



# EASTER

THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED.

LUKE 24:34

Digby Baptist Newsletter - April 2020

Dear Congregation,

How our world has changed, just since our last Newsletter, in December! The congregations of the world are not congregating. 2020 almost feels like a year that is being cancelled, with all the strong and sensible precautions to prevent the spread of disease. We have been blessed in our part of the world with many helps and a great deal of communication, in this time of crisis. If we did not 'give up something' for Lent, we sure have given up many things now. Where shall we be led from here by the Spirit, amid our losses?

My own cancellation of a weekend of vacation and a week of study in June is a mere inconvenience for me, compared with the disasters befalling others in the world today. Let our work and prayers continue for this world of struggling people. Let our hopes be founded more deeply upon the Saviour whose own sacrifice we see so clearly.

The death and resurrection of Jesus shall be celebrated differently, this year. We know this now. But our inability to get together does not stop us from devoted worship of the One who died and lives again. And this circumstance does not keep us apart. We are still "one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord." We have our ways of staying in relationship: phone calls, social media, notes in the mail, waving across a street. Sharing a common plan of scripture, prayer and praises for Sundays also brings us 'together' so to speak.

Many events we were planning are now cancelled, postponed, or on hold. My own work continues, simply changed: phone visits instead of physical visits, for instance. Remember those whose work and activities are stopped altogether and for whom life is very hard, now. Seek your own ways to keep on serving and sharing a blessing, creatively.

Sisters and brothers, know that our purpose is being refined in this strange time. There is life to be celebrated, by the grace of God! We trust in the Christ of Resurrection. Alleluia!

Jeff White

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elcome to the Twentieth edition of our Digby Baptist's Newsletter!

A place for you to get more information on the events and occurrences that surround Digby Baptist. The next edition of our Newsletter comes out in June 2020.

**Sunday Worship:** In the foreseeable future, we are not meeting. But for each Sunday morning a plan for the service will be available on our website, under Sermon Blog, at [www.digbybaptistchurch.ca](http://www.digbybaptistchurch.ca). For those without computer access, paper copies of the bulletin, sermon, and some prayers are available, and can be delivered (in town) to your doorstep on Sunday mornings. Contact Pastor Jeff White about this.

**Offerings** still need to be made, of course, to Digby Baptist Church, in the name of Jesus. Drop off your gifts in the box in the hallway, on the table outside the Pastor's Study. If you give weekly, try making fewer trips by giving monthly. Or mail them to us, at P. O. Box 35. To make a special Easter Offering, you may use the 'OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)' line on any offering envelope.

**Secretary**, Shelly Lewis, will continue to be at work in the Office a couple mornings a week, and will be working from home when appropriate. If you would like to set up a time to meet with Shelley in the office please call her to arrange a time. You can get her on her cell phone, or via the Church email.

**Pastor Jeff** continues to work from his Study at the church, Sunday through Thursday mornings. It is a quiet, safe place, and cleaning supplies for keeping door knobs fresh and virus free are being used. If you stop in, you can wave at Jeff and talk through the windows of his door.

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## Discern & Communicate

Even while we are not meeting each other physically, we are still 'walking with the Lord' and bearing witness to one another about God's guidance, goodness and grace. Here are some things Pastor Jeff would like to hear about: phone him, email him, message him, mail a note.

**Hymn Suggestions:** our Worship Committee wonders what songs you think you should suggest we use on Sunday mornings? And we don't just mean, "What are your favourites?" What hymns that are not your favourites would also be good for us, the congregation, to use. When we get back together, we shall SING! :)

**Scripture & Sermon Suggestions:** Pastor Jeff believes that from the 'leadership' to the 'grass roots' of the congregation, the word and the Spirit will speak and guide us. Do speak up if you sense there are Bible texts or subjects worth our attention this year, as we 'gather' to worship.

**Share Prayer:** the Deacons and Pastor would like to publish, this year, a booklet of prayers from the people. Consider writing a prayer to share. You can mail them, email them, drop them off on paper (in your own legible handwriting) and later this year we can share them with one another.

## Notes from our Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 in the Church Hall. Thirty-two in attendance. Printed reports were approved. The proposed budget for 2020 was approved without amendments. Mission Goals were tabled until the Advisory Council meeting. The Nominating Committee report was approved with some amendments. Carolyn Milbury agreed to present the audit (financial review) of the 2019 books to the Advisory Council.

Now, a couple months later, the committees and Boards and Officers are as follows:

Moderator: Marj Hales      Accountant: Peter Armstrong      Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisory Council: Chair Marjorie Hales, Members-at-large: Barb Woolnough, Angela Outhouse.

Board of Deacons: Chair Sara Wilkinson, Secretary Nancee Dyer, Michael Baxter, Joyce Marshall, Margo Nesbitt, Maggie Beveridge.

Board of Trustees: Chair Paul Roberge, Secretary Mike Beveridge, Joy Potter, Carolyn Milbury, Mary Ann Urcuioli.

Board of Christian Education: Church Family School Team Leader Sharon White,

Leaders: Sara Wilkinson, Member at Large Alison Vassallo.

Worship Committee: Chair Margo Nesbitt, Secretary Cheryl Roberge, Joyce Marshall, Bonnie VanTassell. Nominating Committee: member at large Angela Outhouse. Cemetery

Committee: Treasurer Bill Olsen, Dwight Outhouse, Jackie Levy, Secretary Marj Hales.

Decoration & Flower Committee: Coordinator Marjorie Hales, Terry Gilbert, Ardith Gilliatt.

## Holy Week and Easter\*

Since we are physically isolating ourselves in this important time, our revised schedule of events looks like this:

Palm Sunday, April 6	11:00am	Worship AT HOME using online and printed service resources
	8:30pm	Transformers Study Group ONLINE only
Monday, April 7	1:30pm	Monday Study Group ONLINE only
Friday, April 10	10:30am	<b>Good Friday Worship AT HOME</b>
Easter Sunday, April 12	6:30am	<b>Sunrise Service AT HOME</b>
	11:00am	<b>Easter Worship AT HOME</b>

To mark these special occasions, why not **decorate** the front door of your house, or a window? Use the next best thing to a Palm branch you have, on Sunday, April 5; any greenery will do. For Good Friday, decorate with a Cross. And for Resurrection Day, April 12... get creative! White cloth on the cross, or an empty tomb, or a sunrise image. Show your neighbourhoods a sign of hope from Christ.

\*The following are **CANCELLED** in Holy Week: Noontime Concert with the Men's Choir, Women's Missionary Society, Men's Fellowship, Communion at Tideview Terrace, Choir Rehearsal, Holy Thursday Communion Service.

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## Sermon Schedule

April 5	Isaiah 43:14-21	Jeff White - Palm Sunday
April 12	John 5:19-30	Jeff White - Easter
April 19	2 Cor 4:7-210, 16-18	Don Robertson
April 26	Psalms 108	Jeff White - Earth Day
May 3	Romans 8	Sharon White - We Are More Alike Than Different
May 10	1 Samuel 21	Jeff White - Family Dynamics
May 17	2 Cor 7:2-16	Jeff White - Emotionally Healthy Spirituality
May 24	Psalms 119	Jeff White - Christian Mindfulness
May 31	Deut 5:1-22	Jeff White - Pentecost