



St Paul's Anglican Church, Hampton Newsletter

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

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When we lose something that is sacred to us, or when something that is sacred to us is destroyed, it can feel like the whole world is coming to an end. This is especially true when what we have lost had seemed to us to be indestructible. For generations, the most sacred and seemingly indestructible thing in the life of God's people was the Temple in Jerusalem.

The Temple, in the time of Jesus' earthly ministry in Judea, was massive. Its grounds took over a huge portion of the city of Jerusalem. The stones from which it was constructed weighed as much as 400 tons. As impressive as its physical dimensions were, however, it was the Temple's spiritual significance which made it so important in the life of the people. The people believed that the construction of the Temple had been ordered and directed by God himself to be the place where he would meet with his people. But it wasn't just a religious meeting place. The Temple was the spiritual, cultural, and national centre of the Jewish people. So not only was it sacred, it was so important to the life of the people that its destruction

would have been unthinkable. This is in spite of the fact that everyone knew that the Temple had already been destroyed once and had come under significant threat many times since its reconstruction.

And yet, its destruction was so unthinkable that when Jesus tells his followers that one day the whole Temple will be "thrown down" so that "not one stone will be left upon another" (Luke 21:6) they are sure that he is talking about the end of the world, and many of his follower since then have come to the same conclusion, that he must be talking about the end of world here. But what Jesus goes on to say is that this is not the end. There will be wars and rebellions, "but" he says "the end will not follow immediately." In other words, the destruction of the Temple is not the end world, and of course, history has proven Jesus right.

Just a generation or two after Jesus spoke these words the Temple was destroyed, and the whole of Judea was wiped off the map, but it was not the end. In fact, both Christianity and Judaism grew out from

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those destructive last days of the Temple to go on to have a far greater influence in the world and the history of the world than could have ever been imagined by those for whom the Temple had seemed so important.

On Sunday, we're going to take a closer look at what all of this might mean for us and for the things that perhaps we believe to be as sacred and indestructible as the Temple, and which if we were to lose would seem to us like the end of the world.



St Paul's Prayer Corner

† Jackie Bettle † Don Buchanan † Della Durelle † Loretta Derrah † Barb Glauser † Glenn Hopey † Pat Keirstead † Donald Lamb † Dawn Lent † Paul Robichaud † Sue Scribner † Erika Wisted

HOMEMADE TURKEY PIES

The ACW will be making homemade turkey pies on Friday Nov 25th. 8" pie - \$ 8.00. You can place your order on the sign-up sheet in the foyer of St. Paul's Church.

YOUTH UPDATE

This weekend the youth and their families will enjoy a Seadogs game at Harbour Station on Saturday courtesy of Irving Oil.



YOU'RE INVITED!
**Sunday, November
27, 2016**
4:00 — 6:00 pm
(includes supper)

Messy Advent?

- It's fun on a Sunday for children and adults. It's delightfully messy but you don't have to clean up.
- We explore the advent season through storytelling, music, games, crafts and/or drama
- We finish with a shared supper

Who is it for?

- Kids & Adults of all ages. You don't need to be a "regular" at our church or any church— ALL are welcome

Bring a Friend

St Paul's Anglican Church

SENIOR'S SERVICE AND SUPPER

4:00 pm

SATURDAY, Dec 3rd

Hampton United Church

Worship and Fellowship with Hampton United Church, St. Paul's Anglican seniors and our friends at Ossekeag Place.

RSVP BY NOON on THURSDAY Dec 1st
So we make sure we have enough food!

CALL 832-5050

Suggested Donation for supper is \$5

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Choir Practice at St Paul's for the community carol sing will begin on Nov 8 at 7:00 pm and continue weekly each Tuesday (Nov 15, 22 & 29) Please come and enjoy so St Paul's will be well represented in December.

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

SEAFARERS' MISSION

St Paul's ACW is once again collecting items for the Seafarers' Mission. We are looking for donations of basic items such as: soap or body wash, face cloths, shampoo, razors (disposable), toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream, comb, socks, candy, playing cards, note pads, pens, puzzle books, hats, mitts, scarves, etc. We will collect items until December 11th.

GOOD NEWS!

After many months of negotiations, the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton is pleased to announce that Safe Harbour, the Saint John emergency youth shelter, will re-open. Partners for Youth, which will operate the shelter, hopes to have the 10-bed facility in operation by March, with the financial commitment of the Province of New Brunswick.

The shelter opened in March 2015 but closed due to financial issues last January.

The impasse had always been the lien on the property, which amounted to about a half-million dollars. The Diocese of Fredericton,

using income from a bequest from George Bartlett, decided that satisfying the lien so the shelter could reopen would be the best use of this unexpected financial gift. The shelter is built on the site of St. James Anglican Church on Broad Street in the city's south end.



Are you tired of way consumerism seems to have stolen the soul of Christmas? It's not too late. Join the advent conspiracy and see how Christmas still can change the world.

The advent conspiracy small group series

November 25, DECEMBER 2, 9, 16

6PM-8PM

58 Kennebecasis River Road

UPCOMING EVENTS & SCHEDULES

Mission of the Month - Toonie Tin
Seafarers' Mission

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
- 15 Nov – 7:00pm Christmas Choir Practice
- 16 Nov – 12:00 Pancakes
- 16 Nov - 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 17 Nov – 7:00 pm Alpha
- 19 Nov – 2:00 pm 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 – 7:00pm Christmas Choir Practice
- 22 Nov – 7:30 pm Vestry
- 23 Nov - 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 24 Nov – 7:00 pm Alpha
- 25 Nov – 11:00 am ACW Turkey Pie prep
- 25 Nov – 6:00 pm Small Group: Advent Conspiracy (Betty's home)

27 Nov - 9:00 & 10:30 am service

Advent 1

- 27 Nov – 4:00 pm Messy Advent
- 27 Nov – 6:30pm Youth Group Gr 9-12
- 28 Nov – 6:00 pm Youth K-5 (Bloomfield)
- 28 Nov - 7:30pm Youth Gr 6-8 (Bloomfield)
- 29 Nov – 10:00 am Bible Study
- 29 Nov – 7:00pm Christmas Choir Practice
- 30 Nov - 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 2 Dec – 6:00 pm Small Group: Advent Conspiracy (Betty's home)
- 3 Dec – 8:30 am Holy Joes
- 3 Dec – 4:00pm Seniors' Supper & Service

Nov 20

9:00 am HC – BCP

Music Leader: Glenna

Layreader: Myra (*Jer. 23:1-6, Psalm 46*)

Reader: Claire (*Colossians 1:11-20*)

Greeters: Robert & Claire

Chancel: Dawn / Joyce

Counters: Jean / Alice

10:30 am HC – BAS

Music Leader: Christian

Layreader: (*Psalm 46*)

Reader: Elaine (*Colossians 1:11-20*)

Greeters: Bruce & Alice

A/V: Elaine / Kevin

Sunday School: Reagan / Karla

Youth Sunday School: Kate

Nursery: Jenny

Nov 27

9:00 am HC – BCP

Music Leader: Glenna

Layreader: Betty (*Isa. 2: 1-5, Psalm 122*)

Reader: Pat (*Romans 13:11-14*)

Greeters: Pat & Peggy

Chancel: Jean / Shirley Ste.

Counters: Jean / Joyce

10:30 am HC – BAS

Music Leader: Christian

Layreader: Heather M (*Psalm 122*)

Reader: Stephen (*Romans 13:11-14*)

Greeters: Stephen & Barb

A/V: Elaine

Sunday School: Alice / Diana

Youth Sunday School: Betty

Nursery: Tim