

PARISH PROFILE OF BAY ROBERTS/COLEY'S POINT

ST. MATTHEW'S AND ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Section 1 – About our Parish

The Town of Bay Roberts, which includes Coley's Point, on the north shore of Conception Bay, NL, is approximately one hour from the capital city of St. John's. Local businesses have easy access to more than half of the provinces population. As a result, the town is a center for transportation and distribution, providing services for the Avalon Peninsula and surrounding areas. With a population of 6000 people, it is the largest town on the Baccalieu Trail. The majority of residents are middle income families covering all age groups.

We have 3 schools in the town, Coley's Point Primary (Grades K-3) which has a new building currently under construction. Amalgamated Academy (Grades 4-9) and Ascension Collegiate (Grades 10-12). Students in all 3 schools, living in the approved boundaries, have access to bussing.

Bay Roberts is a growing town with 4 medical clinics and with Carbonear General Hospital less than 30 minutes away. Both communities (Bay Roberts and Coley's Point) have their own Post Offices. We also have a RCMP Detachment, a Municipal Officer, a Ground Search and Rescue Team and a Fire Department. There are 2 shopping centres, pharmacies, a public library, bowling alley, a stadium and a seasonal swimming pool. We have a recreation complex, a fitness gym, Gyminee Crickets children's gym and a dance studio.

For more information on our town, please visit www.bayroberts.com.

For more information on our school system, please see www.nlesd.ca

Section 2 – About the Church/Church Hall as Buildings

Both of our churches are 100+ years old but are well maintained.

St. Matthew's Church has been through a multi-phase renovation. It now has 1600 square feet of multi-purpose space used for hosting social events. As well, there were recently 7 large monitors installed for displaying their services. Both Churches have 2 cemeteries, an "old" and a "new", both with room for expansion, not that we are in a hurry to fill them.

St. John the Evangelist has a Church Hall about 1km from their Church, which is approximately 20 years old. The hall has a meeting room, stage, and full-size kitchen. The hall is used 7 days a week, housing the CLB, Girl Guides and Pathfinders. It is also rented out for public functions and has a full-time paid caretaker.

Both Churches and the Church Hall are debt-free. We sold our Rectory, so our Rector will receive a housing allowance.

Section 3 – About the Church as People

We are a friendly, inviting church community. The services in both churches are attended by Parishioners of all ages. We have an Anglican population of 1647 people including children, with 300 identifiable givers.

Our regular weekly services are alternated between the 2 churches. St. Matthew's has a Contemporary service once a month with our Youth and Senior Bands. Both churches have electronic giving set up and in use.

Our Ministry Team is made up of our Rector, a Registered Lay Reader, 7 Eucharistic Assistants, Youth and Adult Scripture Readers and 3 Musical Directors. Both Churches have full Vestries, with sub-committees that are supportive of and dedicated to the Parish.

We have active joint Youth Group and Sunday Schools. The children participate in weekly services, taking part in the worship, as readers, greeters, bringing up the Elements, taking up collection and servers. The active Youth Group who participate in the Christmas & Easter Pageants as well as monthly activities and hosting a monthly breakfast.

Our Parish, along with the Church of the Resurrection in South River, St. Luke's Church in Port de Grave and Grace United Church take turns hosting Vacation Bible School each summer. We usually have a big turn-out every year.

St. John the Evangelist has a very active ACW. Both Churches have Altar Guilds, a paid Organist & Sextons, and a combined Senior Choir.

Both Churches get together for our annual Parish Salmon Dinner and Senior's Christmas Supper. St. John's Vestry does a lot of fundraisers and caterings at their church hall. They get a lot of support in all they do, whether it is to help in the kitchen with a turkey supper, a fish-n-brewis take-out, or to send along a cake or pudding at our Annual Cake & Pudding Sale. St. Matthew's organizes an Auction annually as their major fundraiser. They also host a monthly community Buffet Breakfast and Gospel Concerts.

Our Parish is enjoying a growth in church attendance and aspires to continue this momentum toward being Healthy churches.

Section 4 – About the Church and the Community

Our Parish is very active in our community. Both Churches offer gatherings after a funeral. The Alter Guild and ACW will bring food to the Funeral Homes for the families.

In addition to our Parish's group meetings and activities and other community group activities (Girl Guides, CLB), St John Hall is available to the community to rent for weddings, birthday & anniversary celebrations etc. St John holds a weekly card game on Friday nights that is open to all.

We pride ourselves on our outreach into our community and beyond. As well as regular home communions, we do ministry to seniors at Collingwood Downs in Clarkes Beach and the Bay Roberts Retirement Home. Our Rector will also visit Parishioners at the Long Term Health Care Centre- Pte. Josiah Squibb Memorial Pavilion in Carbonear as well as the local hospitals as needed.

Our Parishioners take part in the World Day of Prayer with the other congregations in our town. We have a very good relationship with Parishes in our community and surrounding areas. We are happy to promote events of other Parishes and in our Community. We participate in the Klondike Festival with a Gospel Concert each August.

We support our Local Food Bank, The Helping Hand, in assisting them with the distribution of clothes and hampers all year round, as well, our Rector will be automatically on the Board of Directors. We are also passionate about missions and have had several Mission Teams that have gone to Guatemala and Belize in the past few years.

We are very active in our 3 local schools, so our Rector would be expected to attend assemblies, parades etc when asked.

Section 5 – The Context for Ministry

Our Parish Mission Statement: Our mission is to pro-actively build a unified, loving Christian Faith Community by providing positive worship experiences; teaching biblical stewardship; delivering educational and spiritual growth opportunities; healing and changing lives through local ministry; and spreading Jesus's teachings and God's love.

Our Parish takes pride in ministries we have developed. These include our Vacation Bible School which has attracted other Parishes as well as people from different faiths in our community and beyond; as well as our involvement with the Royal Canadian Legion and our ministry to seniors through our many nursing home visits. We have established a reputation for our support of our youth through our Youth Band, and our Youth Group activities We will expect these ministries to continue.

Pastoral Ministry is essential and we will expect our Rector not only to visit sick and bereaved, but to get to know all Parishioners. We will re-establish our Pastoral Care Team under the new Rector's leadership.

Our expectations are high, however we are blessed with dedicated Parishioners and we have many support systems in place, as well as willing volunteers.

We have 2 full Vestries (with sub-committees when required) and 2 Wardens per Vestry. Vestry meets monthly. We have a part-time Parish Secretary, and a Parish Treasurer, St Matthews has a Congregational Treasurer and St John has a paid Bookkeeper Both churches have Envelope Secretaries and a number of Counting Teams in place to count and deposit money each week. Other Parishioners volunteer as needed.

The 2019 Synod recommended we enter into amalgamation with 2 neighbouring Parishes. We have set up a Tri Parish Committee. This committee has met several times and has had two joint meetings with all vestries. The conversation for change and togetherness has begun. We expect our Rector to lead us in this ongoing process.

The standard Diocesan Compensation Package is offered to the Rector. We expect our Rector to take annual holidays and his/her day off each week. The Parish will be supportive of any time taken for training and personal development.

Section 6 – The Characteristics and Qualities of our Priest

We are looking for a Priest who is approachable, open to the people and willing to engage the congregation. We would like someone who actively visits, getting to know your Parishioners and them getting to know you.

Music is very important to our Parish, as such our Rector must appreciate a variety of liturgical styles, including traditional and contemporary music.

Our outreach endeavours span from our Youth to our Senior population. All age groups are very important to us, and we would expect our new Rector to support the wide spectrum of ministry that we undertake each month.

We would deeply value having our new Rector actively working in seeking to enrich our services through the use of broadcast technology already in use and to become an active participant in services for these ministries.

We expect the sermons to be well prepared, topical, and scriptural, with personal insights offered.

We would expect our new Rector to actively continue to pursue ways and means, such as traditional and contemporary methods (e.g. social media) to continue to attract the younger population of our congregation to attend and support our church services and functions.

We expect our new Rector to embrace diversity and have tolerance for people of all race, gender and age.

Our long term expectation would be that our new Rector would help initiate contact to the many new families that have moved and are moving into our community, in order to expand our Parish Family.

As in most multipoint parishes, neighbouring churches can be very different. We are no exception. Even though we have a combined choir, Sunday School and Youth Group, our two congregations have a history of division, which may prevent the Parish from growing and uniting. The task may be

daunting for some clergy. We expect our Rector to challenge these issues and lead us into a united future.