

### Stone Mission Statement

*We are a community of followers of Jesus Christ called to spiritual growth, building one another up, and sharing the love of God in the wider community.*

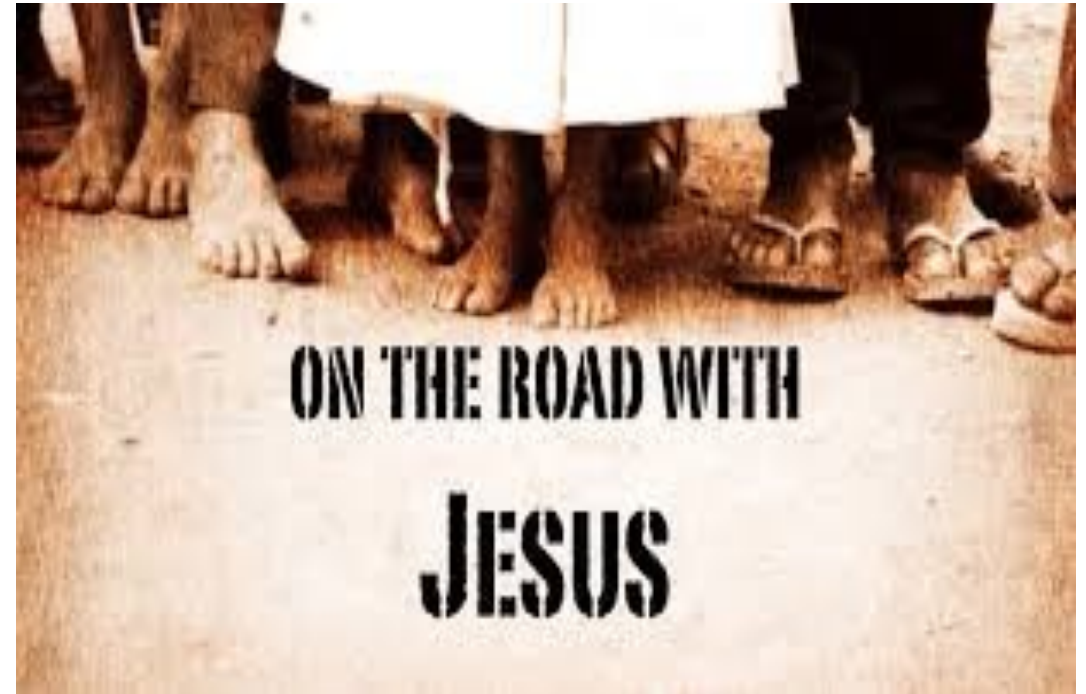
### SERMON NOTES

## St. John's (Stone) Church

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



**30 April 2017**

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**10:45 am – Holy Communion - Easter 3**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SET *Arise and Sing; All Hail King Jesus; He Is Lord*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY - page 185

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith; that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 36-41 - Mac Vail  
- page 1140

PSALM 116 - page 642

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:17-23 - Coralie Losier  
- page 1270

THE GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35 - Jonathan Springthorpe  
- page 1116

SERMON - Jonathan Springthorpe

PRAISE SONG *The King of Glory Comes* CP 632

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord Jesus, may our eyes be open to see you.

**Response: *May our hearts burn with love for you.***

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION - page 191

THE PEACE

OFFERINGS SONG *Take Time To Be Holy*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Prayer 2) - page 196

THE LORD'S PRAYER - page 211

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION WORSHIP *There Is A Redeemer*

*(Service continued on next page)*



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

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

**Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

**Apr. 30:** Nandyal (South India), the Rt. Rev. Eggoni Pushpalalitha. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Anglican Church of Canada. Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson and the Provincial Council. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Haines Junction: St. Christopher's, Beaver Creek: St. Columba, Alaska Highway mile 918-1202, the Rev. Lynn de Brabandere and the ministry team, 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**

All Church in the Uptown area

**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.

**THIS WEEK IN THE UPTOWN**  
*(the week of April 30 - May 6, 2017)*

<b>Mon.</b>	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	10:00 am	Street Hope Prayer & Study - Library
<b>Tue.</b>	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	10:00 am	Street Hope Prayer & Study - Library
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon - Library
<b>Wed.</b>	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	10:00 am	Street Hope Prayer & Study - Library
	7:00 pm	Joint Vestry & SJV Leadership Team meeting - Vineyard Church
<b>Thu.</b>	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	12:00 pm	English Language Café - 2nd Floor, Trinity Church
	12:15 pm	Thursday Bible Study—Stone Church
	4:00 pm	Community Drop-in—2nd Floor, Trinity Church
<b>Fri.</b>	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	3:00 pm	Ladies Craft Group - 2nd Floor, Trinity Church
	7:00 pm	Street Hope Drop-in - Stone Church
<b>Sat.</b>	7:45 am	Men's Breakfast - Cora's

Park Avenue United Church proudly presents **"Living Waters"** in concert on today, 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**

	<b>Regular</b>	<b>Missions</b>
Budgeted	\$3,052.00	\$ 787.00
Actual	<u>6,779.00</u>	<u>2,549.00</u>
<b>Shortfall/Surplus</b>	\$3,727.00	\$1,762.00

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

*Go To the World*

CP 598

DISMISSAL

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

**CP = Common Praise**

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**Lection Connection by Canon George Eves**

In the conclusion of his Pentecost sermon to the Jews in Jerusalem, St. Peter points out that the resurrection of Jesus means that God has made him both Lord and Messiah. And they had crucified him! However, even this grievous sin can be forgiven if they repent and are baptized in his name. Three thousand are moved to do so! The Psalmist declares his love for YHWH because, when he called upon him, he was saved from the bonds of death. The death of the faithful is always precious to YHWH and for this reason he is worthy of both thanks and praise. St. Peter affirms that the death and resurrection of Jesus are "end-time" events, making its future blessedness something of a present reality for those who believe. It is being born again to a new way of life marked by mutual love and obedience to the truth. St. Luke tells of two disillusioned disciples who leave Jerusalem after the discovery of the empty tomb only to be joined by a stranger on the way. He shows them that the entire Old Testament predicted both Messiah's death and resurrection. When he breaks bread with them they finally recognize that it is Jesus. Just then he vanishes and they return to tell the other disciples.

**John Paul** is on vacation and will be returning on 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.



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

### Coffee Hour Schedule

**Today:** Coralie & George Losier

**Next Sunday: SHARED LUNCH:** Hostess - Marilyn

### 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/](http://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 next 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/](http://thewayofsaintjohn.wordpress.com/2017/03/14/proclamation/).

### Thank You

On behalf of the Saint John Sea Dogs, we wanted to thank you and your parish for participating in our Faith and Family Night this past season. The event was a huge success! With your support, we sold over 400 tickets and raised over \$1,280.00 dollars for local churches in the Saint John and surrounding areas!

### Items Needed

One of our Street Hope attendees is moving soon and looking for some items for his apartment. He needs a rocking chair, 2 lamps, a sofa and a microwave. If anyone has any of these items they would be willing to donate please call Pam at the Office 634-1474. Thank you.

