



ST. LUKE'S PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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St. Luke's, Hubbards

St. Mark's, Mill Cove

Message from the Priest in Charge - Advent 2024

Did your family ever go on road trips? Have you been on one recently? My family has always done road trips well in my opinion. We pack snacks, comfort items, plan our stops along the way and usually make a point to visit friends should we be passing by. The night before the trip there is often excitement along with all of the last minute preparations that need to happen. If we do it right we are usually only 1 hour late pulling out of our driveway. While we most often have a destination towards which our eyes are fixed, we have also created many memories along the journey.

For many years I have considered how the four weeks of Advent are a journey. As a community of faith we journey closer to the manger in the stable, the birth of Jesus and our Christmas celebrations every week. Just like a family road trip there is much to experience along the journey and plenty of memories to be made.

It would be nice if our journeys were without challenges but most of us know that is just simply not the case. Sometimes the reason for the journey is a challenge in and of itself. There are detours along the way. Perhaps a vehicle issue causes you to change your timeline. Hopefully you make it to your destination safely. Over the years I have experienced many different Advent journeys. Some have been easier than others while some have been met with challenges every step along the way. Every time though, no matter what the journey looks like, we arrive at the creche and the new born baby Jesus is waiting to meet us.

A phrase that has been rolling over in my mind as I have begun my Advent preparations is "a child shall lead them". This phrase comes from Isaiah 11: 6 "The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them" (Is 11:6, NRSV) This passage speaks to God's promise of peace for the land but primes us for the idea that peace will not come by the ways we may expect.

In our world and in our church we often seek the opinions of experts, consultants, long standing and experienced leaders. We entrust them to teach us about how we ought to live and what we ought to do in order to learn more about Jesus, discipleship and mission. All of this stands in opposition to the words from Isaiah. What would it mean for a child to lead us?

Children are mostly quite vulnerable. They depend strongly on the adults around them and we often think of ourselves as being somehow superior to them. There are other members of our community who are also vulnerable. The disabled, the sick, the underhoused, those trapped in poverty, victims of abuse and so many more. What would it look like if we allowed them to guide the direction we were headed in? What if they got to plan the road trip? I suspect the pit stops along the way would be chosen with different priorities in mind. They may even take an entirely different route but that doesn't mean that we won't still arrive at the same destination.

This advent season we once again embark upon a journey. A journey with a very particular destination in mind. As we prepare to enter this season my question for all of us is, who is leading us? Have we let Grandma and Great Uncle Bob plan the trip or are we willing to listen to what others may want to do and see? Can we allow those who are vulnerable to speak into our journey? Our faith and mission? Christmas will always come; how we get there is yet to be determined.

In God's peace and service,
Archdeacon Brianna Andrews





Above & Below: Decorating the church for the Harvest Thanksgiving service on October 13.



Above Left: This plaque which can be seen in the upper photo was made by Barb Legge(left) for the Lions Club and kindly shared with us. She is joined by Veteran Sue, a regular at the Café.
 Above Right: Carol Simms shared her father's sword and helmet from WWII.



Above & Below: A Community Remembrance service was held at Two Coves Café on November 7, sponsored by The Outreach Mission Group, hosted by the Café and organized by Brenda Munro. Music was by Shenanigan, Peter Grant, Carol & Donnie Webb and Dave Anderson. Special guests were Rebeccah Stone's class from Shatford Memorial School.





Above: Live music for St. Luke's Remembrance Sunday Service on November 10 was provided by special guest violinist, Debbie Miles and pianist, our own Peter Grant. Music selections included "White Cliffs of Dover" and "Rise Again".

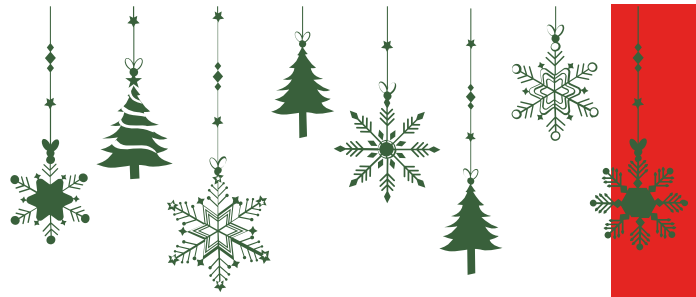


Above & Below Right: The St Luke's ACW held their annual Christmas Sale on November 30 in the Parish Hall. There was a great turn-out of folks taking advantage of great sales of new-to-you, Christmas ware, baked goods, a penny auction and a well stocked canteen and supporting St Luke's.



Above Left: On Wednesday evening, December 4th, we had a social evening in the Parish Hall, sponsored by the Outreach Mission Group and organized by Clair MacInnes. Admission was by donation with all proceeds going to the Hubbards Food Bank. There was also a silent auction of donated items with those proceeds going to other outreach projects. Great music was provided by Peter Grant and friends, Shaun Richards, Mike Purdy, Gloria Butler and Glenda Joy who gave generously of their time and talent. A great time was had by everyone in the capacity crowd.





Above Left: The tree is being decorated in front of St Mark's Church prior to the Annual Memory Tree Service which was held on November 24.

Above Right: The St Luke's Nativity Scene is up once again thanks to our crew of faithful volunteers. Here it is shown after our first snowfall on December 7.

Christmas Eve Services at St. Luke's

Holy Communion Family Service 4:00pm

Holy Communion Choral Service 8:00pm

UPCOMING

Service of Carols and Lesson in Parish of French Village - December 29th

This is a shared service to be held at St. James Church, Boutilier's Point at 10:00am so there will be no service at St. Luke's on this date.

Family Feud in the Parish Hall - January 18th

Watch for the Spaghetti Supper in February

Check our website for services and events

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