

St. John's Parish Profile
(Addendum)

St. John's Anglican Church,
Lunenburg,
Lunenburg County,
Nova Scotia



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Introduction:

Our Parish of St. John's is excited to begin the search for our new Rector. The Parochial Committee has consulted with parishioners and prepared this Parish Profile Form and the completed Profile Addendum. We hope these documents will give you insight into our parish and community, the Rector we are seeking, the lifestyle and beautiful area in which we live, as well as whether you may feel we are a good fit for you!

Thank you sincerely for your consideration.

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Brief Parish Background:

Rector - The Parish of St. John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg, N.S.

St. John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia is in search of a full-time Rector to help lead us in the journey to an engaged and invigorated parish. In 2018, we created a Shared Vision through a highly inclusive process under the umbrella of the vision statement ... *"We are a Christ centered, caring community shaping our future, preserving our heritage and living our faith word and deed."* However, much has changed in the world in the past 6 years, and we look forward to working with a new Rector to revisit, refresh and/or rewrite our Shared Vision as we pave a positive path forward together.

We are located in the historic UNESCO World Heritage Site of Lunenburg on the Atlantic Coast of Canada. St. John's is the second oldest Protestant Church in Canada and has been a practicing community of faith since its founding in 1753. Our church buildings include our Parish Hall, Rectory and the Church which was designated a National Historic Site in 1995. All our buildings are centrally located in "Old Town Lunenburg". Our rich ties to our heritage and Anglican traditions play an important role in our vision for the future which makes our Parish inviting and extraordinary!

Worship, Fellowship, Leadership, and Heritage 'Ship' are core values which we embrace. We are seeking a Rector who can work with the varied demographics of our parish bringing energy, diversity, and flexibility to our community of faith. We seek an applicant who is comfortable leading a variety of services from the Anglican repertoire including all Christian customs and approaches ministry with ecumenical inclusiveness.



About Us and our Ministry:

St. John's Anglican Church is the spiritual home for more than 200 individuals and is considered the home away from home for many more. Located in the historic picturesque town of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, St. John's has been a practicing community of faith since 1753 making it one of the oldest protestant churches in Canada. The church is designated as a National Historic Site and has its prime location in the centre of town. Our rich ties to our history, as well as our vision for the future makes our parish extraordinary.

St. John's is seen as a core part of the community, welcoming thousands of parishioners, residents and visitors who attend services, concerts, and other activities throughout the year. However, while we are welcoming, our first priority is maintaining the sanctity of the church as a place of worship and prayer, while offering the church as a concert venue as an extension of our faith through music and part of our commitment to the community.

St. John's has a dedicated and active Parish council, many ministries and parishioners who undertake the leadership and the management of the parish. Not only do we believe this is valuable for fellowship, but it is essential for keeping the Parish alive and responding to the challenges of life, including the recent Covid epidemic and its aftermath.

In 2023, we reviewed our vision statement developed prior to COVID. In conjunction, we undertook a timely assessment, through consultations, of what was working well in the parish, what needed to be changed, and what help might be needed. The subsequent recommendations were approved for implementation and work has already begun. We have a strong sense of pride in whom we are and what we have accomplished. We have proven to be resilient, dedicated and care deeply for each other. We feel that it is an exciting time in our history. We have accomplished a great deal, and we have more to do. We look forward to the future with confidence, faith and a great deal of humility.

The Rector We Are Seeking:

- A strong Leader and someone who understands teamwork
- An effective communicator and team leader
- Experienced in managing conflict and in enabling constructive dialogue in conflict situations
- Excellent, engaging sermons and reflections with a message that can be delivered concisely
- A rector who is flexible and believes in “we can do this and that” rather than always “we can do this or that”
- Ready to devote him/herself to our church for a relatively stable period of time
- High level of energy to help lead the parish towards our future vision
- Ability to connect with a wide variety of demographics:
 - Our youth
 - The millennial generation and young adults
 - Young parents
 - Seniors and those that have supported the parish for years
- Innovative in approach, particularly as it relates to missional work
- Natural ability to engender followership to solicit resources to meet our volunteer needs
- Ability to keep his/her finger on the pulse of all activity in the church
- Keeps ownership of church-related activities while engaging volunteers to carry out much of the work
- Ability to play a leadership role in the community as the representative for the church
- We are supportive of having a visible presence in the community
- Welcoming/embracing newcomers and those who visit our church
- Comfortable with leading a strong ecumenical approach to missional work
- User of modern communication technology would be a valuable asset
- Must be knowledgeable in providing a variety of services: BCP, BAS, “High” Anglican, “Low” Anglican, a more “modern” service, service “off-site”, etc.
- Looking for someone who epitomizes the definition of “Servant Leadership”. The servant-leader shares power, putting the needs of others first
- Someone who helps people develop and perform to the best of their ability
- Works well within a **team environment** and knows how to leverage the performance of the team
- Recognizes that real work gets done through ministries and committees taking the ball and running with it
- We encourage an individual that believes in continuous learning and self development
- We are supportive of her/him taking an appropriate amount of time off during the week while maintaining flexibility as activities in the parish warrant
- We are appreciative of taking time for annual retreats for refreshment and

rejuvenation

- We acknowledge taking the time necessary for sabbaticals that are taken for purposeful refreshment and continuing education

Our Church:

St. John's Anglican Church is the second oldest Protestant Church in Canada, first built in 1754, suffered significant damage by fire in November, 2001 and was restored and consecrated/rededicated on June 12, 2005.

St. John's Church remains a vibrant spiritual and musical centre. It is part of the Diocese of N.S. and P.E.I. in the Anglican Church of Canada.

The church has a large carpenter-Gothic style located in the centre of Old Town Lunenburg. Its interior and exterior architecture style and location have made it a local landmark for thousands of worldly visitors.

The exterior character of the church relates to pre/post 2001 to include:

- . Copper roof
- . wooden doors and ceiling
- . central tower capped with pinnacles enclosing 10 bells (chimes)
- . arched windows and doors
- . large arched window in the centre of tower
- . pinnacles on perimeter of roof line on buttresses
- . side additions with gable ends

Interior Character:

- . plaster walls
- . ornamental painting including hand-painted east wall of Chancel, stars on Chancel ceiling, banners over arches between nave and Chancel and over nave entrance, faux marble finish on columns and gold leaf on columns in Nave and Chancel
- . hammer-beam roof supports with curved principals and collar beams
- . historic wall plaques
- . pews, book racks and kneelers
- . space provided for chairs and wheelchairs
- . original wooden floorboards
- . bathroom upstairs and downstairs
- . historic stained-glass windows including " Fishers of Men" window and in addition to 13 stained-glass windows restored using pieces of the original stain glass
- . 1926 oak altar
- . pulpit
- . 2005 Casavant Pipe Organ with 1816 pipes (dedicated May 28, 2006) & a C 7 Yamaha Grand Piano for many musical concerts

. St. John's Church is the proud owner of a John Baskett, 1717, Bible commonly called the Vinegar Bible

Downstairs:

- . multi-purpose room
- . Crypt containing the remains of 20 parishioners (3 of them are ministers) ... last burial was 1826
- . the Interpretive Centre holds the church Archives as well as displaying 3 windows that were uncovered following the fire ... currently, the Heritage Committee which consists of volunteers from the parish preserve and maintain the Archival Records in acid-free containers and cabinets and are building an inventory of every item according to Canadian Archival Standards; St. John's Archives were granted institutional status in 2014

Latest Technology:

- . The church is also equipped with Zoom and Facebook , if desired
- . a new sound system for the church

The Rectory:

St. John's Rectory is a gracious two story home, painted white with black gingerbread trim, matching the Church and Parish Hall. It is situated next door to the Parish Hall, and overlooks the Parade Square and Church. There is a lovely south facing sun porch and deck, across the back of the house, overlooking a large level backyard.

The main floor of the house has a large living room, separate dining room, eat in kitchen, and a small sitting room, off the large entrance hall, perfect for quiet meetings and reflection. An office and powder room complete the main floor. There are decorative marble and stone fireplaces in the living room, dining room, and sitting room, as well as one bedroom. Although they are not operational, they give the rooms an elegant atmosphere. Several comfortable sofas, a dining room table and chairs, kitchen table and chairs, rugs, and some bedroom furniture are also provided.

The second floor has four bedrooms off a large central hall. The three piece bathroom has a large storage cabinet for linens.

The interior of the rectory was completely painted in neutral, historic colours in 2019.

The kitchen was renovated in 2023 with new cabinetry, sink and countertops.

Appliances include a new stove, microwave and dishwasher. A refrigerator, and laundry nook with washer and dryer complete this large space. Off the kitchen, the sun porch provides a second entrance to the home, as a mud room and access to the deck.

The rectory has a full attic, and basement which provides amazing storage, and potential for other creative uses. The hot water heating system is being supplemented with mini split heat pumps this year. A new oil tank has just been installed in the furnace room in the basement.

A free standing garage, and fenced dog area, complete this lovely family home. Landscaping and gardens are easy care, with lots of potential for a vegetable or herb garden, though not necessary with our weekly Farmers Market in town.

The Rectory, built in 1816, has been lovingly cared for by the parishioners for over 200 years. Its warm ambiance and gracious countenance are sure to please our new Rector.



Education

- Bluenose Academy (in the town)-Grades Primary to 9.... within walking distance from the Rectory
- Class Afloat-West Island College (Lunenburg Academy) International School offering academic programs for Grades 11, 12, University students while they voyage on land and sail the world's oceans.....within 3 minutes from Rectory
- Atlantic Canada Language Academy (in the town).....learn English for specific purposes... 5 minutes from Rectory
- ParkView Education Centre (Bridgewater) for Grades 10-12 and International Baccalaureate World School.... 25 minutes from Lunenburg
- French Language School (Cookville) for Grades Primary to Grade 12..... within 30 minutes from the Rectory
- Nova Scotia Community College (Bridgewater) for students specializing in trades, health care, etc...within 30 minutes from Rectory
- Up-to-Date Public Library with reading and computer rooms (Lunenburg Academy) Within 3 minutes from Rectory
- Lunenburg Academy of Music Performance (LAMP) (located in the Lunenburg Academy) to host top musicians in the world..... within 3 minutes from the Rectory
- Public Library at the Lunenburg County Lifestyles (LCLC) with reading and computer areas (Bridgewater) within 30 minutes from Rectory

Healthcare:

South Shore Regional Hospital is a secondary tier full service hospital in Bridgewater, 25 minutes from Lunenburg. The Emergency Department is in the process of expansion and offers 24-hour service. It is the District Trauma Centre and has Helipad access for transfer to the tertiary care Queen Elizabeth II Hospital complex in Halifax. It includes X-ray and laboratory diagnostic services as well as a Cardiac Investigation Unit, endoscopy, and minor surgery dedicated rooms. Acute care medicine, obstetric and surgery wards include 103 beds. The staff includes General Surgeons, Obs-Gyne specialists, General Internists, Respirologist, Cardiologist, and two Gastroenterologists. A regional Dialysis Centre is to be added in the expanded facility under construction.

Fishermen's Memorial Hospital in Lunenburg was built and is supported by the residents of the town. It was previously a full-service hospital, but now comprises excellent Ambulatory Care Services with visiting specialists from South Shore Regional including Plastic Surgery for minor procedures as well as Urologists, ENT specialists, and Orthopedic specialists from Valley Regional Hospital who do regular clinics. There are also Diabetes and Asthma Clinics.

The Emergency Room is not open full-time, but care during the day is provided, and more urgent cases are transferred to South Shore Regional. Finally, there is a Rehabilitation Centre, Veterans Care Centre and Alternative Level of Care Centre for those awaiting nursing home beds.



Culture - Why Live in Lunenburg:

Lunenburg, founded in 1753, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with much to see and enjoy, and yet is a very liveable place to call home. The physical location of the town is very attractive, surrounding a beautiful harbour filled with fishing and sailing boats. The Town is supported by the Fishermen's Memorial Hospital and local family doctors and dentists, as well as by the South Shore Regional Hospital and the South Shore Medical Arts Building located in nearby Bridgewater, only twenty minutes away.

The town offers a public library, indoor skating rink, both indoor and outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts, a curling club, a skateboard park, fenced dog parks, and the 18-hole Bluenose Golf Club. The Lunenburg Academy, built in 1895 and known locally as "The Castle on the Hill", is a National Historic Site and a major tourist attraction which houses the library and the Lunenburg Academy of Music Performance. The Bluenose Academy is a recently-built elementary and middle school and is within walking distance from town.

An historic fishing village with almost 300 years of history, Lunenburg is the home port of the world-famous Bluenose II schooner, as well as the tall ship Picton Castle. The Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic is located on Lunenburg's working waterfront.

The weekly Farmers' Market runs all year and offers locally grown organic fresh fruit and vegetables, meats, breads, pastries, cheeses, and, of course, fish. The shopping district in the town provides fine clothing, gifts, art, books, crafts, groceries, pharmacy, and hardware, without the need for big box stores. The town is a visual treasure filled with heritage buildings, quiet roads, and no stoplights.

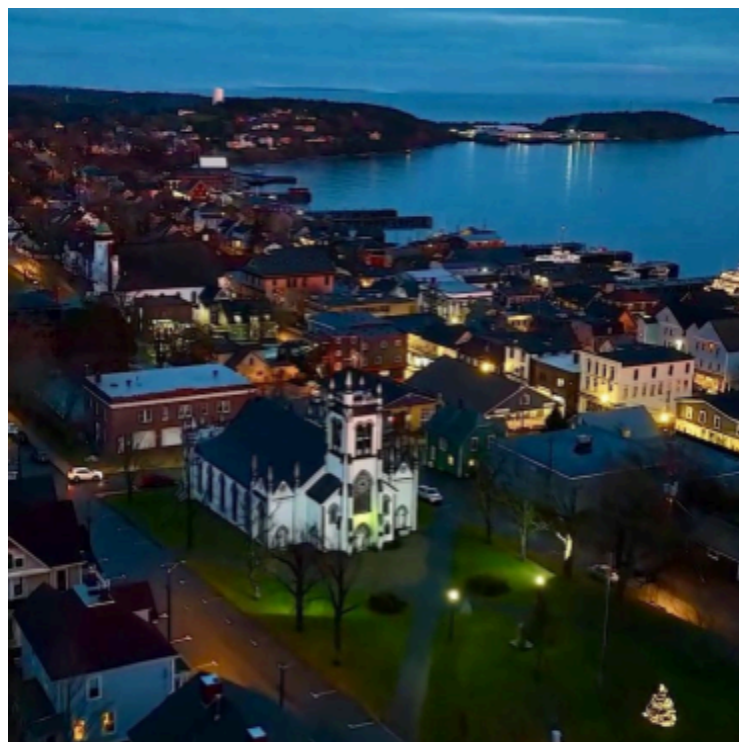
The art scene in Lunenburg is very dynamic with over 20 galleries and numerous artists who make Lunenburg their home. There is also a vibrant amateur theatre company, the South Shore Players. For music, Lunenburg is home to the internationally-recognized Lunenburg Academy of Music Performance (LAMP) and the nationally-known Musique Royale series. In July we host the Boxwood Festival, an international workshop and festival of baroque and traditional music. August brings the Lunenburg Folk Harbour Festival with a week of songwriters' workshops and concerts in multiple venues in the town. St. John's plays a very active part in providing performance space throughout the year.

Lunenburg has many excellent restaurants to suit the taste of the most discerning palates, including a tapas bar, outdoor oyster bar, a BBQ and smokehouse, and several lovely bistros and cafés with seafood as their specialty.

There are other seaside towns nearby, Mahone Bay and Chester, both of which offer restaurants, galleries, and shopping. Lunenburg is central to many other locations on the South Shore, including magnificent beaches, hiking/biking trails, and provincial and national parks. Halifax, with its festivals, restaurants, shopping, concerts, theatre, and museums, is 90 minutes away,

is the Stanfield International Airport. The Annapolis Valley with its orchards, vineyards, and charming towns, is about one hour away. A drive to these locations features beautiful scenery as a bonus.

















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