



Sunday February 27th 2022

Our Sunday service is at 11 am and this week we will meet in person and stream the service live and record it for later viewing. 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 February 27, 2022" into Google. Copies of the hymns and scripture readings are included in the email sent out each Friday.

Church Office Hours: Rev. Sturtevant is in the office from 10 am to 2 pm from Tuesday to Friday if you'd like to drop by to have a chat with him. For pastoral care at any other time please contact the minister, he can be reached by phone at 699-3661. You can always leave a message on the church's phone number (722-2382) or email us at stdavids@nfld.com.

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, February 27 (Transfiguration Sunday) God of Glory, whose son was wonderfully transfigured, give us the strength to hear and ponder the good news of his life, death and resurrection.

Monday, February 28 We pray for empowered women in India, who are taking control of their futures by saving together and starting small businesses, with support from the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Tuesday, March 1 We pray for those who have chosen a discipline to follow in the season of Lent.

Wednesday, March 2 (Ash Wednesday) Loving God, you hate nothing you have made, and your grace knows no bounds. You created us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Create in us clean hearts and turn us around to follow you more nearly.

Thursday, March 3 We pray for courage and grace to help establish politics that reflect God's reign in our life and the world.

Friday, March 4 (World Day of Prayer) We pray for all those who work for peace and unity in the world.

Saturday, March 5 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

Message From the Minister:



The lovely lunch Michelle and I shared

This week Michelle and I went out for a special lunch together. No, it wasn't a birthday, and it wasn't an anniversary. We went out to celebrate Orson's first day of day care this week. Oliver was at day care too, so it just the two of us, and although we'll have one kid-free day a week from now on, this lunch marked one of only a handful of times we've both been out during the day without the kids.

To be honest, it is badly needed. Lockdown with two preschoolers is draining, and a desire for isolation, expense of babysitters, and the lack of places to go have all contributed to us spending most evenings at home. It's the easiest option.

But boy am I glad that daycare space finally opened up for Orson once a week. Sitting with Michelle, eating a hot meal in peace, I realized how easy it is for us to become complacent. In the scriptures, people flock to Jesus for healing. They rush to him, pressing towards him, begging for help, and he notices them and heals them. Those who suffer call out to him, loudly, and they won't let anyone quiet them.

This pandemic has brought a measure of suffering to us all. It's good to be honest about that. God's strength is revealed through our weakness, and God has compassion on those who call out. As pandemic restrictions are starting to loosen, we will find we have work to do for those around us, healing the suffering that still lingers on. There is no suffering too great for God to bring amazing new life, we can start just by asking. What Good News that is!

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services February 27th

This will be our third in-person service since the restrictions were changed. We will also stream the service live and place it on YouTube for later viewing. We follow the guidance of Public Health and our own Covid-19 Best Practices Committee (CBPC), as follows:

Services continue in a hybrid (in-person and virtual) format. You do not need to complete an assessment form. If we have checked your VaxPass previously, we do not need to do so again. If you have not had your VaxPass verified, we do need to verify it. Mandatory indoor masking is required at all times for everyone over the age of five, children four years and under are exempt from masking. Please adhere to Public Health guidelines on staying home if you feel sick, are symptomatic, or if you have had an exposure to COVID. Please maintain physical distancing when in church.

Getting the Service and Bulletin using our website

This bulletin is placed on our website as soon as the Rollmann family receives a copy on Friday morning. 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 Feb 27th 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 with any small jobs around the house or garden? Do you need any help getting groceries perhaps? Or maybe you would just like to have a chat with an elder? If so, give the church a call at 722-2382 or email us at stdavids@nfld.com and we'll see what we can do to help.

Treasurer's Notes

I'd like to thank you 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.

Session and the Board of Managers are aware of our financial status and we will be taking a serious look at our finances during February. If you have any questions or suggestions on what we can do, please do not hesitate to contact me at acalver@nf.sympatico.ca.

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.

Board of Managers Update

The application for Church Administrator closed on February 12th. Rev. David Sturtevant and Anne Calver are now in the "interviewing phase" and we hope to have happy news – perhaps next week!

Bridges to Hope

Bridges To Hope

Restrictions are lessening, and what can we say;

We can come back to church – O Happy Day!

Bringing non-perishable food items to church for Bridges To Hope is an activity in which many in our congregation like to participate. Now that we can worship in person, we can start to bring our non-perishable food items with us and place them on the Food Trolley which will be at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

We will continue to print in our bulletin weekly “specials” from the various flyers of grocery/personal care items which are always in demand and useful to BTH clients.

If you wish, items can be dropped off at the church during the week; there is generally someone there, Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 AM. To 2:00 P. M.

The demand for assistance does not diminish! Now, more than ever, your continued support is needed, and very much appreciated. Thank you.

Weekly “Specials”

February 24 – March 2, 2022

Good Buys for Food Trolley

Pipers	Avon Peas & Carrots/Mixed Vegetables	\$1.00
Lawtons	Heinz Beans or Pasta	4/\$5.00
Sobeys	Compliments Pasta	\$0.99
	Hunt’s Thick & Rich Pasta Sauce	\$0.99
No Frills	Flakes of Ham/Holiday Luncheon Meat	\$0.99
Colemans	Heinz Gravy	5/\$5.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Condolences

The sympathy and prayers of the congregation go to Kay Scott and the Cumby family on the passing of Eric Cumby. Eric passed away on Saturday, February 19, 2022.

Many of us here at St. David's did not know Eric until a couple of years ago but in that short time, he left a lasting impression on everyone who was fortunate enough to get to know him. He loved the "St. David's crowd" – how we accepted newcomers, how we worked together to help others, how we enjoyed sharing meals together, how we volunteered our time to do what had to be done. But more importantly, he made Kay's life very special and we loved him for that.

Brian and I have very special memories of Eric – little things he said or did – and we will treasure them for a long time to come. We know many of you share those same thoughts as well. We cherish the memories and celebrate his life.

Eric's obituary (Carnell's Funeral Home) can be found below:



It is with very heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, partner, and friend on February 19.

Eric Watson Cumby was larger than life itself. An enormous personality, Eric's wisdom, keen wit, and sharp intellect were gifts given freely to all he encountered. He could debate any subject with deep knowledge and great passion based on a lifetime of studying those around him and a love of books, culture, and history. He was greatly loved and generously returned that love to his family and a broad circle of friends spanning decades and countries.

He loved to travel and learn every single day and did so with intention his entire life.

Eric was born in 1936 and lived his first 10 years in Millertown. He always held special feelings and memories of those years and about life along Red Indian Lake. He and his family then moved to Grand Falls, which he described as a cultural shock, but he grew to adjust and thrive. He made many friends during his childhood, some of whom became lifelong. He developed a lasting interest in sports and played baseball and hockey for many years. He became a Boston Bruins fan when he received his first jersey at age 11.

After graduating high school, Eric attended Acadia University. He returned to Newfoundland to work and that is when he began dating Isabel Byrd. They married on September 7, 1960 and headed off to New York City for their honeymoon. Soon thereafter, they moved to Angola, Indiana so Eric could pursue his electrical engineering degree. While in Angola, their first child – Judy was born. They then moved to Springfield, Illinois, where both Barbie and Mike were born. In time, the pull of home and family became too strong to resist and they returned to Newfoundland, living in St. John's and Gander and then settling back in Grand Falls where both Jill and Brenda were born. During the years of raising a family and working at Newfoundland Power, Eric continued to value community involvement and served with minor hockey, Boy Scouts, various boards of directors and was a longtime active member of the Kiwanis service club, having served as president for a term.

In 1987, Eric and Isabel relocated to St. John's where he worked as a vice-president with Newfoundland Power, both in customer service and later in human resources. He retired in 1992 and after a year, he decided to return to the workforce. This time, Eric and Isabel moved to Inuvik in the NWT for about three years, serving as manager of Western Operations with Northwest Territories Power. Eric and Isabel loved their time in Canada's

North. Finally, they returned to St. John's and settled fully into retirement, during which Eric spent time walking, swimming, and practising yoga.

Eric was a man who earned the respect of all who knew him. He had a great understanding of humanity, believed in treating everyone with respect, and was very compassionate towards those in need. He continued to live out these principles until the end of his life through his involvement with the St. Vincent de Paul Society through Mary Queen of the World Parish. He provided counsel and wisdom to many over the years who reached out for his assistance.

He loved literature, poetry and was very philosophical. Some of his favourites included Robert Frost's – "The Road Not Taken": "Two Roads Diverged in a wood, and I – I took the one less travelled by. And that has made all the difference." He also shared from his Buddha readings: "In the end, all that mattered is how much we loved, how gently we lived, how gracefully we let go of those things that weren't meant to be." He added "how tightly we held to those things that mattered. Be good to each other."

Left with cherished memories are his partner Kathleen Scott, children Judy of St. John's, Barbara (Ian) MacLean of Fall River, NS; Mike (Lisa Hickey) of Greenville, SC; Jill of Halifax, NS; and Brenda (Steve) Wall of Kensington, Connecticut; grandchildren Danielle (Prashanth Ramanathan), Alyssa, Kevin, Karina, and Amelia MacLean; Sam, Luke, and Emma Cumby; Zack and Amy Wall; great grandchildren Kaila, Harris, and Alora Ramanathan; as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Eric was predeceased by his wife Isabel, parents Mabel and Ellis Cumby, brothers Hayward, Eldon, Kevin, sister Mona, and grandson and namesake Eric MacLean.

Cremation has taken place. A funeral service will be arranged at a future time when we can safely gather. In his memory, donations may be made to:

Bridges to Hope (www.bridgestohope.ca), St. Vincent de Paul Society at Mary Queen of the World Parish (mqwp.org/SSVP/intro.html), or VOWR (www.vowr.org/donations.html).

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to Steve Bonnell who celebrated his birthday on February 20th! Steve and his family currently live in Chicago but birthday wishes came from his mom and dad, Eleanor and Aubrey Bonnell, and from his brother, Scott and his family, who live in New York. Best wishes Steve from all your friends here at St. David's! We hope you had a wonderful day and best wishes for the coming year!

Happy Birthday greetings to Jean Bruneau who will be celebrating her birthday on the 3rd of March! Jean is a longtime member and supporter of St. David's and all our events and initiatives. Over the years Jean has played an important role in the life and fellowship of our congregation. Jean holds a special place in our St. David's family. She has served on the Board of Managers, edited and published our St. David's newsletter for many years, ensured we all did our part with recycling, and up until COVID-19, was an active and enthusiastic member of our Good Companions group. Jean will be celebrating her birthday with her family – sons, Stephen and Ian and their families, including her many grand-children, near and far. Best wishes

Jean from your St. David's family! We hope you have a wonderful birthday. We'll be thinking of you!

Also celebrating her birthday this coming week, on March 4th, is Edith Peach! Edith and her family have a long history with St. David's and continue to be a big part of our Church family even to this day. Edith is a long-time supporter and member of the WA (Women's Auxiliary) and has been a great worker-bee at many of our sales, dinners and afternoon teas. As a Church Trustee, Edith has always been there to provide guidance and encouragement. Edith will be celebrating her birthday with her family – Heather, Lori, David and Jim and their families – here in St. John's and far away, along with many good friends. Best wishes Edith from everyone here at St. David's! We hope you have a wonderful day and may there be many more birthdays to come!

Happy Birthday to Judy Woolridge who will be celebrating her birthday with family and friends, near and far, on March 4th! Many of us know Judy from the days when she was our Church Administrator. Judy has always been a great supporter of St. David's and has helped out with many events and gatherings over the years. Judy is still our representative on the General Protestant Cemetery Committee. Best wishes Judy from all your friends here at St. David's. We hope you have a wonderful day and may there be many more!

Happy Birthday greetings to Kyle Sampson who will be celebrating his birthday on the March 2nd! Kyle is a longtime member and supporter of St. David's and was Chair of the Board of Managers for many years. Kyle will be celebrating his big day with his wife, Sonia and two sons, Tyler and Barrett. Best wishes Kyle from your St. David's family! We hope you have a wonderful birthday. We'll be thinking of you!

Happy Birthday wishes to our own Rev. David Sturtevant who will be celebrating his birthday on March 1st! David will be celebrating his big day with family and friends – near and far – including his wife, Michelle, and two little sons – Oliver and Orson, and all his family and friends in Ontario. Best wishes David from your St. David’s family! We hope you have a great day and enjoy every minute!

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.

Announcements

Prayer Shawl (Knitter’s) Group

Advance Notice! The Prayer Shawl (Knitter’s) Group, will be meeting on Tuesday, March 8th at 10:00 AM in the Armour Room. Everyone is welcome! Just bring along a pair of knitting needles and some wool and be ready to enjoy a couple of hours surrounded by friends!

Soup Lunch on Wheels

Our next “Soup Lunch on Wheels” will be going ahead on Tuesday, March 1st! Members and friends of our of our congregation who would like more information about the “Lunch”, please call Lillian (754-2362) or Janet (745-1343). Keep in mind that March 1st is also Pancake Day, so be prepared for a surprise with your soup!

AMS Meeting

The AMS monthly meeting will be held this Sunday, February 27, 2022 after Church in the Armour Room. All are welcome! Hope to see you there!

News from the Pews

This past week, Steve Bruneau sent along this photo he found. Read his note below:

The aerial pic attached was embedded in the heritage article here:

<https://www.heritage.nf.ca/art>

I have placed an arrow where St David's church is located. There are farms and rolling countryside – no sign of Elizabeth Ave. It was interesting to see so clearly the pattern of roads radiating from the city at that time - and how remarkably unchanged they are to this day.

Cheers, Steve



1942 – Arrow Points to Future Location of St. David's

Your Weekly Smile – or Groan

We thought a little chuckle or even a big groan, might brighten your day. So here goes....

Why didn't anyone want to fight Goliath? It seemed like a *giant* ordeal.

When someone needed a boat made, what did the people in town say? We *Noah* guy."

Archival Moment

We had a great response from last week's photo. Here it is again...



Barbara Ellis wrote back to say that Doris Mills is the leader in the back row, Left. Her son, Neil is in the back row, with the hat on. The Armour boys are in the middle row and Jim Mills is in the first one, left, in the front row.

And Steve Bruneau wrote a little note to say that he recognized Timmy Green, The Armour twins and Jimmy King in the beaver troop!

This week we have another great picture. It's the Explorers Group. It was taken around 1967 but there are no names written on the photo. Can anyone put a name to a face?



Explorers Group – 1967

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: Prior to the Temperance Society's creation, Rev D. S. Ward, in March 1829, was present at another gathering where toasts were offered. How did he react?

The answer is: In March 1829, Rev. Ward attended a dinner put off by the Mechanics Institute and held at the Globe Tavern. There was a good time with much hilarity and singing of national and sentimental songs until 4 am the next day. He proposed the toast "Civil and religious liberty all over the world".

This week the question is: In 1829, a bill passed in the British Parliament called the Roman Catholic Relief Bill. It took a while for this to make a difference in Newfoundland. What was again legal to do in the Chapel in 1833?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: Back in the day, a city-wide World Day of Prayer service was held. In 1974, it was held at St. David's. Who from St. David's were the speaker, the soloist, and the president who led the worship?

The answer is: The speaker for the event was Mrs. A. A. Bruneau, the soloist was Mrs. Hodgett and the St. David's WMS president, Mrs. York King, led the service.

This week the question is: The WMS supported various groups including the C. G. I. T. at St. David's. What was the name behind those letters?

Do you have any ideas for some church trivia? Email or call the church.

Offerings Your church donations can take many forms including using the Pre-Authorized Donation (PAD), if you'd like to have your donations made using 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.

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 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 re-opening. 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

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 Sue Templeton

Janet Calver Kathy McKay Tanya Shalaby

Penny Gillies Steve Bruneau Ian Bruneau

Aubrey Bonnell Eleanor Bonnell Jenny Griffioen

Jennifer Waterman Ed Vanderkloet

Board of Managers: the members of the Board are:

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Envelope Secretary: Ian Bruneau