

Sunday Worship

9am Traditional.
10:30am
Contemporary &
Sunday School



APR 5TH 10:30AM
EASTER SERVICE



LENTEN SERVICES
WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS 7PM



See "Upcoming Events"

ST. ANDREW'S



Mission Statement St Andrew's church in Timberlea (serving the BLT area) strives to be a caring, welcoming, friendly congregation reflecting the love of Christ in one another and the wider community, proclaiming Christ's gospel by word and deed.

Faith is how we
live, love and DARE
to be!

Sunday Worship

Our 9am service is a holy communion service from the Book of Common Prayer. This is a said service meant to be a quiet and peaceful time of prayer for anyone who enjoys the traditional Anglican style of worship. No music or sermon, just a dignified and well known Eucharistic format known by heart and practiced by many since childhood.

Our 10:30am service is contemporary and offers quite a variety. Most services are from the Book of Alternative Services, and include a variety of music from traditional to contemporary. Every Sunday we have a special children's talk time and enjoy the conversations and wisdom of our little ones. On the last Sunday of each month, we feature our **Youth Service**. This is a communion service that is lead by our young people, and the prayers and music are designed for youth (and the young at heart!) and families. Sunday school runs at the same time as worship each Sunday

Youth

Devotion in Motion

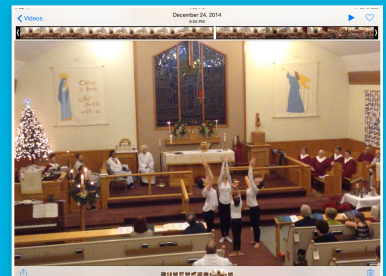
This dance troupe made their debut Christmas Eve with two very beautiful and moving liturgical dances to share with us. They are hard at work on their next performance which will take place Easter Sunday at the 10:30am service. We hope you come to take in what promises to be a unique and inspiring piece, that will add something special not found anywhere else, on the most important day of our faith.

Recent Events

Pancake Supper: we enjoyed a delicious shrove Tuesday pancake supper! What better way to begin lent than with conversation, great company and good old pancakes? Our thanks to the hard work, great cooking and awesome energy of all involved!

Ash Wednesday: we began lent with a very special inclusive service that featured both the imposition of ashes, and healing through the laying on of hands. The theme was star dust, in emphasizing that all of creation is made of this. We find our sense of brotherhood and sisterhood with one another and all of creation in this, and as people who embrace justice and peace.

Pic 1: our new recycling bins! Yeah!



Pic 2: a captured moment during a piano recital featuring early 19th century pieces, and flute accompaniment.

Pic 3: our liturgical dance troupe, Devotion in Motion performing at the Christmas Eve family service.

New Groups

The Think Tank: in response to the challenging knowledge that our parish faces a significant deficit in 2015, parish council affirmed the creation of a new working group to be called the Think Tank. Our task is to create as many new, innovative projects as possible, and enable those projects. Our group consists of eight very imaginative members who came up with a VERY interesting list of events that focus on fellowship and fund raising. Are you ready for the list?

Possible Events: auction and an Italian dinner; desert auction; talent auction; international ethnic dinner; jacket potato with toppings bar social; seafood chowder or chilli tasting contest; Valentine's Day romantic luncheon; Groundhog Day festivities; Christmas Daycare (shopping day for parents); new to you kids and baby clothes sale; movie night; Christmas cookie sale; Harvest Fest dinner; breakfast with Santa; Craft Fare & Market in the summer; Sunday soup and a roll luncheons; craft sale with luncheon; baked ham supper; take out bean supper.

Stay tuned to see what events we will launch throughout this year! We are also hoping to host a few great music events, and will keep everyone informed as details develop.

Confirmation

Our first class assignment was for candidates to write a brief description of what their faith means to them, a much harder task than one might think. Faith today is far more challenging than learning a catechism and knowing "preprogrammed" answers. It has to mean something to a young person who is coping with a complex and often high risk social environment, and a world that shows us so much violence, unfairness, injustice and inability to be peaceful. In the midst of this, a young person's sense of who they are, what ethical ground they stand on, and what they hope to be in daily life and as citizens of this planet who have faith ... is so important. Our second class will begin to explore this, as well as include an assignment to write down any questions they want to find an answer to, no holds barred! Stay tuned as we share our journey toward confirmation (May 8th at the Cathedral).

Sunday School

Movie Night!! The Sunday School will be hosting a family movie night for all ages, with popcorn, pop, etc included for a \$5 ticket. Come relax with us and share an easy family gathering!! Date to be announced.

Bunny Tower of Good Deeds Project!! All through lent our kids are striving to do a good deed every day, all of which will be written on cards. We have special bunnies (remember the old barrel 'o monkeys? Kinda like those!) who make towers holding the good deed cards!

The Sunday School also would like to extend a heartfelt sense of welcome to Madoka, our international exchange student from Japan who has been volunteering as an assistant since last year, and to Natalia our international exchange student from Spain who is newly volunteering as an assistant as well!

Website

A lot is about to change, and we will keep you posted. We've been looking not only to update our current website, but are also developing a new one that will have most of the content of the older one, along with many new additions and a very different look. With luck (and thanks to the efforts of our tech geniuses!) we should be finished building the new site this spring and have it online for everyone to see. Fingers crossed!!

Recycling at Church

After much consideration in regard to how we might best do our part with recycling, and meet the new and much more restrictive directives regarding garbage collection coming in August, we have been raising awareness of the need for groups who use the hall to be much more conscious of our need to recycle. Of course visibility is everything! So to eliminate any confusion about how folks should meet this challenge, we purchased a set of very visible, simple and clearly marked bins in the hall downstairs, right by the kitchen. We ask all people and groups to please respect the new standards. We are very happy to respect and protect God's creation, in every way possible. RRFB Nova Scotia is sponsoring this project with some funding for the purchase of our new bins.

Catching Up

Pancake Supper: we had a great pancake supper Feb 17th, with about the best pancakes ever, a,omg with sausages and some very yummy deserts! Many thanks goes out to our cooks, cleaners and youth who served all our tables tirelessly! So awesome to see all our generations together!

Ash Wednesday: we enjoyed a combination of communion, the imposition of ashes and a healing service all within the scope of a beautiful inclusive language liturgy that focused on the ashes as a symbol of stardust and something that brings all people and all of creation together in a sacred way.

Soup & a Roll: our teachers hosted a warm and welcoming soup & a roll lunch after church March 1st. Everything was homemade, with chilli, chicken noodle soup, squash soup and some really delicious deserts!!

Community Outreach

St. Andrew's is a parish with a very strong sense of connection to its community. As such, there is a great deal of outreach happening year round. We thought it would be a helpful way to create awareness both of community need and how we seek to engage this. Here are some of the projects we are privileged to be part of through the year.

Breakfast Bucket – St. Andrews Church supports the “Grab and Go” Breakfast Program at BLT School with donations every month via a special collection. Contact is made regularly with the school to provide items that may be required by its students or issue invitation to sing or speak during one of our worship services.

Marguerite Centre – Gift baskets, cards and food are taken there at regular intervals for the women residents.

Phoenix House – At Christmas time we fill a laundry basket or two with many different items that are needed for the young people who live there.

Groceries for Food Bank – Donated whenever the request is made.

Church Hall – Supplied to several non-profit groups such as Brownies, Guides, Sparks, AA, the Writer's Circle, and others.

World Day of Prayer and Ecumenical Services – Contributions and Offerings from these types of worship services are usually used for worthy projects in Canada and other parts of the world. For example, our most recent ecumenical service involved all five denominations in the BLT area, and the collection went to a baptist program that develops wells in arid, impoverished villages in South Africa.

Primates World Relief & Development Fund – Donations on a regular basis support the PWRDF, and special requests are made in the event of hurricanes, earthquakes, food, medical or shelter needs in Canada and around the world.

Pastoral Ministries – Clergy, Pastoral Committee and other members of St. Andrews visit shut-ins, hospitals, nursing homes. Attention is given to the needs of parish members by way of phone calls, cards, flowers and food. Music, worship, and Eucharist Service are brought to Melville Lodge residents once a month. Music, homily or prayers are shared during their special Memorial Services. Holy Communion is taken to shut-ins at certain times during the year.

Remembrance Day Services – Reach out to community members with invitations to worship: Veterans, Military, RCMP, Police, Scouts, Guides, First Responders, etc.

Christmas Shopping Day – Our church hall is opened during a Saturday morning in December. School children and their families are warmly welcomed as we provide the opportunity for them to shop for gifts, have a snack and a picture taken with Santa.

Mission to Seafarers at Christmas – Shoe boxes are filled with items that are necessary for the well-being of crew members on ships that come into the port of Halifax.

Sunday School – some projects that have happened and some being planned are: collecting for the food bank, a Sunday Soup & Roll, an Outreach Quilt project to be given to a community based organization, a family movie night, the Crane Project (giving origami cranes to those for whom we wish healing and peace).

Stamps and Soup Labels – collected and sent to agencies which direct them to certain ministries.

Lent & Holy Week

This year we will be having Wednesday evening compline at 7pm each week throughout Lent. Compline is a very beautiful, peaceful worship service that is about half an hour, including prayers, music and a brief meditation. Our theme is on finding what connects us to one another and the

world. As we move through our Wednesday evenings we will give thought to our need to recover a sense of the sacred, through meditations on ethics as the evolution of spirituality; biocentrism as the point of connecting with the earth; love and suffering as a point of commonality between people; prayer as a living form of empathy and connection between all cultures and religions. Wednesday evenings will offer a very brief time of reflection on these topics, which in turn will connect very strongly with our Sunday reflections throughout lent.

Holy Week will include Palm Sunday March 29th 9:30am & 10:30am, Maundy Thursday Apr 2nd 7pm, Good Friday Apr 3rd 7pm and Easter Sunday Apr 5th 9am & 10:30am.

Special Events Calendar

Wednesday night Lenten services, 7pm.

Palm Sunday March 29th 9:30am & 10:30am with Sunday School singing

Maundy Thursday Apr 2nd 7pm

Good Friday Tenebrae & Candlelight Service Apr 3rd 7pm

Easter Sunday Apr 5th 9am & 10:30am with Liturgical Dance by DIM and Sunday School singing