

A WARM WELCOME
to Visitors and Newcomers!



Our Children's Ministry
Meets downstairs during the 11 a.m. service most weeks. The children will process downstairs during the Gradual Hymn.



Washroom Facilities are located through the tunnel on the right side of the chancel and down the stairs. There is also an accessible washroom in the South Transept (to the right of the Chancel).



Assisted Listening Devices are available at the entrance.



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The Cathedral **MESSENGER**

**Welcome to the Anglican Cathedral of
St. John the Baptist
17 May 2026
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday**

Coming up this week...

Wednesday	7:30pm	Cathedral Choir	Crypt
Thursday	7:30pm	Cathedral Vestry	Crypt
Friday	2:30pm	Altar Guild Meeting	Crypt

Congratulations to us as we marked our 9th Anniversary together on May 15th! Roger+

We welcome in the Sacrament of Baptism today: Macklen John Wilfred Fancy, son of Jonelle and Trevor. May God's Blessing go with you throughout your life!

Parish Dinner – 6pm on June 6th at the C.L.B Armoury (82 Harvey Road). Tickets are \$40 for Adults and \$20 for Children. Menu includes Turkey Dinner or Lentil Stir Fry or Chicken Strips & Fries, Gluten Free option available and Tuxedo Cake for dessert. Reserve your seat now and pay by Friday, May 29th. Call the office or see Janet after the Service.

Emmaus House Announcement: The Cathedral Basilica Foundation has informed us that, because of mandated renovations to its present location, Emmaus House Food Bank will have to relocate. If anyone knows of a location that would be suitable, please contact the Dean.

Upcoming Sunday Services:

May 24th: Pentecost

– 11 a.m. BCP Choral Eucharist

May 31st: Trinity Sunday

– 9 a.m. BCP Holy Eucharist (said)

– 11 a.m. BCP Choral Mattins

June 7th: Pentecost II

– 11 a.m. BCP Choral Eucharist

June 14th: Pentecost III

– 11 a.m. BAS Choral Eucharist & Baptism

Weekday Morning Prayer: 9:30 am Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday.

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

We gratefully acknowledge donations to:

The General Fund † *In loving memory of John, Eneth & Wayne Burton* from nieces, Joan Trip & Augusta Ford.

The Choral Scholarship Fund † *In loving memory of Bill Abraham* from Jessie Abraham.

Subscribe to the Diocesan Creation Care & Stewardship Email List:

Glaciers, rivers, and oceans. Deserts, forests, and grasslands. Mushrooms, moose, stars, and moons. What awesome gifts the Creator has given! God calls us to care for these gifts, including the wonderful gift of the people around us. As part of examining your relationship with creation and advancing your personal ministry of creation care and stewardship – whether individually or within your home, congregation, parish, community, or beyond – consider subscribing to the newly-established Diocesan Creation Care & Stewardship (CC&S) mailing list for creation-related news, announcements, features, prayers, perspectives, and more. To join the mailing list, please visit <http://eepurl.com/jxfG3-/> And, for other CC&S resources, visit the newly-updated Diocesan CC&S webpage at <https://anglicanenl.net/creation-care-stewardship/>.

As part of Convocation 2026, Queen’s College is pleased to welcome **The Very Rev. Richard Sewell and JulieAnn Sewell** for a morning of listening and learning: “**Reflections on Faith, Hope, and Love: The Life and Witness of Palestinian Christians.**” Richard is the Dean of St. George’s College in Jerusalem and Residentiary Canon of St George’s Cathedral, Jerusalem. JulieAnn is the Fundraising and Development Officer for The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre, treats Palestinian children with disabilities, while hosting their mothers and empowering their families. This educational event will be held at St. Mark’s Church, 203 Logy Bay Road, on Wednesday, 3 June from 9:30am to 12:30 pm, followed by lunch. Cost is \$20. Contact Queen’s College to register.

Alongside Hope (PWRDF) – Light for St. Luke’s: Every watt counts

We’d like to tell you about St. Luke’s Hospital in Nablus (the West Bank). Unreliable and costly power sources make health care a challenge during the best of times, or a crisis during the worst of times. That’s where solar power comes in. Solar energy helps keep the lights on, keeps medical equipment working, and helps doctors care for patients safely. **Alongside Hope** is partnering with the Diocese of Jerusalem to purchase and install solar panels for the roof of the hospital. Learn about the many ways to support and donate to this campaign at alongsidehope.org/light-for-st-lukes. You can also make a donation through the Cathedral: just note that it is for “**Alongside Hope: Light for St. Luke’s.**” ***Together, we will keep the light shining.***

Annual Pride Worship – You are invited to join us for our Annual Pride Worship on Monday, June 29 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark’s Anglican Church, 203 Logy Bay Rd. Celebrant: Bishop Samuel Rose; Preacher: Canon Tom Mugford. Reception to follow. Live streamed: www.facebook.com/stmarksnl.

Recycling Reminder: The Cathedral’s account number with Evergreen Recycling is 726-5677 (our phone number!).

News from Queen's College

As the Rev'd Dr. Joanne Mercer retires as Provost in June 2026, the Corporation of Queen's College and the three Anglican dioceses of Newfoundland and Labrador will launch a comprehensive strategic planning process. This initiative will clarify the College's vision, strategic directions, and pathway to long-term sustainability over the next five to ten years. The process will include broad consultation with students, faculty, staff, the three dioceses, partner denominations, other faith traditions, and Memorial University.

The first step in this process is to **appoint the Rev'd Dr. Robert Cooke as Interim Administrator**, effective 1 July 2026, for a two-year term. Dr. Cooke is currently serving as Lecturer and Dean of Theology at Queen's College. More information will be shared through Queen's College as the strategic planning process continues.

Queen's College Convocation 2026

Queen's College Faculty of Theology is very excited to invite you to Convocation on **Thursday June 4, 2:00 pm, at The Church of the Ascension**, 58 Smallwood Drive, Mount Pearl. Please join us as we give God thanks for the ongoing ministry of theological education at Queen's, celebrate the achievements of our graduates and students, award honorary doctoral degrees. We are pleased to welcome as our Convocation Speaker, **The Very Reverend Canon Richard Sewell, the Dean of St. George's College in Jerusalem**. As Dean of St George's College, Richard runs the Anglican Centre for Pilgrimage in the Holy Land. Queen's College is also extremely pleased to announce the following **honorary doctorates** will be awarded at Convocation 2026: **Ina Kearley** – Doctor of Canon Law (Honoris Causa); **Emma Marsh** – Doctor of Canon Law (Honoris Causa); **The Rev'd Canon Rueben Hatcher** – Doctor of Divinity.

The Cemetery Committee is pleased to advise that a **new 80 niche columbarium has recently been installed at Forest Road**. Ten of these niches are larger niches designed to hold 3 urns. Anyone interested in purchasing a niche at Forest Road can visit the office or phone 709-728-7111 during regular working hours.

Coastal Sounds Community Choir presents **Movie Magic** on Saturday May 23rd from 2:00 – 3:00 pm at St. John the Evangelist Church, Topsail. \$20 at the Door, Kids 12 and under are free.

Topsail United Church Annual Flipper Dinner will be held on Saturday May 23rd. Take Out available from 5 until 5:30 P.M., Eat in at 6 P.M. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Office by Calling 709-834-4567

Italian Dinner at Church of the Good Shepherd – Italian Night Dinner, **Saturday, May 30th, 6:30pm**, \$25, Lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread and carrot cake for dessert. Gluten free option will be available if pre-ordered. Tickets are available at the Church office 747-1022 or you can email transfer cotgs@nf.aibn.com.

Topsail United Church Coffee Group will be hosting an Afternoon Tea Party and Bake Sale, on Saturday, May 30th from 2 until 4 pm., with Special Musical Guests Avalonia. Tickets are \$15.00. Please remember your Fascinator. To reserve your ticket please contact the Church Office at 709-834-4567. Tickets go on Sale on May 4th through May 27th.

The NSO is pleased and very excited to announce our 2026 **Free Sensory Friendly Concert Series** featuring the NSO's Atlantic String Quartet!! They will perform wonderful selections from a variety of music genres. Please know that All Families are more than welcome to attend! **These FREE of charge concerts will take place on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 5pm and 6:30 pm respectively in the Suncor Energy Hall at the MUN School of Music**. If you wish to attend, you will need to register for one of the concerts by calling Jennifer or Lynn Ann at 709-722-4441.

11:00 a.m. Holy Baptism & Eucharist (BAS)
Setting: St. Anne's Parish Communion (Cook)

Opening Hymn: 174 Hail the day that sees him rise	<i>Ascension</i>
<u>The Gathering of the Community</u>	BAS p. 151
The Collect of the Day	
<u>The Proclamation of the Word</u>	
Acts 1:1-11	Joseph Ayris
Psalm 47	p. 764
Ephesians 1:15-23	Heather Andres
Gradual Hymn: 627 Jerusalem the golden	<i>Ewing</i>
The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53	
Sermon	Dean Roger Whalen
<u>Presentation and Examination of the Candidates</u>	p. 153
Prayers for the Candidates	p. 155
<u>The Celebration of Baptism</u>	
Thanksgiving over the water	p. 156
The Baptismal Covenant	p. 158
The Baptism	p. 160
The Giving of Light	
Confession and Absolution	p. 191
The Peace	
<u>The Celebration of the Eucharist</u>	
Offertory Hymn: 235 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour	<i>St. Osmond</i>
The Prayer over the Gifts	
Eucharistic Prayer #3 (<i>Preface p. 222</i>)	p. 198
The Lord's Prayer	p. 211
The Breaking of the Bread #8	p. 213
THE COMMUNION	
Anthem: <i>And can it be?</i>	<i>Dan Forrest</i>
Prayer after Communion	p. 214
The Blessing and Dismissal	p. 215
Closing Hymn: CP 482 Come and journey with a Saviour	<i>Beach Spring</i>

Next Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost! It would be appropriate (and very fashionable) to wear RED next week!

Come and journey with a Saviour who has called us from our birth, Who has washed us in the waters, and who loved us on the earth.

Refrain:

*Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.*

Come and journey, journey inward, come and seek him deep within, Where he meets us in our living, in our striving and our sin. *Refrain...*

Come and journey, journey outward, telling others of his name, Telling others of his glory, of his cross and of the shame. *Refrain...*

Come and journey, journey outward, where the cross calls us to care, Where injustice and where hunger and the poor call us to share. *Refrain...*

Come and journey, journey upward, sing his praises, offer prayer. In the storm and in the stillness, find his presence everywhere. *Refrain...*

Come and journey, journey onward; all our gifts we now shall bring To the building of a city that is holy, Christ its King. *Refrain...*

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Outside Spring Cleanup – Please join us on **Tuesday, May 26th at 6:30 pm** as we clean up the grounds of our beautiful Cathedral. The alternate date in case of inclement weather is Thursday, May 28th at 6:30 pm. Bring your garden gloves and rakes. We will have lawn bags and garbage bags.

Monthly Labyrinth Walk: 2 – 3:30 pm, Sunday, 17 May

Today at our regularly scheduled Labyrinth Walk, we will walk with the intention to care for Bees in recognition of **World Bee Day** (May 20). We are reminded that even the smallest creatures play an important role in God's creation. Through their quiet, tireless work of pollination, bees sustain ecosystems and support our food systems. Caring for pollinators is one way we practice faithful stewardship — protecting biodiversity, nurturing habitats, and honoring the balance of creation.