



Prayer Chain

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Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Dec. 9: Falkland Islands, Parish of (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury); the Rt. Rev. Timothy Thornton. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Bishop Geoffrey Peddle. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Whitehorse: Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev. Sean Murphy, the Rev. Elsa Cheeseman and Don Cheeseman; licensed lay ministers Beverley Whitehouse, Gaya Tiedeman and David Robertson; Bishop Larry Robertson, Sheila & family. David, our Bishop, Claude, William and George, retired Bishops, and their families.

Prayers for the Churches in the Uptown Saint John area

Grace Presbyterian, Hope Community, Cornerstone Baptist

Prayers for our Political Leaders

Elizabeth our Queen, Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau; Premier, Blaine Higgs; MP, Wayne Long; MLA, Gerry Lowe; Mayor Don Darling and all those who work with them for the public good.

Prayers for the Sick & Shut-in

Debbie Collicott, Rod Daley, Pat Loring, Gillian Stoddard
(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 Family

Lubna Ramadan and her children Bebars, Lama, Anas and Youssef.

Our Envelope Offerings -- December 2

	Regular	Missions
Budgeted	\$3,065.00	\$827.00
Actual	<u>2,793.00</u>	<u>801.00</u>
Shortfall/Surplus	\$ 272.00	\$ 26.00

St. John's (Stone) Church

87 Carleton Street, Saint John, NB E2L 2Z2
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Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30-11:30 am



9 December 2018

John Paul Westin, Rector
Pam Stuart, Parish Administrator
Marilyn Williams, Music Director
Liza Jackman, Sexton

10:00 am – Holy Communion - Advent 2

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SET *Thy Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet; We Have Seen Your Glory; Here I Am to Worship*

PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN & SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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ADMISSION OF LAY READERS

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST LESSON Philippians 2:5-11 - Mel Vail

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PSALM 119:104-112 - page 647

THE GOSPEL Matthew 6:15-34 - page 1013

SERMON *Surprise the World - Learn* - John Paul Westin

PRAISE SONG *Seek Ye First*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader: Lord, your word is a lamp to our feet;

Response: and a light for our path.

THE PEACE

OFFERINGS SONG *At the Name of Jesus*

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THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION WORSHIP *In Christ Alone*

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CLOSING HYMN *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

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Healing Prayer

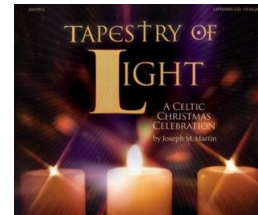
If you would like prayer for healing of any kind, we invite you to come up to the left side of the communion rail at the conclusion of the final hymn and we will have people there to pray for you.



Tapestry of Light: A Celtic Christmas Celebration

December 16, 10:30 am at Stone Church

The choirs of Stone Church and Grace Presbyterian Church combine once more, under the direction of Marilyn Williams and Claire Driscoll, this time to offer "Tapestry of Light". Joining traditional carols, primarily from the British Isles, with scripture reading and candle lighting, we celebrate the good news of our Saviour's birth using the rich heritage of seasonal song. From angelic acclamations to delicate lullabies, the message of God's love leaps from the pages of our songbooks and finds a home in the tender places of our heart. "O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord."



Christmas Basket Donations

Once again we will be providing Christmas dinners for the needy in the uptown area. Anyone wishing to donate to the purchase of groceries for our Christmas Exchange baskets are asked to designate your gift on your envelope as "Christmas Baskets". Also we will be packing the boxes at the church and if you would like to help pack or deliver please contact Pam at the Office 634-1474. More details on the exact date will be provided soon.



Stone Thursday Noon Bible Study Moving Back to Tuesday in New Year



Our Thursday noon hour Bible Study will conclude for our Christmas break on December 13. When we begin again in the new year we will move to Tuesday's at 12:15 pm, which has also been a traditional time for the Study. We start on Tuesday, January 8 as we continue reading Luke's gospel (An Hour with the Good Doctor). Join us!