



## **Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Our Sunday service is at 11 am with in-person worship, we also stream the service live and record it for later viewing. 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 November 7, 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:

**1 Kings 17:8-16, Mark 12:38-44**

**Church Office Hours:** Rev. Sturtevant is in the office Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm. For pastoral care, please contact him at 699-3661. 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, November 7** We pray for malnourished children in Haiti, that they may recover and experience healthy childhoods with treatment provided by Presbyterian World Service & Development partners.

**Monday, November 8** We pray for people who are awaiting the results of medical tests.

**Tuesday, November 9** We pray for farmers in Malawi and give thanks for the sustainable farming projects supported by the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development that help their crops flourish.

**Wednesday, November 10** We give thanks and pray for clerks of Session who, with elders and ministers, nurture caring Christian ministry in congregations and communities across the country.

**Thursday, November 11 (Remembrance Day)** We pray for all who mourn or suffer as a result of conflicts and war. We ask God to protect and guide peacekeepers and those who serve in the armed forces.

**Friday, November 12** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

**Saturday, November 13** We pray for ministries in Canada that support the health, education, faith and well-being of children and youth.

## Message from the Minister



Why do we celebrate Remembrance day in church? There is always a question for churches and ministers of how far to allow the secular world into their worship space. This is something we've seen reflected recently in the COVID era, with churches navigating the world of government mandates and restrictions on gatherings while still wanting to stay true to the holiness and spiritual importance of worship. But before these restrictions were in place, Remembrance day was often one of the points of highest tension: after all, this is the day where Canadian flags and military members are often brought into sanctuaries and the national anthem is sung. But nationalism and religion are dangerous bedfellows, so why include this kind of ceremony in a worship service?

Firstly, it is important to remember the fact that the world wars, and the first world war in particular, was enthusiastically supported by the churches (and society) of the time. It was seen as a war of good versus evil and framed in religious language from the pulpits. In part, we remember because this was our sin, our mistake. We demonized other people, put guns in the hands of our children, and sent them off to kill. We remember our loss, our foolishness, and the sacrifice of those who died.

In our gospel reading this coming Sunday, we hear the story of the woman who gave all she had to live on (just two pennies) into the temple treasury. It is a sad story, Jesus emphasizes that this was all the woman had to live on, and after her gift she presumably goes home to no supper, no rent money,

nothing. Her sacrifice, even though it goes to a good cause, is still sad. Suffering is worth noticing, worth remembering, or else we may not notice it around us.

And that leads us to the second reason, perhaps even more important, why I think it is good for us to celebrate Remembrance day in our worship service. Although culture has made a lot of advances in the last hundred years, we are still just as capable of dehumanizing others, drawing battle lines, and going to war. The soul of humanity has not changed much in that time. We remember as a way to remind ourselves that righteous intentions are not enough. The temple priests gathered their money with righteous intentions, and took the widow's livelihood while the rich men watched and laughed.

Remembrance day is an opportunity for us to pause and reflect on the impact our faith has on the world around us, to look for suffering and ask if we are contributing to it. It is a chance for us to treasure the lives of all God's children, and refuse to waste life in such a way again. May God continue to protect us from the horror of war, and may he protect us from the seeds of folly that lead us there. For our own sake, we remember.

Rev. David Sturtevant

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

### **New – update to In-person Church Services**

St. David's would like to welcome you back to our in-person church service. For the past two weeks, we have used the QR code to verify vaccination status and each week we do better at this new process. We still ask for your assessment status as we have since we started in-person services each Sunday since September 2020 (albeit with a brief break from February to April 2021).

Our morning worship is at 11 am. We also live-stream the service, or you can access it later. Please wear your masks especially during singing and respect social distancing norms.

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. Those of you who join us virtually via Zoom may certainly continue to follow us that way but if you are comfortable joining us in person, we'd love to see you!

### **Getting the Service and Bulletin using our website**

This bulletin is 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 Nov 7<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.

## **Can We Help?**

Do you need help getting your QR code or getting it in the format you want (on your phone, a paper copy, a wallet-size copy)? Do you need help with any small jobs around the house or garden such as raking leaves or preparing your garden for the winter? Do you need help getting groceries perhaps? Or maybe you would just like to have a chat with the minister or an elder? If so, give the Church a call at 722-2382 or email us at [stdavids@nfld.com](mailto:stdavids@nfld.com) and we'll see what we can do to help you out. And remember, 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, Session and Board of Managers (BoM) Update**

We have heat! We got the heat back Friday afternoon (October 29<sup>th</sup>) around 4 pm. The church was sitting at a comfy 17 degrees for the service and will be warmer this week as it takes a little while to heat up everything from a starting point of 8 degrees.

The Financial Reports for 2020 are now available. A short meeting after church some Sunday to review and approve the reports is being planned. Copies of the reports will be included with this week's bulletin and copies may be picked up or sent to you, please call the office.

Lillian Crawford has a notice in this bulletin about the Christmas Hamper project. Anne Calver has a list of the food items, the tasks required to gather, prepare, and distribute the hampers. Please check out Lillian's article!

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.**

**Important!**

**On your mark, get ready.....Set your Clocks!!**

**Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before bed Saturday night!**

## Bridges to Hope

**YES, we're getting an early start this year for Christmas Hampers at St David's!**

**WE WILL NEED HELP** and here are some ways you may choose to do so:

- Make a monetary donation ... just indicate that donation is for "Christmas Hampers"
- Donate a gift card ... can be used to purchase food items for hampers
- Donate non-perishable food item(s) ... see Hamper contents below for suggestions
- Volunteer to help prepare for Hampers in some way ... specific tasks will be assigned (Very limited number of packers needed!)
- Volunteer to deliver a hamper or two ... **NEED 15-20 DELIVERY PEOPLE THIS YEAR!**

**DELIVERY DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2021**

### What does each Hamper contain?

<i>Turkey (10-12 lb.)</i>	<i>Vegetables - Cabbage, Carrot, Turnip, Potatoes</i>	
<i>Flour (2.5 kg)</i>	<i>Sugar (2 kg)</i>	<i>Onions (2-3 lb.)</i>
<i>Oranges (3-5 lb.)</i>	<i>Apples (3-5 lb.)</i>	<i>Tuna (170 g tin)</i>
<i>Green Peas (tin)</i>	<i>Corn (tin)</i>	<i>Evaporated Milk (tin)</i>
<i>Cheese Whiz</i>	<i>Peanut Butter</i>	<i>Juice (1 Litre)</i>
<i>Milk (2L 2%)</i>	<i>Cranberry sauce (tin)</i>	<i>Cereal (Box)</i>
<i>Teabags (72/144)</i>	<i>Coffee (Instant)</i>	<i>Margarine (454 g)</i>
<i>Eggs (1 dozen)</i>	<i>Bread (1 loaf white)</i>	<i>Bread (1 loaf w/wheat)</i>
<i>Bread Crumbs (1 pkg.)</i>	<i>Savoury (18 g)</i>	<i>Cheese (block)</i>
<i>Crackers</i>	<i>Cookies</i>	<i>Beans (tin)</i>

**NOTES:** Two persons required for each delivery - Hampers are heavy!

Covid-19 protocol is still in effect and must be followed at all times, i.e. masks required, no unauthorized entry to Church hall, no entry to recipient residences, etc. Other instructions as necessary.

### Further info/questions?

Please contact: Lillian Crawford (754-2362/691-3057)

Anne Calver (682-4329)      Church Office (722-2382)



## Weekly Specials

November 4-10, 2021

### Good Buys for Food Trolley

STORE	ITEM	PRICE
Colemans	Catelli Blue Box Pasta	\$0.99
	Clark Beans	\$0.99
Dominion	Campbell's Soup	\$0.69
	Cloverleaf Tuna	\$0.99
Shoppers Drug Mart	No Name Evaporated Milk	\$0.99
Sobeys	Aylmer Tomatoes/Catelli Pasta	\$0.99
Walmart	Maxwell House Instant Coffee	\$2.44**
	Colgate Toothpaste	\$0.88
**Great for Christmas Hampers		

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations**

Happy Birthday greetings to Samantha and Timothy Bruneau who will be celebrating their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday with family and friends on November 12<sup>th</sup> ! Helping to make their day really special will be their mom and dad, Jill and Ian Bruneau, their brother, Alexander, aunts and uncles (near and far) and special grand-mother, Jean Bruneau. Best wishes Samantha and Timothy from your St. David's family! We hope you have a great 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**

### **Socktober Update**

COVID-19 certainly didn't put a damper on the Socktober project this year! There was great support from the congregation and a big thank-you to everyone who made donations to the "sock-line" and dropped off various toiletries and made monetary donations! Penny reported that we had the following:

Men's socks – 140 pairs	Women/Girl's Socks – 85 pairs
Toques – 43	Gloves – 10 pairs
Assorted Underwear – 25	Various Personal Care items – HUGE Amount!

There was also a \$100.00 monetary contribution which will also be donated to Bridges to Hope.

Your support and thoughtfulness will certainly make a big difference for many as the weather turns colder. Thank-you so much!



Lots of warm socks and hats



More than socks on the line



Warm clothes lead to .....



Warm hearts!

## Halloween – Trick-or-Treater???

Sometimes it's hard to say who is having more fun on Halloween as this picture proves! Guess who?



### Prayer Shawl (Knitter's) Group

This past Tuesday, the St. David's Prayer Shawl (knitting) group met in the Armour Room. It was a beautiful sunny day, the heat was on in the Armour Room (Yeah!), we were surrounded by good friends and we got to enjoy each other's company for 2 hours – it doesn't get much better than that! If the table covered in lovely hand-knitted caps, scarfs, mittens and shawls was any indication, the knitters had been busy since our last get-together in October. (See the pictures below) Janet Aitken provided the goodies – including homemade chocolate chip cookies and ginger cookies! So good!! Thank-you Janet! We were delighted to welcome Dorothy French, a great

friend of Janet's and a wonderful friend of St. David's, to our knitting group this week. (We hope to see her again!) Monica joined us along with the Sturtevant family (minus Oliver, who was in day-care, but plus Ozzie). Here are just a few pictures from Tuesday. Please consider joining us next month – we'd love to see you!



Knitted Goods Displayed



Friends





Dorothy, Mary and Lillian Knitting



Orson and David Inspect Some Grapes



Ozzie Came to Visit As Well!

## Reflection from Sheena

*It's been over 2 months since we've heard from Sheena but she's out of the hospital now with her new hip, feeling stronger every day and happy to be back to Church. It's always great to hear from Sheena and get her perspective on things – we certainly missed her! Here's her latest reflection....*

It was so good to be back at St David's last Sunday, after more than two months away. Sincere thanks to every one of you who visited me at St. Clare's, or home, and thanks too for the various comfort foods, which did do just that!! This should be my last week of intravenous antibiotics...please do go on praying for me, and my recovery. I find my faith gets wobbly when I'm sick.

I was so pleased last Sunday when we sang one of my favourite hymns 'He **leadeth me**'. It has some rather old fashioned words, but I find the message of the hymn to be still both encouraging and challenging.

The Bible...to which as you know I'm seriously addicted...has so many references to people being 'led', such as Abraham being 'led' on that long journey of resettlement for himself and his family to an unknown destination. Or again, there was Paul the Apostle, who was 'led' to a very 'sudden' total change of life direction and vocation, which took him on amazing travels around the Middle East for all the rest of his life. Think too of Mary, the mother of Jesus, who got very definite angelic direction, turning her life upside down at a young age, to agree to a course of action which practically everybody would have thought quite crazy!

I wonder if **any** of us would have agreed to follow what seemed to be God's most peculiar leading if those requests had been made to us today? I doubt if **I** would have even remotely considered saying 'yes' in those circumstances!!!

And yet, looking back at my own life of 84 years, I know without a doubt that God **has** led me all the way. But unlike Abraham, Mary, and Paul, I didn't usually realize that The Lord **was** in charge of things ....I foolishly assumed that **I was!!**

Coming to Canada, for example, in 1962 was intended to be a short visit. An adventure in a different country, not a lifetime redirection. Same thing applied to moving to Sudbury in 1970 or to Newfoundland in 1976, though by this time I was getting a little more realistic about Who was running the show, and a little better about "consulting" Him, before jumping on the train!

Seems to me that the trouble with God's "leading" is that we don't actually recognize His leading at the time, but usually only after the fact. We get a sort of "aha" moment in looking back at events in our lives...we suddenly realize "Oh that **was** The Lord! But in the meantime, we all have to carry on in faith that He **is** in every situation.

I'm having just such an experience in relation to being ill and/or in hospital just now because it's very new to me, and there is a lot of new learning to be done. I keep reminding myself that He is still **in this**, and **leading**.

Finishing with another of my favourite hymns, about 'leading', because it is so strong in faith in God. **Lead on oh King Eternal, the day of march is won...**

**Sheena Findlay**



## In Remembrance – Lionel Thomas Duley

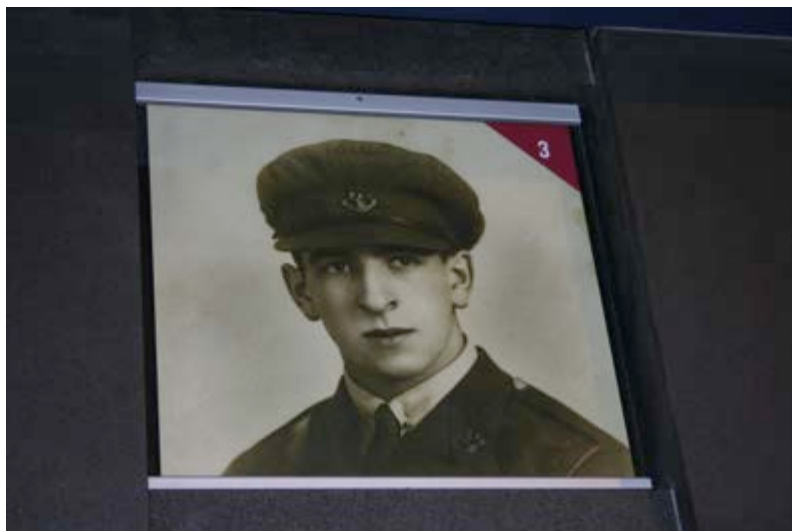
November 11<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Day – a day when we pause for a brief moment to remember all those who gave their lives so that we could have a safe, free country. At the front of the Church, there is a Memorial Plaque on the wall and it contains the names of those who lost their lives in the First World War, 1914-1918.



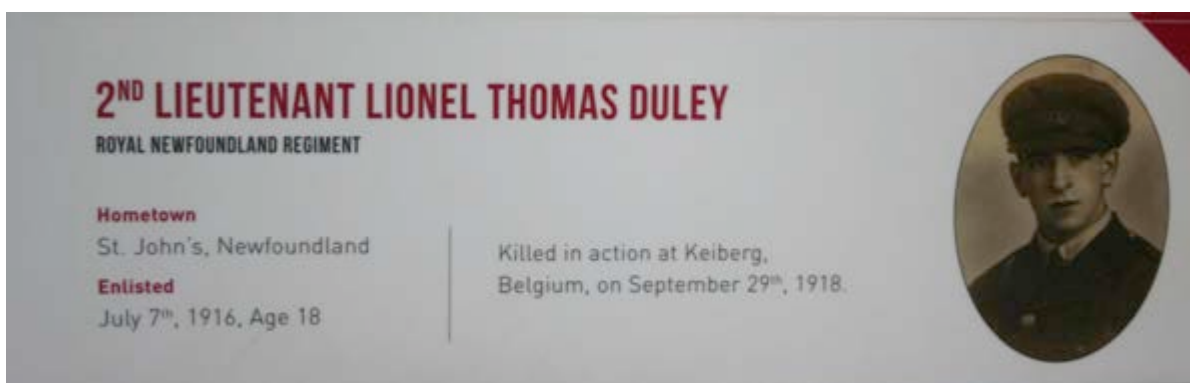
I've been going through the Collections at The Rooms and have discovered some interesting history behind these names and their families. There is much to read and discover but I just wanted to share with you some of the information I have discovered about one of the people whose name appears on the plaque – Lionel T. Duley.

Lionel T. (Thomas) Duley was attested for general service with the Newfoundland Regiment on July 7, 1916, Regimental # 2945. He was 18 years old and a bank clerk. He rose through the ranks from a Lance Corporal to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. Lionel was killed on the morning of September 29, 1918 about 11 o'clock in the morning. He was hit in the thigh by a machine gun bullet while leading his platoon in the front wave of an attack in Ledeghem, Belgium. Before he could be taken back to a hospital, he died, probably from shock and severe loss of blood. His body was found by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Evans of the same Battalion. He was buried where he was killed, south west of Keiberg (midway between Zonnebeke and Waterdamhoek).

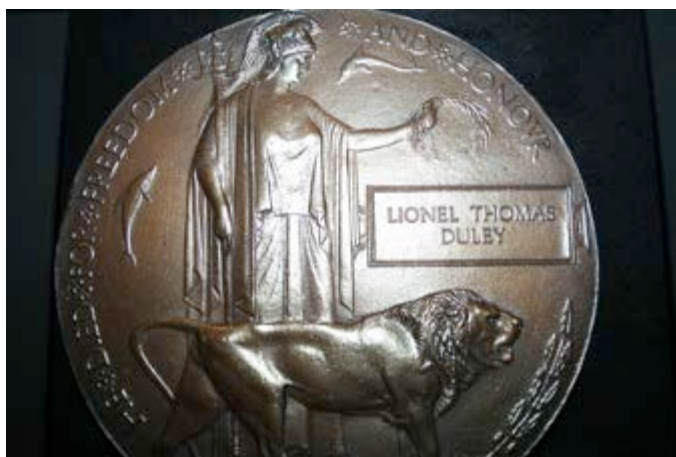
A cross was erected by the Regiment at his burial site. In 1921, Lionel Duley was re-interred to the British Cemetery in Paschendale.



Lionel's Picture at The Rooms



Lionel Duley



Commemorative Plaque at The Rooms

## Archival Moment

This week, thanks to Pam Bruce and the archival collection, we have a picture of Rev and Mrs. H. W. Thomas. Rev. Thomas was the minister of the Congregational Church from 1912-1918, a period of time that spanned the First World War.



Rev. And Mrs. H. W. Thomas 1912-1918

## **Church Trivia Questions**

### **Way back when:**

Last week the question was: Back then, what were the differences between the Anglican and Puritan services?

**The answer is:** Basically: Anglican worship had a formal liturgy, clergy wore gowns, psalms were chanted, the scriptures were simply read, prayers were short and specific, and sermons were generally homilies. Puritans did not wear gowns, they sang the psalms, scripture was read and discussed, prayers tended to be long (see last week's trivia) and sermons were very theological and wide-ranging.

**This week the question is:** Back then, when was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper observed?

### **Recent History:**

**Last week the question was:** What are those trees which form the west boundary of our church, i.e. on the Elizabeth Towers side?

**The answer is:** There are several types of deciduous trees, including maple and Laburnum (Golden Chain).

**This week the question is:** In "normal" times, when is Communion now held throughout the year?

**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.

**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](mailto: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 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](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) – Ernst Rollmann**

**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