Prayer Chain

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Anthea will be away from June 27 - July 15. Please send all requests during office hours to Pam Stuart (634-1474 or stjstone@nb.aibn.com). After hours to Frances Morrisey (693-7054 or f.morrisey@rogers.com).

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

June 23: The united Church of North India, the Most Rev. Dr. Prem Chand Singh, Moderator. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Western Newfoundland, Bishop John Organ. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Patti Tetlichi, Yukon Apostolate, Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries, PWRDF Diocesan Representative Betty Davidson, Diocesan ACW President Blanche Buckle and all ACW members, Bishop Larry Robertson, Sheila & family. David, our Bishop, Claude, William and George, retired Bishops, and their families. Candidates for ordination today.

Prayers for the Churches in the Uptown Saint John area

All Churches in the Uptown

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

Rod Daley, Pat Loring. Sally Marshall, Steve Owns, Gillian Stoddard

Our Envelope Offerings - June 16

	Regular	**Missions**
Budgeted	$3,346.00	$827.00
Actual	2,650.00	697.00
Shortfall*/ Surplus*	**$ 696.00**	**$130.00**

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

St. John's (Stone) Church

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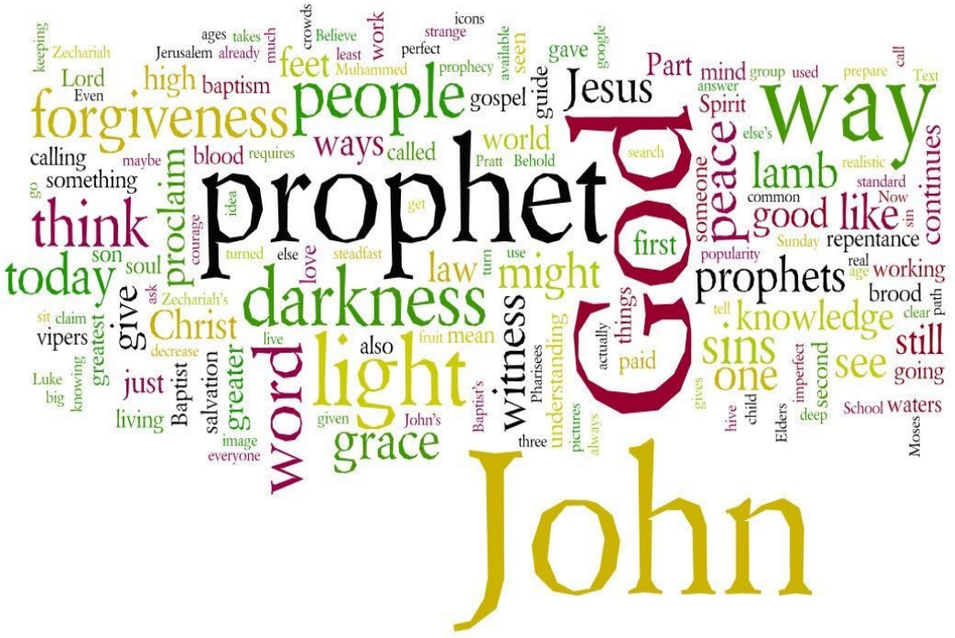

23 June 2019

John Paul Westin, Rector

Marilyn Williams, Music Director

Pam Stuart, Parish Administrator & Sexton

10:30 am – Holy Communion - St. John the Baptist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SET *He Is Exalted; How Can I Keep From Singing; Great Are You Lord*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY - page 185

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Give your people the wisdom to see your purpose, and the openness to hear your will, that we too may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 40:1-11 - Rebecca Ellis - page 754

PSALM 85:7-13 - page 621

THE GOSPEL Luke 1:57-80 - page 1070

SERMON *Family Groups* - John Paul Westin

PRAISE SONG *Be the Center*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: We put our hope in you, O Lord.

Response: We praise you, our Saviour and our God.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION - page 191

THE PEACE

OFFERINGS SONG *As the Deer*

THE LORD'S PRAYER - page 211

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION WORSHIP *Peace Perfect Peace*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Healing Prayer

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

Questions for Personal and Small Group Considerations on the Sunday Gospel Reading June 23

St. John the Baptist Family Groups Luke 1:57-80

1. How did you (or would you) celebrate the birth of your first child?
2. Make a list of the things for which Zechariah praises God. How does his song compare and contrast with Mary's (vv. 46-55)?
3. What does it mean that Zechariah was "filled with the Holy Spirit"? Is that the same experience with the Spirit that believers experience today? Why or why not?
4. What, according to this song, is the purpose of salvation?
5. How does Zechariah's song show God's unfolding plan from OT days to the coming of the Messiah?

Inner City Youth Ministry Snack Drive

Today we are collecting **peanut free** "school snack items" (granola bars, apple sauces, fruit snacks, etc.).

Each summer Inner City Youth Ministry runs programming in the South End and Waterloo Village neighbourhoods to address the ongoing issue of poverty and food insecurity. Last summer Lunch Connection Summer Edition provided ~1,400 lunches (sandwich, fruit, and snack item) and our backpack program supported ~30 families weekly with a recipe, $15 worth of ingredients and several easy grab snack items for kids along with a book and activities.

Please place your items in the box provided by the coat rack. Thank you for your support to this important ministry.

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