

Advent 1

Diocesan Settlement Fund. Today we bring attention once again to the Residential Schools issue and our involvement as the Anglican Church of Canada. The Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador agreed to bear some of the financial burden associated with this tragedy. Subsequently, as a parish we began to contribute to our share of the Diocese's responsibility in 2004. To date our parish has contributed \$ 7,015 of the original goal \$ 15,850 we were allotted. In the spring of 2006 the amount expected from our parish was lowered to \$ 9,722. As a result the amount left outstanding is \$2,707. Please find enclosed an envelope specifically marked for this purpose. The Parish Council and Vestries are requesting that you prayerfully consider making a contribution to the Settlement Fund so that our parish can fulfil its commitment. Thank you.

St. Matthew's Vigil for Peace. As part of the Festival of Lights celebrations St. Matthew's Church proudly presents Let There be Peace on Earth , an evening of music, story telling and a *Vigil of Peace* featuring the students from the 3 district schools music programs and in honour of those who gave their lives for freedom at Beaumont Hamel. This year, 2006 marks the 90th Anniversary of this battle. Canadians and other countries are still engaged in war. The Royal Canadian Legion (area branches) have been invited as Honoured Guests on this occasion. This event will take place at St. Matthew's Church at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 7th. There is no admission fee, but a collection will be taken during the ceremony to support the schools in their music programs.

St. Matthew's Special Events Committee presents one of Christian Music's most acclaimed vocalists, Grammy Award Winner *David Phelps* at St. Matthew's Church on May 15th, 2007. Tickets are now available at a cost of \$34.00 (until Dec. 24th) from members of the Special Events Committee. For more information about David Phelps please visit his web-site: www.davidphelps.com.

Our Weekly Congregational Offerings: For November 26, 2006

	St. Matthew	St. John
Budget for 2006	\$ 93,536.00	
Budget for each week	1,798.76	
Received last week, November 26	860.00	\$1,052.00

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Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Cyrus Pitman

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
kingdom of our father David that is coming!* St. Luke 21.36

Please remember St. Matthew/St. John in your will. Thank you

ST. MATTHEW: TODAY

Readers: Adam Drover (Advent Wreath), Neil Marsh
Servers: Kimberly Drover, Nicole Janes
Element Bearers: Scott, Dawn, Douglas, Riley & Matthew Akerman
Sidespersons: John Moore, Eric Mercer

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST: TODAY

Readers: Caroline Reid (Advent Wreath), Pamela Lush
Servers: Melissa Dawe, Brittany Bradbury
Element Bearers: Harry & Sandra Roach
Sidespersons: Bill & Daphne Bishop, Jean Crane

Services Next Sunday: December 10, Advent 2 (Purple)

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion, St. Matthew
7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer, St. John the Evangelist

Bible Study will meet this Thursday, December 7th at the Rectory beginning 10.00 a.m. We are currently studying the Gospel of Mark.

Christmas Hampers. This year applications from the Helping Hand will be taken personally at their office Dec. 4 - 8, 9 am - 12 noon.

St. John the Evangelist Cake & Pudding Sale and Afternoon Tea will take place at the Church Hall on Saturday, December 9th from 2 - 5 p.m.

St. Matthew s Senior s Social. St. Matthew s Vestry will be hosting a Senior s Christmas Social December 13, 2006, 4:30 p.m. This event is open to seniors of the congregation 65 years and older. If you are interested in attending please contact Mrs. Pam Norman (786-2342) or the Rectory (786-3024) by December 9, 2006.

A Blood Donor Clinic will be held at Bay Roberts Lion s Club on Wednesday, December 6th, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. & 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Identification with your full name and signature or full name and photograph is required. Walk-ins welcome. New Donors Welcome.

Church Humour. God, grant me the *Senility* to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Prayer Intentions for this week:

Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

Tri-Diocesan Intercessions.

Those who are ill.

Year s Mind.

Pray for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury).

We pray for the Parish of Shearstown/Butlerville, Rector - The Rev d Amanda Taylor, Priest-in-Charge, The Rev d Betty Marshall, Deacon; the Parish of Bay of Islands, Rector - The Rev d Nellie Thomas; the Parish of Clarenville, Rector - The Rev Nathan Cutler. We pray for our Bishop Cyrus Pitman who is in the Parish of Labrador West to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Doris Morgan, Nadine Newhook, Ralph Levitt, Mark Marsh, Sandra Stone, Shirley Andrews, George Burford.

We pray for the souls Malcolm Parsons, Janet C. Moore - Archibald, Derrick C. Mercer. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Christmas Memorial List. The *Christmas Memorial Lists* in memory of Departed Loved Ones are now being prepared by the respective altar guilds. If anyone wishes to contribute to this list you should submit both the names and donations no later than Tuesday, December 20th. The contact persons are: St. Matthew s, Betty Reid (683-2091) and Frances Hussey (786-6870); St. John the Evangelist, Sandra Roach (786-3025) and Cynthia Boyd (786-2888).

Bay Roberts CLB Company. Congratulations to the YTC Section (Team 1) on receiving *Gold* for their first place finish at the Floor Hockey Tournament held in Harbour Grace last week. Our second team finished third. Congratulations to all who took part! Also, there are Pewter Christmas Ornaments for sale (*the third in the series*) at a cost of \$10.00. To purchase an ornament please contact Brian Crane (786-0985), Renee Snow (786-2655), Karen Dawe (786-2726), Dereck Tucker (786-4089), or Cory Porter (786-4547).