

# Prayer Intentions for the Week of May 16th 2021

## **FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH**

WE PRAY this week for Keith Regehr, Syd and Louis Reginato, Douglas and Norma Robertson, Larry Rose and Gina Gorence, and their families.

## **FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO ARE ILL**

Tracy, Marlin, Ron and Anne, Wayne, Ida, Vivian, Margaux, Sylvia, Alexander, Percival and Janet, Jeannie, Valerie, Hazel, Margaret and George Strack, Pat, Franco, Grace, Peter and Judith, and Peter.

## **Parish Announcements and Events**

**Come to the Table** Join us for our family centered service next Saturday at 4:00pm over zoom. If you would like to join, contact Preston at [rector@stjohn316.com](mailto:rector@stjohn316.com)

**Weekly Bible Study** the weekly bible study is back on! They meet Tuesday mornings at 11:00pm. For Zoom links and other details you can contact Ken Hull at [krhull@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:krhull@uwaterloo.ca)

## **From the Wardens:2021 First Quarter Financial Report**

Those of you who attended our virtual Vestry Meeting will recall our discussion regarding the substantial increase to our insurance premium. The **good news** is that the 100% increase which we were told to expect did not materialize—our insurance premium did increase but by about 10%. This means that rather than end the year with a deficit, we would hope and expect to end the year with at least a balanced budget if not a small surplus.

However, our budget was based on monthly offerings of \$20,920. This amount was based on our 2020 ACTUAL offerings received. Our first quarter (January-March 2021)

offerings have averaged \$17,085/month. **At the end of the first quarter we have a shortfall in offerings of \$10,000.** Our expenses for the first quarter were slightly over budget. At the end of the first quarter our total shortfall was \$13,150.

**2021 Jan.-March**  
**Total Offerings**  
\$52,749

**2021 Jan.-March**  
**Budgeted Offerings**  
\$62,760.

We are concerned about this shortfall and encourage members to please give your offerings regularly.

Following are various ways that you can contribute your offerings to the Church.

1. Send weekly envelopes in the mail. You can send post-dated cheques to the office at 23 Water St. North Kitchener ON N2H 5A4
2. Drop off cash donations to the office through the mail slot in the office door. Write your name on the envelope!
3. Have an Errand Buddy pick up your donation.
4. Sign up for, or make changes to your DEFT by contacting the office (519-743-0228 or [church@stjohn316.com](mailto:church@stjohn316.com)).
5. Donate Online through Canada Helps by credit card. You can set up recurring, or one time donations. Canada Helps takes 3.75% but also provides the tax receipt directly to you and provides a donation report to us! [Here's the link](#)

If you would like someone to pick up your offering envelope please call the church office, 519-743-0228. An errand buddy would be happy to do that.

**Director of Music Position Update:** As of Monday, May 3 our Director of Music job posting has been sent to various organizations, universities, and individuals throughout Canada and the United States. You can view it and the Music Director Position Description on the St John's website.

Applications will be received until June 15. With gratitude to those of you who participated in our Director of Music round table conversations early this spring, and especially to the Music Director Administrative Team of James Brown, Corinne Dutton and Ken Hull who guided the process up to this point. The search committee will include **Preston Parsons, Ken Hull, Corinne Dutton, Deb Sheach and will be chaired by Mohan Thomas.** (In previous notices, Deb Sheach was accidentally left off the list).

**Coffee Hour** Coffee hour will be at the usual Zoom coordinates, and will begin 15 minutes after the Cathedral service has ended.

**Medical Assessments** A note from St. John's parishioner, and Benton Medical Clinic Manager, Melanie Horst:

The Ministry of Health has recently approved telephone assessments to minimize that traffic in a medical facility and reducing exposure. Effective today, my office is now able to offer that. I have spoken with my physicians and they have approved for me to offer this to our church members and community. Many family practice offices are beginning to do this but not all at this time.

If any member of our church or community requires to speak with a physician but would rather not go into a medical facility or leave their home, they may contact me directly and I can register them for a telephone consultation with one of our physicians. Obviously there will be limits to their ability with no physical examinations but will be attempting to cover all care as best as possible in this current climate. They will be able to prescribe medication for acute issues, order lab work or imaging if needed. If this is something that

would help anyone please have them contact me by email (melanieh@bentonmedicalclinic.com) or my cell (519-841-8921).

**Donation Options** There are many ways you can continue your contributions to St. John's

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***If you know of someone who is ill or in hospital, please contact The Rector, Reverend Dr. Preston Parsons rector@stjohn316.com or leave a message with the office at 519-743-0228. In case of emergencies you can contact him at 519-573-7797***

**Rector**

The Reverend Dr Preston Parsons

**Assistant Clergy**

The Venerable Ken Cardwell

The Reverend Paul Kett

**Rector's Warden** Marianne Mellinger

**People's Warden** Debbie Sheach

**Deputy Warden** Dave Sapelak, Eleanor Brown

**Interim Music Director** Sarah Cardwell

**Parish Administrator** Rebecca McKay