



Dear Members and Friends of St. John's,

Advent is a time to look to the future in hopeful anticipation of God's Reign. It's also a time to take stock of our lives and consider how we are living out the call to be ministers, ushering in God's Reign on earth. Along with looking at how we pray, worship, gather, and treat one another, it's also a time to look at how we practice generosity and how we can fully commit ourselves, with money as well as time and talent, to the community we love.

Those of us who belong to St. John's made a declaration, at our special vestry last April, that we believe God is calling us to bear witness to God's Reign in our current location. We professed our hope in a revitalized worshipping community here at 288 Humberside Ave. and undertook to strive together for the renewal of our common life at St. John's.

Among the specific goals we set was to work toward having a full-time priest as well as a bookkeeper and a 1/4 time youth minister after one year. Meeting this goal will depend on increased givings. This is why the focus of our Advent appeal this year is Ministry and Operations. Leadership and expertise are essential as we work toward extending our reach and growing this community we love so much.

As we begin the journey toward Christmas and the start of a new year, we ask you to prayerfully consider what you might be able to offer toward meeting the goals we set together in the spring.

Regular offerings are especially important to the stability and growth of the church. If you're not already a member of the PAR program and would like to join, or if you have any questions about ways to give regularly, please email info@sjwt.ca.

You may also wish to consider making a one-time gift toward ministry and operations through our CanadaHelps page.

If you've fallen behind on what you intended to give over the course of 2022, it's not too late. Offerings received by December 31st, 2022 will be counted as part of the 2022 budget and inform our budget for 2023. They will also appear on your 2022 tax receipt.

As always, please remember to pray for St. John's and for one another. And, to paraphrase St. Paul, let us do good, be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, storing up for ourselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, and taking hold of the life that really is life (1 Timothy 6.18-19).

Faithfully yours,

Greg Los, Priest's Warden
John Spragge, People's Warden
Sheila Crummey, Deputy Priest's Warden
& Lisa Rumble, Deputy People's Warden

The Anglican Church of St. John West Toronto
288 Humberside Ave. Toronto, ON M6P 1L5
416-763-2393 * www.sjwt.ca