

St. John's Anglican Church

Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

We are a welcoming & affirming community to all persons.

Sept. 19th, 17th Sunday after Pentecost / 16th Sunday after Trinity

Interim Rector: The Rev'd Nicole Uzans, Nicole.uzans@gmail.com

Honourary Assistant: The Rev'd Dr. V. Bruce Matthews

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8 AM HOLY COMMUNION, THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, P. 67

Collect: O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Reader: Helen Shaw Eucharistic Assistant: John Patterson

Greeter # 1 - John Patterson Greeter # 2- AnneMarie Patterson

Usher - Rosemary Feener

10AM HOLY EUCHARIST, THE BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES

Guest preacher and presider The Rev'd Dr. V. Bruce Matthews

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Adagio (Franz Liszt; arr. Robert Lau)

The Greeting and Collect for Purity, p. 185

The Gloria

Glory to God #702

Opening Hymn: #529 God, My Hope on You is Founded

The Collect of the Day: O God, protector of the poor and defender of the just: give us wisdom from above, so that we may find in your servant Jesus the pattern of true discipleship and persevere in following him, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word, p. 187

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31, Ron Stuart

Psalm 1 read responsively

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on this law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: James 3:13 - 18:4: 1-3, 11-14, Kimberly Matheson

The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed, p. 189

The Prayers of the People, Mary Phillips

Confession and Absolution, p. 191

The Sharing of the Peace, p. 192

(Please remain in your pews/seats and acknowledge others with a wave or bow but without handshakes or hugs)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory: All Are Welcome (*Marty Haugen; arr. Mark Hayes*)

The offering is brought forward by one of the greeters.

We pray together the Prayer Over the Gifts:

Prayer over the Gifts, p. 382

Eucharistic Prayer #4, p. 201

Holy, holy, holy... #735

The Lord's Prayer, p. 211

The Breaking of the Bread #1, p. 212

Lamb of God... #745

All are welcome to receive holy communion or a blessing. Please remain in your pews and servers will come to you. Gluten-free bread is available.

Communion bread only will be offered today. The Eucharistic Assistant will consume the wine on behalf of the congregation.

Communion: Theme & Variations on 'Jesus Loves Me' (*J. Wayne Kerr*)

Prayer after Communion, p. 382

followed by Doxology, p. 214

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #577 God of Grace and God of Glory

The Dismissal

Postlude: Variations on CMW Rhondda (Hal H. Hopson)

Please allow the Usher to guide you out, starting from the back pews.

Greeter # 1 - Jim Nelson Greeter # 2- Judy Wilmot

Usher - Denyse Nelson Counters - Mary & Murray Phillips

Eucharistic Assistant: Jim Nelson

Cycle of Prayer

Please remember in your prayers...

- The Church of the Province of Uganda along with the Retired Clergy of the Valley Region
- All who are in need of God's healing grace: Gloria, Connie, Heidi, Ann Watson, Kathleen, Roger Harris, Vange, Tracey, Kathy, Willie, Annalee, Bill Pearman, Gerry, Bob Best, Jean & Betty, Pam Finlay, Audrey, Danylo Dzwonyk, Tom Fitches, Steve & Sandra Crossley-Lyon.
- For all who have departed this life and are at rest.

SERVICES FOR Sept. 26

8:00 am BCP Morning Prayer 10:00 am A Service of the Word

Announcements

Mark these dates on your calendar

From the Rev. Nicole Uzans: In the coming weeks, I am leading a couple of Camino Nova Scotia pilgrimage walks and orchestrating a move from Tatamagouche to Wolfville. **From Sept 18-24 and Oct 2-10, please contact The Rev. Bruce Matthews with any pastoral concerns** (bruce.matthews@acadiiau.ca or 902-542-1910 (home) or 902 680-1909 (cell)

Food Bank Donations: With COVID restrictions lifting, we can resume our monthly parish donation to the Wolfville Food Bank. All donations of non-perishable foods can be left anytime in the Food Bank box at the back of the church. Donations of egg cartons and plastic bags from fliers are also welcome, as they are used to parcel out bulk donations the Food Bank receives. Food Bank Sunday is the 1st Sunday of each month.

Fridays, 10:30-11:15am: Christian Meditation at St. John's. This gathering is open to any who would appreciate quiet time in the church, together with some simple teaching in Christian meditation & the support of a contemplative community. No experience necessary.

Sept. 20th: Election Voting Stations. Our building will be used as a voting location for the Federal election. Please do not enter the building on this date except of course to vote.

Sept. 27th. ACW meeting at noon. Bring your lunch; tea & coffee provided. All women of the parish are welcome. We are looking for an ACW Secretary. If you would be interested in taking over this position let one of our presidents know, Beth Turner ed.turner@eastlink.ca or Dianne Thorpe at dianne.thorpe@hotmail.com

Valley Ghost Walk: We're happy to announce that there will be another Ghost Walk/ Talk at St. John's planned- Oct 7, Oct 14 and Oct 29. Five parishioners took advantage of complimentary tickets and were very impressed with the show and what we learned from it regarding the history of the Town and our own church! Anyone interested in coming give Camille a call at 670-7593 and she will greet you at the door- please arrive by 7:30.

Church & Community News

Sanctuary Guild NEEDS your help. We need some people to come forward to help us. We have lost a number of our members and we really need some ladies to come forward to talk to a member about what is involved. I would be pleased to have some of you to come and ask those questions. Members only have to be responsible for one month of the year and you will be paired with a member who is experienced. It takes less than an hour to set up the altar. Please think about at least talking to one of the ladies that are presently serving. Thank you. If interested contact Elaine Slauenwhite eastmedowlark@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving Newsletter: If you have anything to put in the upcoming newsletter, please email to ldmac@eastlink.ca by Sept 24th.

Counters: We are in need of people to act as counters for both services. If you can help training will be provided. Contact Murray Phillips at phillips.murray@gmail.com

Atlantic School of Theology, A different kind of university is having their annual fund and make a donation campaign. See the bulletin board for details on how you can make a donation. Or you can visit their website at www.astheology.ns.ca for more information.

The envelopes for 2022 will be available around the first of Dec. If you don't have envelopes and would like some, please contact Linda Barkhouse. 902-692-1214 or ljbarkhouse2@gmail.com. January is also a good time to start PAR.

VITAL CHURCH MARITIMES 2021 Conference Oct 14-16, Truro (+limited Zoom option) Theme: *Wilderness Calling: Trusting in Jesus*. Engaging in ministry these days is like trekking into unknown territory. One popular author describes congregational engagement with our neighbours, saying it is like 'canoeing the mountains' - what traditionally and typically worked in years past is no longer effective. We are CALLED TO THIS WILD using new approaches, including humble listening and courageous experimentation. Join with congregational leaders from a variety of backgrounds to share experiences and ideas in exploring outward-oriented ministry in this wilderness time.

Vital Church Maritimes 2021 conference keynote guest is **The Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Linda Nicholls**. She is a truly engaging speaker, effective teacher and lover of the outdoors. She also is gifted with profound insights related to how the church of the future is to be shaped. Additional speaker is **Dr. Daniel Driver**, Professor of Old Testament at Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax. He provides a scriptural understanding of answering the vocational call from God to serve in unknown lands and challenging terrain. This 3-day conference features plenty of inspiring discussion, Bible studies, a special outdoor worship, *meals* and much more! Two-thirds of VCM participants are lay leaders, including some from Lutheran, United and Presbyterian churches. There are also several *limited Zoom sessions* for those unable to attend in person. (FUNDING SUPPORT available for Anglican laity and clergy in Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island.) **HURRY TO REGISTER! Special Early Bird rates until Sept. 20.**
(Registration closes Oct. 6) VISIT: www.nspeidiocese.ca