



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

E-News for JULY 27, 2025



The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

8 AM - Eucharist

11 AM - Eucharist

Both services will be led by The Rev. Canon Howard Anningson

July-August Sermons: *"Extraordinary Encounters for Ordinary People". Sermons from Judy Paulsen's new book subtitled Rediscovering the Ways God Calls and Sends.*

The Facebook link for 11 am Sunday broadcasts can be found at: <https://m.facebook.com/stjohnstamford/>.

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Recently our **Anglican Church of Canada's General Synod** passed a resolution to celebrate **Emancipation Sunday** on the **last Sunday of July, the 27th**. Here is information the

Anglican Church of Canada posted online:



All are invited to an online Emancipation Sunday Service on July 27, at 8 p.m. Eastern Time, celebrating the designation by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada of the last Sunday in July as Emancipation Sunday. To join, visit <https://zoom.us/join> and enter the meeting ID 928 2649 4717 (no passcode required).

A poster for the Emancipation Sunday Service. At the top are three logos: the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada logo, the Anglican Church of Canada logo, and the Black Anglicans Canada logo. The text reads: "You are cordially invited to join us for the EMANCIPATION SUNDAY SERVICE As we spend time reflecting on how far we've come and how far we still need to go." Below this, it says "27 July Sunday, 2025" and "Zoom meeting ID: 928 2649 4717" and "Start At 8 PM EDT". Under "Speakers:" are five portraits of the speakers: Irene Moore Davis, Rt. Rev. Ali Tote, Brittan Hudson, Rev. Naboth Manzongo, and Canon Dr. Stephen Fields. Below each portrait is their name and title.

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Public Theologian &
Writer


Rev. Naboth Manzongo
Bishop-Elect
Diocese of
Rupert's Land


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Sub-Dean and Vicar
St. James Cathedral

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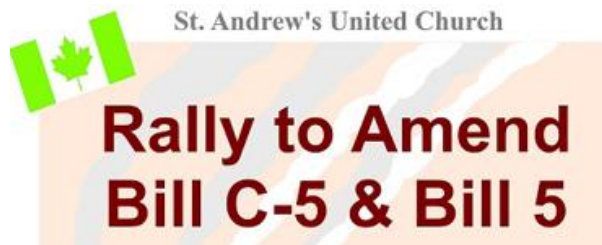


Building Check?

UPDATE: Thank you to **Diane Pepperall** who lives nearby and offered to do this (and allowed me to post her name)! If we had a **backup person** in place, that would be even better! Please let the office know.

Archdeacon Bill Mous from the Diocese called last week. The Diocese is looking for "a volunteer or two" who might be willing to check in on the former **All Saints Niagara Falls Church building at 5850 Robinson Street** on a weekly basis (*where we had the Mission Saturdays last fall*). The task is pretty simple: walk around the building to ensure everything is in order; it usually takes no more than 5-10 minutes." Our previous Warden Susan Maddeaux did this, but she has moved out of Niagara Falls. If this appeals to you, please let the office know as soon as possible.

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Our friends at St. Andrew's United Church invite us to join with them in a **"Peaceful Demonstration"** regarding Canada Bill C-5 and Ontario Bill 5. They say these were "pushed through without duty to consult Canadians. These bills override protections for species at risk, public health, cultural heritage, and citizens rights".

People will gather at St. Andrew's (5645 Morrison Street) in their west parking lot on 3 Thursday evenings from 6:30-8pm: **July 24, July 31, and August 7**. Signs are provided, or bring your own.

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For this Summer Season, and through the September Long Weekend, **we are going to reduce our Coffee Hour items**, in order to provide well-needed relief to the volunteers, and in particular to our Warden Lil Booth. For the summer months until after the September Long Weekend, **we will have only**

drinks available. But there will be food available once a month: (*July 6 earlier this month*), August 10, and September 7. Thanks to Lil for faithfully shouldering this duty, and for those who have helped her out along the way.



Canon Phil is now taking 2 consecutive Sundays off - the last Sunday in July and the 1st one in August (July 27 and August 3) . *His exact dates away are July 24 through August 5 inclusive.*

Canon Howard will cover the Sunday morning duties for these 2 Sundays, and will shift his August Sunday off to August 10.

We hope you and Cheryl have a refreshing time of re-creation!



Here are 2 photos of **our garden** this week. We owe a great debt of thanks to our Warden Lil Booth for her faithful tending of the gardens. From time to time this year she has had some help, but not as much as in previous years. She was here a number of times this week because, in this heat, the plants drink the water up quickly. We are blessed by the labour and love of planting, weeding, watering, and tending the gardens. It is an unsung ministry that we take for granted. Thanks to Lil and all her helpers!!



Prayers for Richard Rohr

Many of you who have attended Wednesday evening services, or have seen his videos during liturgies, or his quotations used in sermons, will know of Richard Rohr. The Centre he founded in New Mexico describes him this way: "Franciscan friar and ecumenical teacher, Father Richard Rohr bears witness to the deep wisdom of Christian mysticism and traditions of action and contemplation. Founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation, Father Richard teaches how God's grace guides us to our birthright as beings made of Divine Love. He is the author of numerous books..." This week his Religious Community asked prayers for him, as he suffered a minor stroke, and is looking at further surgery. God bless him through this journey.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Some Tuesday afternoons - Prayer Shawl Creation Group
(knitters or crocheters welcome!)

Wednesdays 7 pm - will resume in the fall with our new Priest-
in-Charge

REVISED DATE - August 23 - NF Horticultural Society's Flower
and Vegetable Show *(more details to follow)*



In 2023 we began a special Building Fund, looking to have funds available for the multiple issues that crop up with any building. And while we keep the building in good repair, equipment (like our boiler) doesn't last forever.

People in 2023 were asked for a one-time pledge, or for a pledge for each year in 2023 through 2025. This is a reminder to those who chose the 3-year pledge that we are close to halfway through this year, and would appreciate if you are able

to fulfil your pledge. But to ANY of you, if you are able to make a special contribution towards keeping our building functional, it would be really appreciated!

Just use a special envelope at the back marked Building Fund, or write a cheque with a note saying Building Fund, or do an e-transfer to stjohn@cogeco.net and say in the message line that it is for the Building Fund. Thanks in advance for your support of St. John's!



UPDATE: Lynne Coull is shown with Bill & Francis Couldridge (from St. John's in Port Dalhousie), who were here last Friday to offer ideas for our church's upcoming poppy cascade.

You are invited to tie some poppies onto the netting at the back of the church - so we'll have both an indoor and an outdoor display of these special poppies for our Remembrance Day Services. We are putting together the indoor one net. The outdoor one will have the poppies tied with zip ties, courtesy of our Pathfinders/Rangers group (who know from experience that this works best outside). Around the world, various churches and organizations have organized **"Poppy Projects"**.

Lynne Coull and Karen James have proposed doing something similar **around our Garden's Peace Pole** for this coming Fall. But it requires faithful knitters and crocheters to make it happen. Patterns are available at the back of the church, as well as some wool. And please let us know if you are participating - for the sake of mutual encouragement!

We already have many poppies created and donated! THANK YOU SO MUCH!! But we'd love more!! The Rangers who meet here Monday nights are learning to crochet, so that they can also contribute poppies!!

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 jars 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

The Rev. Canon Phil Bristow, during his time as our Interim Priest-In-Charge (until the end of August), can be reached by calling or texting his cell phone: **647 – 990 – 3360. (But he will be away on holidays from July 24 to August 5 inclusive.)**
