



Sunday August 8th 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 8, 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:

1st Kings 19:1-9, Psalm 34:1-10, John 6:35-51

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 8 We give thanks and pray for the Presbyterian World Service & Development program in Malawi that is helping pregnant mothers and their newborns access medicine.

Monday, August 9 (International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples) We give thanks for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a guiding light on the path to justice and reconciliation.

Tuesday, August 10 We pray for the Rev. Jonathan Baird and Rani Ibrahim, and for the new worshipping communities they are leading in the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough in Ontario.

Wednesday, August 11 We pray for Cindy Stephenson, Convener of the Life and Mission Agency Committee.

Thursday, August 12 We pray that the members of the Presbytery of East Toronto's Student and Education Committee will feel a strong sense of God's presence in their discernment.

Friday, August 13 We pray for colleague covenant groups and clergy support groups as they support one another and develop healthy perspectives on themselves and their ministries.

Saturday, August 14 We pray for ministers and elders who feel discouraged and alone in their ministry.

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 8	Rev. Russell	Heather Kao
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 8th 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

The new Food Pantry at Bridges To Hope is open and staffed by volunteers.

Donations for Bridges to Hope are always welcomed! At the Sunday worship services, a trolley will be available for your donations. If you are not able to make it 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. ***As always, cash or gift cards are helpful and greatly appreciated.*** These monetary gifts allow Bridges To Hope to purchase perishable items required, such as, margarine, fresh fruit & vegetables, etc.

Below is a list of some weekly specials that you may want to consider as a possible donation.

Specials This Week (Aug 5-11) – Good buys for Food Trolley!

Walmart – Graves Apple Juice - \$0.97

Lawtons – Canned milk - \$0.99

Canned beans/pasta - \$0.99

Graves Apple Juice - \$0.99

Heinz Tomato Soup – 2/\$1

Colemans – Heinz Tomato Soup - \$0.77

Dominion – Pasta Sauce - \$0.99

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday to Grace Artiss! Grace will be celebrating her special day on August 8th with family (David and Caspar) and friends, near and far. Best wishes Grace from your St. David's family and especially all your "Good Companion buddies"! We're thinking of you and hope you enjoy your day!

Birthday greetings to Nathan Ennis who will be celebrating his birthday on August 13th. Nathan is the son of Karen Bonnell and grand-son of Judy and Dave Bonnell. Happy Birthday Nathan – hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday to Rory Rooney who will be celebrating his big 5th birthday on August 9th! Rory is the son of Jonathan and Erin Rooney and younger brother of Frederick. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a wonderful birthday Rory! Enjoy your special day!

And more birthday wishes for the Rooney family – these go out to Jonathan Rooney who will be celebrating his birthday on August 10th, one day after Rory's birthday! Jonathan will be celebrating his birthday with wife, Erin (Berghuis) and sons, Frederick and Rory and other family and friends. Best wishes Jonathan from everyone here at St. David's and may there be many more birthdays to come!

Happy Birthday to Laura Reddick, who will be celebrating with family and friends on August 11th! Laura is the daughter of Helen and Brian Reddick and grand-daughter of Pam Bruce. Best wishes Laura from your St. David's family and we hope you enjoy your day!

Happy Anniversary to Joanna and Gordon Lo who will be celebrating their 17th wedding anniversary on August 13th! Joanna is the daughter of Penny and Stewart Gillies. Everyone at St. David's wishes you warm wishes as you celebrate your special day and we hope you have many more wonderful years to come!

Happy Anniversary to Jill and Tom Crosbie! Jill and Tom were married on August 13th, 2011. Congratulations to you both and best wishes from all your St. David's friends! Tom is the son of Suzanne Brake and David Crosbie and Andrea Crosbie's nephew.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Eleanor and Aubrey Bonnell who will be celebrating 53 years of marriage on August 14th! Congratulations and warm wishes from everyone here at St. David's! Here's to many more years of happiness to come!

Happy Anniversary wishes to Jean and Clayton Collins who will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on August 11th! Jean and Clayton will be celebrating this special day with their three daughters – Jacqueline, Jennifer and Janet – and their families, along with other family and friends. Congratulations from your St. David's family on reaching this milestone!

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

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

Last week, we introduced you to the story of our Church bell –a somewhat tangled and convoluted tale. This week, we learn about the Old Perlican Bell and its connection with St. David's!

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

The Old Perlican Bell (Part II)

The story picks up again later when on another occasion Jim Armour and Lal Parsons recall finding the "Old Perlican" bell. Lying smouldering in an old frame in a field Lal remembers clanging the big bell with Jim at a distance to verify its intensity and tone. The bell was a valuable one, Jim recalls, old and beautiful, and the church official they spoke to (Clem Rogers) was not anxious to let it go. Drawing from his knowledge that the Methodist Church in Old Pelican was founded in 1775, Reverend Armour spoke eloquently of the undeniable and inextricable connection this old bell had to our similarly aged congregation. "...surely the revitalization of the beautiful old instrument and the spiritual continuity that would result from it being passed on to our congregation would overcome any sentimentality the community may have." It appears that the message (and a \$100 endowment) was received because St. David's ended up with that marvellous bell. Mind you, prior to the installation of the "Old Perlican" bell there was a lively debate among many members of the congregation as to whether this great bell would cause damage to the tower or even come crashing to the ground if rung with too much zeal.

Apparently the bell transaction which took place those years ago in Old Perlican was not a popular one among the churchfolk of that town; the result of which, years later, lead to the rather sad event that my brother Ian recalls. As a board member some ten years ago he was present when a trio from Old Perlican showed up in a pickup truck, climbed the tower and removed the church bell. They wished to “repatriate it” they had explained, and the St. David’s Board at that time reluctantly agreed to hand it over. It was this occasion when the tower last fell silent.

Not long after mentioning the idea of the bell project to my father it became apparent that he not only intended to donate the family bell, but also was inspired to engineer the installation project from beginning to end. His first reconnaissance trip up the 5-story tower resulted in the retrieval of a severely deteriorated and fractured yoke (bell support). The yoke, my dad explained, had supported the original church bell – a train bell. The broken rusty yoke had lain rotting on the copper roof of the tower, which doubles as the floor of the belfry, since its demise. Amazingly it was only then that I learned that this original church bell, the predecessor of the Old Perlican Bell, was none other than our family bell and quite likely the Railway bell Joseph R. Smallwood had offered the church! It seemed likely that the train bell was accepted from Joey and hung in the tower, but that a subsequent yoke failure not long after prompted a search and replacement mission. It was then that Lal and Jim drove to Old Perlican and consummated the deal for the “new” bell and yoke. My dad recalled having made the monetary donation to Old Perlican on behalf of St. David’s, a gesture for which he was given the old (yoke-less) train bell destined to become our family heirloom.

My first trip up the tower with my father revealed a few more artifacts and evidence that the bell story, as I understood it, was still incomplete. First of all, I was reminded of the early form of St. David’s Church when I stepped in

a floor drain hidden in the debris and darkness of the fourth story tower room. The floor of this room had been the top of the tower at a time when the church did not have a steeple, a hall or a welcoming arched front entrance. Some years after the sanctuary was built these parts were added leaving the old tower roof well below the new. Stepping through the dark hatch and onto the daylight exterior copper floor of the belfry revealed a few more surprises. Though my father had removed one broken yoke, there was another even larger bell support structure pushed off to one side – fractured and rusting. Even more perplexing was another relic of the past, a heavy bell-like pipe chime. Could this have been an even earlier “bell” installed prior to our “family bell”? After reflecting for a while we concluded that the heavy structure was, in fact, the frame for the Old Perlican bell. On another visit up the tower and upon closer inspection, the so-called “pipe chime” was determined to be none other than the steel clapper for the Old Perlican Bell also left behind to rust.

The last week of July my father put in a heroic effort – cleaning up and painting the belfry structure, installing the newly designed and fabricated support and yoke, and lastly, positioning and hanging the old/new bell. A new rope-in-pipe system enables the easy ringing of the bell from ground level just inside the tower door. An added feature allows the rope to be retrieved one floor up in the tower office to prevent indiscriminate bell ringing at the ground level (during one construction trip to the church my daughter Laura innocently pointed out how useful it will be to have the new doorbell there).



St. Andrew's By The Sea, Old Perlican – and Their Bell

Next Week: The Conclusion

The continuing saga of the roses

A little while ago I wrote a piece on a rose that was on my rose bush. I just thought you might like to know that the same bush that rose came from now has 27 more roses! What a joy to walk pass my window in the morning and see such beauty! I am so excited as I don't have a green thumb but many of you here at St. David's have inspired me to try!



Archival Moment

This week, the middle of summer, it seems fitting to share another wonderful picture of our past Sunday School Picnics. Thanks to Pam Bruce, here is a picture that will bring back some great memories. We identified some people – Peter Berghuis, David Carmichael, Rev. Armour and either David or Douglas Armour. What do you think? Can you identify some other people in the picture? If, so, let us know!



Sunday School Picnic – Peter Berghuis, Dave Carmichael, Jim Armour and David/Douglas Armour

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: Back in 1775, Commodore Robert Duff was Governor of Newfoundland. During the winter, what was the population of the island?

The answer is: In those early days, living here year-round was discouraged. So in 1775, the approximate number of people living here that winter was only 14,000.

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

Recent History:

Last week the question was: On the Tree of Memory, how many leaves are there?

The answer is: There are 200 leaves.

This week the question is: Who developed the Tree of Memory?

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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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:

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Treasurer: Anne Calver

Envelope Secretary: Ian Bruneau