

Memoriams / Thank Offerings

Memorials - Renovation Fund

- **Florence Petten** by Dot & Herb Reid
- **Florence Petten** by Alice & Darrell Taylor
- **Florence Petten & Joan Searle** by Edith Rideout
- **Florence Petten** by Ken & Diane Batten
- **Florence Petten** by Julie Batten
- **Florence Petten** by Reginald & Belinda Young
- **Ada Porter** (remembering her death December 4, 2015) by Lorraine, Willis, & Hilary, Jeff, Geraldine, Jillian & Joel, Greg, Janice, Victoria & Lauren

Memorials – Cemetery Fund

- **Helena Dawe** by Elsie & Arthur Oates
- **Lena Dawe** by Geraldine Doody

Memorials – General Fund

- **Beatrice Weir** (remembering her death December 13th) by Edith

Worship Schedule for the Week of December 11-December 17

08:30am - Holy Eucharist, BCP, **Eucharistic Assistant:** Charles Taylor
10:00am - Holy Eucharist, Baptism **Eucharistic Assistant:** Barb P., Bill H., Graham G.
Liturgical Planner: Alma **Warden:** Aura Farrell **Servers:** Simon S. & Sheldon M.
Prayers of the People: Baptism **Sides Persons:** Team 5 **Counting Team:** Team 1
Greeters: 10am - Marge H. & Valda G. 7pm - Dave & Barb Butler
Sound Technician: Jerry Farrell **Choir Practice:** Thursday evenings @ 7pm

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Monday – Friday, 08:30am - 3:00pm
Lunch Closure 12:30pm-1:00pm

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Clergy on Call: Archdeacon David Pilling

All Saints Candle

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Shining a Light on What's Happening in Our Parish

Our Candle has been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of: **Ada Porter**
(remembering her passing on December 4, 2015) by: Edward.

Rector's Remarks

One of the most important aspects within any Parish is seen in the emphasis placed on children's ministry. Here at All Saints, we have some absolutely wonderful youth ministries. From our formation/rehearsal for Baptism preparation to our Godly Play to our Faith Café to our Confirmation Program to our CLB, we have wonderful ministries for our youth.

Years ago, both as a youth and then as a Priest, the youth ministry focused almost entirely on Sunday School. Probably everyone in this church has a story about Sunday School. The programs I remember as a youth, concentrated on memorization. Since that time Sunday School has evolved. Clergy and Lay Leaders around the globe began to seriously ask, "What is the best way to reach our children." The best program I have seen in my 30+ years of ordained ministry is a program we use here, 'Godly Play.'

The idea behind Godly Play is that God is already part of our Children's lives. Teaching in a similar manner to how Jesus taught, Godly Play has a Storyteller who tells the story of God. It may be a parable, it may be from the Old Testament or it may be one focused on the Church Seasons. Nonetheless, the story is told in a manner our children can appreciate.. Today, for instance, they are learning more about the theme of Advent. The Storyteller uses props to tell their story – this definitely helps keep our children's attention. The Storyteller then asks the children some leading questions. This helps each child reflect on the story. I am amazed at how, each and every time, the children respond with some deep answers and other questions of their own.

Then a really neat thing takes place, the Story Tellers ask their children to go and play.

I am sure you have noticed that often our children, when using their imagination, will play a game or start an activity based somewhat on the last thing that held their attention. With Godly Play, the activity the child often initiates is often based directly on the story they have just heard.

As mentioned, Godly play has a Storyteller – they are like the children's minister. They also have Door Keepers. The Door Keeper's role is to welcome each child to Godly Play and then keep quiet as the story is being told. After the story has been told, the Door Keeper prepares a simple feast which the children will come back to, and they mill around where the children are doing their activities. They are asked to ask such simple questions such as, 'I wonder what you are doing?' or 'I wonder what that is?' Almost always the Door Keeper will hear the story, as told by the Storyteller, said back to them in the child's words. In every sense of the word, the children absorb the teaching, and because they are playing it out, they remember.

One area of ministry that we need is more Door Keepers. Presently we have only two. I would like to increase this number, as well as increase the number of our storytellers. Training is needed, for it is a specialized ministry, after all, we are helping to inspire the minds and souls of our youth.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact me. In the New Year, I will arrange a half day of instruction for this inspirational ministry. I have witnessed firsthand how this ministry, Godly Play, influences a whole parish by making the Good News known to our most precious parishioners, our children.

David

Welcome to Our Parish! We pray that you will find our worship inspiring, that you will join us at the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper and that you will be spiritually fed.

Our Mission – To be a family of worshipping Christians, dedicated to Christian Education, Spiritual Growth, Pastoral Care, Outreach and Fellowship.

Advent at All Saints

Come join us for some of our Advent services and Christmas activities during this Holy time of the year.

The Anglican Church Women are hosting "Breakfast with Santa" in the Parish Hall, on Saturday, December 10th. from 8:30 - 11am. Cost: \$8 (adults) \$4 (children under 12 years) There will be children's entertainment. For more information, call Barb 834-4795. All are welcome

Blue Christmas service is on December 11th. at 7pm. Please join with us as a church in special recognition of the struggles that many people face during this season. Candles will be lit as a memorial to those we love but see no longer. All are welcome! More info: Parish Office 834-4501.

Christmas Memorials: Again this year we will be doing up a Christmas memorial booklet. If you wish to put in a memorial for a loved one, please have it in to the office with your donation on or before December 19th.

Christmas Communion: All Saints Clergy will be offering Home Communion starting on December 8th. If you or someone you know would like to receive Christmas Communion, please contact Elizabeth at the Church Office.

Remember a Loved One with a Christmas Bulb: On December 18th at the 10:00am service we will light our Christmas tree in the Church. To donate a bulb in memory of a loved one, please pick up an envelope at the back of the Church, and return it to the office by December 12th, along with a donation of \$3.00.

Candlelight Christmas Carol Service is being held on December 18th at 7:00 pm. A service filled with beautiful music. We have invited the International Gospel Choir of Newfoundland and Labrador to join us for this service..

Special Notes

On-Call Clergy: Archdeacon David and Rev Sam will be alternating as Clergy on call. At the bottom of the Candle each week will be the contact information for both clergy, and the assignment of who is handling all emergencies that week. Hickey's Funeral Home will also be notified each week of who is on call.

Grieving: Coping with the Holidays

Eastern Health's Pastoral Care and Ethics Department invites people who are spending their first couple of Christmas seasons without a loved one to attend "Grieving: Coping with the Holidays." During this presentation, we discuss practical ideas and suggestions which can help people deal with their grief and face the memories and feelings that Christmas may bring. You are welcome to attend one of two timeslots: Tuesday December 6, 2016 from 7-8:30pm in the Health Sciences Auditorium or Wednesday December 7, 2016 from 2-3:30pm in the HSC Auditorium. This session is also helpful if you are assisting others, including children, who are also grieving. No registration necessary, but you're welcome to call Rev. Dr. Jacintha Penney or Paul Grimes at 777-8940 if you have any questions.

Food Bank: Please do not forget your local FOOD BANK. Items needed include: Teabags, Rice, Granola Bars, Tin Tomatoes, Kraft Dinner, Luncheon meats, Tin Soups, Chef Boy Ar Dee. Tin Milk, Side Kicks, Package Dry Soup Mix, Tin Fruit, Crackers, Tin Noodles, Sugar, Jam, Chez Whiz, Peanut Butter, Mr. Noodles & Cream Soups. Financial contributions are also gratefully accepted.

Christmas hamper Appeal Last Sunday I gave the Christmas Hamper Appeal pamphlet. If you did not receive one, they are available at the back of the church. The deadline is December 16, 2016.

Thank you to the ACW Ladies for supplying the material to make to make the new Food Bank box, which is in our front entrance and Herb Butler for making it.

Library We have a library for our clients at the Food Bank which provides children's and adult books. I am looking for gently used books for this library. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone who would like to donate books.

Mary Butler
Food Bank Rep

Visitation is Important to Us and to You. Unfortunately, sometimes we are unaware of your situation, and if you would like a home visit from your Clergy, please let us know. Also, if you know of anyone in the hospital, please let us know. Please call the office at 834-4501. Remember, if you don't inform us, we have no way of knowing you or a loved one is in hospital.

2016 Contributions

December 31st @ noon will be the cutoff date for parishioners to have their contributions included in the 2016 tax receipt year. The office is closed on that day but there is a drop off box to the left of the main door. Anything after that date will go into 2017 contributions.

Feedback Archdeacon is using a new wireless mic this Sunday. If you can't hear him, we would appreciate it if you would please let him or one of the wardens know.

Our Thanks

On Wednesday afternoon, those who attended, and there were 137 of us, were treated to a wonderful Christmas meal of stuffed chicken breast, veggies, potatoes, turnip and dessert. It was fantastic. This brought to an end for the year a wonderful ministry of hospitality that this parish has initiated. On behalf of the parish, I would like to offer my and our thanks to Enid Haines. Thank you for your persistence in initiating this wonderful ministry. Thank you for the long hours and hard work that goes into placing such wonderful food in front of us, and thank for assembling such a wonderful group of volunteers whose efforts add so much to the afternoon. Your work and ministry is very much appreciated.

David

Parish & Community Events

New Year's Eve Dance

Date: December 31, 2016

Place: All Saints Parish Hall

Tickets: \$25.00 single

The doors will open at 8:30pm and the dance will start at 9pm. Music provided by Rodney Taylor. Party favors and snacks will be provided. Tickets will be available at the office or from Aura at 834-9384, Dana at 834-2601 or Barb Tilley @ 834-4795 starting December 5th.

St. John the Evangelist, Topsail is holding their annual Christmas "Holly Tea" with Chinese Auction on Saturday, December 10, 2016: 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and will be available on November 27th. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon with food, fellowship, and a fun visit from Santa. For tickets please call: Louise 834-7385: Sandra 834-8834 or Shirley 368-9504