

St. Andrew's Newsletter

Keeping you connected.

Upcoming Services at St. Andrew's

- Oct. 9th 2011 - 9am Morning Prayer
- Oct 16th 2011 - 7pm Eucharist -celebrating the anniversary of the ordination of Rev Curtis Patterson
- Oct. 23rd 2011 - 7pm Evening Prayer
- Nov 6th 2011 - 10am All Parish Service at St. Peter's Malbay - Bishop Dennis Drainville Presiding
- Nov. 13th 2011 - 11am Morning Prayer
- Nov 27th 2011 - 10am All Parish Service at St. Matthew's Peninsula

Welcome to a new way of keeping up to date on the news and activities from your church and your community - the St. Andrew's Newsletter!

From the results of the Spring 2011 opinion survey done in our community, it was clear that the community was looking for more involvement and more communication from our church. This is a first step in providing that - a newsletter to keep people abreast of what is going on, not only in their church but also in their community and how they can get involved. We will begin with a quarterly publication of the newsletter, a more frequent publication will be considered depending on the response and interest shown from the community.

will be distributed to those who request to be on the distribution list. If you would like to continue receiving this newsletter please send an email to standrewsyork@hotmail.com or send your name and address to: Rhonda Stewart, 481 Blvd. York O, Gaspe, Qc, G4X 2M5. Please specify if you wish to receive the paper version or the electronic version of the newsletter.



This inaugural issue and the upcoming winter issue will be distributed to the community as a whole. After this introductory period the newsletter

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Annual Seaman's Christmas Parcel Drive

Would you like to spread some Christmas joy to those who have to spend the holidays away from their families? The annual seaman's Christmas parcel drive could use your help!

Every year at this time the Anglican churches in the area put together parcels for the seamen who will be spending the Christmas season away from their families. The parcels are collected from all over the province and distributed to the men aboard the various ships that dock in Quebec City and Montreal through the Christmas season. The parcels contain toiletries, playing cards, writing

supplies, warm socks, mitts, etc. The items are packed into shoeboxes and wrapped in Christmas paper for the sailors to open.

Donations of items for the shoeboxes (or completed shoeboxes) can be dropped off at Rhonda Stewart's (481 Blvd York W) until Oct 10th and they will be put together with the boxes made by the York Center Guild at its Oct 11th meeting.

Completed shoeboxes can be taken to St. Paul's church until October 22nd as they will be picked up on Oct 23rd.

*O gracious God, who so generously
lavishes our lives*

O gracious God, who so generously lavishes our lives with goodness, create in our hearts a deep center of gratitude, a center that grows so strong in its thanksgiving that sharing freely of our treasures becomes the norm and pattern of our existence. Remind us often of how much you cherish us, of how abundantly you have offered gifts to us, especially in the hours of our greatest need. May we always be grateful for your reaching into our lives with surprises of joy. Amen.

The Harvest Season Celebrated at St. Andrew's

On the evening of September 4th, St. Andrews welcomed more than 50 people to celebrate not only the harvest season, but also to celebrate the welcoming of a new member to the Christian community with a baptism. The church was beautifully decorated with the colors and harvests of the season. A collection of fresh produce, baked goods, and preserves was taken to the soup kitchen at Aceuil Blanche Goulet.

The service was presided over by Deacon Lorna Baird who was assisted by lay readers Gracie Annett and Sharon Jean.

An Active Community In Our Church - an introduction to the various groups that are active in our church and how they contribute.

Anglican Church Women (ACW) - Who we are and what we do



The York ACW is a women's group that gives their time and talents to maintain and support our church and community. They have regular meetings to discuss the needs of the church and the parish and how they can help meet these needs. They hold several fund raisers throughout the year that allows them to provide funds for repairs

and upkeep to the church building, support charitable organizations in the community and abroad and also provide funds to the Diocesan ACW for work throughout the Diocese.

New members are always welcome and membership is open to all women in the parish.

If you would like more information or are interested in becoming an ACW member please contact one of the following :

President: Rhonda Stewart
Vice-President: Doreen Saja
Treasurer: Elaine Patterson
Secretary: Donna Phillips / Sueie Mullin

St. Monica's Altar Guild

The Altar Guild provides all of the candles, wine, bread and linens for the Church. They prepare the altar before the services and change the linens when required. Contacts are:

President: Mrs. Ada Jones
Secretary/Treasurer: Nancy Clark

York Center Guild

The York Center Guild is the last remaining Guild in York (there was once a guild in Sunny Bank and Brasset). The Guild provides funds to the ACW and does hand-crafts that are sold at the ACW sales. Contacts are:

President: Bonita Annett
Treasurer: Ada Coffin

Cemetery Committee

The cemetery committee is responsible for the general maintenance of the cemetery as well as any necessary repairs. The committee is currently conducting a fund-raising drive to help offset the expenses of major repairs to the fence, gravesites and headstones. Contacts are:

President: Bruce Patterson
Treasurer: Garry Clark

Little Helpers - Welcoming the children to the church

The children's group Little Helpers was brought back to life this summer. The group, supported by the ACW, is a group for children ages 0-6 that provides an introduction to the church in a fun and social environment. The kick-off event was held at York Rink on August 14th with 6 children in attendance. The children enjoyed coloring and decorating their collection cans, games, bible stories and

a snack. A Christmas party for the group is planned for early December. All children ages 0-6 from the Gaspé area are welcome to join. If you would like more info or to register your child please send an email to littlehelpers@hotmail.ca or contact Rhonda Stewart at 418-368-7238

"Let the children come to me. Do not keep them away."

We want to hear from you!

Do you have ideas for ways to get people more involved, are there activities that you would like to see being held? Let us know!

The church and our community can only get stronger with your help and your participation. We are always looking for new ideas so please do not be shy!

Suggestions can be sent by email to standrewsyork@hotmail.com

You can also contact one of the following:

Holly Hackett: 368-3180

Tony Patterson: 368-3276

Trudy Patterson: 368-3012

Rhonda Stewart: 368-7238

No idea is too big or too small, we want to hear them all!

Advent Angels - A Holiday Tradition Returns

This year the advent angels project is returning to the community. Everyone is invited to participate by registering via email at standrewsyork@hotmail.com, by contacting Holly Hackett at 368-3180 or by signing up on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board at the Church. Interested individuals can register until November 13th, 2011. Once all registrations are collected, a random draw of names will take place and participants will be contacted to know whose Advent Angel they are.

The way the project works is during Advent (November 27th through to Christmas Eve) each Advent Angels does a good deed or provides a small

gift to the person that they have been given. The good deeds and/or gifts should be anonymous.

Help spread some holiday cheer and goodwill in our community this Advent season!

St. Andrews York Church

A part of our community since 1929

St. Andrews has a part of our community for over 80 years. It's story is an interesting one. Please visit its website for its history, pictures, policies, etc. The website can be found at:
<http://www.gogaspe.com/church/york/>

If you have a friend or neighbor who did not receive this newsletter but would be interested in receiving them in the future please send an email to standrewsyork@hotmail.com or contact Rhonda Stewart to add them to the mailing list.

We hope you have enjoyed this first issue of the St. Andrew's newsletter and we look forward to your feedback. The next issue will be out in January 2012.

Not to be Missed! - Upcoming Events in the Community

OCTOBER 8th - Harvest Supper in Malbay, hosted by Malbay ACW. Sit Down Supper at 5pm

upcoming events for the Seniors Group please visit GoGaspe.com or contact Tony Patterson at 368-3276

NOVEMBER 19th - Peninsula Ladies Guild Christmas Sale at St. Paul's Church 2pm

OCTOBER 9th - Thanksgiving service at St. Matthew's United Church in Rosebridge at 11am. Please bring an item to be donated to the food bank.

NOVEMBER 5th - Wakeham ACW Christmas Sale at St. Paul's Church 2 pm

NOVEMBER 26th - Carol Service in Cap-aux-Os United Church 7pm

OCTOBER 23rd - Harvest Supper at St. Paul's Church in Gaspé, hosted by York River Seniors Group. Take-outs start at 4pm and sit-down meals begins at 5pm. For a complete schedule of

NOVEMBER 7th - Advisory Council of the Greater Parish of Gaspé Meeting at 7pm at the Senior's Room in Wakeham

NOVEMBER 12th - York ACW Christmas Tea & Sale at St. Paul's Church 2pm