



22 May 2022 newsletter



Sixth Sunday of Easter

From the Rector

This Sunday is the sixth Sunday of Easter, traditionally known as Rogation Sunday. The word rogation comes from the Latin verb “rogare” (meaning “to ask”) and refers to the practice of prayer for a good harvest. Rogation days originated in France in the fifth century, when Bishop Mamertus called for days of fasting and prayer to ward off a threatened disaster. In England, these days were associated with the blessing of fields at the time of planting, with the clergy processing around the fields, reciting psalms and the litany.



The rogation days themselves are actually the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday prior to Ascension Day (this Thursday), but churches have often observed them with processions on the Sunday before—generally in the church, these days, rather than in the fields. The Anglican Church of Canada encourages us to expand the scope of our prayers at this time to include not just agriculture, but stewardship of all creation.

I love Rogation Sunday. It feels very appropriate to the season of Easter and the celebration of new life around us. Depending on the date of Easter, sometimes it coincides closely with Earth Day. While we won't have a procession or chant the Great Litany (you'll have to wait until the first Sunday of Lent to hear that again), you'll notice our hymns this Sunday all focus on creation and harvest. We'll also celebrate Eucharist using Eucharistic Prayer 4, which praises God for creation using contemporary imagery.

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labour to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, 1979)

Blessings,
Mother Terry+

“Singing our Songs” returns!

Back by popular demand, this summer you get to help choose the hymns we sing at worship! Beginning on June 19, we’ll be incorporating your favourite hymns into our worship and including the stories of how those hymns have shaped us in the newsletter. Please email Mother Terry with your favourite hymns and a short write up about what makes them special to you!

The Common Cup is Back!

Whether you are a “sipper” or a “skipper” (no “dipping” allowed, per diocesan regulations!), the common cup has returned and is available to you. If you prefer not to drink from the chalice, that’s absolutely fine, and you’re still encouraged to remain at the altar rail until it is offered to you, so that you might hear the words, “The Blood of Christ, shed for you.” At that time, you can simply touch the base of the chalice or look upon it reverently. This is a perfectly valid way to engage with the consecrated wine, if for any reason drinking from the chalice is not the right choice for you. In fact, many people in recovery have been doing so for years-- long before the recent pandemic!

Now that the chalice has returned, we are in need of more lay ministrants to offer it to the congregation. This is an extremely important ministry, and we would love for you to join us. It is not a difficult task and training will be offered. Many people describe administering the chalice as one of the most moving spiritual experiences they’ve had in church. If this is something you would enjoy, please reach out to the clergy or to Janet in the parish office.

SJS Prayer List

If you request that someone's name be added to the prayer list, please keep in touch with us. At the end of each month, all names will be removed, so you will need to add the names again at the end of each month. Please also let us know if you want someone removed from the list. Email the office anytime! Thank you.

Greeting volunteers needed at the 10am service

We could use several more greeters. Please contact the office for more details if you are interested in greeting on Sunday mornings.

Virtual Coffee Hour after the 10am Sunday Service

Join us for a virtual coffee hour using [Zoom](#). You can pop in any time between 11am and 12:30pm on Sundays. You may need to wait several minutes for someone else to join you! <https://bit.ly/SJScoffee> or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88970734514?pwd=Z0hoS1g0SlU5a21XRjhYRHUyN1VtZz09>

Nanny Wanted

We are looking for a full-time nanny (9-5 Mon-Fri) to look after our 5 month old girl. We are located in the Shaughnessy area (Granville/King Edward). Please contact Carys on 604 906 8898 for further info.

WNM items for Homeless Needed

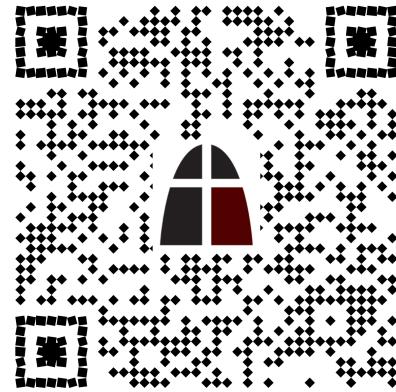
Winter clothing, raingear, boots, sleeping bags, socks, pudding cups, granola bars (soft with no fruit/nuts), & juice boxes.

Podcasts

If you like to listen to podcasts, why not include a podcast of Mid-Week Meditation or the Sunday Sermon? They are now available as a podcast under the heading of **The Anglican Angle from Shaughnessy**. You can get the podcast from: *Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Overcast*.

Financial Support - Stewardship

If you would like to make a financial contribution to help support the worship and ministry of St. John's Shaughnessy, please do! You can use this QR code (point your phone's camera at it) and it will take you to the donation page of our website. If you have recently made a contribution online or by cheque, thank you so very much! If you currently give by Pre-Authorized Donation, thank you! Our church has been affected by COVID-19 in many ways and financial giving is certainly one.



If you would like to give via monthly Pre-Authorized Donations (easy to change and easy to cancel), please contact Janet in the office (church@sj.s.net or 604-731-4966). If you would like to give to the church using a credit card, please use the DONATE button on our website (Canada Helps on top of page one, and Paypal on the bottom of page one). Cheques may be mailed or dropped through the church mail slot.

SJS Garden Club Needs New Volunteers

It is time for the Garden Club to renew their efforts at St Johns. We hope we have some new volunteers who could join us from time to time. Or every week! Weather permitting, we meet on **Monday mornings**, but the day/time can be adjusted to accommodate other schedules. We do watering, light pruning (no saws or ladders), weeding, dividing, planting, etc. We enjoy wonderful chit chats in the safety of the outdoors. You can bring your own gloves and tools if you want to, or you can borrow ours. If you have old tools in your garage that you don't use any more, please let us know. **We are accepting donations of old garden tools.**

VanDeca Presents: A Tone For Our Sins

June 11th at 7pm

Have you been wondering what former SJS Bass Jack Foster is up to?

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/vandeca-46320438143>

Check out this event coming up next month.

Sunday in-person services 8am and 10am

Sunday online service

10am Holy Eucharist live-stream

Wednesday online service

8pm Midweek Meditation

Rector The Reverend Terry Shields Dirbas terry.dirbas@sjs.net

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Vestry Clerk The Reverend Karin Fulcher

Music Director Michael Dirk organist@sjs.net

Rector's Warden Judith Downes

People's Warden Maggie Sanders

Treasurer Donald Wood

Property Trustee Michael Dezell

Pastoral Care Team Coordinator Helen Kline

Altar Guild Susan Firus

Parish Administrator Janet Hamilton

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