



**~ St. John's Church ~  
Weekly News  
April 10, 2024**

**Holy Eucharist**

**Diane Nancekivell, Officiant**

**Readings for Sunday, April 14, 2024  
The Third Sunday in Easter**

**Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24: 36b-48**

**Loose Plate Offering  
Missions**

## Morning Prayer and the Eclipse -What a Combination

Scottie Emery-Ginn, our indefatigable St. John's Senior Warden, was our officiant. As she gazed out at the packed church she could not resist stating that this was like the summer crowd. There were 40+ people in the pews and almost 20 on Zoom. It was truly amazing for an early April morning when we had just finished digging out from yet another snowstorm, and it was all thanks to the very rare eclipse that was about to pass right over us and, of course, to those who truly love St. John's and see it as "their church". Thank you one and all for being with us in person and remotely.

## The Eclipse Through the Eyes of a Telescope

Kevin O'Neill brought and set up his powerful telescope on the lawn behind Essex Town Hall so that visitors could see the sun and sun spots. He explained that the tiny dots on the surface of the sun, the sun spots, were many times larger than our earth. Visitors to Essex had the opportunity to visit the vendors and shops on the main street while waiting to view the total eclipse in the afternoon. A spirit of excitement, friendship, wonder, and sharing of this once-in-a-lifetime event was experienced by all.



## S'mores and More

On the terrace at St. John's the fire pit was going and the makings of s'mores were there for anyone to roast just exactly as they like to have them. A small, but lively group gathered to participate in the "eclipse of the ages" as some have named it. This was but one of many venues for those thousands who had clogged the Northway as they wound their way north to be part of this memorable event.



## Prayers

### For Those in Need or Any Kind of Distress

O compassionate One, hold us in your mercy: heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle: we pray especially for Carolyn, Rob, Geoffrey, Alex, Lois, Abra, Mike, Beverly, Noa, Lillian, Rae, Olivia, Cheryl, Steven, Tom, Karen, Chris, Lynne, Eve, Ella, Louis, John, Arnold, Lee, Alicia, Charles, Dick, Nancy, Sarge and Yvonne, Rob Close.

Hear us when we pray to you.

Lakeside Friends of Refugees  
Eclipse Celebration on April 8th

**Bobbi Perez staffed a table of delicious eclipse-themed goodies available for a donation to Lakeside Friends of Refugees. Also on display was a table of information about AFRI and Welcome Corps. Welcome Corps is preparing to welcome and host two vetted refugees to our community in the next few months.**

**Our Lakeside Friends of Refugees Bake Sale was immensely successful. Thanks to the first donation from Harry Hutson, we made a total of \$750. Our committee submitted a projected budget on our application and every penny we raise will go into our Champlain Bank account for housing, utilities, transportation, health screenings, job location, English Language development. Special thanks to Suzanne Horn, Rinda Foster and Mary Bell for their delicious contributions**



## **Vestry Highlights Feb. 15, 2024**

- **The Welcome Corp initiative at St. John's is now called Lakeside Friends of Refugees. Bobbi Perez is the coordinator and Dick Perez is the treasurer.**
- **AFRI is now seeking to become an independent 501c3 entity.**
- **The 2024 budget was approved unanimously.**
- **Upgrades to our accounting system continued to be made as Antonia Bullard, Treasurer and Nancy Sherman, Parish Administrator, work with Mike Boulrice, CPA.**
- **The vestry approved making \$50,000 available from the Capital Campaign Fund for use in upgrading the physical**

**facilities of the church. Contractors have been engaged for painting the church and masonry work on the foundations of the church and the rectory.**

- The 2024 pledge campaign has slightly exceeded its ambitious \$150,000 goal thanks to the generosity of its parishioners.**
- The Columbarium Policy has been reviewed and updated.**

### **Search Prayer**

**Dear Lord, grant us your wisdom and guidance as we embark upon our search process. Help us to humbly discern and accomplish your will for St. John's. We know this will be a challenging journey for all of us, but we pray that it will strengthen our faith and our respect and love for each other. Help us to share more deeply our faith in you as we learn to listen to each other with open hearts and minds and to hear your voice in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

### **History Tidbit Part 21**

#### **Essex N.Y. Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 1916**

**At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Vestry of St. John's Church held this date at the Rectory there being present –**

**The Committee on Waterworks report progress and asked a continuance until further settlements can be made. Moved & seconded the Duplex Envelope System of Collection be adapted by this Parish. Moved & seconded the Rev. J. F. George & Gardner Walker be a Committee to see Members of Church explain the system and secure promises of certain amounts each Sunday.**

#### **Essex N.Y. April 8<sup>th</sup> 1917**

**At the Annual Parish Meeting called this date at the Chapel, for the election of Wardens & Vestrymen for St. John's Church Essex N.Y. Meeting called to order at 10.30 A.M. There being present the Rector Rev. J. F. George presiding and W. H. Cruikshank Senior Warden and H. H. Noble Junior Warden. The polls were held open for one hour the legal time for such meeting.**

**Note –**

**Moved at the above meeting the Ladies are hereby granted the voting privilege at the annual election of Wardens & Vestrymen.**

Essex N.Y. April 9, 1917

Moved at Vestry meeting held this April 9<sup>th</sup> 1917 by H. H. Noble, seconded by W. H. Cruikshank that the number of Vestrymen be reduced from seven to five in number.

Essex N.Y. April 21<sup>st</sup> 1919

At the Annual Parish Meeting held this date at the Chapel, for the election of Wardens & Vestrymen for St. John's Church Essex N.Y. There being present the Rector –

Walter H. Cruikshank was duly elected Treasurer.

Meeting was adjourned until next regular meeting of the Parish to be held on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1920 in accordance with new order of such meetings.

St. John's Church Essex N.Y. April 21<sup>st</sup> 1919

Monday in Easter Week

It is with a sense of profound grief that the community of Essex, and especially the Rector and Parishioners of St. John's Church have heard of the death of their beloved friend, Mr. David Crawford Clark and at this the home of his Burial, and the date of the annual Parish Meeting we place on record our esteem of Mr. Clark and our gratitude for his unfailing helpfulness, with deepest sympathy for his family "Looking for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

Essex N.Y. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1919

The Annual Meeting of the Vestry of St. John's Parish was held at the home of Walter H. Cruikshank, Senior Warden at 3 P.M. The following members being present, W. H. Cruikshank Sr. W., Henry H. Noble & Burton J. Hawley, Vestrymen, & Rev. John F. George, Rector presiding. The Clerk W. H. Cruikshank being troubled, Mr. H. H. Noble was appointed Clerk pro tem. The minutes of the Parish Meeting were read & approved.

The Rector as Acting Treasurer made the following statement of the Finances of the Parish,

Cash on hand. _____ of St. John's Church.	\$31.98
Subscriptions & _____ of St. Mary's	\$25.83
Cash in Treasury	\$187.06

Subscriptions promised from Ms. Mary Ross Townsend, Mrs. Will Noble & Miss Wotherough; & Cruikshank from parishioners aggregating about \$125.00 – assure the expenses of the parish for the Winter –



**On the recommendation of the Rector the following vote was passed. "At a meeting of the Vestry of St. John's Church Essex N.Y. regularly called & held this day, the Rev. J. F. George, Rector, & Mr. B. J. Hawley were appointed a Committee to repair the Church Shed, & were authorized to draw for that purpose from the Burlington Savings Bank a sum not to exceed \$100.00. -**

**The Rector was authorized to pay up existing assessments from funds in hand, also to purchase Coal for the Winter.**

**After discussing matters appertaining to the welfare of the Church, the Vestry adjourned sine die.**

**Walter H. Cruikshank  
Clerk of St. John's Parish**

**My dear Sir**

**Conditions have impelled me to entertain & accept a call to become Rector of St. Peter's Church, Plymouth Conn. It is therefore my duty, though with very great sorrow to tender my resignation as Rector of this Parish. Words cannot express the affection towards this community & especially the faithful members of St. John's Essex & St. Mary's Willsboro. I pray God's blessing upon you all. Assuring you of my continued interest in your welfare & devotion to the Faith as long as I live.**

**John Francis George**

**This Resignation to go into effect November 13<sup>th</sup> 1919 J. F. G.**

## **St. John's Zoom Passcodes**

**St. John's Sunday Service**

***<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/worshipmeet>***

**Morning Prayer**

***<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/morning-prayer>***

**Vestry Meetings**

***<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/vestrymeet>***

**Finance Committee**

***<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/financemeet>***

**Buildings & Grounds Committee**

***<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/bandgmeet>***

**Contemporary Bible Study**

***<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/biblestudy>***

**Meditation**

*<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/meditationmeet>*

**Sunday Service Zoom Recording**

*[stjohnsessexnyzoom@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsessexnyzoom@gmail.com)*

*Passcode: +W2t+Fwu*

**AA 12-Step Meeting**

*Zoom Meeting ID: 817 7797 4233*

*Passcode: 123456*

**Weekly Calendar**

**Tuesday Contemporary Bible Study (Zoom) 9:30 - 10:30 AM**

**Wednesday Meditation (Zoom/In Person) 4 PM**

**Thursday Morning Prayer (Zoom) 10 AM**

**Sunday Holy Eucharist 10 AM (Zoom/in person)**

**Sunday AA Meeting (Zoom/In Person) 7 PM**

**Your Vestry**

**Scottie Emery-Ginn and Bill Tribou (Wardens)**  
**Louise Baietto, Bruce Hale, Diana Lawrence, Jon McBride**  
**Bruce Stephan and Anne Zilch (Members)**  
**Darcey Hale (Clerk)**  
**Antonia Bullard (Treasurer)**  
**Dick Perez (Chair, Search Committee)**

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