

MESSAGE FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH



Newsletter for September 2022

Wardens Message

We are ever grateful for your continued presence during the worship services, and for your prayer and support throughout this special/unique summer session. Together, we experienced different spiritual leaders, their interpretation of the Gospel, and felt spiritually challenged and enriched by these experiences.

When it became evident that there would be no priest available during the last five weeks; we felt burdened, distressed, and desperate. With Faith in God, we prayed for spiritual guidance and hoped for a successful outcome.

Subsequently, you gave us your consent, unanimous support, and confidence in the plan to continue the Sunday Services. As Wardens, we agreed to assume the role as Lay Leaders, and included Walter Marshall and Thelma Carter on the team. Their participation, (for which we will be ever grateful), contributed to making this a positive experience. All of your efforts, no matter what, or how small, have contributed to this success, and will be remembered for many years to come.

The enduring love and support you have showed is to be commended; let us all continue in this bond of love and unity and be a channel that spread the good news about "The Gospel of Christ."

Reverend Daniel Brereton's Return

The Wardens of St. John's have been informed by Fr. Daniel that his planned date of return to the pulpit will be Sunday September 4th. We are looking forward to seeing a wonderful turnout on the 4th to share in the Holy Eucharist with Fr. Daniel on this Sunday. If you are unable to attend in person, please tune in to our livestream which will resume with Fr. Daniel's return. We will be planning an official welcome back event later in the month.

Zoom Only Tuesday Bible Study Group

The Tuesday Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesday September 6th at the usual time of 7:00 p.m. (EST) by zoom only with Fr. Daniel leading the group again. Link included below.

In Church Wednesday Eucharist Service

With Fr. Daniel back we will be resuming the Wednesday services on September 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the church. We will be celebrating the “First Anglican Eucharist” on this date. A Bible Study will follow in the Payton Room. We hope that you will be able to join the group.

Prayer Group

Prayer group will resume with Fr. Daniel on Thursday September 8th at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to attend in person, you are welcome to gather in Payton Room. If you would prefer to join by Zoom that option is available. The link is located below.

Choir Practice

Jeff McLeod will be resuming choir practice on Wednesday September 7th at 5:15 p.m. The choir is planning to return from summer break on Sunday September 11, 2022.

If you are interested in joining the choir even for just one season, please reach out to Jeff at jeffreymcleod@gmail.com or speak with him after a service.

Condolences

It with sadness that we announce the passing of Cynthia Nugent, Joseph Nugent’s wife. Cynthia died on August 7th and a funeral service was held here at St. Johns on August 20th. The service was presided over by Canon Steven Mackison and Cynthia was laid to rest in St. John’s Cemetery. We want to extend our deepest condolences to Joseph and his family, and we ask you to keep them in your prayers during this very difficult time.

Safety Measures

One of the many things worked on this summer was improving safety around the Church.

First, our fire alarm system is now being monitored by an external company, which will mean a response will occur when the alarm is triggered.

Second thanks to a very generous donation from the Finlay sisters, Carol and Susan, an AED unit was purchased and is now mounted on the wall by the exterior door in the office hallway. A purchase of two extra First Aid kits was made as well. This makes three available in the building, one in the Parish Hall kitchen, one in the Sydenham kitchen downstairs, and the other one in the cloak room near the church. All these improvements were made with the safety of staff and all visitors to the Church in mind.

Volunteers Needed

It has been suggested that a BBQ would be nice to have during Welcome Back to Church Sunday on September 18th and also to officially welcome back Fr. Daniel.

We need people to assist in organizing this event. This is a congregational effort and the Wardens needs people to help plan and execute events, such as this BBQ. Bobby Briones will chair the group and will need to have assistance in shopping, set up and day of event preparation and clean up.

If you are interested in being a part of this, please sign up on the sheet provided in the Parish Hall. If we don’t have anyone interested in assisting, we will not be able to hold this event.

Coffee Hour

We are asking for help in supplying some items for coffee hour. So far, we had very few sign up to assist Jedidah. We will be continuing to observe protocols where Covid is concerned given the possibility of another wave in the Fall. We will be serving individual items prepared in a cup and using individual cream and milk. If you can help, we are asking for donations of two bite brownies, cookies, small cupcakes, or squares cut into small pieces. **Store bought or homemade are all acceptable.** These items can be left in the kitchen where they will be moved with gloved hands into individual cups. Please sign up on the provided sheet to supply the snack for a specific date.

Open Door Collection.

We are collecting for the Open Door in Square One for delivery the week of September 4th. Please remember that the focus of the Open Door has changed this year. They are no longer looking for food items for their clients. If you are unsure of what to get there is a list located on the tables outside the office and church. Items can be placed on the table outside the church in the hallway.

Flower Listing

We have spaces available for memorial flowers for the Fall if you would like to honour a loved one who has passed or celebrate an occasion. Please contact the Lori in the church office at church@sthjohnsdixie.com or 905-277-0462 to request the date. The cost has remained the same for the last few years at \$50.00. We are using a local florist who delivers the flowers on Friday afternoon

Current information

Over the last few years things have changed. You may have joined our church, or you may have changed where you are currently living or maybe you just changed your phone or email address.

Forms are available on the hall tables to update your information if you have recently moved, or you feel we have been missed in your notification of information changes. Please ensure that your information is current with us. You may also want to be added to our email listing for newsletters to ensure you are always up to date with the church news.

LINKS TO PROGRAMING ABOVE:

St. Johns church website

www.stjohnsdixie.com

YouTube Sunday School link:

<https://bit.ly/3ah5XpW>

Online Coffee Hour Zoom Link: Zoom Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86499519439?pwd=cC8rVlFYMm4xRGRzd2RyQXhEejFMdz09>
Meeting ID: 864 9951 9439 Passcode: 754201

Online Bible Study Zoom Link: (Zoom Meeting only Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82570649568>

Online Prayer Group – Thursday at 10 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86710167010>

Thank you,

The Wardens of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church



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