

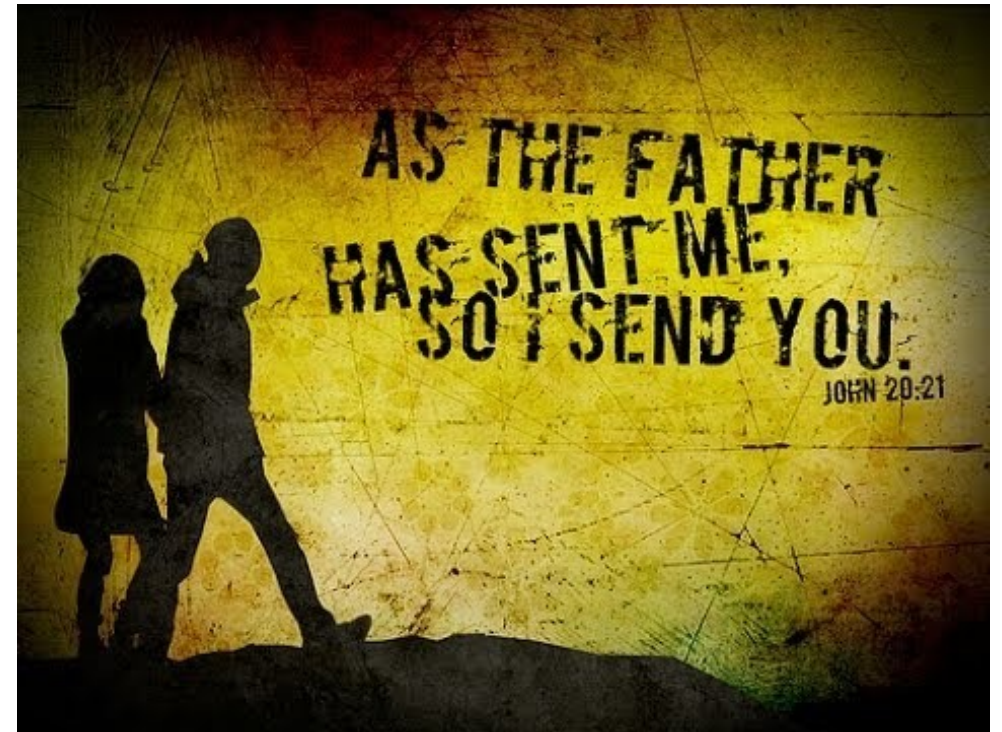
SERMON NOTES

St. John's (Stone) Church

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30-11:30 am



23 April 2017

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10:45 am – Morning Prayer - Easter 2

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SET *Celebrate Jesus, Celebrate; Alive, Alive, Alive
Forever More; I Believe in Jesus*

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

PENITENTIAL RITE - page 45

JUBILATE - page 49

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 22-32 - Carol Lloyd
- page 1140

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9 - Rebecca Ellis
- page 1270

PSALM 16 - page 573

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19-31 - Rev. Terence Chandra
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SERMON - Rev. Terence Chandra

SONG AFTER SERMON *Above All*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed* - page 52

OFFERINGS HYMN *Holy Spirit Come With Power* CP 643

TIME OF PRAYER AND INTERCESSION

Reader: Lord, You have made known to us the path of life,

Response: You will fill us with joy in Your presence.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

*Almighty and eternal God; the strength of those who believe and
the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have
faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER - page 54

BLESSING

THIS WEEK IN THE UPTOWN

(the week of April 23-29, 2017)

Sun.	4:00 pm	Guest House - Stone Church
Mon.	9:00 am 10:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room Street Hope Prayer & Study - Library
Tue.	9:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Stone Wash - Laundry Room Street Hope Prayer & Study - Library Vestry - Stone Church Al-Anon - Library
Wed.	9:00 am 10:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room Street Hope Prayer & Study - Library
Thu.	9:00 am 12:00 pm 12:15 pm 4:00 pm	Stone Wash - Laundry Room English Language Café - 2nd Floor, Trinity Church Thursday Bible Study—Stone Church Community Drop-in—2nd Floor, Trinity Church
Fri.	9:00 am 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	Stone Wash - Laundry Room Ladies Craft Group - 2nd Floor, Trinity Church Street Hope Drop-in - Stone Church

Stone Vision Statement

The heart of Christ in the heart of Saint John

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Prayer Chain: Anthea Earle (652-6032) or bearlec603@rogers.com

Anthea will be away from April 28 - May 28. Please send all prayer requests to Pam Stuart stjstone@nb.aibn.com or call 634-1474 and after office hours (8:30-11:30 am) requests should be sent to Frances Morrisey at f.morrisey@rogers.com or call 693-7054.

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Apr. 23: Muranga South (Kenya), the Rt. Rev. Julius Karanu Wa Gicheru. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Anglican Church of Canada, the House of Bishops gathering this week. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, communities of Faro and Ross River, Bishop Larry Robertson, Sheila & family. David, our Bishop, Claude, William, George and Harold, retired Bishops, and their families.

Prayers for the Churches in the Uptown Saint John area

St. John the Baptist, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Tabernacle Baptist, Trinity Church

Prayers for our Political Leaders

Our Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau; Premier, Brian Gallant; MP, Wayne Long; MLA, Ed Doherty; Mayor Don Darling and all those who work with them for the public good.

Prayers for the Sick & Shut-in

Rod Daley, Pat Loring, Michael Nunn

(Please call Pam at the Office to include anyone who needs prayer for acute illness or those hospitalized. We must have permission from the individual to publish their name. Thank you.)

Pray for our new Canadian Families

Samir Ramadan, Wedad Ilias, Ruba Ramadan, Mohammad Ramadan, Maha Mara Touk, Samir Ramadan and baby Sam. Also Maha's family: Ghada Chems Alliden (mother), Omar Mara Touk (brother), Magham Girkas (sister-in-law) and their son Zyad (4). For Lubna Ramadan and her four children who we are working to bring over from their refugee camp in Turkey, hopefully this fall. They have been languishing there unable to work or attend school for over two years.

CLOSING HYMN

God My Hope on You Is Founded

CP 598

DISMISSAL

(Scripture reading page numbers are from the black pew Bibles)

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Lection Connection by Canon George Eves

Peter, in part of his Pentecost sermon to the pilgrims and residents in Jerusalem, reminds them that they were aware of the powerful signs and wonders that Jesus had performed but handed him over to death anyway. But he was proven stronger even than death when God raised him, an event David himself had predicted of the Messiah in the Psalms. Peter and the other disciples are indeed witnesses to this fact. In today's Psalm David affirms his total commitment to YAHWEH and rejoices in the benefits of so doing. These even extend to victory over the power of the grave. In his first letter St. Peter exults in how the resurrection of Jesus has absolutely secured the believers' inheritance beyond this life. This fact is a source of deep joy even in times of trials that test the reality of our faith. St. John tells of two post-resurrection appearances of Jesus in which he first bestows peace upon his disciples and then shows them his hands and his side. In the first appearance, on Easter evening, he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them and sends them into the world to continue his mission. In the second, one week later, he convinces a doubting Thomas and then uses the opportunity to especially bless those who come to faith without seeing his risen body.

John Paul will be on vacation from April 24 - May 1. Should you require pastoral care during this time please contact Jonathan Springthorpe, Terence or Jasmine Chandra. All other inquires may be directed to our Wardens, Danny Marmen or Mark Slader.

Hymns for the Road (seen in a Motor Vehicle Branch in the West Indies)

- At 45 mph "God will take care of you"
- At 55 mph "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"
- At 65 mph "Nearer, my God, to thee"
- At 75 mph "Nearer, still nearer"
- At 85 mph "This world is not my home"
- At 95 mph "Lord, I'm coming home"
- At 105 mph "Precious memories"



Join us for tea & coffee following the service by the kitchen at the back of the church. All are welcome.

Coffee Hour Schedule

Today: Dixie and Danny Marmen

Next Sunday: Coralie & George Losier

Parish Officers' Day - May 6, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

This event will be held at St. John the Evangelist, 75 Main St., Fredericton. This is formerly known as Wardens and Treasurers Day, but there is something for everyone! Please register online: anglican.nb.ca/events/



Update and Report from Bishop McAllister College in Uganda

Canon Caleb and Hope Twinamatsiko from Bishop McAllister College will be visiting our area and coming to Stone Church on Sunday morning May 7. Caleb is the Vice Principal at the college and Hope is completing her PhD studies. Caleb will be preaching at the 10:45 am Communion service and both Caleb and Hope will be speaking afterwards at the fellowship meal following the service. It will be a shared lunch and is open to anyone who wants to hear about the college and what is happening in the Church in Uganda, so please invite people from other churches who would like to attend. They can bring something to eat (or not) and join us at about 12:00 pm for our meal (or join us for worship before). Caleb and Hope will speak around 12:30 pm.



Steve Bell Returns to Stone Church

The last time Steve was with us we had a full house in November 2014. He is back with his new album *Where the Good Way Lies* on May 7. We are hoping for a full house again but that will depend partly on our Stone parishioners. Tickets are free and you can get them from the Office during the week. Please plan to attend and invite some friends to join you. Steve Bell is one of the premier Christian musicians today and a national treasure.



Proclamation is the reading aloud of the entire Bible over a ten day period, sponsored by the Canadian Bible Society and local churches. Plans are being made to host a Proclamation at Full Gospel Assembly, 34 Mount Pleasant Ave. in the ten days before Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017. Readings will begin daily at 7:00 am and finish at 9:00 pm, Wed., May 24 to Fri., June 2.

Sunday, May 28 readings will begin at 1:00 pm and finish at 8:00 pm. We are inviting churches to advertise Proclamation with the invitation for people to read during the ten days. People can read in the translation and language of their choice. Folks are encouraged to make appointments for when they want to read and passages will be assigned. Register to read : 633-4956 ext. 2 or sign up online at thewayofsaintjohn.wordpress.com/2017/03/14/proclamation/.

Yard Sale and Bake Sale - Saturday, April 29 at Portland United Church in the gymnasium from 8:00 am until Noon. Housewares, books, toys, decorations, linen - gently used treasures, and an array of baked treats and sweets to take home.

Park Avenue United Church proudly presents **“Living Waters”** in concert on Sunday, April 30 at 2:00 pm. Come and enjoy this wonderful gospel group. A free-will offering will be received.

Our Envelope Offerings Last Week

	Regular	Missions
Budgeted	\$3,052.00	\$ 787.00
Actual	<u>2,909.00</u>	<u>355.00</u>
Shortfall/Surplus	\$ 143.00	\$ 432.00