



ALL SAINTS CANDLE – DECEMBER 01, 2024

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Shining a Light on What is Happening in Our Parish

Our Mission at All Saints is to be a family of worshipping Christians, dedicated to Christian Education, Spiritual Growth, Pastoral Care, Outreach, and Fellowship.

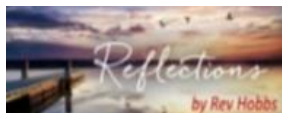
OUR CANDLE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of husband, **James Baird**, who passed away on December 3, 2020 – by wife, Kathleen Baird

In loving memory of **Edwin Breen**, remembering his passing on December 07, 2023 – by wife Brenda, and son Ed & Yvonne and Nnenna

In loving memory of **Ros Butler**, remembering her birthday on November 28th – by Madonna

In thanksgiving for the birth of our second grandson, **Dawson Harry** – Love, Nanny & Poppy Butler



Are we there to serve the most vulnerable?
Where do we stand?

Richard Rohr

THE CBS/PARADISE FOOD BANK are running **VERY VERY** low on supplies, and they continue to rely heavily on the generous support of our Parishioners and the general public. **The following items are in great demand: cereal, milk, pasta, rice, sidekicks, juice packages** and/or you may make a monetary donation. For your convenience, you may simply eTransfer your donation to donations@allsaintsparish.ca, and please indicate that it is for the Food Bank.



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE - The Christmas season is often hard on those whose hearts are hurting. All Saints Parish CBS will be holding its annual **Blue Christmas Service on December 8th at 7:00pm.**

Please join with us as a Church in special recognition of those in our congregation who may be struggling with the loss of a loved one, or any other pain they may be carrying. As many of us tend to get caught up in the celebrations of the season, we sometimes forget those silently carrying a burden. Candles will be lit as a memorial to those we love but see no longer.



- The first candle is to remember those persons whom we have loved and lost;
- The second candle is to redeem the pain of loss;
- The third candle is to remember ourselves at Christmas time;
- The fourth candle is to remember our faith, and the gift of hope.

Everyone is welcome to come along and to invite their friends.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL BOOKLET – We are once again publishing our annual



Christmas Memorial Booklet. It is a place to remember loved ones who are no longer with us, or to give thanks for something dear to you. Please email your memorials to office@allsaintsparish.ca, or call us at 709-834-4501. To ensure we have time

for printing, our target **cut-off date is noon on December 20th.**

ALL SAINTS TEA ROOM CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – Our Tea Room Luncheon is still very active, and will be holding it's annual Christmas Dinner on December 11th. The Tea Room will then close for the festive season, and will restart again on January 15th. A humongous thanks to the ladies and men for their unselfish time in providing this wonderful outreach ministry.



CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE – Our confirmation candidates continue to meet regularly in the Upper Level of our Parish Hall at 2:00pm. The following is a subset of their upcoming schedule and topics:

- December 01 Our Christian Response
- December 15 Christmas Outreach Activity

ALL SAINTS CBS PRAYER CHAIN - Do you, or a friend, or someone you know require personal and confidential prayer for any reason? If so, we invite you to please reach out in confidence to our Prayer Chain Coordinator, **Linda McDonald**, at 709-834-1720, or call our **Parish Office at 709-834-4501.** Our **All**

Saints Prayer Chain Group is a very active ministry which has a large number of prayerful members ready to reach out in thoughtful prayer.

DONATING TO ANGLICAN LIFE - Please consider making a donation to 'Anglican Life', the newspaper serving the three dioceses of Newfoundland & Labrador. Your support helps us continue to share stories and photographs from our dedicated contributors, as well as spiritual and inspiring commentaries from our regular and guest columnists. Every subscription also includes The Anglican Journal, connecting you to news from the wider Anglican Church of Canada. Ways to donate:

- Mail a donation to Anglican Life, 22 Church Hill, St. John's, NL, A1C 3Z9;
- Call in your credit card info to Rev Fred Marshall at (709) 727-4346;
- Go to our website (www.anglicanlife.ca) and click the "donate" button.

You will receive a tax receipt for your donation

Your generosity ensures we can keep bringing this valuable resource to our communities. God bless, and have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! If you are not currently receiving Anglican Life and would like to receive it "at no cost", please contact Rev Fred Marshall and he will be pleased to add you to our mailing list.

2024 Christmas Schedule All Saints Anglican Parish CBS

- **Monday, December 23rd at Noon** - Parish Office Closes for Christmas
- **December 24th at 3:00pm** - Special Children's Christmas Eve Service with its unique children's liturgy
- **December 24th at 7:00pm** - Early evening Christmas Eve Service using the BAS Eucharist
- **December 24th at 11:00pm** - Late evening Christmas Eve Service using the BCP Eucharist
- **December 25th at 10:00am** - Christmas Morning BAS Eucharist
- **December 29th at 10:00am** - First Sunday after Christmas BAS Eucharist – LOL and SUF Lodges
- **December 31st at Noon** - is the last day for accepting donations to be included on 2024 offertory tax receipts
- **Friday, January 3rd** - Parish Office re-opens
- **January 5th at 10:00am** - Resumption of normal service schedule
- **January 6th at 3:30pm** - ACW Epiphany Service

CHURCH OFFERTORY OPTIONS – In addition to our **Sunday collection plate**:



- Our **secure drop-slot**, located to the left of the Parish Hall main door, which is emptied daily, is available 7/24
- **e-Transfer** has become a popular means of offertory by sending an Interac to donations@allsaintsparish.ca
- Our **eGiving program** is growing. It automatically deposits your gift at whatever interval you choose (weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly). To register simply go to our website and follow the eGiving notes. If you need any assistance, please call our Office at 834-4501, or email your Finance Team at finance@allsaintsparish.ca

IN MEMORIAM – DIGITAL SIGN

- In loving memory of **Donald Batten**, remembering his passing on November 25, 2020 - by Sandra & Graham Taylor
- In loving memory of dear friend, **Edward Green**, remembering his passing on December 7, 2023 – by Barbara Butler
- In loving memory of **Edward & Phyllis Bussey**, remembering their 75th wedding anniversary on November 29th – by Elizabeth & Jim Tilley and Family
- In loving memory of dear friend, **Douglas Rideout**, remembering his passing on December 2, 2021 – by Barbara Butler

IN MEMORIAM – UPSTAIRS KITCHEN

- In loving memory of **Doug’s** passing on December 2, 2021 – from Lily, Scott, Susan and Families - "*Beautiful memories silently kept of one that we loved and will never forget.*"

NOVEMBER 24, 2024	WEEKLY	YTD
PERCENT OF LAST YEAR	98.7%	99.3%
2024 ACTUAL	2,487	169,649
2023 ACTUAL	2,521	170,835
DIFFERENCE	34	-1,186

We accept donations via **eTransfers** to donations@allsaintsparish.ca

Please consider joining our **e-Giving Program** which ensures you automatically contribute on a regular basis, even during those times when you are unable to physically attend your Church.

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BISHOP'S ADVENT MESSAGE
ADVENT 2024

Dear Beloved in Christ,

As we enter this sacred season of Advent, a time of great significance in our faith, I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on its powerful message of hope. Advent, which means 'coming' in Latin, symbolizes a journey from darkness into light, from despair into hope, and from the longing of our hearts to the fulfillment of God's promises. It is a time of preparation and anticipation for the coming of our Lord.



In the hustle and bustle leading up to Christmas, it is easy to get caught up in the rush. However, remember that Advent is not just a countdown to Christmas. It is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Lord, allowing us to reconnect with the centre of our faith and the promises of Emmanuel - who is God with us.

As we light the candles of our Advent Wreaths this year, let each tiny flame remind us of the transformative power of hope that Christ brings into the world. Hope is not merely wishful thinking but the profound assurance that God is with us in joyful and challenging times. It is the belief that God's light can pierce through even the darkest moments, turning despair into joy and darkness into light. This hope, with its transformative power, should uplift our spirits, reminding us that we are never alone.

Our Diocese comprises diverse communities that face challenges and uncertainties in these times. Yet, I encourage you to hold fast to hope. Let us be a beacon of light for one another, reaching out in love and support, as Christ has called us to do. This can be realized through volunteering at local food banks, listening to those in distress, or simply sharing a kind word with a neighbour. Together, we can embody the grace and compassion that are the foundations of our faith, serving those in need and nurturing one another. 2

As we eagerly await the birth of Jesus, let us also remember our vital role in sharing that hope with others. Each of us is an essential part of Christ's mission, and our actions can bring hope to those who feel lost or alone. Let us reach out to them, reminding them they are never forgotten and that love is always within reach. This could be through a simple act of kindness, a listening ear, or a helping hand. Let us be the bearers of hope in our communities.

December 01, 2024

In this Advent season, I pray that you will find peace and joy and that your hearts will be open to receive the incredible gift of Christ—today and always. May the hope of Advent fill you with a renewed spirit and inspire you to shine brightly in the world, knowing that the birth of our Saviour is near and that His coming carries a message of hope and joy for all.

I offer an Advent Prayer from Henri J.M. Nouwen:

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness,

send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

Wishing you and your families a blessed and hope-filled Advent season.

In Christ's love,

The Right Rev Samuel Rose

Bishop of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador