

Covid-19 Mask Precautions

The province of New Brunswick continues to recommend that masks be worn at all indoor gatherings. We are monitoring the situation and while we do not currently require masks we are recommending that they be worn whenever possible. Let's keep each other safe this Christmas!

Feeling Under the Weather?

It's flu season! Yes, the flu does still exist.

We ask that if you are feeling unwell in any manner that you please join us for worship from home and not attend in-person gatherings at the Church. This can be a difficult choice in this busy season, but sometimes the most loving thing you can do is to keep your germs at home. Thank you for prioritizing the health of our congregation.

This Week at St. John's

Office Hours: Mon-Fri; 8:00am - 2:30pm

Monday	6:00pm	Emmaus Way
	6:15pm	Cubs and Scouts
Tuesday	10:00am	Fredericton Downtown Community Health Centre Meeting
	1:00pm	Ladies' Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00pm	Blue Christmas Service
	9:00am	Prayer Meeting
	10:00am	Holy Eucharist & Bible Study
	10:20am	NMS Gym Classes
	2:00pm	Funeral for Eloise Harding
Thursday	8:00pm	'Remember When' Group
	10:00am	Coffee Club
	1:00pm	NMS Gym Classes
Friday	6:15pm	Beavers
	6:00pm	Ski Patrol Training

Contact Information

Rector:	Rev. Paul Ranson (506-471-6707)
Honorary Assistants:	Rev. Canon Bruce McKenna
	Rev. David Peer
Wardens:	Bill MacKenzie and Donna Price
Treasurer:	Ben Mersereau
Parish Administrator:	Josh McDorman (506-458-9411)
Custodian:	Darrell Jones (506-472-8773)



First Sunday of Advent - Hope

Holy Eucharist: 8:30am and 10:30am

Officiant: Rev. Paul Ranson

*Look up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.*

Luke 21.28

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

This Week's Service

First Sunday of Advent - Hope; November 27th, 2022

Layreader 8:30am: Gerry Russon
Layreader 10:30am: Dennis Williams
Worship Leader: Joan Pain
Slides: Jeannie Donald
Counters/Greeters: Sharyn Nicholls and Steve Hart

Opening Hymn: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*
First Reading: *Isaiah 2:1-5*
Psalm: *Psalm 122 (p.498 BAS)*
Second Reading: *Romans 13:11-14*
Gospel: *Matthew 24:36-44*
Offertory Hymn: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*
Song During Holy Communion: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*
Closing Hymn: *Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus*

Next Week's Services

Second Sunday of Advent - Peace; December 4th, 2022

Layreader 8:30AM Bill MacKenzie
Layreader 10:30AM Eva Morton
Worship Leader Joan Pain
Slides Jeannie Donald
Counters/Greeters Nancy Stephens and Ben Mersereau



Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
(p. 418 BAS)

Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Parish Intercessions

Joe & Lynda Wood, Jack & Fran Demmons, Jackie Meikle, Paul Robinson, Betsy & Jim O'Donnell, Kristell Unick, Sheila Hanson, Llewellyn Brewer, John & Susan Baldwin, Loretta Doak, Jackie Spencer, Don & Irene Adams, Graham Standen, Mary Lee McKenna, Trevor Price, Philip Pain, Dylan Barton, Robee Titus, Jeannie Donald, Galen Price, Carol Gourley, Clark & Pat Wilcox, Leona O'Donnell, Donna & Arnold Bartley, Betty Clowater, Natalie Carr, Dick Burgess, Carolyn Scott, Natalie, Miriam Laskey, Isaac Frame, Adam, Cynthia, Elijah, Betty Anne McDorman, Harold Rice, the Lawrence and Jones Families, Roger Stephens, Jake, the Harding Family.

Intercessions for the Church

The Church of Ireland, the Most Rev. John McDowell, Archbishop. The Nippon Sei Ko Kai, the Most Rev. Luke Kenichi Muto, Primate. Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Anglican Church of Canada. Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon, Archbishop Lynne McNaughton and the Provincial Council. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries and all diocesan education and formation. Archbishop David, retired bishops Claude and William and their families.

For our Missionaries at home and abroad: Kara and Nelson Meija in Roatan, Honduras; Paul Jeffries in Uganda; Terence and Jasmine Chandra in Saint John; and the Ministers of Outflow.

Announcements

Advent Sower

Most remaining Sowers have been mailed. A few are still available for pick-up so please check if yours is waiting for you at the Sanctuary entrance.

Salvation Army Kettle Drive Update

We did not have enough volunteers to sign-up for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive this year. You are encouraged to contact the Salvation Army directly if you would like to volunteer this year.

Blue Christmas Service

Join us this Tuesday at 7:00PM for our Blue Christmas Service. All are welcome to this time of comfort and peaceful reflection.

Martha's Pantry Now Open!

Our cupboards are bursting thanks to your support! We are now open on Tuesdays from 8:30AM to 10:00AM to provide support to families struggling to make ends meet. A simple bag of groceries can often be the difference between making it to payday or going hungry. Flyers are available at the Church entrance. Please feel free to take one and post it in any community space that you feel might be a benefit to those around us. No one deserves to go hungry; and no one will be turned away.

2023 Church Calendars Have Arrived!

Two different versions are available – each with beautiful pictures and illustrations to keep you in the Spirit all year round.

Costing is \$8.00

Pick-up yours at the Church entrance or in the office during the week.

Advent Prayer Videos

Tune in to our Facebook page each Sunday in Advent for a special pre-recorded Advent Prayer Video. Thank you to our Layreaders for your efforts in producing these – we look forward to praying with you!

Announcements – Take II

Upcoming Special Services

Below please find the latest information on upcoming special services.

Blue Christmas Service – November 29th at 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Traditional Service – December 24th at 10:00am

Christmas Eve Family Service – December 24th at 1:30pm

Christmas Eve Contemporary Service – December 24th at 7:00pm

Christmas Day Service – December 25th at 11:00am

There will be no 8:30am service on December 25th

Shared Meal and Christmas Decorating Party

On December 9th at 5:30PM we will be hosting a Shared Meal followed by decorating our Church for Christmas! Come help us deck the halls in anticipation of the coming of Jesus; or just show up for the delicious food and camaraderie – we won't judge!

Expert decorators are appreciated. Paul, Darrell, and Josh need all the artistic help they can get!

Volunteer Opportunity – Christmas Day Meal

Are you interested in joining us for a meal after the 11:00AM service on Christmas Day? If you are able to volunteer (or are just interested in attending), please sign up at the Church entrance so we know how many people to expect and how many volunteers we will have.

Angels We Have Heard On High

Our volunteers have been working tirelessly to create hand-crafted Remembrance Angels. These beautiful tributes to our loved ones can be purchased for \$10.00 and placed on our Memory Tree.

The Memory Tree will be dedicated at the Blue Christmas Service on November 29th at 7:00PM. On Christmas Eve/Day you will be invited to take your angel home. This is a beautiful way to remember those whom we miss, with the knowledge that we will see them again in glory.

Announcements – Take III!

Community Dinner at Nashwaaksis Baptist

You are cordially invited to a community dinner hosted by the Nashwaaksis Baptist Church on December 17th from 1:00PM to 3:00PM.

This event is open to all; we hope you can join us in our shared ministry within the community!

St. John's Christmas Social

It has been a challenging few years for our community, both within the Church and without. That is why we are pleased to announce a time for us to gather and celebrate the joy of the Christmas Season together once again.

Join us on December 14th at 1:00PM here at St. John's for our Christmas Social! You are invited to bring a snack or tasty treat to share. No time to bake? No problem! Your company and camaraderie is the only cost for this event.

In the immortal worlds of Charles Dickens:

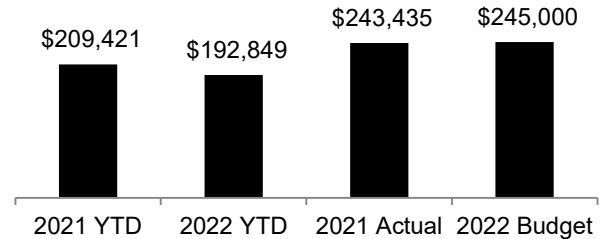
"It was always said of him, that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that truly be said of us, and all of us!"

"God bless us, every one!"

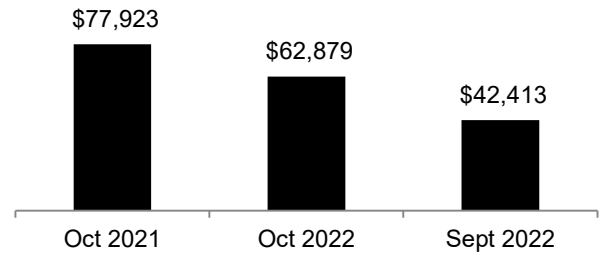


St. John's Anglican Church Monthly Financial Update: November 2022

Unrestricted Offerings



Bank Account Balance



Oct 2022 bank balance includes \$38,204 in special purpose funds that cannot be used for operational purposes.

Highlights:

- Thanks to a large one-time donation, offerings are now tracking ahead of 2021 and a year-end surplus is expected.
- Our bank balance is still down significantly from 2021, mainly due to the unplanned lighting upgrade. A one-time donation in October has helped increase the balance from last month.
- As previously reported, the Diocese has approved Vestry's request to transfer \$90,000 from the Rectory Fund in order to pay off the building loan and mortgage. We are currently working with the financial institutions to pay off all outstanding loans. However, in accordance with Diocesan policy, the \$90,000 must be repaid to the Rectory Fund. Please continue to give to the Building Fund until this amount has been repaid. Building Fund offerings to date are \$19,175.
- Please contact Ben if you have any questions or concerns.