



## St. John the Evangelist, Niagara Falls

*in our 205th year of ministry in this community*

### UPDATE:

The heat has been repaired and the church is now heated. Thanks for your endurance and good will last Sunday when it was chilly!

E-News for May 11, 2025



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
& MOTHER'S DAY**

**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. Canon Phil Bristow.

**Mothers' Day Sermon by Cheryl Bristow**

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

**11 am PRAYERS CHANGE**

At the 11 am Sunday service, you are invited to participate in reading the prayers. Pick up a prayer sheet as you enter (*on the back counter to the left*). At the appropriate time, **just read your yellow highlighted portion aloud**. Thank you!

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**NEW SERMON SERIES: CHRISTIAN BASICS**  
**SERMONS AND STUDIES – MAY+ 2025**

**May 11 (*Mother's Day*) - with Cheryl Bristow**

**& Midweek - Beginning the Journey -**

**Christian Baptism & Initiation**

*- Refreshing our understanding of our first steps along the Way.*

**May 18 & Midweek - Prayers and Promises for the Way**

*- An Instructed Baptism Service*

*- Those with email will receive a PDF commentary*

**May 25 & Midweek - Do you Know the Steps to Peace with God?**

*- How God reveals his love for us and calls us into a relationship.*

**June 1 & Midweek - Thy Kingdom Come**

*– We'll join in an ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. TKC was launched by the Archbishops of Canterbury & York in 2016 as a global prayer initiative.*

**Preacher: The Rev. Rob Duncan**

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# DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 7 pm - "*Breaking Open the Big Book*" group study

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

Wednesday 7 pm - Eucharist, program, discussion & coffee

June 1 - Ascension Sunday

June 8 - Pentecost Sunday

June 15 - Trinity Sunday

**King Charles III  
Coronation Medal**



Did you know that **one of our congregation members** recently received this King Charles III Coronation Medal? The recipient is the daughter of

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our Warden Amanda Fretz - **SAMANTHA FRETZ!** Congratulations, Sam!! A link to an article about this honour can be found here: <https://www.notllocal.com/local-news/notl-teen-awarded-presitigious-king-charles-iii-medal-10581619>



We at St. John's and Holy Trinity will be participating in the worldwide prayer movement known at "**Thy Kingdom Come.**" Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to **pray from Ascension to Pentecost (June 1-8)** for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions- so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way. It is our hope and prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world

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will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him. You yourself can join in by writing down the names of 5 people – family, friends, neighbours, colleagues – for whom you will pray during *Thy Kingdom Come*.

For more information, contact Rev. Rob Duncan by email: [robduncan98@gmail.com](mailto:robduncan98@gmail.com) or phone/text: 905-356-8060



**Alongside Hope**

Anglicans and partners working for change  
in Canada and around the world

***(Formerly the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund)***

**A generous Canadian donor has offered to match all donations made to the Resilience Fund by June 30, 2025, up to \$250,000. See details below about how to help our international neighbours.**

**Here at St. John's, donations can be made to "St. John's Anglican Church" with the memo line saying "Alongside Hope Resilience Fund". We will forward the money on to Alongside Hope before the end of June to double the value of your donation.**

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Cuts to international aid are affecting refugees living at the Nyarugushu Refugee Camp in Tanzania, where Alongside Hope partner Church World Service works with people like Nadia Faida and Asumani Ibocwa.

## Resilience Fund will support partners affected by aid cuts

In the wake of massive cuts to international development assistance by the U.S. Government and some European governments, Alongside Hope partners are reporting that progress is being undone, programs are being forced to shut down, and families and communities are living in uncertainty about their futures. We cannot possibly fill all the gaps, but to maintain as many vital programs as possible, Alongside Hope has launched an urgent appeal to donors. Your support of the “**Resilience Fund**” will allow Alongside Hope to provide partners with additional funds for refugees, HIV-related needs and for women recovering from gender-based-violence.



Learn how the Resilience Fund will support our partners at [alongsidehope.org/resilience-fund](https://alongsidehope.org/resilience-fund), or scan the QR code.

▶ [alongsidehope.org](https://alongsidehope.org)



**1st** - at Christ Church, NF (Zimmerman Ave at River Road)

Saturday, May 24, from 9 am until 1 pm

Plants, Bake Table, Treasures, Crafts & Baby Quilts, Books &  
Puzzles / Cash Only

**2nd** - at Holy Trinity, Chippawa (7820 Portage Road)

Saturday, June 7, from 9 am to 12 noon

Plant & Bake Sale, with Penny Raffle & Used Books Table  
*The Gently Used Clothing & Treasure Shoppe will also be open.*



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

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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 has asked for the pattern. They 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.



### NEW PROGRAM TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING

Do you like the idea of 'adopting a row' (or more) of nearby farmland, in order that they give away fresh produce to the hungry across Niagara? **Start Me Up Niagara** is making a real difference. Last

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year they harvested 42,000 lbs of produce that support school children with hot lunches and provided fresh produce for 9 food banks in the Niagara Region as well as to 8 additional agencies - all at no cost. Tax receipts are available. See more information here, and please donate if you can. <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/donation-form/f5ae634a-5cb3-4c1c-9b28-0aa8d0ab251a>

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*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.

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,  
can be reached by calling or texting his cell phone: **647 - 990 - 3360**

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