



Thursday, January 8, 2026

You have received this weekly E-News as a means of communicating events at

**St Mary & St Bartholomew's Anglican Church
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*Building Up the Body of Christ,
Reaching Out with the Love of Christ.*

**In Church &
Live-streamed via
You Tube or our website:
www.smsbchurch.com**



***The Baptism of our Lord
Second Sunday in Epiphany
Sunday, January 11, 2026***

**9:00 am
Traditional Service of
Holy Communion**

**11:00 am
The Service of the Word**

The Message:

**Wednesday, January 14
9:30 am Holy Communion
10:30 am Time Out for Women
4:00 pm Food for Life**

**Thursday, January 15
6:30 pm Youth Impact**

**Friday, January 16
6:00 pm International
Pot Luck Supper**



Luke 2: 41-52

Pastor Greg McMullin



Pastor's Perspective

A Shining Light of Help

Every Tuesday and Friday as I look out at our Mission Centre I am humbled. The long line of people standing at the door to receive food and clothing, reminds me of how easily I can take the Lord's provision for granted.

In this age of continuous rise in the cost of living where a growing number of people are no longer able to make ends meet, the Saint John East Food Bank and our King's Closet Clothing Ministry are a reflection of the power of the Epiphany. That just as the light of the Gospel has come to shine, not just in part but in whole – upon *all* people, so too does this Gospel ministry shine upon all those in our community in need. This past year, we have served over 15,000 people. And the number is growing.

I pray that our guests who come to our Mission Centre, would so experience the love of Christ in action that those who are walking in darkness would come into the marvellous light of knowing and loving the Lord Jesus.

I want to personally thank our team of volunteers who display such servant hearts. This ministry would not exist without them.

Saturday, January 17

10:00 am Choir Practice

11:30 am Leadership Training

4:30 pm Saturday Supper Ministry

Epiphany 2

Sunday, January 18

9:00 am Traditional Service
of Holy Communion

11:00 am Family Friendly
Service of Worship

Kids Church & Youth Session

6:30 pm Sunday LIFE Group:
Gospel of John

However, over the past year, our volunteer teams, due too age and sickness, has dwindled. Therefore, we are in need of recruiting more teams. If the Lord might be calling you to join to serve at the Mission Centre, either food or clothing, we would warmly welcome you to begin a basic discernment process with us to ensure that either of these ministries would be a good *fit* (no pun intended) for you. A simple discernment form can be acquired from our church office, Monday-Friday, 9 am – 2 pm. Please do pray about discerning a call to such needed and rewarding ministry as we make our reaching out with the love of Christ a real priority.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that
they may see your good works and give glory to your Father
who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16 ESV

By His grace,

Greg +



Scripture Readings for Sunday, January 11

Psalm 29

Romans 12: 1-5

St. Luke 2: 41-52



Visitation & Funeral Service for the late Kathy Walker

Visitation will be held on Monday, Jan 12th from 4 pm to 7 pm at Fundy Funeral Home. A celebration of Kathy's life will take place at the church on Tuesday, January 13 at 11:00 am.

Please remember Michel, son Perry,
her family and friends in your prayers.

Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord.



International Pot Luck Supper Next Friday (January 16) 6:00 pm

Join us in the planning! Perhaps you have a special dish to share, a story to tell about your homeland, pictures to share, an outfit from your native home or maybe just wish to help out? Bring your favorite board-game as we have some fun together!

If anyone would like to be part of the planning or have any ideas on how to celebrate this event, please contact Lea Warren (506-632-9398) or Sandra Cormier (506-652-6348) or drop us an email: smsb.church@bellaliant.com.



A Growing church requires both razor sharp focus on its vision and continuous evaluation and adjustments. That's what the *Church Leadership Training Course* is all about.

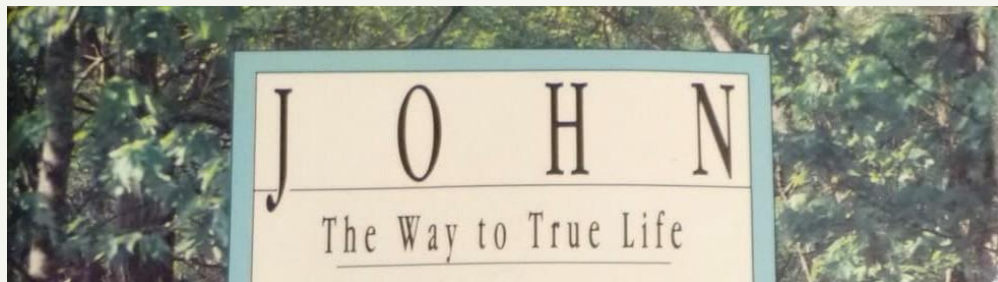
For all who are currently serving in our church's leadership: Vestry members, Lay readers, Team Ministry Leaders and for those who are potentially discerning a call to step up into leadership, we need you to join us for the course.

It is a prerequisite for anyone discerning a call to serve on our church's Vestry (governing board).

The Leadership Training will take place on:

**Saturday, January 17th & Saturday, January 31st
from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
at the Church Hall**

Any questions, please speak to Pastor Greg.



New LIFE Group on Sunday Nights

We all long for a deep, substantial, meaningful life. But how do we fill the hole in our hearts? How can we quench our thirst for something deeper, more

lasting, more meaningful? The Gospel of John invites us to take a fresh look at Jesus – the Word made flesh. It welcomes us to renew our faith on the One who assures us is the Way to true life.

On **Sunday, January 18th** we begin a new LIFE Group that will explore an 8-week series on The Gospel of John from **6:30-8:00 pm** in the SMSB downstairs Youth Impact room. If you would like to check it out, please contact the church office so that we can make sure we have a comfortable seat for you. Please let us know by 2 pm, Friday, January 16th. Hope to see you there!



Monthly Men's Breakfast
Saturday, January 24
8:00 am - 9:00 am

Mark your calendar & come join us for a hot breakfast and great fellowship!

Men who are able to be part of the kitchen team are asked to contact Brad Webb or notify the church office.



Annual Reports 2025
(either handwritten or electronic) from our
various ministries would be **greatly appreciated**
by Friday, January 30.

The Parish Annual Gathering will be held Tuesday February 10.



You can help families receive urgently needed food, water, healthcare and more.

Donate now

Jamaican Relief

To support the relief efforts in Jamaica, please consider donating to this fund - please indicate such on your church envelope, by using the special envelopes provided (in the front entrance), or by e-transfer: donation.smsbchurch@gmail.com. Our finance team will ensure that your donations are transferred properly.



The Mission Centre's Kings Closet clothing bank is accepting donations of warm winter coats & sweaters - all sizes, for children and adults. Donations are accepted at the Mission Centre on Tuesdays & Fridays (12 noon-3 pm) or arrangements can be made through the Church office (506-696-1347).



Get Connected!

RightNow Media is a wonderful resource for Bible study, LIFE Group study and home entertainment, freely provided by our Church. If you're not already connected, please contact the church office to get set up - 506-696-1347 or email: smsb.church@bellaliant.com.

"Building Community Together"
The SMSB Mission Centre



**If giving by offering envelope, please indicate
"Mission Centre" on the 'Other' line of the envelope.**

**If you have any questions about this, please contact
the office (506-696-1347).**

**For more information on the SMSB Mission Centre, please visit our
website at: <http://smsbmissioncentre.com> or visit the Facebook page:
SMSB Mission Centre.**



How Do We Give When We're Not in Church?

There are options.

1. E-Offering (to begin or modify). Choose weekly or monthly giving. The amount or frequency can change with a quick message or phone call to our Church Secretary, who will provide you with options on how to start this method of giving.

2. Interac E-Transfer - via email: donation.smsbchurch@gmail.com. Please

check that the etransfer is being directed to "*The Corporation of Anglican Parish of Coldbrook St Mary.*" Please make a note when you send your etransfer if you wish to have your donation sent to a specific fund.

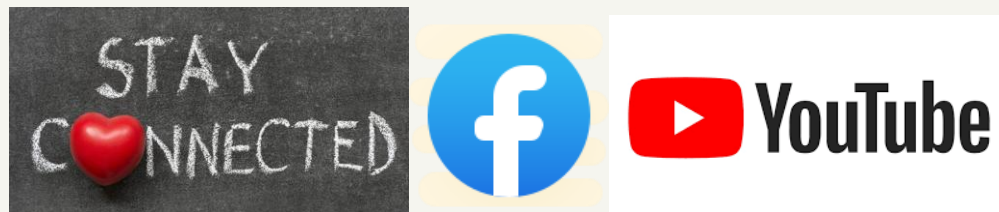
3. Pay Pal via our Church Website - An easy, safe and secure method of giving is available through our church website via *Pay Pal*. Log into the website: www.smsbchurch.com. Go to the bottom of the home page, to the link 'Donate' and follow the instructions for Pay Pal.

4. Hand deliver or surface mail your offering to the Church Office, 646 Westmorland Road, Saint John NB E2J 2H4. Mail will be picked up each day.

5. Point of Sale - Donations may be made on Sundays prior to each service. Also, the church office will be open Monday to Friday (9 am-1 pm) for anyone who wishes to make a donation during the week.

We want to do everything we can to make consistent giving as easy as possible. Contact the Office (506) 696-1347 if you have a question.

Thank you so much for your tithes and offerings.



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Weekly E-News

We hope you enjoy receiving your weekly E-News in your email. For full details on announcements and upcoming events, please refer to your weekly E-News (emailed on Thursdays). If anyone who does not have access to the internet and would like a copy, please let us know so we may drop one off to you.

If you would like to begin receiving the E-News electronically, please give your email address to the office 506-696-1347 or smsb.church@bellaliant.com.

Communications

Submissions for the E-News and other publications or requests of communication during services can be sent to the office via email: smsb.church@bellaliant.com or phone 506-696-1347 by Wednesday at noon.

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