

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Sunday, August 29, 2021
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
A Eucharistic Service



Welcome

Jay Reighley

Opening Hymn #318

The Hymnal 1982

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

John Corrie & The St. Bart's Virtual Choir



1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
2 Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God;
3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need
4 Mine is the sin, but thine the right - eous - ness;



here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
here drink with thee the roy - al Wine of heaven;
an - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing Blood.



here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
it is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;
Here is my robe, my re - fuge, and my peace;



and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.
thy Blood, thy right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

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Opening Acclamation

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: Blessed are you, our Holy and Living God.

People: **Eagerly we seek you.**

Presider: Your loving kindness is better than life itself;

People: **Our lips shall give you praise.**

Presider: So will we bless you as long as we live;

People: **And lift up our hands in your Name.**

Presider: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. ~ *Philippians 1:2*

The Collect of the Day

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Mike Perfetti

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

Mike Perfetti

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

The Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

The Affirmation of Faith

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

***This text of the Nicene Creed omits the phrase 'and the Son' in the third paragraph, recovering the original text of the First Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople, 325 and 381CE respectively.*

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father. **

Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified.

Who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

In faith and hope we pray:

For the Church of God, that She may be filled with truth and love,
and work for justice and mercy for all of your Creation.

For all bishops and other ministers; and for all people of God:

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the congregations of St. Matthew's, Lisbon Falls; All Saints' Chapel, Orr's Island; and Church of the Redeemer, Sorrento; and for students and educators in beginning a new school year.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

God of mercy,

Make us instruments of your justice and peace.

For the peace of the world,

that a spirit of respect may grow among nations.

For those in positions of public trust

that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity of every person.

For those who suffer due to violence, poverty, or natural disaster;

may all in need of refuge find relief and safety,

God of compassion,

Make us instruments of your justice and peace.

For this congregation

that we may be attentive to one another,

and responsive to the needs of the world.

For our friends and families, those we love;

for our enemies and those who wish us harm.

For any whom we have injured or offended,

that with civility and compassion,

we might restore mutual respect in our communities.

God of reconciliation,

Make us instruments of your justice and peace.

For ourselves; by the grace of the Holy Spirit

may we reflect your love to the world.

For all that is graceful in our lives, and of those we love.

God of joy,

Make us instruments of your justice and peace.

For those whom you have entrusted to our prayers,

may they live in joy, peace, and health:

Bobby; Charles; Kellan; Pat; Mackenzie; Scott; Marcella; Tim; Sam; Kathie; Arthur; Matthew; Jean; Sally; Zoe; Samantha; Peter; Erin; Antonia; Al; Sarah; Lee; Ryan; Kenneth; Brook; Alex; Evan, Lizzy & Lochland; Olga; Henry; Mary Ann; Virginia & Jamil; Ed; Kathy; Cora; David; Lu; and Peter.

God of love,

Make us part of your healing.

For all who have died

that they may know God's love and life eternal.

As we commend ourselves and one another to God's love and mercy;

God of grace,

Make us now your faithful people.

Concluding Collect, *BCP, A Collect for Guidance*

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession, *Enriching Our Worship, adapted*

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins:

All: **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Absolution

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Almighty God, have mercy on you,
forgive you of all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit,
keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Please stand in place and turn to face your neighbors to offer a greeting or sign of peace.

The Offertory Sentence

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Alleluia. See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God; for indeed so we are.
Alleluia. ~ *1 John 3:1*

The Offering is brought forward.

Offertory Prayer

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider and People: **All things come of Thee, O Lord,
and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

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Presider: God be with you.

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to our God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours, our true and loving God; you are the strength and goodness of fatherhood, you are the wisdom and love of motherhood; you are light and grace and blessed love. You are Trinity, you are Unity.

With so much of this life beyond our control, often overwhelmed by anxiety and grief, we gather around your table to remember that there is nothing the powers of this world can bring, nothing in our present lives, nor in whatever the future may hold, there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from your love.

You, O God, are nearer to us than our own soul, for you are the ground in whom our soul stands. So will we bless you as long as we live, and lift our voices in praise as we say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Gracious One, before you made us, you loved us. And when our sin turns us away from you and causes us pain, in your love and mercy you assure us that all shall be well, all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.

Out of love for us you sent your Son, Jesus, to live and die as one of us, to teach and heal, to feed those who were hungry, to embrace the outcasts. Through his life you showed us the depth of your reconciling love for the world. Through his death and resurrection, you overcame death forever and gave to us everlasting life.

On their last night together, Jesus gathered his friends around the table. He took the bread, gave you thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you."

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and offered it to them, saying, "Drink this all of you. This is my blood, the cup of God's new covenant with you and with all, the promise of life everlasting. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

The love of Christ restores and transforms us; and we rejoice in our salvation:

**We open our hearts to love one another as he loved us;
We remember how he died and rose again to live now in us.**

Together with him, we offer you these gifts, and ourselves, our souls and bodies. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Empowered by your Spirit, may we do justice, and love kindness and walk with you all our days; until at the last, we are gathered home, and our hearts may rest in you.

With all your people, past, present and yet to come, we give you thanks and praise, through the Son and in the Spirit, in every moment of our lives, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Fraction

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The Invitation

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy food for Holy people.

Everyone is welcome to receive communion here at God's table. The ushers will invite you to come forward in the center aisle and receive the bread at the front one at a time. There is hand sanitizer available here at the front as well. Please use the side aisles to return to your seat once you have received. If instead you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate that by crossing your hands across your chest. If you need gluten free bread, please let us know when you come forward and we are happy to accommodate.

Music at Communion

*Mike Perfetti, clarinet;
Sarah Covie, accompaniment*

Post Communion Prayer, *Enriching our Worship*

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

The Blessing

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

The St. Bart's Blessing

My friends, life is short
and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts
of those who travel with us,
so be quick to love and make haste to be kind.
And rest assured that God is infinitely more concerned
with the promise of our future than the mistakes of our past.
And the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, now and always.
Amen.

Closing Hymn #432, verses 1-3
O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height

The Hymnal 1982
John Corrie & The St. Bart's Virtual Choir

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,
*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - jice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

The Dismissal

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia!**

We ask that you remain in your seats until the ushers dismiss you row by row to exit the sanctuary.

Helpful Resources

Pastoral Care Booklet: Words of Comfort

The Pastoral Care Committee has compiled a collection of prayers and psalms into a booklet titled, "Words of Comfort, for Times of Worry, Distress and Grief." The idea for the compilation arose as a means to support the community during the pandemic. As the name implies, it is intended to be a resource for comfort beyond just our current situation. To access the booklet, go to the Pastoral Care section of our website.

Pastoral Care: Healing Prayers

The Pastoral Care Committee is available to offer healing prayers upon request via a phone call or video call. If you would like to arrange such a call, please send an e-mail to the [Pastoral Care Team](#). You will be contacted by a Committee member to schedule a convenient time.

Pastoral Care Email

The Pastoral Care Committee has its [own email address](#). This provides the committee a centralized e-mail for parishioner questions, thoughts, concerns, and requests for prayers.

For the Forward Day by Day Daily Meditation, click [HERE](#).

Forward Day By Day Booklet - *August, September, October edition is available!*

Copies are in the entryway at St. Bart's. Stop by anytime to pick up a copy. We have both pocket size and larger print version available. This booklet contains daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church's *Book of Common Prayer*.

WEEKLY DUTIES

August 29: In-Person Worship

Guest Celebrant: The Rev. Anne C. Fowler
Altar Guild: Paule French
Bread Baker: Nancy Gunzelmann
Flower Arranger: Jay Reighley
Lector: Mike Perfetti
Chalice Bearer: Michele Johns
Ushers: Nancy Gunzelmann, Linda Draper
Lawn Care: Doug Reighley
VPOW: Cecilia Guecia

September 5: Online Service of the Word

Altar Guild: Linda Perkins
Bread Baker: Mary Ann Hodsdon
Flower Arranger: Imelda Schaefer
Lector: Michele Johns
Chalice Bearer: Mary Calvin
Lawn Care: Gregg Hoerr
VPOW: Susie Soule

September 12: Online Diocesan-wide service

Lawn Care: **NEEDED**
VPOW: **NEEDED**

September 19: In-Person Worship

Guest Celebrant: The Rev. John Van Siclen
Altar Guild: Linda Perkins
Bread Baker: Susannah White
Flower Arranger: Barbara Barhydt
Lector: Linda Perkins
Chalice Bearer: Arthur Woolverton
Ushers: **NEEDED, NEEDED**
Coffee Hour Hosts: **NEEDED**
Counters: Morris Hancock, Tom Hyndman
Lawn Care: Peter Chandler
VPOW: **NEEDED**

Announcements

Coffee Hour Canceled!

With the Delta Variant of Covid gaining steam and in order to reduce close social distancing it has been decided to cancel this Sunday's coffee hour after worship.

In Person Worship Guidelines

Beginning on September 19, we will return to in-person worship with the exception of the monthly Diocesan service. The Vestry has decided to continue with one Sunday service at 9am for the remainder of the calendar year.

The Regathering Committee closely follows the changing status of COVID-19 and is aware of the increase in cases. Please know we pay close attention to CDC and Diocesan guidance. Our current protocols for in-person worship are more conservative than both at this time. Below are our safety protocols for the fall season to ensure that all are welcome and safe at St. Barts worship services. These protocols are subject to change depending on the threat to the safety and health of all concerned.

Safety Protocols

Communion (bread only)

Clergy will bring the bread to the front of the altar area and stand in the center, the congregation would come forward one at a time (using the ushers to go through the rows and let people know when to go up as usual). The clergy would use hand sanitizer at the beginning of the Great Thanksgiving and after finishing distribution.

Offering

The offertory basket will be on a small table next to the usher as people enter. People can place their offerings in the basket as they enter. One usher would bring forward the offering basket at the offertory point in the service.

Passing of the Peace

We ask that everyone stand in place at your chairs and turn to face your neighboring groups of chairs to offer a greeting/peace sign/bow. (no physical contact - handshakes/hugs).

Chalice Bearer

There will be one VESTED chalice bearer per service for prayers of the people and/or readings and to assist the clergy to prepare the altar before communion.

Masking for Clergy (Vaccinated)

Clergy may be unmasked while they are up on the altar area/platform and unmasked to preach. Clergy to be masked while distributing communion.

Help Wanted to Paint a Ceiling

The upstairs "Book Room" is in the process of finally being painted. The four walls now have a coat of primer, thanks to Nancy Gunzelmann and Linda Draper, and are waiting for the final coat of paint. But first, the ceiling needs paint. The ladder, long handled roller, paint and "helpers" are available. What is needed is a willing volunteer to tackle the job.

Estimated time: 2 hours. FMI: [Linda Draper](#) or [Nancy Gunzelmann](#).

We're hiring! Job opening for a new Youth Education Leader

We are seeking an organized, energetic, and creative part-time Youth Religious Education Leader to coordinate our youth ministry program. The leader will work 12-16 hours/week during the school calendar year with a salary ranging from \$14,000-18,000 based on qualifications and experience. Click the link in the e-bulletin for a more detailed Job Description. Reach out to any member of the Education Committee to apply or for more information: [Jean Burr](#), [Pal Covie](#), [Harriet Davis](#), and/or [Carla Hunt](#).

Flower Committee looking for new members

We want and need new members so please consider joining our group. Whether it's flowers from your garden, the farmer's market or the grocery store, all arrangements are welcomed. We provide containers, will give you a "how to" demonstration, and can show you a few tricks to add to your own abilities. Contact [Imelda Schaefer](#), or 207.233.2695.

Bread Bakers Needed

To all the bakers at St Bartholomew's. The Altar Bread bakers could use some help. We bake the bread for communion services. The ingredients we use are: whole grain flour, honey, milk, water, corn oil and baking powder. Mixing up the bread is similar to mixing up biscuits and baking the bread takes 8 minutes. I would be happy to provide the recipe and show you what I do when I'm baking. The bread needs to be at church on Saturday or by 8AM on Sunday.

Thank you, Mary Ann Hodsdon 688-4469

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed

The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers to help with setting up the altar now that we are returning to in-person worship. You would be working with an experienced partner, learning how we use and care for the things you see on the altar during church. Interested parties can email [Jan Burson](#) or [Linda Perkins](#).

We are also holding a brief refresher course for the Altar Guild at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 15. Come join us and see what it's all about!

Ushers needed for In-Person services

We are looking for volunteers to be Ushers during our In-Person worship services. You will work in teams of two. We need to put together a schedule beginning September 19. Please [contact the office](#), if you would like to help with this duty. Some of the responsibilities of being an usher include:

- * Direct people to available seats in the sanctuary.
- * Dismiss people to Coffee Hour, row by row, to keep safe distances through the doorway.
- * Hand out bulletins or make them available for people to pick up themselves.
- * Bring the offertory basket forward during worship.

Friendship House

Friendship House is currently looking for the following donations:

Paper towels/ Bath tissue

55 Gallon Trash Bags

Disinfectant cleaners

Antibacterial hand soaps

Personal Hygiene items

Laundry detergent

Dishes/Bowls/Cups

Small End tables - please contact Pam re: drop off

Floor lamps - please contact Pam re: drop off

Bedside lamps - please contact Pam re: drop off

Donations can be dropped off at St. Bart's in the plastic box labeled "Friendship House" on the front porch of the church.

For drop off of larger items or with questions, please contact [Pam Hobson](#).

Financial contributions are welcomed and can be mailed to: Friendship House, 390 Lincoln St, South Portland, ME 04106.

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry

Another good turnout on Tuesday, 171 folks, on a very warm, humid summer day. This was the first week of surveying people as they waited in line. Basic questions such as number of family members; how do you get to St. Elizabeth's; what do you look for when you come; what other services would be helpful; what language do you speak at home and what is your country of origin (optional). Amber and Rachida were able to complete 71 surveys. Among those who answered, eleven different languages are spoken and they came from eleven different countries of origin. Surveys will continue in the next few weeks adding to some valuable and fascinating information. The St. Bart's volunteers (Jan, Pamela, Anne and Linda) were busy in the background bundling diapers, and organizing items in the undercroft.

Donations always welcome and can be dropped off at St. Bart's in the large blue bins on the bench between the office entrance and side entrance.

Bedding (sheets & pillow cases) * Towels (bath & beach)

Kitchen items

Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant

Toothbrushes

Hand sanitizer * Masks (cotton or disposable)

To order these products from Amazon, visit their [Amazon Wishlist](#) page.

Ship items to: St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center c/o St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 885 Shore Rd., Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107

Learn more about St. Elizabeth's on our [Facebook page](#), or [website](#)

or contact [Linda Draper](#), or [Anne Jacobs](#).

Yarmouth Community Food Pantry (YCFP)

YCFP is always in need of nonperishable foods, paper products, and personal-care items.

Items that are needed currently:

Boxed Mac and Cheese, Canned Pasta, Cereal, Laundry Soap & Dish Soap, Shampoo & Conditioner,

Kids small bag snacks such as Cheese-Its or Popcorn

Please, NO food that: – Needs refrigeration – Has been opened – Needs to be divided into family sized bags

Please place donations at the **rear of the First Parish Church, 116 Main Street, Yarmouth.**

(site of the *Yarmouth Community Food Pantry*) in the basket by the Food Pantry Door. Thanks for your donations!

St. Bartholomew's to Participate in Yarmouth Community Yard Sale on 9/25!

Stay tuned for more details as to how this will look, but **because there will be no Attic Treasures as part of this year's Christmas Fair**, we'll have some sort of presence at the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce sponsored community-wide event.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN DONATIONS FOR THIS SALE TO THE CHURCH (OR THE SHED) UNTIL MORE DETAILS ARE ANNOUNCED. The upstairs closet that has been the receptacle for Attic Treasures donations will be cleared out and designated for storage of other church materials.

We're grateful to Liza Chandler who has organized, curated, and managed the Attic Treasures segment of the Christmas Fair for so many years. A committee is being organized to re-frame this important contributor to our annual fundraising efforts, but for now, other than the 9/25 event, we will be on pause and accepting no donations. Thanks to you all!

Christmas Fair 2021

Last year our community came together to pull off a successful and amazing Christmas Fair in October! **This year, we hope to celebrate our new togetherness and the season of hope, love and faith by returning to our traditional Christmas Fair, to be held the first Saturday in December.** We are so excited to be doing something "old" again! **Please join us**, whether you have participated for years, or know nothing about the Christmas Fair, for **our initial planning meeting after the 9:00 a.m. in person service on September 19th.** At the meeting, we will discuss our plans, changes to be made this year (no more Attic Treasures, at least for this year), and we welcome all new participants and new ideas. Please contact us, [Cecilia Guecia](#), and [Sarah Fischer](#), for more information or if you have any questions, thoughts or suggestions!

Christmas Fair - Jewelry, Handbags, Scarves - Donations Needed!

Do you (or someone you know) have jewelry you no longer wear? The St. Bart's Jewelry elves await your donations to sort, organize, research, price, and/or polish! We accept all jewelry - necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, pins, cufflinks... real or costume...and broken items as we can repair. We welcome donations of handbags and scarves in very good condition.

Designer items are best sellers. Please drop off at the St. Bart's office with a note on the bag or box for Anne Jacobs. If you have any questions, feel free to email [Anne](#). Thank You!

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