



St. John the Evangelist, Niagara Falls
in our 205th year of ministry in this community

E-News for November 30, 2025

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT !



8 AM – Eucharist

This service will be led by The Rev. Canon Howard Anningson

11 AM - Eucharist

This service will be led by The Rev. Allison Courey.

The Facebook link for 11 am Sunday broadcasts
can be found

at: <https://m.facebook.com/stjohnstamford/>.

**The Advent Giving Tree's focus for the 1st Sunday of
Advent is WARMTH:**

We are looking for donations of hats, mittens, socks,
scarves, blankets, pyjamas, and boots.



Our **Wednesday Night Advent Eucharist and
Discussion Program** continues at 7pm, with
Rev. Allison and Canon Howard leading
alternate weeks.
All are welcome!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Advent Wednesdays at 7pm - Night Eucharist & Discussion

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Nov 30 – The First Sunday of Advent !!
and the start of our **Advent Giving Tree Program**
AND Parish Council Meeting

Tues, Dec 2 – Join Holy Trinity Chippawa for their **Advent Wreath Making Workshop**, 1:15pm. Call (905) 295–3212 to register.

Thurs, Dec 4 – 7pm Compline on Zoom with Rev. Allison

Dec. 7 – 8am Morning Prayer Service
Rev. Allison will preach at this Service.

Dec. 10 – at 6:30pm – *before the Wednesday Evening Service*
Special Prayers for Healing (with Rev. Allison)

Thurs, Dec 11 – 7pm Compline on Zoom with Rev. Allison

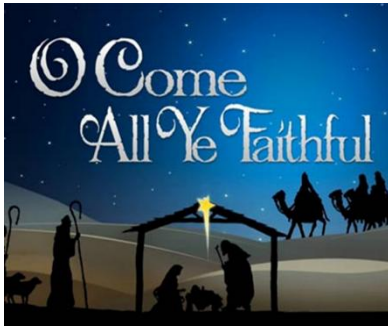
Sat, Dec. 13 – 10am decorate church for Christmas

Thurs, Dec 18 – 7pm Compline on Zoom with Rev. Allison

Dec. 21, after the 11am service –
Special Prayers for Healing (with Rev. Allison)

Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Potluck Supper at 5pm
(more info to follow)

Dec 24 – Christmas Eve service at 7:30pm



Dec 25 – Christmas Day service at 8am
(same times as last year)



Rev. Allison is hosting [a zoom Compline service](#) on the
Thursdays during Advent at 7pm.

Join her for a quiet service of night prayer to close the day
and prepare yourself for God's arrival at Christmas.

The link can be found here:

[https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85097525466?pwd=hf1fbpRkl
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(or email the office to get it sent to you directly).

Light a candle and join us.

Please note our Revised plans for Project Share Support this year, noted in the red paragraph below.

Advent Giving Tree 2025

Beginning on **Advent I, Sunday, November 30**, we will once again do our special Advent Appeal, collecting new, unwrapped items under our Advent Giving Tree.

Project Share has indicated that they have **moving away from Toys and Books** distribution as in other years, because the need for food is so great.

In addition to donations of physical items, we also send funds to Project Share's Food Hamper Program. The number of Niagara Falls residents facing food insecurity continues to grow. **This year a member of St. John's has offered to match funds raised for Project Share up to \$1000.00.** If you are able to help, there are several ways to do so: cash, cheque (made out to St. John's), e-transfer to stjohn@cogeco.net. Please indicate PROJECT SHARE on the envelope, memo line, or e-transfer. Please have these donations in by Nov. 23 so that Hallie (our bookkeeper) can have a cheque ready by early December.

Here is our *revised* list of physical things to put around the tree in 2025:

Nov. 30: WARMTH - hats, mittens, socks, scarves, blankets, pajamas, boots.

Dec. 7 & 14: FOOD – non-perishable items such as pasta, canned fruit & vegetables, peanut butter, canned meats & fish, and items that come in small packages such as granola bars, cheese & cracker packets, juice boxes, beef jerky, etc.

Dec. 21: HYGIENE PRODUCTS - soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, razors, feminine hygiene products, diapers & wipes. etc.

We will accept donations during the Sunday services, or call the office at **905-354-1227** to arrange a time to drop off your donations (*Tues-Thurs 10am-2pm*).

All donations will be given to our **GRACE FOOD PANTRY** and to **PROJECT SHARE** for free distribution to those in need.

Thank you for your generous support in caring for our neighbours.



Congratulations to **Mary Simons, St. John's recipient of The Order of Niagara** this year. Thank you, Mary, for embodying lifelong stewardship, and radiating Christ's love in our world. A shining example of faith in action! Rev. Allison and the local Archdeacon went and gave her her award this week.

Christmas Memorial Flowers

Envelopes are now available at the back of the Church to make donation in memories of loved ones. These donations will be put towards Christmas floral arrangements.

11am Prayers: **We are looking once again for 9 people to offer to share in the Intercessions on Sundays during Advent. Just pick up a paper at the back on the left as you enter, and read it aloud when you highlighted passage comes up. Thanks everyone!**



Taking down the poppy banner!!

Ways To Help our Community

Grace Pantry: appreciates donations of non-perishable food, and prepaid gift cards to inexpensive food stores.

Breakfast Club Red Jam: is always needed for St. Georges/St Catharines. Please drop off red jam at the back of the Church.

*St. John's – "A Community of friendship, faith,
and care for our neighbours and all of creation"*

Written by our Parish Administrator, Val C.

The Church phone number is 905- 354-1227. Email: stjohn@cogeco.net

Voice and email messages will be checked during office hours.

The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 AM – 2 PM

Website: www.stjohnsniagarafalls.ca

Facebook link: <https://m.facebook.com/stjohnstamford/>

The Rev. Allison Courey, while she is our Interim Clergy, can be reached at allison.courey@gmail.com

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