



St Paul's Anglican Church, Hampton Newsletter

Growing spirituality and building community through discipleship, worship & service

13 October 2016

People go to church for all kinds of wonderful reasons, but I was surprised this week to realize that there is one very good reason for being part of the Church which almost no one ever mentions.

I have spent a lot of time this year exploring with the members of our parish what it is exactly that they value about St. Paul's and why it is they keep coming back. Their answers to these questions by and large come down to two things: 1) Spiritual Growth and 2) Community. People keep coming back to St. Paul's because of the spiritual growth they experience and because of the experience of being part of a community which, among other things, helps to nurture that spiritual growth. And when people talk about spiritual growth they mention all kinds of wonderful things. They talk about being inspired in worship. They talk about the experience of being refreshed and renewed through prayer and reading of the Bible. They talk about being moved by the music and the Spirit in worship to a place of real rejoicing.

But there is, according to our gospel passage for this coming Sunday, an absolutely essential element of spiritual growth which I've just realized almost no one, my self included, ever seems to mention - persistence.

No one ever says "I go to church to learn persistence." And no church leaders ever say "You know what would really get people coming to church? More time talking about and teaching people about the importance of persistence. That'll bring 'em in every Sunday." No way! Because persistence is hard. Persistence assumes resistance. Persistence is struggle and pain and weariness, and no one wants to go to church if going to church means having to face more of that.

But as we'll see in the gospel for this Sunday (Luke 18:1-8) Jesus insists that persistence is absolutely essential. It's essential to our spiritual growth and to the life of our community. The good news, however, is that persistence is not all struggle, pain, and weariness. What I hope to share with you on Sunday is that we have good reason to be persistent. We have joyous reasons, and life-giving reasons to be persistent. We have reasons to be persistent that will carry us so much further than mere determination could ever carry us. And we have reason to grow in persistence. I hope you're able to gather with us on Sunday as we explore the reasons we have for not only being persistent but growing in persistence.

Messy Church – Nov 27

Mark your calendars, November 27th we are having MESSY CHURCH.

I am looking for as many volunteers as possible. I will need help with prep and planning, people leading/helping with stations, and people making and serving food. This is a great opportunity to get yourself involved and meet new people.

The planning has begun! So if your interested in helping with anything please contact me (Jessie) right away.

Do you want to get involved at St Paul's?

There are several ways to sign up.

1. Send an email to stpauls-hampton@outlook.com with the dates you are available and what role you would like to fill.
2. Call 832-3375 with the dates you are available and what role you would like to fill.
3. Sign up in person on the chart at the back of the church next to the communications center.
4. Sign up online!



Upcoming Events

Mission of the Month - Toonie Tin
PWRDF – Primate World Relief & Development Fund

- 13 Oct – 7:00 pm Alpha: Who is Jesus

16 Oct - 9:00 & 10:30 am service

- 16 Oct – 6:30pm Youth Group Gr 9-12
- 16 Oct – Mothers' Union (Donna L home)
- 17 Oct – 6:00 pm Youth K-5 (Bloomfield)
- 17 Oct – 7:30pm Youth Gr 6-8 (Bloomfield)
- 18 Oct – 10:00 am Bible Study
- 19 Oct - 12:00 Pancake Lunch
- 19 Oct - 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 20 Oct – 7 pm Alpha: Why did Jesus die?
- 22 Oct – 9:00am Safe Church Training

23 Oct - 9:00 & 10:30 am service

- 23 Oct – 6:30pm Youth Group Gr 9-12
- 24 Oct – 6:00 pm Youth K-5 (Bloomfield)
- 24 Oct - 7:30pm Youth Gr 6-8 (Bloomfield)
- 25 Oct – 10:00 am Bible Study
- 25 Oct - 7:30 pm Vestry
- 26 Oct - 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 26 Oct – 7:30 pm Greater Chapter Synod Meeting
- 27 Oct – 7 pm Alpha: How can I have faith

30 Oct - 9:00 & 10:30 am service

All Saints – Baptism

- 30 Oct – 6:30pm Youth Group Gr 9-12
- 1 Nov – 10:00 am Bible Study
- 2 Nov – 12:00 Lunch (Upham)
- 2 Nov - 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 3 Nov – 7 pm Alpha: Why & How do I pray?
- 5 Nov – 8:30 Holy Joes
- 5 Nov - Diocesan Synod (Fredericton)

6 Nov – 10:00 am service

Remembrance Service

- 6 Nov – 6:30pm Youth Group Gr 9-12
- 6 Nov – Mothers' Union (Pat M home)
- 7 Nov – 6:00 pm Youth K-5 (Bloomfield)
- 7 Nov - 7:30pm Youth Gr 6-8 (Bloomfield)
- 8 Nov – 10:00 am Bible Study
- 9 Nov – 12:00 ACW
- 9 Nov - 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 10 Nov – 7:00 pm Alpha: Why & how do I read the Bible?
- 11 Nov – Remembrance Day

St Paul's Prayer Corner



Jackie B
Don B
Della D
Loretta D
Barb G
Pat K
Dawn L
Paul R
Sue S
Erika W

Hampton Middle "New to You" Clothing Room

Hampton Middle School is looking for clothing donations for their "New To You" Room. This helps not only the kids and families at Hampton Middle School as they sell the items for .50 each, but all items not sold at the Fall Fair and Car show on October 28th is then donated to the Hampton Food Basket.

Please contact Donna Leonard 832-2478 if you have items that need to be picked up or if people wish to drop off items at HMS they can be dropped off between 8 - 3pm daily

Seafarers' Mission

Here at the Saint John Seafarers' Mission, we're starting to collect warm clothing for visiting seafarers. Many of these seafarers grew up in areas with very warm/hot temperatures (30 – 40 degrees Celsius). As much as they are hoping to see snow for the first time - they arrive here unprepared for our cold temperatures. Warm outer clothing such as jackets, hoodies, toques, scarves and gloves are appreciated. If you have some 'gently used' items that you would like to contribute to the seafarers, please contact Bev at 635-1731 or seaf@nb.aibn.com to make arrangements for pick up or delivery.

200 VOICES IN CONCERT - Saint John Choral Festival

Saturday, October 22nd at 7:00 pm

TRINITY Church in Saint John.

Featured: The SJ Chorale, Harbour View High, SJ Men's Chorus, Carleton Choristers, Saint John High, and Divine Mercy School Choirs.

Advanced Ticket Sale: Adult -\$20. and Student -\$10...from Long & McQuade, Morris Music, Beats & Bytes and Choirs. Tickets at the door - \$25. & 15.

Proceeds to support historic Trinity Church.

October 23	9:00 am HC – BCP	10:30 am HC – BAS
Music Leader	Glenna Geer	Christian Gowan
Layreader	Rod Langis <i>Joel 2:23-32</i> <i>Psalm 65</i>	Myra Stites <i>Psalm 65</i>
Reader	Myra Stites <i>2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18</i>	Debbie O'Bryant <i>2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18</i>
Greeters	A & B Kennedy	
A/V	Elaine Robichaud / Kevin Scott	
Sunday School	Jenny Vautour / Karla Lamb	
Nursery	Sharon Hollett	
Chancel	Sharon Kelly / Joanna DiProse	
Counters	Dawn Lent / Alice Kennedy	

October 30	9:00 am HC – BCP	10:30 am HC – BAS
Music Leader	Glenna Geer	Christian Gowan
Layreader	<i>Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18</i> <i>Psalm 149</i>	Heather Miller <i>Psalm 149</i>
Reader	<i>Ephesians 1: 11-23</i>	Stephen MacMackin <i>Ephesians 1: 11-23</i>
Greeters	MacMackin Family	
A/V	Elaine Robichaud / Kevin Scott	
Sunday School	Alice Kennedy / Diana Bastarache	
Nursery	Lois Moore	
Chancel	Estelle Fowler	
Counters	Dawn Lent / Joyce Logan	

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