



The Cathedral **MESSENGER**

Welcome to the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
28 November 2021
1st Sunday of Advent

Land Acknowledgement:

We respectfully acknowledge the land on which we gather as the ancestral homelands of the Beothuk, whose culture has now been erased forever. We also acknowledge the island of Newfoundland (Ktaqmukuk) as the unceded, traditional territory of the Beothuk and the Mi'kmaq. And we acknowledge Labrador as the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Innu of Nitassinan, the Inuit of Nunatsiavut, and the Inuit of NunatuKavut. We recognize all First Peoples who were here before us, those who live with us now, and the seven generations to come. As First Peoples have done since time immemorial, we strive to be responsible stewards of the land and to respect the cultures, ceremonies, and traditions of all who call it home. As we open our hearts and minds to the past, we commit ourselves to working in a spirit of truth and reconciliation to make a better future for all.

Proof of Vaccination: you must provide Proof of Vaccination in order to attend services and events here at the Cathedral. This can be in the form of the **Vaccine Passport**, in either electronic or paper version, or an official Proof of Vaccination form issued by the Government. This will be mandatory for everyone over the age of 12. If you do not have Proof of Vaccination, then please worship with us on-line.

Happy Birthday to Betty Stewart who celebrates 94 years this week!

Upcoming 11 a.m. Sunday Services: (In-person and on-line)

December 5th: BCP Choral Eucharist with the Great Litany

December 12th: BAS Choral Eucharist

December 19th: Christmas Lessons and Carols

Weekday Services: 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
On-Line Only

We gratefully acknowledge donations to the following:

The General Fund – *In memory of Wilfred & Olive Thomas* from the family.

11:00 a.m. Advent Lessons and Carols

Please see separate Order of Service

Our On-line Services are available live or recorded on:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/anglcathstj/

and on our YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCPn0-iS_T0pdmdfY3hJDbJA.

Cookies for Christmas! We have partnered with Chatman's Bakery to supply your Christmas cookies as a fundraiser for the Cathedral.

Packages of cookies are \$10 each, available in individual favourites or in variety packs – you can view the options on our facebook page or at the Office. Please contact the Office to order: 726-5677 or email: Office@ourcathedral.ca or speak to one of our cookie sellers!

Order deadline has been extended to November 29th! Orders will be ready for pick up 2-3 weeks after order is submitted. Just in time for Christmas! *Patrice will also accept orders after the service this morning!*

Christmas Flowers – Parishioners who wish to remember their loved ones by having flowers in the Cathedral for Christmas may either give donations or purchase and deliver flowers directly to the church. Donations may be given during regular collection with Attention to Altar Guild “flowers for Christmas” or to Jill during regular office hours, please contact 726-5677 or email: office@ourcathedral.ca for further information. Members of the Altar Guild will be in the Cathedral on Thursday, December 23rd from 10am to 12 noon and flowers may be delivered at that time.

Christmas Eve Services:

4 p.m. The Blessing of the Creche and Children's Pageant

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS) with The Right Reverend Samuel Rose, Bishop

11 p.m. Choral Eucharist (BCP)

To help facilitate contact tracing for these services, you can pre-register on Eventbrite.ca. The links can be found on our webpage: OurCathedral.ca/Christmas.

Live Nativity Casting Call! The **Live Nativity** will take place on Sunday December 19th, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. **We are looking for shepherds, wise men, and a holy family!** Please contact the Office if you would like to take part in this popular presentation of the Nativity scene! Costumes will be provided!

Readers & Eucharistic Assistants: As we continue to move forward in re-incorporating the various groups into the Sunday morning liturgy, we now want to start developing a new list of Readers. If you would like to be a reader for the 11 a.m. service, please contact the Office. Also, if any Eucharistic Assistants would like to be included in a schedule to administer the Eucharist, please contact the Office to let us know.

Sidespeople/Ushers – For the past year, our COVID volunteer teams have faithfully facilitated the attendance of the congregation at our in-person services, and we are very grateful for their work and commitment to the safety of all people coming to the Cathedral. Thank you all! Now, we are getting ready to transition into a new model, using Sidespeople/Ushers mainly, but we may combine them with some COVID volunteers. In order to move forward to this new model, **we are looking for people who may be interested in being a Sidesperson/Usher for our 11 a.m. Sunday service.** Whether you were a Sidesperson before, or this is something new for you, or you were a COVID volunteer, please contact us to let us know if you are interested: 726-5677 or Office@OurCathedral.ca.

Sundays@Seven:

November 28th: Advent EXPECTATION with Octatonic Decadence.

December 5th: Service of Light for Advent.

Christmas Hampers: The five churches which collaborate in running Emmaus House Food Bank, have decided to work more closely together in the distribution of Christmas Hampers this year. The Hampers will not include food, but will simply be a Gift Card for a grocery store, with the amount determined by the number of people in the household. If you would like to support this Christmas program, donations should be marked for “Christmas Hamper.” Those who would like to receive a Christmas Hamper this year must register at Emmaus House on weekday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. They will then be given a slip saying when they can pick up their Gift Card at Emmaus House.

Advent Journey with the Labyrinth: throughout Advent, there will be a temporary Labyrinth installed in the South Transept and there will be finger Labyrinths shared through the Messenger. We will also have printed meditations to help guide you on your journey. You can walk the Labyrinth before or after our services, or you can drop by on a weekday to spend some time – best to check with the office when you want to come, just to make sure there is nothing scheduled. Or you can take the finger Labyrinth home with you to use whenever you like.

Year-end Receipts and Donations: If you have any outstanding receipts to claim for 2021, or if you wish to make a donation to be credited for 2021, please submit them to the Office by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, January 5th. **Thanks to all** who have generously supported ministry here at the Cathedral, as we try to end the year in a break-even or surplus financial position!

Emmaus House Food Bank Donations – we are again accepting donations of non-perishable food for the Food Bank, please place it in the basket near the entrance to the Cathedral.

We gratefully acknowledge donations to the following:

Then Endowment Fund – *In memory of Doug French* from Joyce & Everard King.

The Choral Scholarship Fund – *In memory of Doug French* from Marilyn Pike.

Standing – Sitting – Kneeling: the Traditions of when to stand, sit, or kneel during our liturgies have developed over many years, and are very familiar to many of our people. However, some people cannot follow the same rhythm anymore. Some cannot stand, some cannot kneel, and some cannot sit for too long. Some people find it uncomfortable and distracting to assume any one of these positions for too long. And some people are simply not familiar with the traditions. As well, some of those traditions are changing, and are different in different places. ***Please know that the posture you assume is far less important than your active participation in the Liturgy.*** The invitations to stand, sit, or kneel, are only suggestions based on our traditions. Please do not feel obliged to assume any posture which is difficult, uncomfortable, or distracting for you. Instead, please participate in the liturgy in whatever posture is best for you.

Financial Support: As presented recently, the Cathedral Parish is facing increasing costs and decreasing revenue. While we are very grateful to those who have been able to continue to support the Cathedral financially through this difficult time, we also encourage those who are able to increase their givings to the Cathedral. To view the many ways to donate to the Cathedral Parish, please visit our website: OurCathedral.ca/giving.

Fundraising ideas: related to this, the Vestry is looking for ideas for Fundraising opportunities! If you have any suggestions, please send them along to Office@ourcathedral.ca and we will share them with members of Vestry. Some thoughts already circulating: Movie Night in the Cathedral; Art and/or Craft show/display; & Silent Auction of Skills & Talents. We welcome all ideas and suggestions. The more ideas we get, the more likely it will be to find ideas that will work for us!

Hospital Chaplaincy: With the recent cyber-attack on the Health Care System, our Hospital Chaplains have been unable to access the lists of patients. Therefore, if you know of anyone in the St. John's area hospitals who would like a visit from the Chaplains, please let one of the Cathedral Clergy or the Office know. We will then forward the information to the Chaplains.

The Ministry of Planned Giving recently sponsored an estate planning seminar featuring two seasoned financial planners. The event was very useful and provided much information. Comments about it have been very positive. This event is now available for viewing through the Diocesan Webpage: www.anglicanenl.net, click *Our Ministries*, and then *Planned Giving*. You can find the link for "Estate Planning" on that page. Or you can follow this link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=v0P7qEeOqI&feature=youtu.be

St. Michael and All Angels Parish (75 Kiwanis Street) will be having a Bake & Craft Sale with "New to You" items and Toonie Bags on Saturday, December 4th, 10 am to 3 pm. Proof of Vaccination and masks are mandatory. Come and get that special gift for someone. We hope to see you there. For further information call Barbara at 722-3295.

St. Thomas' Church: We're having a Christmas Market!! We hope you can join us at St. Thomas', 8 Military Road on Saturday, December 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a great selection of Christmas baking and treats: cookies, cakes, bread and preserves! Also, handmade children's clothing and toys, aprons, quilts, Christmas runners and decorations. Come, shop and stay awhile – enjoy a beverage and Christmas treat in our beautiful church. Please note: The market will be held in the Church building. Please enter at the south door off the parking lot. See you there!!

NSO Presents: Handel's Messiah

A Christmas tradition: the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra under the direction of guest conductor Kathleen Allan, together with the Philharmonic Choir of the NSO presents Handel's Messiah. Soloists are Meredith Hall, Vicki St. Pierre, Haitham Haidar, and Jorell Williams. The Messiah takes place LIVE at 8PM on Friday, December 10, 2021 and Saturday, December 11, 2021 at the historic Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Tickets (\$28/\$38) are available at the ACC Box Office (729-3900), online at www.artsandculturecentre.com and at the door.

Note: The Messiah is also being recorded and will be streamed online via the NSO website, premiering on December 18. Tickets for the online version can be purchased through the concerts and events page of the NSO website (www.nsomusic.ca). Online ticket holders will have access to the concert for 30-days from the premiere.

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