



May 8, 2026

Dear Friends,

Spring is upon us, and the island chapel of **St. John's-on-the-Lake** is emerging from its winter quiet. As Memorial Day approaches, you will notice the Chapel's dock in Deep Cove has been installed to welcome you for another summer of worship, community and fellowship.

Thanks to the work of skilled craftsmen and your generous financial support, I am pleased to report that the major restoration projects identified in the Chapel's "**Historic Building Report**" have been completed. When you visit the Chapel this summer, you'll notice the beautiful new cedar shingles that now protect the tower. Additional work is planned this summer, including repairs to the historic mortar and cement, lightning protection and improvements that will enable reopening the Tower's observation platform for limited public access.

Our full summer worship schedule is available on the reverse of this letter and on our website. I want to take this opportunity to highlight a few early dates. **Sunday, June 28th**, the Rev. Phil Polhemus will open the Chapel's Summer worship season. **Sunday, July 3rd**, the Rev. Jay Hutchinson will lead a service celebrating our nation's 250th Anniversary. The service will be followed by a special island "Social." We hope you can join us in sharing conversation, good coffee and birthday cake to mark this important anniversary in our nation's history. **Sunday, July 12th**, the Rev. John Bethell will lead our service. Following the service, join us for a Social and a special contest challenging the island children to use their imagination to create structures for the Chapel's Woodland Village. Details about this fun and creative activity will be posted at the Chapel and on our website in a few weeks.

Did you know 2026 marks the 99th anniversary of St. John's construction and first worship service? In preparation for a Grand Centennial celebration in 2027, we want to collect and share special memories of St. John's. If you experienced a special occasion such as a wedding, baptism, memorial service, or quiet moment, help us share those memories as part of next summer's Centennial celebration. Look for information on this project at the Chapel and on our website.

Your financial support is critical to maintaining the Chapel and its schedule of summer worship. No less important, we are always looking for ways to better serve the St. John's community. If you have suggestions, questions, or want to help out maintaining the Chapel, its dock, or surrounding trails, please text or email me.

We look forward to seeing you at St. John's for another special summer.

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