark Beans - \$0.99

Lawtons - Compliments Canned Milk - \$0.99

Sobeys

Catelli Pasta or Garden Select Pasta Sauce - \$0.88

Colemans – Jacob’s Cream Crackers – 4/\$5

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Charlotte Aubrey-Bassler will be celebrating her 13th birthday with her family and friends on August 15th. Happy Birthday Charlotte from everyone here at St. David's! Charlotte is the daughter of Christine and Kris Aubrey-Bassler, and the much loved grand-daughter of Gerhard Bassler. Best wishes for a wonderful day Charlotte!

Happy Birthday to Kelsea Hudson who will be celebrating her birthday on August 18th with family and friends. Kelsea is the daughter of Tracey and Doug Hudson and grand-daughter of Sylvia and Dave Hudson. Best wishes Kelsea from your St. David's family!

Happy Birthday to Kathy Komaromy (Chancey) who will be celebrating her birthday on August 21st! Kathy is the daughter of Betty Chancey. Kathy currently lives in British Columbia and due to COVID-19, has not been able to return home as she does every year. Even though she may not get home to celebrate with her mom and brother (Paul) and his family, we're sure they will all celebrate together. A big Happy Birthday from your St. David's family Kathy 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.

News from the Pews

Message from Sheena Findlay

I'm expecting to be in Hospital for hip surgery on Aug. 24th or thereabouts, (depending on emergencies or other scheduling issues) for about five days, and I'm asking the family of God at St David's to please remember me in prayer.

I've actually been in hospital as a patient only once before...and that was over forty years ago. I've been very blessed with health all my life, for which I am so grateful, but now of course I have to learn to be a patient patient and it's a challenge!

The past two months I've been experiencing the "process of being processed" through the Health system. It was not the easiest of times but I have appreciated the support of people from St David's and elsewhere who have all helped me in different ways – and no, I will not embarrass them by naming them yet – in case they quit! But thank-you each, so much. It is so good to have "local" Good Samaritans to rescue and see one safe in such different ways.

I've been thinking about The Good Samaritan in Luke 10: 29 to 37, which is about **how we treat others in distress**.....and no, I'm not equating myself in my present comparatively small distress with the poor fellow who was attacked and left almost naked in that dangerous place (although concerning "naked", I will admit to wishing I didn't have to appear anywhere in a somewhat "breezy" hospital gown!)

But back to the G.S. Can we even begin to imagine how **we** would feel if we had been stripped of all we owned, beaten up, and abandoned for dead on that notoriously dangerous road? I've been there as a tourist and **I** just quietly decided to stay in the air conditioned bus, the atmosphere was so scary...even 2000 years later!

And how about the two religious people who turned up next? Wonder how any of us in our “safe” congregation do **actually** react when God presents us with people who are obviously broke, or unwashed or under the weather/influence or infected?

I’m ashamed to admit that in spite of many years of professional teaching and practice, if I’m approached in **my** own world by someone battered by circumstances, I get irritated and quickly get out of range, blaming them instead of helping.....will my gut reaction never learn?

So, what was so “good” about The Good Samaritan? Seems to me that he reached out **beyond** his own safe limits, his own cultural group, and simply did the compassionate thing for another human being in distress. And he **took the time** to follow through with the other person. (The thing iswhat do **we** do in our busy lives, busy world, to even notice the pain of those who are not our own family, our own group...never mind helping “all the way”?) Hats off to our intrepid band at Bridges to Hope who have not let the pandemic stop them in their work with so many “people in distress”.....thank-you so much.

I think that one of the worst effects of the COVID-19 pandemic is that it has made it OK to be ultra-protective of ourselves and our own immediate family/small social group/congregation. I wonder what The Good Samaritan in the story would have done about COVID-19 protection or prevention of the spread of the Delta variant?

I would like to hear from our own Church and the Church up-along on whether they do in fact have a strong and positive point of view on fighting not only COVID-19 and the Delta variant but also the corrosive fear that seem to accompany these.

Sheena Findlay

A Story from Sam Johnson

I went to Pool's Cove in 1961 as a student minister for the United Church mainly because the mission boat, Ryerson was stationed there. I grew up reading stories of the mission boats in Newfoundland and British Columbia and imagined myself as being skipper of one. Given this chance by the Superintendent of Missions, Dr. A.S. Butt, I quickly switched from attending Memorial University and headed for Little Bay East, one of the communities on the Pool's Cove charge which was accessible by car.

The Ryerson was a forty-two foot cabin boat, and used I believe during the war as a troop transport in St. John's Harbour. She was a bit narrow for her length, which caused her to roll quite a bit in heavy seas. Her Kelvin engine ran on gasoline and kerosene. The motor would start on gas until it became heated and then you switched it over. The reverse happened before shutting it down. At full speed the Ryerson could do about nine knots. Stepping on the boat for the first time, knowing I was to be its skipper, made me feel like I was following the footsteps of my Grandfather who had skippered schooners for most of his working life. My love affair with the Ryerson, however, would only last for a few months but that's a story for another time!

My first trip into Fortune Bay occurred a few days after arriving in Little Bay East. Dr. Butt arrived from St. John's and with Ewart Marshall as our pilot, we headed for Pool's Cove on a rough Saturday morning. We shipped a lot of water after leaving the safety of the of the Harbour and decided to enter Long Harbour and tie up in Anderson's Cove until later in the day hoping the winds would reside.

Dr. Butt, remembering his younger days fishing with his father on the Labrador, really enjoyed this trip. He took the wheel for part of the trip in the rough weather and you could tell by the look on his face and the manner in

which he handled the boat, that he was at home in this condition. When we got into the shelter of the land, before arriving at Long Harbour, he went into the forecandle for a cup of coffee. Ewart, always a man for a good laugh, quickly put on a large pair of dark rim glasses fitted with a large nose and moustache. He knew Dr. Butt would have to duck his head and look up to get back to the wheelhouse. What a surprise look came on Dr. Butt's face when he saw Ewart's face just inches from his. "My", he said, I thought Neptune had come on Board.

The wind did die down late in the day and we headed for Pool's Cove. The sea had become calm and I will always remember the approach to the community. A light mist was floating just above the surface of the water penetrated by lights from Delco plants giving the place an inviting and warm atmosphere. This was one of the places I would call home for a year and I arrived as Skipper of the Ryerson. This boat also brought me to this place from which a young lady would become a part of my home no matter where I sailed.



The Church Bell of St. David's (cont.)

Last week, we heard the fascinating story behind the St. Andrew's By The Sea, Old Perlican bell and its connection to St. David's This week, the conclusion of the story of our Church bell – or is it???

(Many thanks to Steve Bruneau who wrote this story back in December 2000. We're happy to share it with you now!)

The Conclusion (Part III)

Feeling some nostalgia and a sense of closure to the story I was quite looking forward to the completion of the project and to the first bell-ringing. It seems however that there were still a few more surprises in store for me and the bell story. Just days before the old/new bell was to go up, Elizabeth Berghuis heard of the project and reminded us all that there was a St. David's church bell in her safe keeping. The bell, similar in size and shape to the train bell, had been stored years ago by her late husband, Peter a manager for many years. Oh no! Was I mistaken and was this our original church tower bell? Were, in fact, two bells acquired from Old Perlican as someone would later suggest? Back down in my father's workshop I carefully lifted the broken old yoke and placed it around the newly discovered bell handed over by the Berghuis family – and yes, a near perfect fit. Closer inspection of the old rusty yoke revealed traces of reddish paint not too unlike the red paint splattered on the top of this enigmatic bell. It was starting to look like a case of mistaken identity. After discussing the story with a number of long-time members of St. David's a plausible explanation began to emerge:

When the church tower was erected in 1966 it did not have a bell but by 1967 a bell had been installed. This, David Carmichael recalls, since ironically he left the province in "Come Home Year" after the tower was built and

returned a year later to hear a bell in the tower for the first time. He also believes, as do I, that this first bell only lasted a few years before something broke, and that perhaps instead of fixing it, a new larger bell with a deeper tone was sought. It appears likely that the original bell was the one Peter Berghuis retrieved, and that the Smallwood train bell was the first potential replacement obtained but because its size and shape were similar to the old one it was not hung. The search continued and ultimately resulted in the discovery and purchase of the New Perlican bell at which time my father received the train bell for his troubles. Pam Bruce our church archivist confirms that the Old Perlican Bell was purchased and installed in 1969 which suggests it went on to ring in our tower for up to 20 years...

Over the past few months Lal Parsons has been making some inquiries and checking records. Among other things he found out that the Old Perlican bell is now proudly displayed in a new belfry in front of St. Andrew's By the Sea United Church in that community. This discovery prompted me to call Fred Cram, a prominent Old Perlican citizen and chair of the heritage committee there. As it turns out, Fred not only knew about the bell, he was one of the three men who "in August 1991 worked the hardest day of his life retrieving the 500 lb. bell from the tower of St. David's Church in St. John's". Fred recalled the heritage committee deciding to request the bell back since it was one of the few items that survived three churches in Old Perlican and, through their Minister, the committee had discovered that the bell was no longer in use at St. David's. He confirmed that they left behind everything but the brass in their struggle to remove the bell from our belfry. He also recalled Mrs. Laura Wilkenson (now Mrs. Laura Norman) being the connection in 1967 that led to our church obtaining it in the first place. In the mid 60's chimes had been donated to the newly built Church in Old Perlican and so the old bell, had indeed, been suffering from neglect.

Recently one of the main events of our anniversary was celebrated at St. David's. A great Sunday service was held at which Reverend Duff welcomed

back Reverend Armour as our guest speaker. That evening a great congregational dinner was held at which Reverend Armour spoke of his memories of the bicentennial 25 years ago. Through his various recollections Jim Armour communicated his many feelings for our wonderful church, but above all, he expressed his pleasure in the strength and sense of renewal he felt in St. David's today. On a Sunday morning this past August Reverend Duff commemorated to the glory of God and our Church – a bell. This bell was once before our church's bell. It had also been my family's bell, and was perhaps at one time Joey Smallwood's. For certain it was well travelled long before that. Now what better a symbol of renewal than that? In closing we read some reflections and thoughts from Jim Armour and Lal Parsons:

The bells of St. David's

We hear they are calling;

The big ones, the small ones

The loud and the soft.

The bells of St. David's

which one has been ringing?

The "Bay Bell", the "Smallwood"?

Which hung in our loft?

Despite all these natters,

the one thing that matters, is

To mind them, not find them, and answer their call.

The bells of St. David's

Again they are sounding

Oh hear them, and fear Him, the Lord of us all.

Archival Moment

This week's picture is thanks to Gracie Wood. We had a great time putting names to all the people in the picture! There was only one lady we could not put a name to. Can you help us out? And who took the picture?? If so, let us know!



WA Christmas Meeting at Millie Hammond's Home – December 2002 >

Caption:

Back Row: (left to right)

Grace Wood, Elizabeth Thistle, Betty Chancey, Marjorie Pike, Bertha Hodder, Patsy Carmichael

Front Row: (left to right)

Jean Hibbs, Edith Peach, Violet Aylward, Lillian Crawford, Rev. Sandy Wessel, ???, Millie Hammond, Catherine Picco,

(Dogs: Reggie and Monet)

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: Back in 1775, the military was in charge of most things. What major construction projects did they undertake?

The answer is: Colonel Pringle started construction of Fort Townshend. He also built Military Road to Fort William and Signal Hill Road.

This week the question is: We're still in the early days of this church, the military are in charge and while military officers were given land, what weren't they supposed to do?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: Who developed the Tree of Memory?

The answer is: The Tree of Memory was the work of Angus Bruneau.

This week the question is: What minister had fly tying classes on the go for a short period of time?

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 now that things are starting to re-open. 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.

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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

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Aubrey Bonnell Eleanor Bonnell Jenny Griffioen

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