

A Note from Colin McDonald, Director of Youth & Intergenerational Ministries

I am excited to write to you to tell you that on April 30, 2017, a team of young adults from our diocese will be heading to Boston to serve in the inner city. We are partnering with the Centre for Student Mission and will have the opportunity to visit a variety of organizations that serve the poor and oppressed in the name of Jesus.

Our group of 14 youth will have the opportunity not only to serve but to explore what the Gospel has to say about how God cares about the poor. As we prepare for this trip our team will be studying the scriptures together so that we might hear what the Holy Spirit has to say. We will be learning together, praying together and seeking together. As we travel this path together we will seek to fulfill the bishop's charge of investing in youth and developing leadership and disciples.

Our youth come from all over the diocese, from Bathurst to Hampton, and from all walks of life. They are gifted individuals who are seeking to know Jesus, and we are committed to walking with them on their journey of discipleship.

In order to complete this journey we will need your help, my friends. First, we will need your prayers. All good things come from God and so I would ask you to pray for our team as we work towards this trip. We will also need your financial support. We will need to raise approximately \$700 per youth to make the trip. We are extremely thankful for Diocesan Council and the Youth & Intergenerational Ministries team for providing some base financial support to kick start our fundraising. If you or your parish would help us make the journey of discipleship we would be incredibly thankful. All donations can be sent to the Synod Office who are stewarding the funds for the trip.

In the coming months you will be hearing more from us as we prepare for our journey. I look forward to sharing with you the importance of this trip and the investment we are making in our youth.

Upcoming Fundraising Spaghetti Dinners

Feb. 21, 4:30 - 7:00 pm at St. John the Evangelist in Fredericton

Mar. 21, 4:30 - 7:00 pm at St. Paul's in Hampton

St. John's (Stone) Church

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



29 January 2017

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9:00 am – Holy Communion—Chancel

10:45 am – Holy Communion Family Focused Service

OPENING HYMN

“Christ is the World’s Light”

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God said, “Let there be light”.

R: *And there was light.*

L: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world”.

R: *And the light shone in the darkness.*

L: Jesus said, “You are the light of the world”

R: *And the light shall not be quenched.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHILDREN’S PROCESSIONAL

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:22-40

HYMN

“Jesus Bids Us Shine”

REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO REFLECTION

Let there be light, let there be understanding

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

I believe that God exists. I believe that God created everything.

I believe in his Son Jesus, who is God, who shows me God’s love.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who is God and who makes God feel close.

I believe that God came to us as a baby; born of Mary.

He became part of history.

He grew up and said and did many amazing things.

I believe that he healed people.

I believe that he changed people’s lives.

I believe that he died for us to take away our sins; so that we would always be close to God.



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

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Jan. 29: Lichfield (England), the Rt. Rev. Michael Ipgrave, Lichfield - Shrewsbury, the Rt. Rev. Mark James Rylands, Lichfield - Stafford, the Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Peter Annas, Lichfield - Wolverhampton, the Rt. Rev. Clive Gregory, 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, Mayo: St. Mary with St. Mark, licensed lay ministers Charles & Valerie Maier, Pelly Crossing: St. James the Lord’s Brother, 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 churches 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

Edna Brewer, Rod Daley, Curtis, Rebecca & Susanne, George Eves, Pat Loring, Carol Wilson

(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).

Our Envelope Offerings Last Week

	Regular	Missions
Budgeted	\$3,982.00	\$ 872.00
Actual	<u>2,795.00</u>	<u>337.00</u>
Shortfall/Surplus	\$1,187.00	\$ 535.00



Easter Drama Group

Is there anyone interested in bringing the Biblical story to life through drama? Jonathan Springthorpe is putting together a Drama Group to put on short liturgical dramas in time for the Easter services. No previous experience is necessary! It will be fun and will provide

opportunities for Biblical meditation. There will be a meeting on Thursday, Feb 2 at 7:00 pm at Stone Church. Contact Jonathan for more information at 506-343-7748.

THIS WEEK IN THE UPTOWN

(the week of January 29 - February 4, 2017)

Mon.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	10:00 am	Street Hope Prayer & Study - Library
	1:00 pm	Hearing God DVD Study - Vineyard Church
Tue.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	10:00 am	Street Hope Prayer & Study - Library
	12:30 pm	Alpha - Stone Office
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon - Library
Wed.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	10:00 am	Street Hope Prayer & Study - Library
	7:00 pm	Noticing God Book Study - Vineyard Church
Thu.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	12:15 pm	Thursday Bible Study—Stone Church
	2:00 pm	English Language Café — 2nd Floor, Trinity Centre
	4:00 pm	Community Drop-in—2nd Floor, Trinity Centre
	7:00 pm	Easter Drama Group Meeting - Church
Fri.	3:00 pm	Ladies Group—2nd Floor, Trinity Centre
	7:00 pm	Street Hope Drop-in - Church

I believe that Jesus did not stay dead.

He rose again; he showed us that we won't stay dead either.

I believe that, like Jesus, we will rise again.

We have proof of these things in the Bible and in all people who have told others about these things.

I believe that we are meant to be together as the church.

All the churches together.

I believe that we are meant to tell other people about all that we believe.

CHILDREN'S SONG

PRAYERS, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

A: We pray for the world and all the areas that are in trouble. We pray for peace in countries that are at war. We pray for hope in all places that are sad.

People: Please be close to us.

B: We pray for all people who are in need. For the poor, the sick, those in prison, those who are away from home. Help us to know how to help others.

People: Please be close to us.

C: We bring all that we are to God, even the parts of us that aren't so great. Let us confess our sins to God knowing in advance how much he loves and cares for us.

All: Dear God, we know that we don't always do the things that we are supposed to do. There are times when we lie, when we think bad thoughts, when we do or say mean things to other people. There are also times when we don't do the good things that we should do. We know how to be nice, but we can be selfish. We want to say that we are sorry and we ask your forgiveness.

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

OFFERINGS HYMN

"Christ Be Our Light"

COMMUNION

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God for whom we wait, You fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who did not die until they had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord for ever and ever.

FAMILY PRAYER

We praise you, O God, for Jesus. You promised a saviour for the world and gave us your Son! Thank you, God! In the name of our Saviour we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG *“Shine, Jesus Shine”*

EXHORTATION

You must shed light among your neighbours so that when they see the good you do, they may give praise to your heavenly Father.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 pm

Reports for our Annual General Meeting are due **Monday, February 6**. You may either drop your report off at the office or email Pam your report at stjstone@nb.aibn.com.

Memorial Cards are available for your convenience in placing memorials for your friends and loved ones. They are located on the table as you enter the church.



Filing Cabinet Needed

We are looking for a 4 drawer filing cabinet to store music in the Music Room at Stone. If anyone has a filing cabinet that you no longer need, please contact Pam in the Office, 634-1474.



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

Coffee Hour Schedule

Today: Dolores Thomas & Sylvia Davidson

Next Sunday: Shared Lunch (Hostess: Marilyn)

Messy Church

Messy Church was so much fun in December that we`re doing it again! This time we`ll explore the parables with crafts and activities. We`ll share spaghetti at the end. Come join us! It`s free and made for children and their adults!

Where: Stone Church

When: Sunday, February 5 from 4:00-6:00 pm

To ask questions, or RSVP, check our Facebook page [fb.me/StoneMessyChurch](https://www.facebook.com/StoneMessyChurch) or email stonemessychurch@nb.aibn.com



Join us for a wonderful presentation of the new Signs and Wonders worship experience. On Saturday, February 11 at 6:00 pm the Watoto Children’s choir will be in concert at Stone Church to entertain and have fellowship with us. We do not have to billet the choir, but we have to provide dinner at 4:00 pm prior to the concert. Please call Pam at the office, or email Marje Harrison at corgi2@rogers.com if you are able to help us out. Thank you.

Job Opportunity

The Diocese has a full-time opening for a Personnel and Safe Church Officer. This position, located in Fredericton, will be responsible for all human resource, payroll and Safe Church administration. The full advertisement and job description can be viewed on the Diocesan website; closing date is Feb. 15. Applications can be sent to application@anglican.nb.ca