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## That They May All Be One: A Journey Through The Eucharist

In early December, the Diocese of Central Newfoundland completed a course on the Holy Eucharist. That course was a journey through the roots of early human understanding of the Divine Presence amid hunting and gathering, growing crops, and advancing through time as cultures developed. We examined how ancient Hebrew people established sacred connections, and how these were passed down through generations, influenced by times of plenty, scarcity, wars, political upheavals, captivity, and loss. An underlying question we explored was: "What things were important enough to survive, for these were the elements that shaped our earliest understanding as Christians around the person of Jesus and God's plan for history through him?"

As you read this, you might well imagine that the course around the Eucharist had many levels. It did. Now, rather than provide a précis of the course, I am going to choose here briefly to offer one theme that provided us with a foundation for some deeper understandings and an appreciation of who we might be as a Church today: **Unity.**

Unity was essential in the early Christian Church for demonstrating Christ's message to the world. During times of persecution, unity was seen as vital and non-negotiable, as Christians shared their lives and faced death together. Early Christians relied on one another, even across class divisions, wealth, and diverse cultural and religious backgrounds. They held a sincere belief in the Gospel message, which was first spread through oral tradition (word), and they found that gathering for the Eucharist brought Christ's real presence into their midst.

Early Christians understood this, and they succeeded in creating a powerful testimony of one heart and soul in the Gospel. This was clear in their shared practices: radical generosity and common devotion to Jesus' teachings, despite their different backgrounds. This unity wasn't a forced conformity but a deep, Spirit-led bond rooted in shared purpose and love, which was crucial for fulfilling their mission.



The Last Supper fresco from Kremikovtsi Monastery in Bulgaria, 16th century AD; image from commons.wikimedia.org

The breaking and sharing of bread at the early Eucharist connected people to each other, to the Lord, to the community, and to God's will for a mission of reconciliation with all people and all creation.

Let me leave you with these few features of the early Church for your reflection. May they bless you in your personal journey and in the vocation to which you are called within your local parish community.

Key Aspects of Early Church Unity:

1. There is no party spirit. All supposed "human strengths" or gifts, such as knowledge, spiritual power, and heavenly wisdom, are humbled before grace and love.

2. Christians identify with the suffering Lord and will suffer and sacrifice

personally and for the sake of others out of love for him.

3. There is hope in the face of adversity and death because Christians believe that God has prepared a way and conquered death. 4. Christians will strive for unity in the Body of Christ. Ecclesia (or gathering with a common mind) is the highest value.

5. Christians love. The love of God is reflected in the ways they love others.

Let me leave you now with John 17:21, in which Jesus prays for future believers, asking that they "may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

May Jesus' prayer be fulfilled in us, this year and beyond.

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The Rev'd Canon Jeffrey Petten  
Columnist

# God Is Found In Human Form

Last year, in the days leading up to the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord (Candlemas Day), I was scrolling the social media platform of Facebook. After all, we live in a world in which: if it is not found on Facebook, then it is not true. That is a rant for another time! Yet in my scrolling, I came across a joke which I found not only very amusing, but very centred in the plot and setting of the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord. One thing that I rarely do is use a joke when writing and preaching a sermon. Yet, this joke got me thinking.

The joke went something like this:

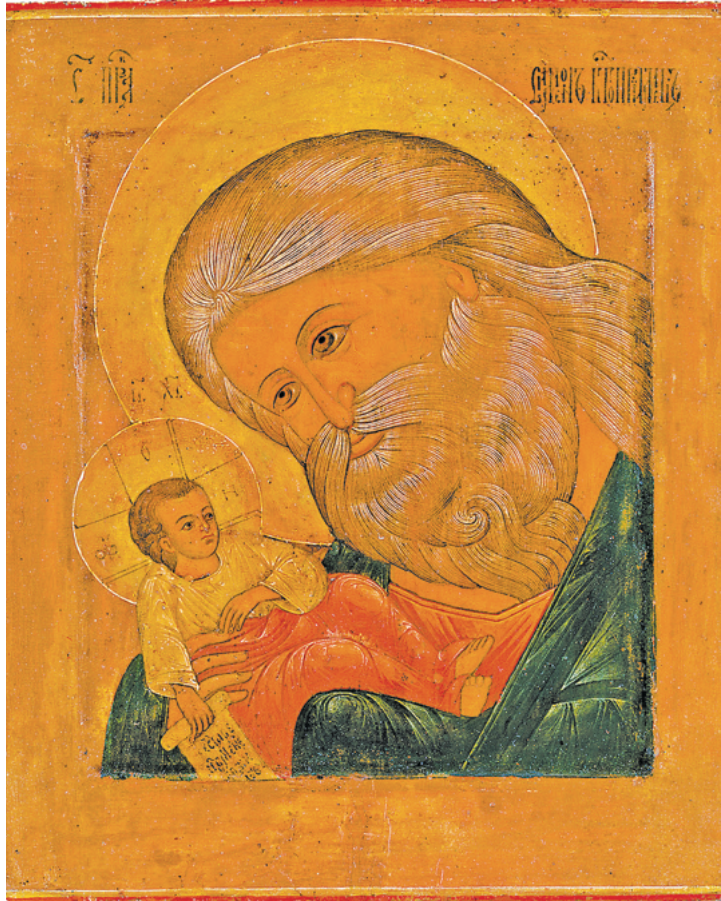
*Little Johnny and his younger brother, little Stevie, were up to their antics and then some for young boys. Their father, with his patience running thin, approached his parish priest and asked if he could talk to them to improve their behavior.*

*The parish priest obliged the father's request and met with the boys at the church following worship on a Sunday morning. The priest looked at the boys and said, "Where is God?"*

*With that, little Johnny left the church, running as fast as he could, followed by little Stevie. When little Stevie finally caught up to little Johnny at home in his bedroom, little Stevie asked, "Why did you run away?"*

*Little Johnny replied, "They've lost God and they're blaming us!"*

No, God is not lost, but rather God is found. God is found in human form in the babe of Bethlehem, born in the poorest of places, yet the greatest of kings. The



Russian icon, "Simeon The God-Receiver"  
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time from when the last of the prophets spoke to the time when Jesus was presented in the temple was 400 years. People may certainly have thought that God just might have been lost. Yet when we least expect God to show up in our lives, that is the very moment that not only does God show up but God acts, and in a very mighty and a very powerful way! God uses a child to get our attention: God has come into our presence. I like how biblical scholars transliterate the verse of John 1:14 when it is said that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." The word that can be used is tabernacle or pitched a tent: taken up residence among us. God is far from lost: God is found.

If you think you cannot find God, I give to you the words of a contemporary Christian song, written by Michael

W. Smith:

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You*

*To see You high and lifted up  
Shinin' in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy.*

This light of glory, shining out, is the very thing that the aged Simeon, holds in his arms in human form, the form of a baby. So may these lyrics, become our prayer to have our eyes opened, so that not only can we see God, but may we sing: "holy, holy, holy." If you are looking for God, God is not lost, God is found, just open your eyes to see God with his tent pitched in our neighbourhood.

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# Bay St. George Parish Marks 60th Anniversary

St Michael and All Angels’ Church, St David’s; St. Mary Magdalene Church, Jeffrey’s; St. George’s Church, Robinsons, St. Mary the Virgin Church, St. George’s

Article by  
The Rev’d Norman Cutler

*“He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.”*  
-Ps. xxxiii. 5.

*“For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies, For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies, Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our grateful song of praise”*

In writing a few stories to be submitted to Anglican Life from The Parish of Bay St. George, we see around us God’s gift of love and beauty in every seasonal colour. At this time of the year that this is being written, the fall colours along with the Harvest Festivals help us express our thankfulness for all God’s love. In addition, as we celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of St. Mary Magdalene Church in Jeffreys (1985 - 2025), we continue to express our thankfulness for the many years of our church community.

In September 2025, we began to plan for the 4th Harvest Festival of the Parish of Bay St. George to be held at the Lion’s Club on October 11th, 2025. Our four congregations met to plan to ask for donations of vegetables, baked goods, jams and pickles, berries, and salt fish



Mary Magdalene Church, Jeffreys, painting - photo by Norman Cutler

products. All items were freely given including monetary donations, turkeys, hams, buckets of salt beef, riblets, and knitted goods. The local stores and surrounding grocery and business outlets also gave very generously. Many raffle sales, spin-the-wheel and tickets made the day for one of fun and laughter. The parish council of Bay St. George extends a heartfelt thank-you to all who participated in, and

were part of, our 2025 Harvest Festival. Without you all, it could not be the success we experienced helping the church go forward. In October 2025 the vestry of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Jeffreys, made special plans to celebrate their 60th anniversary on October 26th, 2025. Under the leadership of Mrs. Ida Chaffey-Keeping plans were made to have a roast beef supper on

Saturday, October 25th. Rev’d Cutler organized the Anniversary Service for Sunday October 26th at 7:00 p.m. Members of the vestry met on Friday evening to peel potatoes, turnip, and carrots that were enough to serve 100 dinners. Mr. Jack Alley roasted the beef at the cooking facilities offered at the Lion’s Club. The roast beef dinner was a delicious meal enjoyed by all. It was a beautiful social

evening, and much reflection was offered surrounding the building of St. Mary Magdalene Church. There is only one church member alive now who helped to cut the logs in order to start the construction of the church. Mr. Calvin Madore, who is now 90 years old, did this 60 years ago, and continues to be a very active member at regular worship services today. Our Diocesan Administrator, The Rev’d Mickton Phiri, was our celebrant at the Anniversary Service. The Rev’d William Matchem, and Mrs. Florence Gillis were invited to bring greetings on behalf of the United and the Roman Catholic Churches. Rev’d Matchem with Mrs. Amelia Cutler from St. Boniface Church, Ramea, and Mrs. Betty Flynn from The Cathedral of St. John The Evangelist Church, Corner Brook, provided the music. We were so delighted to be joined by Naomi Felix, a seven-year-old granddaughter of Ida’s from the United Baptist Church, Rouses Point, New Brunswick, to play “The Ode to Joy” on her violin.


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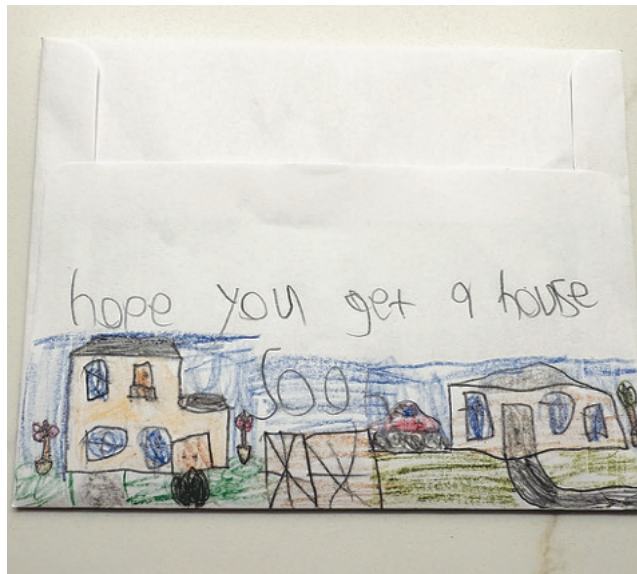


# The Church's One Foundation

Article and photographs by  
Nancy Lieff

St. Andrew the apostle was a fisherman from Galilee and hence, is the Patron Saint of fishermen. He is also known to be one of the first people to make a bold statement and follow the spiritual path and teachings of Jesus Christ. Aptly named then is the little church by the sea in the historic fishing village of Bryant's Cove, one of two beloved churches within the Parish of Upper Island Cove. This year, St. Andrew's Church is a proud 120 years old.

Over the span of the last several months, our parish has been commemorating this special anniversary milestone of the consecration of St. Andrew's Church. Starting the celebration this past May, was St. Andrew's Gospel concert. St. Andrew's was filled to the brim with celebration from the joyful singing of the congregation and music from a wide variety of performers and musical instruments. Youth and adult performers, including clergy from the parish, gave gifts of music ministry. If words could attempt to describe the energy when the full band night capped the evening with a highly energetic rendition of "I'll Fly Away," they would perhaps be closest using the words *divine spiritual force*, as the sense of unity and connection between all under her roof was almost tangible, and most certainly unmistakable. There is a reason the Parish of Upper Island Cove is known for her music ministry. Furthermore, on November 9th, St. Andrew's Church hosted a memorial hymn sing with music provided by St. Andrew's parishioners, The Rev'd Aubrey Young, and members of St. Peter's Church Choir. On November 23rd, Bishop Sam Rose joined parishioners and special friends of the parish to celebrate St. Andrew's Patronal Festival, the



Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, and the 120th Anniversary of St. Andrew's Church. During this commemoration service, an extraordinary thing took place. Bishop Sam presented The Rev'd Aubrey Young with his licence as the new Rector of the Parish of Upper Island Cove. Sure, one can say Rev'd Aubrey receiving his rector's licence during the Patronal Feast of St. Andrew's service is remarkable. What makes this occurrence truly striking however, is that Rev'd Aubrey was presented with his rector's

licence during the Feast of St. Andrew service, in St. Andrew's Church during her 120th anniversary service, and it is the very church which his great-grandfather, carpenter John Thomas Jones, built in 1904. Churches are named after saints to honour them and provide spiritual guidance to the communities of faith that serve them. Churches, like the people that do God's work in them and on behalf them, serve the community. St. Andrew's Church, of the British Colony Newfoundland, served people and held a memorial service in

1914 for relatives who had perished in the S.S. Southern Cross sealing disaster. She served the people of Bryant's Cove through the Great Depression, brought refuge during the horrors of two world wars and stability both during Confederation and the collapse of the Cod Fishery. St. Andrew's Church of Bryant's Cove is still serving 120 years later. Somewhere, behind the first church building in a garden is said to be the location of the first St. Andrew's Church, built in 1855; the remains of her foundation lay and

remain still, a part of the one foundation that is St. Andrew's Church today. More than one literal foundation, her strong foundation is built on the type of faith that grows strong by serving as the hymn *The Church's One Foundation* states, "mid toil and tribulation" of life.

Mentioned briefly are the *people* who serve the church like the church serves its people. The Parish of Upper Island Cove is blessed by the many people who give generous gifts of their time to faithfully serve the parish and her communities. One such person is C.L.B. member, Captain Don Sharpe of #4547 Upper Island Cove Company. This November, the Parish of Upper Island Cove commemorated Captain Don Sharpe on #4547 on his 50th anniversary of C.L.B. service. Current and former C.L.B. comrades from across the Brigade, and clergy who served as company chaplains, Bishop Sam, and many family members and friends formed a congregation of 180 strong to celebrate during a C.L.B. church service, with fellowship social to follow. In true C.L.B. style, it came complete with a vibrant singing of "Johnny Appleseed" as the Grace before the meal.

One very special guest in attendance was Capt. Sharpe's mother Mrs. Sharpe, who at 96 years young made a choice 50 years ago to enrol her 11-year-old son in the C.L.B. Like Bishop Sam remarked during his sermon that day, and as Mrs. Sharpe and Capt. Sharpe would agree, saying "yes" to the C.L.B. was one of the best choices that he ever made.

Finally, to wrap a busy November, the Parish of Upper Island Cove: North Shore Wildfire Faith in Action Project came to a

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close with strong support of monetary donations given graciously from the Parish of Upper Island Cove itself and her two churches, many parishioners, the Upper Island Cove Volunteer Fire Department, The C.L.B., J.A., children of the Sunday School and our friends from Holy Redeemer Anglican Church in Spaniard's Bay. All money donated was given to one family with two young children who lost their home and all belongings during the North Shore wildfires this past summer. The children of the parish remain a shining inspiration of service by their compassionate actions of loving your neighbour. The money raised by the youth groups went towards the repurchasing of loved and lost items of the children's they enjoyed doing with their family. The children's artwork created on their "thinking of you cards" especially came from the heart. The money they gave came from their families, the gifts purchased on behalf of them, but their cards, the children who made them and their efforts remain the heart of this mission

work, and embodies the universal one foundation of the church itself: love. The saints whose names are chosen for churches are carefully selected as reflections of the histories, traditions, a church's location. Saints and their lives can serve as unique spiritual inspiration, inviting parishioners to embody their teachings and enter divine relationship with them as faithful followers of Jesus Christ and his teachings. St. Andrew and St. Peter are seafaring saints, fishermen and brothers in faith turned "fishers of men." They were Jesus' first apostles—the first to follow—bringing people along the journey of transformation through Christ. Together and to conclude, let it be read in prayer that the Parish of Upper Island Cove, through divine inspiration and communion of St. Andrew and St. Peter, continues to stand for and compassionately serve the one foundation that is, the Church in all her forms, within church buildings themselves and within the hearts and minds of all her followers.

# Anniversary

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We were deeply moved by her presentation. Mr. Skyeler Quilty was our cross-bearer, Mrs. Vene Curnew presented the first reading, Mrs. Shirley Hulan led the psalm, Mrs. Ida Chaffey-Keeping presented the second reading, and the Rev'd Nancy Hulan joined us as guest priest, and proclaimed the Gospel. The Rev'd Norman Cutler gave the sermon. Mrs. Shannon Alley prepared the flower arrangement and roses were donated by Deanna Coffin. Mrs. Vene Curnew presented the anniversary cake. The Hymns for the Anniversary Service were: "The Church's one Foundation" "We love the place O God" "When the sun comes up tomorrow" "Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah" "Now thank we all our God"

After the dismissal, everyone gathered around in a circle to sing Bud Davidge's beautiful song "Music and Friends," after which the anniversary cake was cut and shared with everyone. A special thank you for all who joined us for the 60th Anniversary of St. Mary Magdalene Church.



The Rev'd Mickton Phiri, Mr. Calvin Madore, and Naomi Felix cutting the anniversary cake - photo by Heather Felix



Directions to the Harvest Festival- photo by Norman Cutler



Mr. Gary Parsons, all ready to sell the vegetables - photo by Norman Cutler



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## Advent Ordinations in Central Newfoundland

At St. Martin's Cathedral in Gander on the 10th of December 2025, The Rt. Rev'd John E. Watton, ordained The Rev'd Carol Budgell Manning to the diaconate. Rev'd Carol will be going to the Parish of Lewisporte in January of 2026.

Also, Bishop Watton ordained The Rev'd Steward May and The Rev'd Don Brett to the priesthood. Rev'd Steward will continue his ministry in the Parishes of Twillingate and Gander Bay. Rev'd Don will continue his ministry as Hospital Chaplain in Grand

Falls. Thank you to all who came supported these three individuals as they continue their ministries.

- article by Archdeacon T. Caines; photos by Mrs. Kim Rogers





# The Rev'd Fronie Squibb Ordained Deacon



On December 1st, 2025, The Rev'd Fronie Squibb was ordained a deacon in Christ's Holy Catholic Church during a ceremony held at the Parish of the Ascension in Mount Pearl. The parish extended its congratulations and blessings. - photo submitted by Archdeacon C. Taylor

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# A Season of Giving in Gillams

Article and photographs by  
Audrey Park

St. James' Church in Gillams started the Advent season with a lovely service to prepare for Christmas and start the spirit of giving.

After the lighting of the first candle in the Advent wreath, and with prayers and praise, we decorated our Jesse tree with loads of knitted items, with more to be added in the coming weeks. Our prayer shawls were blessed and will be distributed to residents of Corner Brook Long Term Care.



## Annual Christmas Cantata in Grand Bay

Article and photographs by  
Eileen Keeping

St. Paul's New Wine Gospel Choir (Grand Bay) held their annual Christmas Cantata on December 21st. It was a wonderful celebration of the Christmas story through music and storytelling, but mostly music. These are a couple of photos from that evening, featuring the cast of characters and some members of the choir.







The Rev'd Andreas Thiel  
Columnist

# On Poetry

Some years ago, I served as chaplain in a city-owned long-term care facility. During that time, I developed a weekly program called *Coffee with the Chaplain*, which many residents came to appreciate. We gathered in the chapel for conversation, with topics limited only by my imagination... and, in retrospect, guided by God's grace.

One particular gathering stands out in my memory. The topic that day was poetry, specifically the form known as *Haiku*. This Japanese art form follows a simple structure: three lines of verse arranged in a pattern of 5-7-5 syllables. After introducing Haiku to the group, I offered them a gentle



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challenge. They were invited to try writing their own Haiku poem and, if they wished, to share it with the group the following week.

I remember leaving that session unsure whether anyone would take up the invitation. But my prayers were met—and surpassed—the next time we gathered. Several residents had written poems and were eager to share them. The experience was rich in every sense. I could see that those who had participated glowed with a deep sense of accomplishment. In that moment, it felt as though God had opened a door that many had not known was still there. I was reminded that creativity does not diminish with age, and that the Spirit continues to stir gifts within us long after the world assumes they have faded.

This brief reflection may inspire you to try your own hand at writing Haiku poetry. I encourage you to do so. You may wish to focus on a particular theme: hope, grace, struggle, love, or simply on the small details of a single day. You might also incorporate prayer into your writing. For example:

*“God of the ages,  
open the eyes of my  
heart, I pray. Help me to  
recognize your goodness  
in the world this day,  
and by your Spirit, guide  
my writing as I give you  
glory.”*

In small, quiet acts of creativity, we may discover that God is still speaking... and that we are still being invited to listen.



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The Rev'd Canon Amber Tremblett  
Columnist

## When There's Nothing To Say

I'm not sure how to describe the feeling I have as I write this column. The feeling of wanting, needing to write, but believing I have nothing worthwhile to say. I have spent the last several months being uninspired. Maybe I feel everything that needs to be said is already being said. Maybe the sheer number of things that need to be said has finally overwhelmed me. Either way, my journals have sat unopened, my pens laid down, unmoving, and I've marched on, not writing, when writing is so much part of who I am.

One thing I know has contributed to this hiatus of sorts is I've let go of the habit. I used to write something—anything—every day. I stopped doing that almost a year ago now: a mistake, for sure. But I've had no reason to pick it back up. And I've been finding it increasingly



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distressing. Writing isn't just an exercise for me, it is part of my spiritual practice. It is part of who, as I understand it, God made me to be. To not write feels like a betrayal of my soul.

So why can't I just do it? Why am I not drawn to my pen and paper the way others are drawn to their pianos or prayer

books? I am left to conclude, though not necessarily accept, that this season must mean something important for me in my relationship with God. I must be meant to learn something from these feelings of untetheredness, adriftness, of absence. I must be meant to do some sort of reflection on the integrity of my

spiritual life and how, when I don't feel connected to God, God is still connected to me. I am sure I am meant to cling to God ever more closely in my own time of spiritual lack. I am confident in all those things. I am confident that in hindsight there will be a lesson in this sunset of the soul, but I've never had perfect vision in the moment.

So right now, all that reflection and clinging and trust will have to wait. Right now I am still sitting in the discontent and the lament. God will need to feel far away for a little while longer, while I work up the courage to say I've had enough and it's time for God to come back. Until then, I suppose I will pray in the way we all know how, on my knees at the side of my bed, asking God to remember me, remember us all, when we come into God's Kingdom.



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## Valentine's Day: Bringing Warmth and Generosity in A Cold Month

The middle of this month brings us to Valentine's Day. When I was young, I remember decorating a box for my school desk so my classmates and I could exchange little cards. It was always a fun day, filled with fewer lessons and the treats of chocolate or candy. As we get older, Valentine's Day often shifts toward romantic gestures: date nights, roses, and so on. But who was the original Valentine?

While "Valentine" was a common name in the early Church, two figures are specifically remembered on February 14: Valentine of Rome (martyred in 269) and Valentine of Terni (martyred in 273).



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Numerous legends surround them, including stories of secret marriages performed for soldiers forbidden to wed, and the healing of a blind girl (a miracle that reportedly led her entire family to convert to Christianity). Though we know little about the true historical figures, we continue to celebrate the day in remembrance of the early martyrs who bore the name.

Personally, I miss the simplicity of exchanging good wishes with classmates. We can choose to see these simple gestures as spiritual acts today. A card can bring warmth to someone who is alone, while sharing a tray of cookies becomes

a way of sharing food with a neighbour. This is, after all, what we do as Christians: we gather for the Eucharist to share the bread of life. By extending that same spirit, we can warm the coldest month of the year with generosity, reaching beyond our immediate families to the wider community around us.

Perhaps this year, we can take a page out of our childhood books and ignore the pressure of grand romantic displays. Instead, try sending a friend a card just to let them know that you're thinking of them. It's a nice way to bring cheer and warmth to what can be a very cold, frosty month here in Atlantic Canada.



# Our Traditional Holly Tea

Article by Louise Smith  
Photograph by Sharon Smith

Fifteen years ago, back in 2010, St John the Evangelist, Topsail, celebrated the 150th anniversary of its founding. During that year, in every month our ACW initiated a celebration to mark the special milestone.

We organized dinner shows and invited special guests who had been affiliated over the years. Even the then Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada joined the group on one special occasion in recognition of its significance.

At the end of the year, and as a grand finale, under our organizer Shirley Glynn we decided, as a part of the Christmas activities, to host a tea party “befitting a king.” After all, despite the commercialization of Christmas in the secular world, Advent is still all about the greatest king that ever lived.

As a gesture of good will and fellowship, we decided to extend



invitations outside our own parish family.

Now we never aspired for it to continue for sixteen consecutive years, but because of the enthusiasm and positive response of that outreach, something was created that would last. As a result, the festivity known as the “Holly Tea” was born, and reborn each year ever since.

**HOLLY TEA**  
H. is for Holly Tea, an event celebrated each year,  
O. Is you good friends our entertainment to share,  
L. Stands for laughter we’re so glad you all came,  
L. Again for longevity, sixteen years to proclaim.  
Y. Each year is special, with the tradition secure.  
T. Is together as we greet you at the door.  
E. As Each year approaches enquiries start coming through  
A. It’s always an event we look

forward to do—for a chat and a mug up, with fellowship too.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**  
H. Is for Holly Tea, some like Earl Grey the best,  
O. Canon Jotie says his Old English Breakfast outshines all the rest.  
L. Is for lemon, an extra flavour to squeeze,  
L. Again, strong or weak, whatever you please.  
Y. You’re free to dunk a raisin bun in your tea. It’s bound to taste better, I’m sure you’ll agree.  
T. Stands for Tetley, that’s been served here today.  
E. Most everyone sticks to the old brands anyway,  
A. As long as you stir some sugar and milk, I’m sure you’ll enjoy every mouthful you drink.

*Happy are the people Whose God is the law. Psalm 144: 15*

# Fogo and Deep Bay Carol Singing

Article and photographs by  
Lisa Snow

A special part of the Christmas season is going carolling at Riverhead Manor and Harbourview Apartments. The ACW ladies of Fogo and Deep Bay, and members of Heritage Committee, enjoyed a night of songs, readings, and fellowship. Thanks Margaret for organizing this event. Wishing everyone a blessed holiday season!



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# Christmas Mitten Tree Tradition Continues in Burgeo

St. John the Evangelist Church in Burgeo held its annual “Mitten Tree” again this year. It was placed in the church for Sunday, November 16th, and remained in place until December 7th. A total of 266 items were collected, and they were given to charities in Corner Brook: Willow House, Xavier House, and 12 Wishes/12 Miracles organization. Special thanks to Mae Lushman, Shirley Vatcher, and Brian & Maxine Benoit for sorting and boxing the items. - submitted with photos by Maxine Benoit



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