



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

E-News for March 15, 2026
The Fourth 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/>.

DATES TO REMEMBER

At present, our calendar includes:

Wednesday evenings in Lent: Soup Supper & Evening Prayer - at the home of Rob & Stephanie (*see info below*)

Mar 17 - Prayer Beads Workshop at Holy Trinity (*see below*)

Mar 21 - CONSIDERING OUR FUTURE gathering 10 am-1:45 pm

March 28 - Labyrinth Walk in our Gym

March 28 - **Palm Cross Making Bee** - 9:30am at the back of the church

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

Saturday (Apr. 4) morning - 10am - decorate church for Easter

April 5 - EASTER SUNDAY - Eucharist at each service

Sun, Apr. 12 - 8am Morning Prayer

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

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



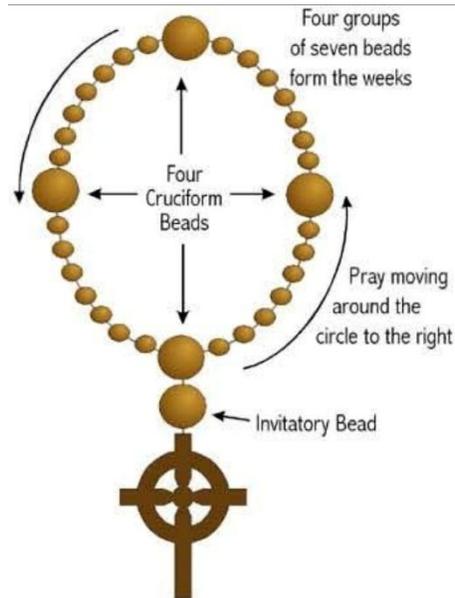
Passing the Offering Plate

The offering plate hasn't been passed at St. John's for some time, and it has 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.



Lenten Wednesday Evening "Soup and Scripture" Services

Soup Supper **starting at 6 pm**, with Evening Prayer at Stephanie and Rob's Home (8014 Alpine Drive). You need to sign-up weekly on Sunday, so we know how much soup to make! There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church and in the parish hall. Or email Stephanie by the end of Sunday: swiltonduncan@gmail.com .



So do you ever struggle to focus while you pray? One of the strengths of the Anglican tradition is embodied prayer, which invites our entire selves into conversation with God. This includes things like the labyrinth, candles, incense, oil, and prayer beads. Join Rev. Allison for a **Lenten prayer beads workshop** at Holy Trinity on March 17, 1:15 pm. Make your own Anglican rosary and learn a contemporary practice of an ancient tradition.



Considering our Future

Join us for a morning of prayer and discernment at the church on **Saturday, March 21, from 10 am - 1:45 pm**. This event will be a kick-off to our year of visioning for the future of St. John's. After spending time in prayerful study and listening, we'll consider what God is doing

in our community, what's working well at the church, what things need to change, and how to best steward our property. It's easy for an established congregation to get into a rut of doing things the same way they've always been done, simply because that's easiest. But what if God is inviting us into something different, and something more? Let's talk about what discernment means and how we can move into a season of prayerful listening together. We want your perspective!

Lunch will be provided. **Please sign up on the list provided Sunday, or contact the office to be added.**



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!!

. We'll continue to accept donations over the next few weeks.



Palm Cross Making Bee - Saturday, March 28 at 9:30 am

Beginners and experienced cross makers are welcome; instruction and refreshers are offered to all. It is a great to make these crosses together. We are usually finished around noon. This year, due to the Labyrinth group in the Gym, we will be making crosses at the back of the church.



Our monthly labyrinth walk for February will be **Saturday, March 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.



Donation envelopes are now available at the back of the Church for those of you who wish to have special people remembered at Easter. Just drop the envelope in the Collection plate. Please have your donations in by or on Palm Sunday (March 29).



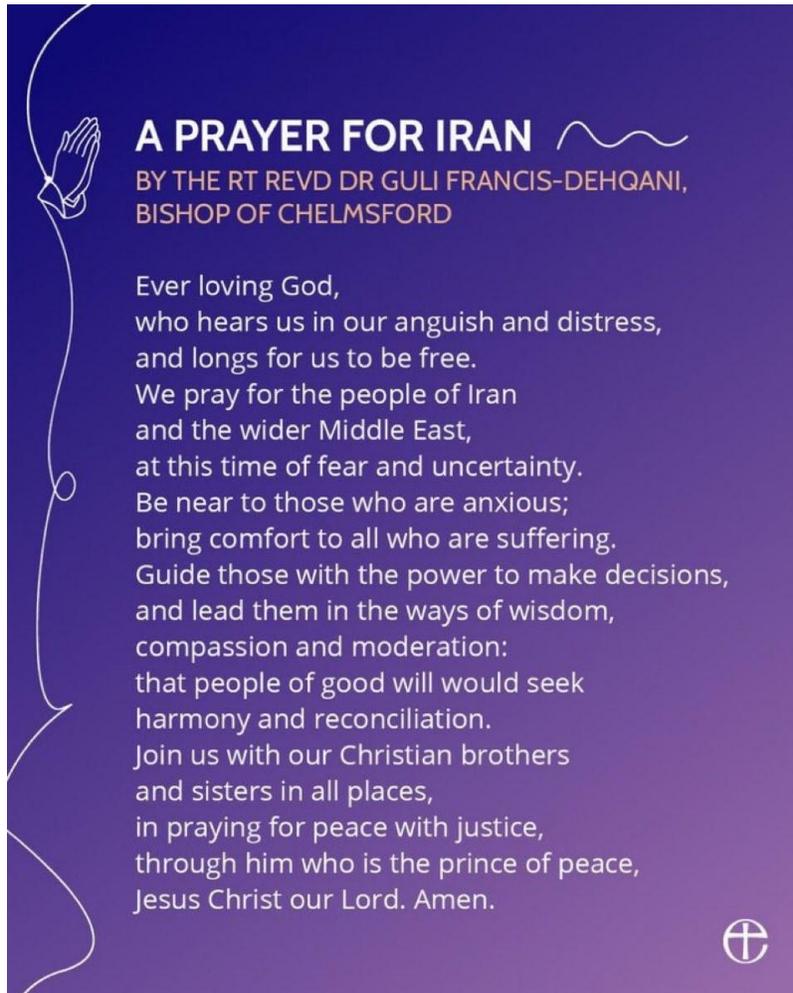
Eleanor Frost received a **thank you card** for all of us. It reads "Thank you for your continuous support to **Community Breakfast Program**. Your amazing donation of so much jam makes a significant difference and we appreciate you. With so much gratitude, Kelly Bailey."

Their standard card continues "Thank you for your generous gift to the Community Breakfast Program. Since we neither seek nor receive funding from any level of government, the success of the Program depends on the generosity of kind-hearted donors such as you. Your gift is a blessing to our guests, we trust it is also a blessing to you. Together we can spread a little kindness. Breakfast served 365 days a year."



As part of your lenten discipline, you may consider helping others in Canada and around the world. **Alongside Hope** (*formerly called the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund*) offers tangible choices where you can direct your money towards issues and places that touch your heart.

Among them you can help with beehives in Columbia, provide 5 chickens to people in Kenya (*backed by a triple donation from the Government of Canada*), through "*In- Canada Emergency*" help emergency situations in this country, and through the "*Peace in the Holy Land*" option, support the Diocese of Jerusalem in its operation of Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza. There are so many other worthy options and needs as well. Brochures and information are available at the back of the Church. Check out these and many other options, beginning as low as \$15, at <https://wog.alongsidehope.org/world-of-gifts>



A PRAYER FOR IRAN

BY THE RT REVD DR GULI FRANCIS-DEHQANI,
BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD

Ever loving God,
who hears us in our anguish and distress,
and longs for us to be free.
We pray for the people of Iran
and the wider Middle East,
at this time of fear and uncertainty.
Be near to those who are anxious;
bring comfort to all who are suffering.
Guide those with the power to make decisions,
and lead them in the ways of wisdom,
compassion and moderation:
that people of good will would seek
harmony and reconciliation.
Join us with our Christian brothers
and sisters in all places,
in praying for peace with justice,
through him who is the prince of peace,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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.

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. Allison Courey can be reached by emailing

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