



St. John the Evangelist, Niagara Falls
in our 206th year of ministry in this community

REMINDER --

This Sunday is our **Annual Vestry Meeting, after the 11am service**. *Please bring food to share for our lunch. If possible, bring something that doesn't need to be heated up, and plan to stay a little longer to help with cleanup so it gets done quickly.*

**E-News for Feb. 22, 2026
The First Sunday in Lent**



8 AM - Eucharist - led by The Rev. Canon Howard Anningson

11 AM - Eucharist - led by The Rev. Allison Courey

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



The date for this **meeting** is now set for Sunday, **Feb. 22, 2026** - after
the 11am service.

Everyone is invited to bring some food to share at our potluck lunch.

Our Vestry Reports Booklet can be found on our website, via this
link:

https://www.stjohnsniagarafalls.ca/_files/ugd/37c6dc_9de70cf3b7534f8cad719f04afd02d57.pdf



Passing the Offering Plate

The offering plate hasn't been passed at St. John's for some time, and it's become unclear for newer folks how to give financially to the church. As part of our season of stewardship during Lent, we're going to try passing the plate again.



In place of our Wednesday evening service during Lent, please join us for "**Soup and Scripture**" at Rob and Stephanie's home (*8014 Alpine Drive, Niagara Falls*), beginning Feb. 25. There will be a soup supper at 6pm, followed by saying Evening Prayer, and a time of dwelling in the Word.

They need to know numbers each week, so **please sign up weekly on the list at the back of the church or at coffee hour**. If you miss the lists and wish to attend, email Stephanie at swiltonduncan@gmail.com by Sunday. For more information contact Stephanie.



Kashechewan Cree Nation is going to be in Niagara Falls for longer than they expected, which means they're out of work for longer too. One of their layreaders has asked if we can donate any (gently used) clothing for him to share with folks. **They need kids, teens, and adults of all sizes, and tend to prefer casual clothes like sweatpants.** Let's help them out, folks!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

At present, our calendar includes:

Feb 22 - The First Sunday in Lent, AND
Annual Vestry Meeting (after 11am service)
with a potluck lunch !

Wednesday evenings in Lent: Soup Supper & Evening Prayer
at the home of Rob & Stephanie (see *info below*),
beginning Feb. 25

Feb 28 - Labyrinth Walk in our Gym

March 29 - **Palm Sunday**, at the beginning of HOLY WEEK

Wednesday in Holy Week (Apr. 1) at St. John's - 7pm Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday (Apr. 2)- 6pm service at Holy Trinity Chippawa

Good Friday (Apr. 3) Ecumenical Service at St. Johns - 10am

April 5 - EASTER SUNDAY

April 19 @ 11am - Baptisms of
"Claire Jill Peacock" & "James McFadden"

April 26 - Parish Council meeting after 11am service
(approx. 12:30pm)



As Lent begins has just begun, Rev. Allison has prepared some **resources that can aid you in your walk through Lent**. Some suggestions are from online resources collected from around the world. Other are practices with no internet access required. Pick up a yellow page from the back of the church on Sunday for a list of suggestions, and a blue sheet that outlines a different daily practice for each day of Lent.



Our monthly labyrinth walk for February will be **Saturday, February 28, 10:00 - 12:00 p.m. in the gym at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, 3428 Portage Rd., Niagara Falls.** You are welcome to join us in that window of time, completing your walk by 12:00. Please enter at the gym door at the far left of the sanctuary entrance.

Whether you're an experienced walker, new or just curious you are most welcome. Brief instructions will be provided as needed. Please bring slippers or be prepared to walk in socks.

For more information contact Stephanie Wilton-Duncan, swiltonduncan@gmail.com or Deb Kostialik, kostialiks@gmail.com.

THE JOURNEYS WE ARE ON
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A HALF-DAY AFFIRMING WORKSHOP WITH
DANIEL HARRISON
AUTHOR OF
QUEERLY BELOVED
LETTERS TO THE CHURCH I LOVED AND LOST

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026
1:30PM - 5:00PM

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH
5645 MORRISON ST, NIAGARA FALLS, ON

Join us for an inspiring afternoon of reflection, storytelling, and community. Together we will explore the journeys that shape our identities, and belonging through guided activities, shared stories, and compassionate conversation.

FREE TO ATTEND. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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At the end of January we were aware of **bad weather** approaching for Sunday. We followed our usual **procedure**, and let you know at 1pm on Saturday what our Sunday plans were. For those of you who are new here, we inform you of storm closures in 3 ways:

1 - an email blast through MailChimp (like this message),

2 - a notice on our church's Facebook page, and

3 - a new recording on our Church's voicemail, so that those who phone the church will know the plans.

Just so you all know the process!

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.
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Voice and email messages will be checked during office hours.
The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 AM - 2 PM

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