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## *The Rector's Corner*

### **Living the Generous Life**

or

### **Why I Prefer Not to Be a Baboon**

*There is a bit of folk wisdom from the Bushmen of the Kalahari Desert about catching a baboon. First, you find a termite nest on the ground and cut a hole in it big enough to put your hand in. You hollow out the inside and place seeds in it. It is helpful to have the baboon watching you do this because they are unusually curious. Then you leave the site for a while. When you come back you will find the baboon with his hand in the hole. He will not let go of the seeds and his fist is too big with them in it to get through the narrow hole. He is too stubborn to let go even when you approach.*

There is something comical about this scene. Perhaps we laugh because we can relate (no offense meant) to the baboon. Sometimes we hold onto what we have as if our lives depended upon it. Letting go of all kinds of things, including money and possessions, can be really, really hard. We might rather stay caught with our hand in the termites' nest than give over what we have.



Living a generous life is a relatively new experience for me. For most of my life I was . . . well . . . stingy, for lack of a better word (although "parsimonious" sounds more respectable). I knew about generosity in an intellectual sort of way. As a couple, Deborah and I gave money to the church and various causes and non-profits. But my giving was calculated, hardly spontaneous or reckless. I had my hand firmly grasping the "seeds", and it was frightening to let go of them. Fear and

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generosity are incompatible. How to give up the fear of scarcity and loss of control over what I *think* I own?

About five or six years ago something changed. There was not one spectacular incident that suddenly transformed my way of thinking and acting, like Scrooge's one-night stand with three ghosts. The turning of my heart may have been a response to the inspiring Stewardship teachers who have come to St. John's in recent years, including Bishop Smith and Canon Spaeth. Some other contributing factors include:

- the realization that being generous gives me joy
- the freedom that comes with getting my hand out of the termites' nest
- witnessing the expansive generosity of those who have very little but give what they have
- the challenging stories of Jesus confronting those who are held back by their possessions
- a growing sense of commitment to responsible stewardship for the support of St. John's now and into the future

I do not pretend that all my tightfisted reflexes have disappeared. They still grab me in small and large ways. But I have made progress. It's a journey and a process. Including what Deborah and I give to St. John's and to various non-profits, we are probably close to tithing our income. Approaching the tithe and increasing our giving each year is an intentional act. Tithing sets a goal and a discipline that nudges me forward. But it is only a means, not an end in itself. The goal is living a generous life. In our giving, the church is always by far at the top of the list.

*Returning to the baboon's awkward predicament . . . The reason the Bushmen want to catch the baboon has to do with survival. Baboons know where the water is. Traveling far from home, the Bushmen may not know where to find it.*

*For a baboon salt is like candy. The way to get the baboon to release the seeds and free himself is to offer him salt. After he eats the salt, he is really thirsty and heads off immediately for the nearest water. The Bushmen follow him and their thirsts also are quenched.*

I will spare the reader from an allegory including each detail of this baboon story. Suffice it to say, if we release the anxious grip on our possessions in order to give them away, we just may find water for the soul, more water than we ever imagined.

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## Notes on the Diocesan Convention

On Saturday afternoon, October 24<sup>th</sup>, on the occasion of the 225<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of CT, at 1:55 p.m., a new Bishop of the Church was elected.

Ian Douglas, a Professor of Divinity at the Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge MA, was elevated to the post on the second ballot by a majority of the 241 Lay Delegates and 286 Clergy Delegates. He becomes the 15<sup>th</sup> Bishop in the Diocese, and the first ever to be elected from outside the State. The new Bishop won over 3 other candidates - Suffragan Bishop James Curry, the Rev. Mark Belcuze (St. Stephen's, Ridgefield) and the Rev. Beth Fain (a Texas parish which the briefing background declined to identify). A rousing prolonged standing ovation was accorded our new Bishop, who accepted this new calling by telephone. Bishop Smith quoted him as saying, "I am humbled, I am honored, I accept." The delegates then gave a warm standing ovation to the three other delegates on the slate.

As a witness and participant in these ceremonies I was particularly struck by the air of expectation and sense of transformation that was about to take place after the first ballot results were announced, in which Ian Douglas emerged as the strongest contestant, within 23 votes Clergy and 19 votes Lay majority to elect. The second ballot was, as they say, history.

After some routine business, the Convention adjourned around 2:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Friday, Opening Day was an equally interesting occasion with a proposed Order of the Day including Registration, the Standing Committee Forum, a question and answer session about the Diocesan budget, and from 11:00 a.m. to noon, Call to Order – Opening Prayer and Procedural Business.

After lunch we reconvened to hear Bishops Smith's farewell address to the convention before his forthcoming retirement. This was followed by a standing 5-minute ovation in appreciation of his service and dedication. The next two hours were taken up with various reports to the Convention and

## INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Trinity Church, Lime Rock

Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 p.m.

**Come and join the combined local choirs and clergy in giving glorious praise!**

debates on the Resolutions proposed. These included a presentation and debate on the proposed 2010 Operating Budget (a proposed reduction of some \$500,000 from 2009 expenditures) was approved with an amendment to restore some funds to youth programs. A proposed resolution to offer the Church's apology for its role in slavery in Connecticut in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century and establish November 7<sup>th</sup> as a Day of Atonement was approved. A proposal to establish the tithe as the basic measure for giving was amended to include the phrase, "moving to tithing as a goal" was overwhelmingly approved, and a vote to reestablish Apostolic relations with a diocese in Columbia was likewise approved. Choral Evensong followed at 5:45 p.m., with Cathedral Choir and Organ, which was inspiring and ended the business day. A reception followed across the street with yummy appetizers and a choice of Coca Cola, Sprite and bottled waters for further refreshment.

Finally, I need to add that I had a wonderful time; I enjoyed the cathedral atmosphere and the pageantry. I was honored to participate in the business of my Church and aware of the significance of the occasion. For all this I am grateful and appreciative of the confidence that members of St. John's showed in me when they voted for me as Lay Delegate at the Annual Meeting last January.

*David Hannegan  
Lay Delegate to the Diocesan Convention*

## Why I Chose St. John's

During the month of October a number of people were asked to do a very unnerving thing – to stand up in church in the middle of the service and tell everyone why they had chosen to become a member of St. John's. Those who accepted the challenge all gave their fellow parishioners some really moving moments, and all were given in their turn a well-deserved round of applause.

Some spoke verbatim, and others read from notes. Some were asked just in time for this edition of the Parish Newsletter, to write up their notes for our Stewardship Campaign. We hope to print more of these testimonials in the next edition. The speakers were:-

George Howard  
David Hannegan  
Ann Beizer

Barbara Hesse  
Sue Spring  
Katherine Kiefer

Donald Hart  
Paul Bacon  
Mieke Armstrong

The Stewardship Committee and all our parishioners are immensely grateful to all these people for their eloquence and courage!

### REMEMBER PLEDGE SUNDAY---NOVEMBER 8TH

Give St. John's Your Best!

#### **BECAUSE I LOVE ST. JOHN'S** *Mieke Armstrong (JuniorWarden)*

I pledge because I love St. John's Church! I have learned that it is the "getting involved" which makes being part of St. John's so stimulating.

St. John's is going through a metamorphosis. It is working on a re-birth, on a new era. We call it: "Doing Church Differently." We could also name it "Positive thinking to spread God's Love around."

We are creating new programs: think of the well-received concert series. For the purpose of sharing our Church building with others, we have installed air-conditioning. And, yes . . . it's all paid for by you and me. Isn't that a great accomplishment?

Other times we play drums, and cook breakfast for anybody on the first Sunday of each month. We are interacting with area Episcopal churches, learning from each other.

We are embracing the Latino community. Even our fledgling Sunday school is holding its own.

Come join us as we prepare numerous receptions; get our hands dirty in the garden; sing to beautiful music. We have a minister who encourages us to participate, to initiate, to care. Come with your troubles and your worries and leave them at the altar and take home your resolution that "acts of kindness" give you a better night's sleep than being "grumpy" to yourself or to your fellow citizen.

Come joyfully with your pledge. After years of doubt and disbelief I am finally understanding that, no matter how tight my budget is, I try to increase my pledge each year, even if it is only a few dollars. The JOY it brings back is infinite. The best of all is, once you are in that habit, there is no reversal. Try it! I wish you well.

## **A View From The Choir Loft** **Paul Bacon**

I wouldn't be standing here if I hadn't been recruited, five years ago, on Main Street, in front of St. John's, by John Carter, for the choir. I've forgotten how he knew I was a singer – doesn't matter. He said, approximately, "You're a singer, and we need singers in the choir. We're really short-handed."

"John," I replied, "I can't read music, I'm not religious, and I don't know any hymns."  
"Nonetheless," said he.

How could I resist? I could have added, "What can you expect from an eighty-year-old child of the Depression, who doesn't know a narthex from an apse and who has not been to church in seventy years?" Little did I know what lay ahead – but the reference to being a child of the Depression needs a little illumination: Some families weren't greatly damaged by that depression, and some were – mine was. As a result we traveled around a great deal, in increasingly nasty circumstances, in which church was a fading memory. The war (WWII, that is) changed all that. I'll spare you the drama.

Anyway, when I got here my views regarding church, what it meant and what it did, were slightly skewed. One thing I knew well was that without Alcoholics Anonymous my family would have been truly wrecked; because of AA the last twenty-four years of

my parents' lives were sober. Bless them both, and bless the churches that hosted their meetings.

But back to St. John's. I don't know what I thought Church was, in 2004 - some place where you got uplifting messages, sang a bit and went home in time for a ball game? It had never occurred to me that church could be a dynamic, open community, within the larger community, serving not only itself but the general good.



What joining the St. John's choir (which, by the way, accepted me and my pitiful reading without even making a face) gave me was the warm feeling that they were a virtual family, that there was a place for me, up in the cozy loft. I feel that way still, and I look forward to practices on Fridays, with my kinfolk – not to mention Sunday morning, with everyone.

I know enough to know that recent years have been hazardous for St. John's – but it is alive, not stagnant. It may not be growing much in actual size, but there are other kinds of growth.

With its clean architecture and its balanced interior – classic but not severe – the wonderful windows and acoustics – it seems to me to be a haven of good sense in a not so sensible world.

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## **What St. John's Means to Me** **Ann Beizer**

A few years ago, when Lance and I were preparing to be married, the priest who was to marry us called me and among other things, he asked me how I felt about being the wife of a priest. I muttered something about that not being an issue. The truth was, I had never thought about it, and we had never discussed it. Later, when I told Lance how taken aback I was by the

question, he reassured me that the church has changed and evolved in recent years and that he personally had no expectations for me as the wife of a minister. Whew! While he hoped I would go to church with him on Sundays, he said that my involvement or lack of involvement was entirely up to me. I said I thought I could sit in the back and write a check every week, but I wanted nothing to do with food.

In California, I was asked to join the altar guild and found that to be a wonderful experience. I found a community within the larger community of the church. Leaving that group was just about the only thing I missed when we left California.

During our long drive across the country Lance and I discussed what we each wanted in a new church. To Lance, being comfortable with theology was important. Well, I don't think I've thought about theology since about 1960. I wanted to feel welcome in a new community. We thought we would spend a year or two checking out all the churches in the area so we started with St. John's, since this is where our marriage is recorded, as we were married at the Chapel at Hotchkiss. We never went to another church. How could we go anywhere else when our nametags are here?

### **Why I chose St. John's Church** **Trish Acree**

As someone new to Salisbury, and at the time only a "part-timer," I wanted to establish roots in my newly chosen town. I had purchased a little home in Lion's Head, and rented office space in Salisbury Square. I excitedly opened an account at the Salisbury Bank and introduced myself to our local pharmacist, Post Office staff and the team at LaBonne's. Naturally, I wanted my place of worship to be located in Salisbury as well. Coming from a Southern Baptist tradition, I first visited the local Church. I gave it a good try – returning a few times. While the people there could not

It was love at first sight. I fell in love with the beauty and the history of St. John's. Who could not love these beautiful stained glass windows? Over the last year, I've been asked to join the altar guild and be a chalice bearer and to help at the fall festival and I even brought food to a potluck dinner. And it has gradually come to me that being a part of a community means more than just the group who meets here at 8.00 or 10.00 each Sunday. This service we have each week has been repeated for centuries around the world and we are each a part of that larger community – something like the long grey line – or what Lance would call the Communion of Saints.

So while I still sit in the back and write a check each week, I have found that *community* has come to mean much more to me.

Let me close by quoting the Stewardship Thought in the bulletin:

“Stewardship is a way of life, a faith-filled response to God, who has been good and generous to us throughout our lives. By recognizing our gifts, caring for them, and sharing them generously with others, we do demonstrate that we truly appreciate all that the Lord has given us.”

have been more hospitable, the service did not speak to my soul.

I was initially attracted to St. John's Church because of its physical appearance. I found the small, red brick church with its beautiful stained glass windows and handsome bell tower most inviting.

The first time I actually went into the church was on a week-day. I was the only person there and upon entering the sanctuary, I remember feeling an immediate

sense of calm, peace and comfort. With the sun shining through the windows and the soft sound of Gregorian chant, I felt called, or perhaps invited to kneel, reflect and pray.

I found myself often stopping by and going into St. John's, just to sit quietly and be. In hindsight, I believe it was about a year that this was my pattern. As I was leaving one day, I took a copy of the Parish Newsletter. Upon reading it, I was impressed with the variety of activities the church offered to its parishioners and the community alike. I was especially pleased to learn of the Misa service. Then, I saw on the back page the Mission of St. John's Church. It read:

*To reveal through worship the presence of God  
To grow spiritually in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ  
To reach out to others through the power of the Holy Spirit*

I knew it was time for a visit.

### My First Visit

My first visit to St. John's was a positive experience for me, primarily because of Father John Carter. It was his warm, welcoming manner coupled with his thought-provoking sermons that drew me back again and again.

By attending church more regularly, I began meeting fellow parishioners, some of whom were my neighbors in Lion's Head. By staying for Coffee Hour, I began to feel a kinship with those with whom I worshiped. Eventually, I began to participate bit by little bit. I offered to provide the treats for Coffee Hour. In memory of my beloved family, I placed flowers in the sanctuary. During Fall Festival, I helped Peggy out for a couple of hours selling Attic Treasures items. Admittedly, while I am not a morning person, I did attend and enjoy delicious dishes "cooked-up" by the dedicated Breakfast Club volunteers. With time, I became more involved, and upon being asked, agreed to usher.

Having grown up in the Baptist church I knew that tithing, the privilege of giving, was a way Christians could show their love for God in a tangible way. As a member of Brick Presbyterian Church in NYC, the Tithe was called Pledging, the same as at St. John's. My pledge to St. John's was just another way in which I chose to participate.

It was however, a seminar entitled "Doing Church Differently" that really caught my attention. I was unable to attend the conference; however, as a follow-up to that event, Father John held a Pot Luck Supper featuring his famous Curry Soup. After a yummy dinner and good conversation, he shared with us what he'd learned from the seminar. He used a large bulletin board to categorize different ways of "Doing Church Differently". After discussing each potential program, we were asked to sign up for the project or projects in which we would like to participate. By doing so, he could begin organizing committees. I recalled having had a difficult time during my early visits, trying desperately to remember everyone's name. The name tag project seemed to have MY name written all over it! I signed up. As a serious, passionate gardener, I was also drawn to the Garden Project. I signed up!

Now, another year or so has passed and currently I participate by serving on the Vestry.

As a Christian, I want to please God. As a Christian, I want to show God, through my words and actions, how much I love him. The committees on which I serve, the ways I've chosen to actively participate, have all brought to my soul a sense of fulfillment and joy.

This has been my path to St John's Church; the when, why and how I got here.

I shall end my little story, by telling you all, how fortunate I feel to have been welcomed into the fellowship of St. John's, and to call this wonderful Church my home.

## **Wishes for St. John's**

At a Stewardship Forum held on September 27th, parishioners were asked what they were most thankful for at St. John's, and what they would most like to see happening at St. John's in the future. These are some of their feelings, anonymously noted at the meeting:

### **What are you thankful for at St. John's?**

- I am thankful for being a part of a loving, caring, generous and compassionate parish. I am thankful for the beauty of the church building and the people who help to keep it in good condition. I am thankful for our present clergy and staff, the vestry and the wonderful music and choir.
- The service/the music program.
- Generosity shown by the congregation in time, talent, dedication to the church, being there for us.
- For the caring warmth of the members of the parish. For the peaceful atmosphere in the church for the music. A caring rector and programs.
- The cohesiveness of the group., A joining togetherness in assembly – A broad musical agenda both in the service and in the variety of open concerts. Drumming, Chamber music groups.
- *La convivencia, la Soliradidad, me gusta mucho il servicio religioso.*
- For it being here – we must utilize our facilities more. Be daring, outrageously hospitable.
- The many lovely people in the congregation that make meetings like this possible; and a Rector that is always receptive to change! And to be able to sing in the choir and the wonderful choir mistress.
- Fellowship and friendliness. Cheerfulness of Father Carter. Sermons every Sunday very uplifting. Choir.
- To open doors to all – Acceptance and genuine joy and love which seems to permeate the congregation both inside the church and outside its doors - the wonderful choir and music programs - music playing all the time.
- The opportunities for worship, fellowship, support and service to the church, the community and those in need locally and afar.
- The people, the beautiful church, the open doors, the music and choir, *Misa* – reaching out to the community.
- Opportunity to worship together, receive good sermons which illuminate the Gospel, programs of outreach to the community, both John and Lance and Lisa and Jorge.
- The beauty of the worship. The multicultural aspect of membership. The relevance of the sermons.
- I am thankful for the *Misa* because Hispanics in our community can have a place to go to practice their religion.
- *Por la apartura de tener el servicio en Español, mantener los valores familiares.*
- St. John's is very welcoming to newcomers, and a safe haven to grow more with God and in the church community. Here one can be one's self.
- Excellent sermons – very thought provoking. Opportunities to outreach to the community. The food at gatherings. Spanish and English communities growing multi-ethnic. Beautiful looking church inside and out. The concerts, music programs.
- The friendliness of the congregation – the willingness of people to help out when asked.
- I am thankful for all the opportunities that my parents are given to learn to exercise the work of the Lord. I am thankful for the time with St. John's.
- The good fellowship we all enjoy when working on worshipping together. The wonderful music programs – liturgical music and concerts. Especially the great acoustics! Good leadership from our rector and generosity of his wife. So thankful for cheerful intelligent and helpful staff, secretary and sexton (Lisa and Jorge)
- Would never be able to do without the present staff, etc.
- The warm and open people hospitality. The music, the churches beauty, Music events and outreach events.

**What is your BHAG?  
(Big Hairy Audacious Goal)**

- A mission awareness Trip in the next year to Mexico, Guatemala, Columbia or other countries.
- Show the town – all the people a Mardi Gras party for all ages male & female – Pot luck suppers
- To increase our membership by 100%, by making the services very attractive with music and new concepts of worship.
- *Primo de Maiao* party and service
- In the future I would love to see teenagers, 18 plus-year-old members that can carry the church in the future. “Children are the future of the world.” A community that supports and understands their youngest members, is a community that will be “blessed in prosperity for the years to come.”
- A bigger congregation – all ages. A Sunday school.
- Get a bunch of younger families to have Sunday school – get a bigger congregation – run a “school bus” on Sunday to bring in school kids.
- For St. John’s choir to join with other Episcopal/Anglican choirs and to sing together in England, U.S.A. and possibly other countries, on tour.
- More children - a music production in the parish with a few generations.
- A larger congregation with a mixture of ages.
- *el crecimiento de la comunidad de habla hispana en esta comunidad*
- Reach out to the community and gain more people in services of all ages.
- An active church school so that we can become more multigenerational. A thriving Sunday school – a congregation of 100 regular members – a vigorous outreach program to benefit our area. Be able to meet our full diocesan pledge.
- Vibrant church school with Teachers Forums, Education Discussion and Community. Intergenerational programs with other faith traditions to learn and make community, Jewish Muslim, etc. Articulate our church school goal and policy.
- Continuation and expansion of our service and assistance to our community and those in more remote places, and a better financial footing for our church.
- A large vibrant school – a continued growth in attendance.
- Get more families with children to come to services and Sunday school.
- To have many more young people to join us with their bright new ideas.
- Involve children and teenagers – youth. Create fun and happy social activities with lots of food. We have the perfect place for it. i.e., a teenage drumming circle. And a Youth Choir. Recruit the high schools, not only here but also in Dutchess County, one afternoon for choir practice. Give them red robes. Have them perform at special services.
- *-ver en un futuro la iglesia con mudros hispanos*
- More youthful attendees – church school, choir, youth & adult.
- Discussion groups on current church-related subjects.
- Develop a “Youth” agenda – find a guidance resource – a leader - yearly scholarship budgeted - develop policy & procedures.
- To attract more people multigenerational. Get Paul Bacon and his band to play at a service or two. More fun. Potluck suppers, wearing strange hats or costumes of some kind with crazy prizes.
- Expand presence in the community. An enhanced endowment fund to safeguard St. John’s future. More pot luck suppers – themed? Increase our active membership by 25% in the next 2 years. Produce a musical opera for next fall. 12 children in Sunday school by next year.
- Short sermon on local radio station. More frequent guest preacher/speaker programs.
- Attract more members, particularly young, middle age families. Finish the memorial garden. Build a Sunday school – need professional help. Promote more music in services ie; Paul Bacon’s group,. Have more fun at reasonable cost – suppers, etc.

## Introducing the Bishop Elect – The Rev. Dr. Ian T. Douglas



The Rev. Dr. Ian T. Douglas, 50, was elected Oct. 24, 2009 as Connecticut's 15th diocesan bishop. He is currently the Angus Dun Professor of mission and world Christianity at Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Mass. and

associate priest at St. James's Church, Cambridge, Mass. Pending consents to the election by Standing Committees in the Episcopal Church, as well as by bishops with jurisdiction, he will be consecrated April 17, 2010, in Hartford.

Professor Douglas is a passionate educator and activist for the worldwide mission of God. He is a member of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, member of the Design Group for the 2008 Lambeth Conference, and member-elect of the Anglican Consultative Council as a priest representing The Episcopal Church. When not in the classroom at EDS, Professor Douglas travels extensively around the world pursuing activities dedicated to promoting reconciliation in the Anglican Communion. He is widely published in missiology, the mission history of The Episcopal Church, and postcolonial perspectives on Anglican ecclesiology. Dedicated to helping The Episcopal Church live faithfully into God's mission through the Millennium Development Goals, Professor Douglas is co-founder and vice chair of the Board of Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation..

Education: BA, Middlebury College; EdM, Harvard Graduate School of Education; MDiv, Harvard Divinity School; PhD, Boston University Graduate School.

### Autobiography provided to the Diocese of Connecticut Search Committee and posted on the search website:

*I have been incredibly blessed my entire life by the love and support of a variety of communities in The Episcopal Church. I am a life-long Episcopalian/Anglican of immigrant stock who grew up in an economically depressed mill-town in central Massachusetts. I am a New Englander at heart; educated in Vermont, Kristin (my spouse) and I have made our homes in New Haven, Connecticut and greater Boston.*

*I grew up in a typical, broad-church parish at Christ Church, Episcopal in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. As a missionary in L'Eglise Episcopale d'Haiti in 1983-1984 I learned how the Church ministers with poor and marginalized people. For the last two decades I have served as a parish priest at St. James's (yes, it's James's with "s's"), an economically challenged, diverse, and dynamic inner city congregation in Cambridge, Massachusetts. As Professor of Mission and World Christianity at the Episcopal Divinity School since 1989, I have traveled the world teaching and advocating for God's mission of restoration and reconciliation.*

*My wife Kristin, our three young adult children Luke, Timothy, and Johanna, and our dog Lily show me over and over the incredible gift of the love of God in Christ. My friends and ministry colleagues continually call me to a deeper understanding of what the Holy Spirit is up to in the world today. Finally, I experience the goodness of God's creation in the out-of-doors and in physical activity as I enjoy sailing small sailboats, playing squash, skiing, and participating in Crossfit fitness training.*

**CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2009**

**SERVICE SCHEDULE EVERY SUNDAY**

**8:00 a.m. – Eucharist I –  
10:00 a.m. Eucharist II  
12:00 noon – MISA**

**Breakfast Served ~ First Sunday of the Month ~ 8:30-9:30  
ALL WELCOME!**

4:00 p.m.	Choir	<b><i>Meets Every Friday</i></b>
6:00 p.m. ~	Al Anon	<b><i>Meets Every Friday</i></b>
4:00 p.m. ~	AA	<b><i>Meets Every Saturday</i></b>
7:00 p.m. ~	Drumming Circle	<b><i>Meets Every Tuesday</i></b>
5-7 p.m. ~	Spanish Class	<b><i>Meets Every Wednesday</i></b>
7-9 P.M. ~	ESL Class	<b><i>Meets Every Wednesday</i></b>

**November**

3 Tuesday	4:00 p.m.	Traces of the Trade – A story from the Deep North
5 Thursday	10-12 noon	TLC
6 Friday	2:00 p.m.	World Community Day Service– St. John’s; All Are Welcome
7 Saturday		Day of Repentance, Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford
8 Sunday		<b>PLEDGE SUNDAY</b>
12 Thursday	10-12 noon	TLC
	5:00 p.m.	Executive Meeting
19 Thursday	10-12 noon	TLC – Last Class
	5:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
25 Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	<b>ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE-</b> Trinity Church, Lime Rock

**December**

4 Friday	7:00 p.m.	Simon’s Rock Collegium and Choir Renaissance Christmas Benefit Concert
18 Friday	5:00 p.m.	Blue Christmas Service
24 Thursday	5:00 p.m.	CHRISTMAS EVE – One Service For All
25 Friday	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Service

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The Mission of St. John's Church

- To reveal through worship the presence of God
- To grow spiritually in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ
- To reach out to others through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Dear Readers:



Please know that this Newsletter is also available by email.. Let us know if you are interested [sjsalisbury@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sjsalisbury@sbcglobal.net). It is also available on the St.John's website [www.stjohnssalisbury.org](http://www.stjohnssalisbury.org)