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“He must increase, but I must decrease.” St. John 3:30

Dear Friends,

Today is the longest day of the year, the ‘summer solstice,’ when, apparently, the sun is directly over the Tropic of Cancer, or 23.5 degrees north latitude. That doesn’t mean much to me, although to both professional and amateur astronomers it does, as well as to ancient and modern people whose religion we sometimes call ‘pagan.’ Today, I am sure there were sunrise ceremonies at Stonehenge and other places throughout the northern hemisphere. (The word *pagan*, by the way, simply means ‘villager, rustic, or civilian, so it probably shouldn’t attract so much disdain. Remember, one of the founding fathers of our town and our parish’s first warden was Robert Pagan.) Although it will take a while for us to notice it, from this day on, the days will get shorter, beginning the process that will lead to the winter solstice in December and the shortest, darkest day of the year.

It always amazes me that the cycle of nature is often mimicked or accompanied by the Christian Church's calendar, reminding me that nature is not really opposed to revelation. In a few days, we will celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. From the day of his birth until the moment he revealed Jesus as the Saviour, ("Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29), John's star was in the ascendancy. His mission as the last of the Old Testament prophets accomplished, he decreased in importance, his nadir was reached when Herod ordered his execution.

John's example reminds us that no matter how brightly our star shines, in our own eyes or in the eyes of others, our mission is the same as John's, to point the way to Jesus, to proclaim him the Saviour of the world. We all must decrease that he might increase. He is the Light of the World, born in the darkness of winter, to illumine our hearts and minds with the truth of his love.

Enclosed you will find a newsletter reminding you of the many activities our parish will be involved in this summer, as well as the first in a series of stewardship letters you will receive over the next months. Please read them carefully and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. If Jesus is to 'increase' as a presence in our church, our community and in our personal lives, we must give more of ourselves, our time, talent and treasure to him. John the Baptist, whom we will soon celebrate, gave his all. How fitting it is that not only our lovely Chapel of Ease in Chamcook, but the whole of our nation claims him as patron. May his life and death inspire us as we proclaim Jesus as our Lord and God.

Ellen joins me in praying that you will have a happy, safe and healthy summer, I remain,

Yours truly,



The Venerable John Matheson,
Rector



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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHAPEL OPEN FOR THE SUMMER AND LOOKING GREAT

The Chapel in Chamcook is open for the summer season, a bit later than usual due to extensive repairs and renovations to this historic building. The plaster walls and ceiling, that had not been touched in twenty years, were repaired and painted, the carpet, over forty years old, was removed, the floors sanded, stained and sealed. Glebe Road builders (brothers Keith and Steve Raaflaub) did a great job of redoing the walls and ceiling and Peter Arsenault did an equally wonderful job of the floor. Ricard Orr is responsible for the magnificent job done to restore the lettering over the chancel arch. Many thanks to Jack Bertke, Chapel Warden, for overseeing this work, to Cathy Smith for spearheading the refinishing of the floors and to the many volunteers who removed carpet and moved and returned pews. Dave Lord and the Property Committee, with others they recruited, deserve an extra 'tip of the hat' for taking out the carpet, a very difficult task. Cathy Smith and Helen Stephenson, with the professional help of Gwen Eldridge, did a wonderful job of cleaning after the work was finished. Thank you, as well, to the Atlantic Salmon Federation for allowing the use of the brood stock building to store pews and other things from the Chapel. Once the red carpet runner is installed this project will be complete. Thank you all for a job well done!

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

As mentioned above, St. John the Baptist Chapel in Chamcook has opened for the summer season; the last service will be held on Thanksgiving weekend, **Sunday, October 7**. Services at the Chapel begin at 9:30 am each Sunday, with the schedule at All Saints Church unchanged from winter months. Services there are at 8:00 am and 11:00 am each Sunday. (The one exception this summer is that on **Sunday, July 1**, there will be no 11:00 am service at All Saints; see the information below on the Community Ecumenical Service being held that Sunday.)

NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School has had another successful year. On Sunday, June 10, the end of the term was marked by a morning of fun and games planned by Superintendent Julie Crichton, her husband Jim and their children Austin and Breanne. Nearly twenty children attended and the whole parish enjoyed a barbeque following the 11:00 am service. Many thanks to Julie and all who assisted her—Shelley Chase, Marcia Greenlaw, Ellen Matheson, Julie Brewer, Jim Crichton, Austin Crichton, Piper Scalabrin, Mia Scalabrin, Pam Rigby, Julian Rigby and Nancy Carson - for their dedication to our Sunday School. An event near the end of the summer is being planned to bring together all the parents of Sunday School aged children to plan for the fall, stay tuned for details!

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

A service led by the young people of our parish was held on Sunday, June 10. In addition to marking the end of the Sunday School term, this was a time to honour those members of our parish graduating from high school this month. Max Richards, Julian Rigby and Mia Scalabrin are graduating from Sir James Academy and Sydney England from Rothesay Netherwood School. Congratulations to each of you, may you have a happy and fun summer and God bless you as you plan for the future. The SJDA graduation will be held at the high school beginning at 1:00 pm on **Friday, June 22**. The Grand March will be held at the Algonquin Hotel and Resort the evening before, that is, **Thursday, June 21**, at 7:00 pm.

SUMMER CAMPS, CHOIR SCHOOL AND ST. MICHAEL'S CONFERENCE

A number of programs are held each summer in our diocese (which covers all of New Brunswick) for children, youth and adults. To see the schedules for Camp Medley and Camp Brookwood, our diocesan camps, Choir School and St. Michael's Youth Conference, please visit the Diocese of Fredericton website at <http://anglican.nb.ca/> Programs are on the left of the screen in alphabetical order. Scholarships are available to anyone from our parish attending the camps and programs. Just speak to me (John) for more information.

THE REV'D JAMES CRIGHTON'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On **Sunday, June 24**, the Rev'd Jim Crichton will be ordained to the priesthood at Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, by our bishop, the Rt. Rev'd David Edwards. The service will begin at 4:00 pm and everyone is encouraged to attend. As a priest, Jim will continue to minister in the Parish of Campobello, in this parish and, as

needed, in the other parishes in the St. Andrews Deanery. His joining me daily for Morning Prayer, leading a Bible Study on St. John's Gospel and his other areas of ministry (including on the golf course) are much appreciated. Having him and Sheryl as part of our parish has been a blessing. The parish is planning a suitable way to celebrate Jim's ordination, so again, please watch for an announcement.

NEWS FROM THE CRAFT GUILD

The Craft Guild continues to meet until the end of June at which time members will take a break for the summer. The pocket prayer shawl ministry continues to grow, with several people from the congregation and the community now knitting and distributing them. The Craft Guild has provided a dozen to the ACW to be included in their cards as appropriate. Cathy Smith will see that they are available at the Chapel and the hope is that the tour guides at All Saints will point them out to visitors and encourage them to take one. For the past two weeks the Quoddy Loopers (a rug hooking group that meets at the Roman Catholic Church Parish Centre) have joined the Craft Guild as their hall floor was being painted. The final Craft Guild meeting for the summer will be on **Thursday, June 28, 7:00 pm**. It will be a social hour with refreshments, food (of course!) and prizes!! The members of the Craft Guild have been invited to join the Quoddy Loopers for the summer. They meet on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE ON CANADA DAY

A number of the churches in St. Andrews will combine their worship services on Canada Day, **Sunday, July 1**. Greenock Presbyterian Church, 135 Montague Street, will host this service beginning at 11:00 am; everyone is welcome. **Please note:** There will be no 11:00 am service at All Saints Church on Sunday, July 1. The 8:00 am service will be held as usual and the 9:30 am service will be held at St. John the Baptist Chapel, Chamcook.

SECOND ANNUAL ANTIQUE SALE

The Youth and Family Ministry Committee of our parish will hold the Second Annual Antique Show and Sale on **Sunday, July 1**, in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 10:00 am, close briefly at 1:00 pm for the parade, and then remain open until 4:00 pm. Vendors can rent tables for \$20 each and there will be a canteen featuring hotdogs, muffins, coffee, tea, pop and new this year, 'whale tails' (fried dough). Make sure to check out the sale, and thank you in advance to Nancy and her team for organizing this event.

EVENSONG THIS SUMMER

A Service of Evensong will be held in All Saints Church twice this summer, on **Sunday, July 15** and **Sunday, August 19**. Steve Braithwaite, our summer organist at All Saints will be conducting practices as announced. The 'Evensong Choir' always welcomes new members.

THE ACW SUMMER SALE

Members of All Saints Anglican Church Women and friends enjoyed their annual end of the season dinner earlier this month. Regular meetings have been suspended until the fall, but plans are now being made for their annual Summer Sale, scheduled for **Thursday, August 9**. A highlight of the summer here in Saint Andrews, there will be a wide variety of items for sale, including home baking, flowers, fudge, books, new-to-you, hand knitting and crafts. Tea, coffee and desserts will be served. Donations for any of the tables are welcome; for information contact Mary Janet Clift at 529-3093.

A SERVICE ON MINISTER'S ISLAND

A Community Service will be held on Minister's Island on **Sunday, September 23**, at 4:00 pm. The service will be followed by a picnic and barbeque. Please mark this date on your calendar; other relevant details will be provided closer to date of the event.

SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPE

Enclosed in this mailing is a "Building Fund" envelope for your use if you would like to help offset the cost of the repairs and renovations being made to our beautiful buildings this summer. Some of the work at the Chapel was budgeted, some was not. (The decision was made to do everything at once to reduce costs and to make the moving of pews, etc. necessary only once.) Renovations are being made to the Parish Hall, repairs to the Rectory and we are still carrying a debt, through our line of credit, on the heat pumps at All Saints Church. If you would like to specify your donation for work on one of the buildings mentioned or for some other specific purpose (not necessarily for a building) please indicate this on your envelope. Thank you for your generosity.



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. ANDREWS

STEWARDSHIP LETTER NO. 1: JUNE, 2018

SUBJECT: E-OFFERING

Dear Members & Friends of the Anglican Parish of St. Andrews,

This is the first in a series of 'stewardship letters' you will be receiving. We hope they will accomplish a number of things. First, they will bring you up to date on our parish's financial situation (see the reverse of this page). Second, they will be a way to thank you for your continued support of our shared ministry. Third, the letters will encourage you to consider the many ways you can give of yourself, your 'time, treasure and talent,' so that the ministry we share can be more effective and fulfilling.

Inevitably, the tendency of stewardship letters is to focus on finances, perhaps because such letters are often sent out in times of financial crisis or uncertainty. Fortunately, this is not the case as you receive this letter, your generosity and the generosity of those who contribute to our endowment have given us a financial stability for which we should be most thankful. However, if our parish's ministry is to be *sustained* and *expanded*, the ways each of us contribute to God's call to be his fellow workers (see 1 Corinthians 3:9) should be examined regularly.

Stewardship, which can be defined as the proper use of *all* the gifts God has given us, involves more than money, as the "three T's" mentioned above remind us. In our parish we are so blessed to have a group of faithful volunteers who do so many things that benefit our church family and the community as a whole. Whatever we do, whatever we give, we must keep in mind the "Great Commission" given to the Church by Jesus before his return to heaven: "Go and make disciples of all the nations." (St. Matthew 28:19) The making of disciples, followers of Jesus, is what we are all about.

With that in mind, the issue this letter will focus on is the *regularity* of our financial giving, and a way that this can be ensured, 'E-Offering.' In today's busy world, church attendance for many individuals is not an 'every Sunday event'. Work and family commitments, lifestyle choices and the general change in society's attitude to 'the day of rest' have affected all the churches. Yet, just as in our personal households, bills have to be paid regularly—electricity, taxes, rent, water, etc.—so in the 'household of God' there are regular expenses to be paid. At home and in the church, there are also extraordinary expenses—repairs to buildings, replacement of appliances and equipment, etc. The regularity of giving for the support of the church's work is important and can be accomplished in a number of ways but a convenient way to do this is to sign up for E-Offering, a program administered by the Diocese of Fredericton. Participation in the program allows the withdrawal of equal amounts from a designated bank account, on a schedule you choose and can be adjusted seasonally, for the benefit of our parish.

An E-Offering information sheet/application form is enclosed. Would you please take time to look it over and if you are not already using this method of regular contribution to the ministry of our parish, consider signing up. Our parish treasurer, Peter Mitchell, would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you and God bless you.

Corporation of The Anglican Parish of St. Andrews
Financial update as of May 31, 2018 Year To date

Revenues

Total Revenues Collections	\$ 50,252
Transfers from Investments to support operations	\$ 43,665
Other Receipts and Fundraising	\$ 10,492
Total Revenues	\$ 126,972

Expenses

Operations	\$ 61,754
Administration and Office	\$ 20,163
Land and Buildings	\$ 45,089
Total Expenses	\$127,008
Net Income year to date	- \$ 35

Cash Position May 31, 2018 **-\$44,179***

*This deficit reflects the balance, as of May 31, of the parish's line of credit with the Bank of Nova Scotia and is, for the most part, the cost of installing heat pumps in All Saints Church

e-offering with automatic withdrawal

e-offering is an automated process which provides another way for you to make contributions to your Parish.

You can use *e-offering* to automatically withdraw money from your chequing account for your Parish. It is as easy as any other automatic withdrawal service you use in your financial affairs. It helps you to make regular contributions.

Here are some answers to your questions about *e-offering*.

What benefit does *e-offering* have for my Parish?

- Offerings are more consistent and regular, regardless of snowstorms, attendance etc.
- Parish cash flow improves so that expenses can be dealt with on a more timely basis.

When would my offering be made from my account?

- It is up to you, it can be once per week or once per month.

Do I lose control over the amount I'm giving to my Church?

- You can change the amount of the withdrawal at any time.
- You can give additional gifts to your parish any time.

Does this mean I no longer have envelopes?

- You will still have envelopes which you can use as a symbol of your gift. Just write -- "*e-offering*."
- You can also use your envelopes to make offerings in response to special appeals and festivals.

Are there any other parishes using *e-offering*?

- The program was initially piloted in two parishes and others have joined since. The program is now being offered to all parishes in the Diocese.

Who looks after *e-offering*?

- The Diocese has made the required banking arrangements and has appointed an administrator. Your Parish will appoint a local Coordinator.

Consider using e-offering
automatic withdrawal for
making your offerings to
your Parish.

It's as easy as **1, 2, 3!**

1. Complete the application form on the opposite side of this brochure.
Remember to sign it.

2. Attach a "voided" cheque, unsigned.

3. Bring it to the Parish Office or put it on the Sunday offering plate.

You will be informed when the *e-offering* automatic withdrawal program is to begin in your Parish. The withdrawals will begin after your parish coordinator submits your application.

e-offering Application

Diocese of Fredericton

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Parish of: _____

Church Envelope Number: _____

For the purpose of an offering to my Parish in the fixed amount of \$ _____, payable every Sunday [] OR the first of each month [] (check one only)

My/Our e-offering is to be allocated for:

- General Parish Use \$ _____
- PWRDF \$ _____
- Other use (specify) _____ \$ _____

and is to Begin: (date) _____

I/We have read and understand the terms of this authorization and acknowledge receipt of a copy thereof. A cheque marked "VOID" is attached.

(Signature) _____ Date: _____

(Signature) _____ Date: _____

All depositors must sign, only if more than one signature is required on the cheque. Debits from a savings account require bank authorization.

What are the implications of using e-offering?

- Confidentiality will be maintained as you are used to
- Perhaps e-offering could take you closer to your tithing goal.

What do I need to do to take advantage of this service?

- Complete the e-offering application form.
- Attach a cheque marked "VOID."
- Bring it to the Parish Office or place your application on the parish Sunday offering plate.

Can I talk to someone about e-offering? Yes. Call the Parish office, or contact your parish e-offering coordinator.

Parish of: _____

ST. ANDREWS

e-offering Parish Coordinator:

PETER H. MITCHELL

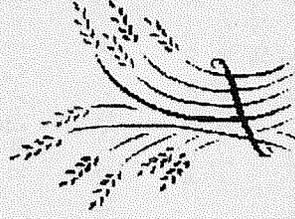
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