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to Visitors and Newcomers!



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# *The Cathedral* **MESSENGER**

**Welcome to the Anglican Cathedral of  
St. John the Baptist  
21 December 2025  
Advent IV**

### **Wednesday, 24 December – Christmas Eve**

**4 p.m. – Children's Pageant & the Blessing of the Crèche**

**7:30 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (BAS) – *please note the time for this service is 7:30 p.m.***

**11 p.m. – Choral Eucharist for Christmas (BCP)**

### **Thursday, 25 December – Christmas Day**

**10:30 a.m. – BCP Holy Eucharist**

**Children's Christmas Party & Pageant:** The Sunday School will be hosting a Christmas party and pageant rehearsal on **Today, December 21, following the 11:00 service**. We invite all children to come out and have a good time while we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. There will be treats and children will have a chance to choose their costumes for the pageant. The Pageant takes place during the 4 p.m. Blessing of the Crèche Service on Christmas Eve. See you there!!

**Year-end Receipts and Donations:** If you have any outstanding receipts to claim for 2025, or if you wish to make a donation to be credited for 2025, please submit them to the Office by 4 p.m. on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. **Thanks to all** who have generously supported ministry here at the Cathedral this year! **The Cathedral Office will close at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and will re-open for normal hours on Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Our Vicar, the Rev'd Gail Dick**, has gone to Ontario to be with family for her mother's birthday and for Christmas. We wish a very Happy Birthday to **Verna Robinson**, who is **100 years old today!**

**Congratulations to our own Dave Morgan, who has been appointed as a Lay Canon of our Cathedral!** Canon Dr. David Morgan will be the new Canon for Creation Care and Stewardship. As announced in a Pastoral Letter from our Bishop on Monday, the other members of the Chapter will be the Rev'd Canon Deborah Pantin, Canon for Evangelism and Witness; the Rev'd Canon Amber Tremblett, Canon for Discipleship and Christian Formation; the Rev'd Canon Byron Barter, Canon for Mercy and Loving Service; the Rev'd Canon Amanda Taylor, Canon for Justice and Peace; and Canon Thomas Mugford, the Canon for Truth, Reconciliation, and Right Relationships. They join the Very Rev'd Roger Whalen, Dean of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador & Commissary; the Venerable Charlene Taylor, Diocesan Executive Officer, Registrar & Secretary-Treasurer of Synod; The Venerable Julie Brace, Archdeacon of Labrador; The Venerable Christine Lynch, Archdeacon of Trinity-Conception-Placentia; and The Venerable Nancy March, Archdeacon of Avalon, to form the new Cathedral Chapter. The Chapter will be Installed at a service in February.

**White Gifts:** Each year, at the **Blessing of the Crèche and Children's Pageant on Christmas Eve**, we collect **White Gifts**. These are donations – traditionally in white envelopes – which are given to support ministry in some area of the wider Anglican Church. Over the years, these White Gifts have supported ministry in areas such as Malaysia, parts of Africa, and here in our own country. This year our White Gifts will support **Alongside Hope's Indigenous Responsive Grant Fund**. (formerly PWRDF). This fund supports Indigenous-led community initiatives in Community Health, Safe Water, Engaging Youth and Climate Action.

**Monthly Special Offering Intentions:** Our special intention for this month is **Christmas**. Please write "**Christmas**" on your envelope or in the memo of your electronic donation.

**Our Angel Tree of Memories!** This year, for the first time, our Christmas Tree is decorated with Angel ornaments dedicated in memory of loved-ones who have gone before us. Beside the Tree is a listing of all the people in whose memory Angels have been dedicated. Thank you to all who have dedicated Angel ornaments this year. Your gift helps support our church while creating a lasting tradition we can enjoy for years to come!

**We gratefully acknowledge** donations to:

**The General Fund** † *In memory of John Hewson* from Janet & Family.

**The Discretionary Fund** † In gratitude and celebration of Viola Newman's birthday this week from Laura Cowan and Family.

**The Emmaus House Food Bank Fund** † *In memory of Winston and Roberta Green*, from Jennifer, Geoff, and David.

**Upcoming Sunday Services:**

**December 28<sup>th</sup>: Christmas I**

– 11 a.m. BCP Sung Eucharist

**January 4<sup>th</sup>: Epiphany**

– 11 a.m. BCP Choral Eucharist

**January 11<sup>th</sup>: Baptism of the Lord**

– 11 a.m. BAS Choral Eucharist & Baptism

**January 18<sup>th</sup>: Second Sunday after Epiphany**

– 9 a.m. BCP Holy Eucharist (said)

– 11 a.m. BCP Choral Mattins

**Weekday Morning Prayer:** We will have Morning Prayer this Tuesday, but will then pause and return to the regular schedule on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**9:00 a.m. BCP Holy Eucharist**

**BCP p. 67, Propers p. 102**

**11:00 a.m. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

*Please see separate Order of Service*