



October 2022

Dear friends,

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

We all face challenges in life for many reasons and it is easy to focus on our ‘troubles’, even to be consumed by them at times. But we need to be thankful for all that God gives us. Here are some of the many reasons to be thankful:

- Our Salvation
- A Home
- Family
- Good Health and the Healing of Doctors
- Our Church
- Canada
- God’s Word
- God’s Creation
- Good Food
- Holidays
- Marriage
- Children
- Friends
- Our Pets
- A Job
- Forgiveness
- Hope
- The Peace that Passes Understanding
- The Healing of our souls
- Recreation

- Laughter
- Wisdom
- Love
- New Opportunities
- Farmers and The Harvest
- Prayer
- Who God is

Can you think of other reasons to be thankful?

We are also thankful for Reverend Joan's first successful cataract surgery. We are thankful for Reverend Nash's arrival at St. James.

While Thanksgiving is a special time to share our thankfulness with family and friends, it is time to be thankful every day of the year. It is a good motto for life.

I wish you many blessings this Thanksgiving.

Glenn Clark

People's Warden

Thank You God for Everything

When I was in elementary school, there was a song that we sang after returning from lunch to begin the afternoon school session and it went like this:

Thank you for the World so sweet

Thank you for the food we eat

Thank you for the birds that sing

Thank you, God, for everything.

Glenn has listed a lot of reasons to be thankful, for this year's Thanksgiving. I have an endless list, and so do you. So, on behalf of all of us, let me put it all together and just say to Almighty God:

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR EVERYTHING.

As we give thanks, let's us also remember our Lord's charge to us this day to be our Sister's and Brother's Keeper, saying:

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:40)

Let's help each other.

Reverend Nash Smith

Coming Events

Thanksgiving Service – Sunday, October 9, 2022 10:30 a.m. at the church

Harvest Potluck Supper – Wednesday, October 19, 2022. Please arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, November 5, 2022 at the Gloucester South Seniors' Centre (next to the church)