



# St Paul's Anglican Church, Hampton Newsletter

*Growing spirituality and building community  
through discipleship, worship & service*

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*"I believe in...the communion of saints."*



Whenever we say the Apostles' Creed we say we believe in "the communion of saints." But what exactly does that mean?

Part of what it means is that those who believe in and follow Jesus right now are part of something much larger than themselves, something which stretches all the way back through the whole history of God's people, and all the way forward into the future God's kingdom. Those who believe in and follow Jesus are part of something which includes every single person, around the world, throughout history, living or dead, that has ever or will ever come to believe in Jesus, as well as all those who, long before Jesus was

even born, looked forward to what God would ultimately do in and through Jesus. This includes people like Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the prophets. That's the 'communion' part.

In the very same way that we share the bread and wine (from one cup) and/or the blessing of fellowship during Communion on Sunday morning the whole of our lives as Christians, as deeply personal as much of it may be, is ultimately something we share with many, many, many others.

The communion of saints also includes of course all those whose faith and devotion and courage and miraculous spiritual gifts have led

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them to be given special recognition in the Church. These are the superstar saints who have even been special days each year on which we are invited to remember and celebrate the ways in which God worked through them. This includes folks like St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Mary, all the St. Johns, and many, many others.

But the communion of saints also includes countless “unknown” saints – unknown to us but known to God – through whom God was also at work to bring about his purposes of justice and mercy and love. And it includes those saints who are known only to us, the people in our lives who, however imperfectly, have drawn us closer to God and helped us come to know Jesus and encouraged us to follow him.

And finally, the communion of saints includes us.

In the New Testament every single Christian is referred to as a saint, including the often misguided and even sinful ones to whom St. Paul first wrote his letters. St. Paul calls them all “saints” and says they have all been made able by God in Christ “to share in the inheritance of the saints in light” (Colossians1:12).

So this All Saints Day (Nov. 1st) let’s remember and give thanks for everyone whose faith and love, however imperfect, has touched our lives. And let’s celebrate the gospel truth, which is that though we may no longer see these saints we are still very much one with them in Jesus Christ and one day will be

reunited with them in a resurrection just like his.

## *St Paul's Prayer Corner*



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



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### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Parish Family Service

6 November 2016

10:00 am

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**Offering Envelopes** for 2017 are now available on the shelves in the communications Centre.

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The next Seniors’ Dinner & Service will be hosted by the people of St Paul’s on December 3at the Hampton United Church.

If you would like be involved with this ministry, please contact Rev. David or Alice Kennedy for more information.

## YOUTH UPDATE

The youth groups will be enjoying either the Corn Maze in Salisbury or the Hospital of Horrors in West Saint John depending on the weather. Please contact Dan (636-2026) or Jessie (645-9418) for more information.

Messy Church is November 27th. We are looking for lots of helping hands. Many hands make lights work. Please contact Jessie if your interested in helping some way.

The youth programs need a few more helpers. Please prayerfully consider if you could assist with the program on one or more Sunday.

### Nursery

- 11 Dec – 1 person needed

### Younger Sunday School (K-5)

- 13 Nov – 1 person needed
- 20 Nov – 1 person needed

### Older Sunday School

- 6 Nov - 1 person needed
- 13 Nov - 1 person needed
- 27 Nov - 2 people needed
- 4 Dec - 2 people needed
- 11 Dec - 2 people needed
- 18 Dec - 2 people needed

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## Singers Wanted...

On Dec 4 there will be massed choir performance of the selection "*Candle in the Window*" by Sally K Albrecht. The service will be held at the Hampton United Church.

The first practice for the mass choir is on Oct 30 at 1:00pm at Hampton United Church. We will begin practices at St Paul's on Tuesday, Nov 1 at 7:00 pm for our other selections that will be performing at the community carol sing.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Glenna Geer at 832-5338.

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## Hampton Middle School Ministry

Just a quick note of thanks to our amazing volunteers. With some pre-work completed at home we were able to make all the meals we needed in 1.5 hours. That's amazing! We left the school very well stocked with prepared nutritious meals. So by 8:45 we were sitting at Tim's enjoying a tea/coffee and some fun fellowship. Thanks to all who generously supplied the Prayers, ingredients (both physical and monetary) and last but not least the helping hands! Next Month the menu will be:

- Rice/ Sweet Sour meatballs
- Beef stew
- Chicken Vegetable soup
- Shepherds' pie

Please let me know if you would like to be a part of this amazing ministry. You can reach me at pleonard@nbnetnb.ca or 832-2478.

Thanks, Donna

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## Soupfest After the Cenotaph Service

Friday, November 11

11:30am – 1:30pm

Hampton United Church, 24 Robb Court)

Hosted by Hampton Wellness Network

Cost: \$10 for Adults, \$5 for children 12 & under

Menu: Three 4oz servings of homemade soups of your choice and a biscuit.

This is a perfect fall family activity to take in immediately following the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Cenotaph. For more info, contact Jayne Wilbur 832-4141

## Upcoming Events & Schedules

Mission of the Month - Toonie Tin

PWRDF – Primate World Relief & Development Fund

### **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
- 1 Nov – 7:00 pm Mass Choir Practice
- 2 Nov – 12:00 Lunch (Upham)
- 2 Nov - 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 3 Nov – 7 pm Alpha
- 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
- 11 Nov – Remembrance Day

### **13 Nov - 9:00 & 10:30 am service**

- 13 Nov – 6:30pm Youth Group Gr 9-12
- 14 Nov – 6:00 pm Youth K-5 (Bloomfield)
- 14 Nov - 7:30pm Youth Gr 6-8 (Bloomfield)
- 15 Nov – 10:00 am Bible Study
- 16 Nov – 12:00 Pancakes
- 16 Nov - 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 17 Nov – 7:00 pm Alpha
- 19 Nov – Alpha Day

### **20 Nov - 9:00 & 10:30 am service**

- 20 Nov – 6:30pm Youth Group Gr 9-12
- 21 Nov – 6:00 pm Youth K-5 (Bloomfield)

- 21 Nov - 7:30pm Youth Gr 6-8 (Bloomfield)
- 22 Nov – 10:00 am Bible Study
- 22 Nov – 7:30 pm Vestry
- 23 Nov - 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 24 Nov – 7:00 pm Alpha
- 25 Nov – 6:00 pm Small Group: Advent Conspiracy (Betty's home)

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### **Nov 6 – 10:00 am**

*Remembrance Sunday*

*Parish Family Service*

Music Leader: Glenna & Christian

Layreader: Lorraine (*Psalm 98*)

Reader: Betty (*2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17*)

Greeters: Joyce & Jean

A/V: Kevin

Sunday School: Sheri & Kate

Nursery: Jenny

Chancel: Donna

Counters: Joyce & Jean

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### **Nov 13**

9:00 am HC – BCP

Music Leader: Glenna

Layreader: Margret (*Isa. 65:17-25, Psalm 82*)

Reader: Glenna (*2 Thess. 3:6-13*)

Greeters:

10:30 am HC – BAS

Music Leader: Christian

Layreader: (*Psalm 82*)

Reader: Lorraine (*2 Thess. 3:6-13*)

Greeters:

A/V:

Sunday School: Heather C /

Nursery : Deb G

Chancel : Jean / Shirley

Counters: Jean / Glenna