

# ST. JOHN'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### THE GOOD NEWS

July - August 2023

#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

##### SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education,  
Chapel (on hiatus July and August)

9:00 a.m. Youth Christian Education,  
Parish Hall (on hiatus July and August)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
(In-person and Livestream)

Visit [StJohnsMLB.org](http://StJohnsMLB.org) for links

##### MONDAY

7:00 p.m. AA meeting in Parish Hall

##### TUESDAY

5:30 p.m. Cub Scouts in Hall

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in Hall

##### WEDNESDAY

Choir Rehearsal on hiatus until  
September

##### THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. AA meeting in Parish Hall

##### FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. TGIF (Men's Breakfast and  
Bible study), La Loma Coney Island,  
1180 Aurora Road, Melbourne

#### A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

It's odd to me that it still feels like we are moving into the "summer" schedule, even though most of our folks are no longer in school and no longer pattern our lives around the school year. Nonetheless, it feels different and I appreciate the slight reduction in pace and business.

I have two prayer requests and another request for things in the life of St. John's as we walk this summer season. First, Charlene and I will be leaving July 7 for Solar Light for Africa's Summer Mission. We have a team of 16 this year, and a wonderfully varied group. You'll find an article later in this "Good News" outlining some of the projects we will work on this summer.

My second prayer request would be for the overall life and work of St. John's. We have come back from the pandemic as much as we are going to, and we need to be thinking creatively about how to reach out and grow the congregation in our current situation. This past year we re-launched our concert series (a grand success!) and started "Tapping the Big Questions" (steady, but small) as ways to get our name, presence and ministry out in the community. But more is needed. Pray for creativity and boldness as we move into the fall season.

As a final note, we here at St. John's today are the heirs of a wonderful heritage. You'll find a funny little item about St. John's from a 1901 local newspaper in this issue of the Good News, and members are working on updating our church history. You'll find an invitation to participate in this project in this issue as well.

It is our privilege and responsibility to carry St. John's to the next generation! Pray that we will be up to the task!

In Christ,

Fr. Eric Turner  
Rector



## “Good News” September - October, 2023 Schedule & Deadline



The deadline for the next issue of “The Good News” will be Tuesday, August 2. Please email or deliver your submissions to [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) by August 2, 2023.

### Rector’s Summer Schedule

Fr. Eric Turner will be traveling with Charlene Turner to lead the Solar Light for Africa Summer Mission July 7 - 23, then taking vacation August 14 - 29. Fr. Terry Highland, Priest Associate, will preach and lead worship during these dates, as well as being available for pastoral needs.

### Tapping the Big Questions

Will not gather for July (would be July 4). We will return August 1, 7 – 8:30 p.m. at Intracoastal Brewery, Eau Gallie. Come on out and bring a friend!



### Database Roll-Out

The first round of emails inviting members to log in and create an account on our church database have gone out. If you did not receive one, and believe that you should have, please contact the church office at [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org).

This will contain instructions on how you create your account and password. Your email will be your username and you will create your own password. Please be sure to write it down as we cannot see it or retrieve it for you.

Once you have done that, find someone you’ve wanted to get to know better and invite them for coffee, or beer, or whatever suits you!

There has been some confusion about how this connects to the calendar and the church newsletter, so let’s try to clarify. The Good News online version is stored on the church website, NOT in Realm. If you don’t have the printed copy handy, you can always access the Good News by going to [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org), point to About and click on Church Newsletters.

The database has an email function which is used to send out the link to the online newsletter, so that email comes from Realm, but the newsletter is at the website.

The church calendar is also maintained on the church website, NOT on Realm. We use Google Calendars and it can be viewed by going to [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org) and clicking on the Calendar link. You may see some calendar items on Realm, but these are NOT up to date. The best information is always at [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org). This is an issue that has been quite frustrating with Realm. Their security is set up so that Realm cannot read our calendar information from Google Calendars, nor can we use the Realm calendar and have that available on the website. We have been told that they are working on a fix for this, but in the meantime, always check [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org) for calendar updates.

You can also access the database on your phone using the app Realm Connect (available for both iPhone and Android). You’ll use the same username and password that you created for Realm.

Please address any questions to [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org).

# A Worshiping Community

## Bishop's Consecration



Rev. Canon Dr. Justin Holcombe, was consecrated new Bishop of Central Florida, June 10. Please pray for Bishop Justin as he moves into these new responsibilities.

## Choir at St John's

Our choir will resume rehearsals after Labor Day. In the meantime, if you play an instrument or know someone who does contact Dr. D at [jfd112@gmail.com](mailto:jfd112@gmail.com). It would be wonderful to use instrumentalists during the summer months.

## Worship Volunteers

**Worship volunteers are needed for a variety of roles at the Sunday services.**

**We will train you!** All that is needed is a willing heart. Prayerfully consider one or more of the following ministries.

- **Ushers and Greeters:** to welcome the Sunday worshippers.
- **LEM'S and Lay Readers:** needed to read lessons and assist with Communion.
- **A/V & Livestream:** to run our sound and livestream systems. Only moderate comfort with a computer is required.
- **Altar Guild:** the parish ministry that cares for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish.

*Please contact the church office at [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) for more information, or any volunteer serving on Sunday.*

## Musician's Musings from Dr. D.

What a pleasure it is to be with you here. As I complete my first full year as your music director, I am grateful for the progress we have made in assembling a music program for the parish.

As I have said to almost every congregation I've served, if you like what we're doing tell everybody you know. If you don't like what we're doing, tell me. Those of you with whom I've had the privilege of chatting so far will, I believe, attest that I'm easy to talk to and thoroughly enjoy meeting people. At my age, however, names and faces are much more difficult to juggle and I ask that you be patient as I try to get them fixed in my memory and attached to the right people. Please wear your name tags! It's a great help not only to me but also to those who visit our parish.

There are probably enough unchurched singers in Melbourne and its immediate vicinity that we could have the largest choir in the state if we were able to persuade them to join us. This is where I need your help: give me names of friends, neighbors, relatives, acquaintances, etc. that you think would enjoy singing with us. Recruiting choir members is the most difficult aspect of building a music program and I badly need your help. All you need do is provide me with a name and a little contact information and I'll take it from there. They never need even to know that you are the one who suggested their name to me!

Tell me what we can do to use music in this parish to enrich and enhance your own worship experiences, and as a way of helping to bring people to Christ in this warm and wonderful worshipping community.

~Jerry Davidson

# Guided by Scripture

## Daughters of the King



After three months of training and discernment, the Daughters of the King were delighted to admit Elena Bradbury and Linda Miller into the St. John's Chapter. The Service of Admission took place during the Sunday worship service on May 21, 2023, with all Daughters, as well as the congregation, participating in the service. Fr. Eric led the Service of Admission with Fr. Terry, the chapter's chaplain in attendance, supporting the Daughters. There was a reception honoring the newest members after the service.



If you are interested in joining the St. John's chapter of Daughters of the King you may attend any of our meetings usually held the first Sunday of the month; talk with Mary Highland, President, or any Daughter.

Prayer is available at the altar after Sunday service. If you need prayer, we encourage you to come to the altar. It is a privilege and honor for us to pray for you. Thank you for entrusting us with your heart-felt petitions. How may we pray for you?

**A PRAYER REQUEST BOX** is available from the Daughters of the King in the Sanctuary beside the votive candles. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. In lieu of access to the prayer box, please give prayer requests directly to any Daughter listed on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.



## Guided by Scripture

## Men of St. John's

TGIF, our men's breakfast and Bible study gathers every Friday, 8 a.m. at La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, Aurora Rd.

## Adult and Youth Christian Education

During July and August Adult and Youth Christian Education will be on hiatus. Both will return in September.

## Loaning of Church Items

If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens etc. please speak with Fr. Eric or Deborah Miller-Caldwell, Jr. Warden, first as there might be an event on the schedule where these items are needed. And, of course, we need to keep track of the church's property. Please contact Debra at [farxpert@gmail.com](mailto:farxpert@gmail.com), Fr. Eric at [eric@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:eric@stjohnsmlb.org), or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

# Outreach Focus – Sharing His Love

## July and August

**St. John's is introducing a new Complementary Cancer Care** as a new Outreach partner for July and August. Gail Dunbar, parishioner, and choir member, is on the advisory board for this organization. A non-profit program that offers free counseling, transportation, yoga, art, support groups, wigs and head coverings, and many other resources to complement traditional cancer treatments. They are funded by donations and grants. The organization was founded by an oncology nurse, a yoga instructor, and an engineer. The current president is a licensed clinical social worker and herself a cancer survivor.



## Solar Light for Africa's Summer Mission

We begin with a hearty "Thank you" to the people of St. John's! During May, when SLA was the Outreach Focus, along with some other gifts from members, St. John's has given \$6,127 to SLA's work. Thank you for your continued and generous support!



Among our projects we will light a school for deaf children in Lira, northern Uganda. This is not our first school for deaf children, but this is a large one and more remote. It is sponsored by the Ugandan Minister of Health, a Cabinet level post, so this one could get more press attention than usual. In any case, these are particularly exciting systems to do because the light is so meaningful to the deaf. We will also light a remote primary school sponsored by Otino Waa, a large orphanage in Lira that operates several "satellite" schools in more remote areas and that we have worked with for many years.

Back in Kampala, we will light two "slum schools" in very poor sections of Kampala. While technically supported by the government, these schools are woefully underfunded and cannot connect to the electrical grid as they would not have the money to pay the power bill. These lighted facilities become beacons of light and hope for their dark communities.

Finally, while in Jinja (on the shore of Lake Victoria) we will light teacher homes at two schools being renovated by Soft Power Education, a group based in England that we work with regularly. Lighting teacher homes on the school sites helps them attract and retain better teachers.

Of course, we will also see some of the sights, go on a safari, celebrate the cultural heritage and shop for souvenirs. We return to the US on July 23 and I'll be back in the office Tuesday, July 25.

Father Eric Turner



## Outreach Team Meetings

The Outreach team will meet on August 8 at 7 p.m. by Zoom. Visit the church calendar at [stjohnsmib.org](http://stjohnsmib.org) for the link, or email [office@stjohnsmib.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmib.org) and we will send you the link.

# Outreach Focus – Sharing His Love

## Family Promise



**From St. John's Family Promise of Brevard Coordinators:**

We learned sobering facts at the last Coordinators' Meeting sponsored by Family Promise of Brevard. Pre-Covid quarantine, there were sufficient host churches to fill all hosting weeks. Since that time many churches have stepped away and the current status is the families are put into motels, missing the socialization with church communities. We are proud to say St. John's has stayed the course filling a much-needed service of meals, fellowship, and a safe place to sleep for families going through the intensive work of stabilizing their lives. They come out of the process with long-term housing.

We were overjoyed to welcome a few new volunteers during our last hosting. Individuals who were uncertain how the process worked but said 'yes' when asked. Thank you! We coordinators work very hard to assure St. John's FPOB volunteers are supported during the host week - answering questions, problem solving, being on site, and/or available via phone to help.

Come sample St. John's FPOB Volunteering during the upcoming hosting week July 30 - August 6:

- Join one of Gail Dunbar's Heaven's Kitchen volunteers as they prepare and serve an evening meal.  
Time investment - 2-3 hours, one evening during hosting week.
- Join one of Sarah Kendall's volunteers for a Saturday shift.  
Time investment - 2 hours, Saturday of hosting week
- Join the mealtime/post-mealtime fellowship.  
Time-investment - 2 hours, one evening during hosting week.
- Join the overnight host team - 7-10 hours, the majority spent sleeping!  
You will be paired with a veteran volunteer.

Contact Ben Kendall (832) 229-0142 (text or call), [ben.kendall@gmail.com](mailto:ben.kendall@gmail.com) via email or Linda Fletcher (321) 704 7100 (text or call), [lcalvert1956@yahoo.com](mailto:lcalvert1956@yahoo.com) via email.

## Daily Bread



The upcoming duty days are **July 6, and August 3**, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. To volunteer please contact Jackie Bond at [jbfromgb58@gmail.com](mailto:jbfromgb58@gmail.com).

There is a need at Daily Bread for servers on the 5th Sundays. The 5th Sunday dates for 2023, are October 29, and December 31.

St John's has offered to help serve on those Sundays starting at 10:30 a.m. Regrettably, Sunday servers miss the Worship Service but it only happens four times in each year and the service will be available online. Daily Bread is such a worthwhile and satisfying ministry and it will give parishioners, unable to serve on a weekday, the opportunity to give a helping hand. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining the Sunday team. In 2024 we will help on the following Sundays: 3/31, 6/30, 9/29, 12/29.

Additional volunteers are also need for our first Thursday service at Daily Bread as it will continue as usual.

## KEEPING UP WITH ST. JOHN'S ONLINE



**St. John's Chat** is an email list with the latest updates from St. John's. You can also share things with the parish this way.

**St. John's Weekly eNews** includes a short reflection from the rector and news about events and what's happening Sunday. The eNews drops into your email Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m.

To subscribe to the **Chat** or **eNews**, please send your email address to [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org).

**St. John's YouTube Channel** is where we post worship live streams and sermons. You can find links to all past and upcoming worship services by visiting [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org) and clicking on Worship Live Stream.

**St. John's Website** at [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org). You will find a variety of information there including schedules, the calendar, archives of the "Good News", Sunday Ministry schedules, the latest eNews and much more.

Visit Facebook, search for "St. John's Episcopal Church" and like our page. You will then receive updates in your newsfeed, notifications when we are live, and more.

NEW: OnRealm.org is where you can access the church database, contact information and more. See the article elsewhere in this Good News for more information.



## St. John's History Project

We would love to record your memories and thoughts on the years you have been a member of the St. John's parish. To make it easier we have put together a questionnaire that you will find in the parish hall. You may also request one by emailing the office. These chronicles will find their way into future newsletters and we hope you will be able to give us many human-interest stories that our newer members will find pleasing; and perhaps refresh the memories of the long-term parishioners.

In the meantime, the following news clipping is from The Florida Star, Friday June 14, 1901, found on the Library of Congress website. We look forward to seeing you in church on any Sunday, and remember, the seats are free.

*"Services in St. John's Episcopal church on Sunday evening next, the 16th. All are invited; seats free. Dr. B.F. Brown, of Titusville, will conduct the services.*

*St. John's Church is having its last touches of paint notwithstanding the sudden showers we have had lately. Mr. Siller is a finished artist with the brush.*

*Numbers of hogs have again made their appearance on the south side of the Eau Gallie river, to the detriment of the orange trees in that part of our town. It is rumored that they are owned by Melbourne residents."*

## Seaside Stitchers

The Seaside Stitchers will continue to meet in the parish hall throughout the summer, creating much needed items for the schools and the community. If you are interested in joining the sewing group contact Shirley Muzzy 321-254-2206 or [shirleymuzzy@aol.com](mailto:shirleymuzzy@aol.com) for more information.

THE  
SEASIDE  
STITCHERS

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### BIRTHDAYS

#### July:

Judy McClendon – 7/2  
Jordan Evans – 7/4  
Aaron Stitzel – 7/4  
Michael Irsfeld – 7/8

Ben Stitzel – 7/12  
Samal Williams – 7/18  
Debra Miller-Caldwell – 7/22  
Al Sykes – 7/27

Ron Hollerand – 7/29  
Judy Bell-McLaughlin – 7/29

#### August:

Julie Miller – 8/2  
Nick Hernkind – 8/5  
Nancy Steininger – 8/11

Jack Kenworthy – 8/16  
Hal Martin – 8/17  
Lesa Kaleel – 8/19

Dennis Stitzel – 8/20  
Brittany Tuten – 8/23  
Mason Evans – 8/29

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### July:

Grant & Debra Ball – 7/26

#### August:

Richard & Ellen Huffman – 8/1  
Andrew & Jen Lester – 8/11

Jim & Susan Badgio – 8/17  
Dennis & Patty Stitzel – 8/20

## From the Endowment Committee:

St. John's has opened an Endowment fund that you can use for current or future gifts. You can read about it at [stjohnsmib.org](http://stjohnsmib.org), point to Parish Life, then click on St. John's Endowment Fund.

For more information, Endowment Fund brochures are available in the parish hall, or you may contact The Endowment Committee: Shannon Brooks-Hamilton, Jack Kenworthy, Julie Miller

## Vestry Notes

### The Vestry met on Thursday, April 20

Two fire and liability insurance bills were paid in 1st quarter which hurts those financials. May and June should be better and hopefully the months after.

Steve Bradley announced this will be his last Vestry meeting as he closes on his new house (in NC) on the date of the next Vestry meeting. Father Eric and the Vestry thank Steve for his 15 years of service. Steve will send in his resignation over the weekend. With this resignation, Elizabeth Chludzinski becomes the Treasurer.

\$600 for a new microphone for the choir loft will be paid from the Restricted Memorial Fund.

Flag was replaced by the Scouts following wind damage.

August Vestry meeting moved to August 10th. There will be no July meeting unless Sr. Warden Kathy Oas decides it is needed.

St. John's Stewardship Summary for March 2023				
	Mar 2032 Budget	Mar 2023 Actual	2023 YTD Budget	2023 YTD Actual
Income	\$19,450	\$19,601	\$ 57,850	\$ 54,021
Expenses	\$17,331	\$18,916	\$ 59,885	\$ 62,489
Net	\$ 2,119	\$ 684	\$ - 2,035	\$ - 8,468
Outreach	\$ 613 for Pregnancy Resources			

### The Vestry met on Thursday, May 18

Treasurers Report: The deficit is caused by higher-than-expected expenses, not lower income.

\$499 for a new lectern mic will be paid from the Restricted Memorial Fund.

Junior Warden's Report: Father Eric gives the report in Deborah's stead. The sewing guild that meets in the church paid for railing to be installed at the step when exiting the parish hall to west. During Family Promise hosting the sewer line from the Parish Hall bathrooms backed up. This has been repaired and there is no ongoing problem. A new front door has been installed on James House.

## Vestry Notes (con't)

Deborah and Father Eric propose a special project in the fall to replace the Parish Hall and kitchen floor, the kitchen counters, and the Parish Hall doors. Estimates will be sought to establish the cost. A special funding plea would be needed. Jackie Bond reports that Daily Bread has requested our help every fifth Sunday starting in October. The Outreach Team has agreed.

<b>St. John's Stewardship Summary for April 2023</b>				
	Apr 2022 Budget	Apr 2023 Actual	2023 YTD Budget	2023 YTD Actual
Income	\$21,600	\$21,283	\$ 79,450	\$ 75,304
Expenses	\$24,057	\$25,991	\$ 83,943	\$ 88,204
Net	\$ - 2,458	\$ - 4,708	\$ - 4,493	\$ - 13,176
Outreach	\$ 2,000 for Nana's House			

### The Vestry met on Thursday, June 15

The deficit for the end of May is worrisome, in excess of \$16,000. Elizabeth Chludzinski reports, however, that June is off to a very good start so we should see a health surplus in June and a reduction in the deficit.

The heater for the Nursery and Treasurer's office has been replaced and various repairs were completed on the irrigation system.

The 2022 Parochial Report was presented, discussed, and approved for forwarding to the Diocese.

A small update to St. John's Mission Statement was approved and it now reads:

St. John's is a worshipping community,  
guided by Scripture,  
growing servants of Christ,  
and sharing Jesus' love in word and deed.

The complete text of the Mission - Vision - Values statement is available on the church website.

The summer schedule was reviewed. Fr. Terry will be available and will conduct services when Fr. Eric is away.

<b>St. John's Stewardship Summary for May 2023</b>				
	May 2022 Budget	May 2023 Actual	2023 YTD Budget	2023 YTD Actual
Income	\$20,325	\$18,136	\$ 99,775	\$ 93,441
Expenses	\$16,978	\$24,532 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 100,921	\$109,850
Net	\$ 3,347	\$ - 3,347	\$ - 1,146	\$ - 16,409 <sup>2</sup>
Notes: 1 - Due to timing of pension and insurance payments. 2 - As of printing, June has been a very good month for income so it is anticipated that this deficit will drop significantly				

## St. John's 2023-2024 Concert Series

Will launch Sunday, October 8 with Choral Evensong. Dinner served prior to the service. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss it, and remember to bring a friend!

Looking ahead, we will have the Penny Creek Band (a great local bluegrass band) on Sunday evening, November 12! We are very excited for their return as they were our best attended event last year.



**THE PENNY CREEK BLUEGRASS BAND**



## St. John's Pet Cemetery



For many years the Bradley's have cared for the St. John's pet cemetery and now that they have moved to North Carolina. We are looking for someone willing to take on this important task. It is a very small area that requires a minimal amount of maintenance, just a few minutes a month to pull the weeds. If you are interested, please contact the office by phone or email.

July 2	.....	No Daughters of the King meeting, will resume Sept. 3
July 4	.....	Independence Day
July 6	.....	Daily Bread, 10:30 a.m.
July 13	.....	No Outreach meeting in July
July 20	.....	No Vestry Meeting
July 30	.....	Family Promise Hosting begins
Aug 1	.....	Tapping the Big Questions, Intracoastal Brewery, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Aug 3	.....	Daily Bread, 10:30 a.m.
Aug 6	.....	Family Promise ends
Aug 9	.....	Outreach Meeting, Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
Aug 10	.....	Vestry Meeting, Chapel & Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

Many meetings include Zoom. Check the web page calendar for details.

**ZOOM and Livestream Links: All Zoom meeting and Livestream event links are available by visiting [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org) > Parish Life > Calendar or by sending an email to [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org).**



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