

Second Sunday after Pentecost 2024

Mark 2:23-3:6

One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him. NRSV

On this Second Sunday after Pentecost, instead of offering a sermon text which was directly connected to the gospel reading appointed for this Sunday, parishioners who were able to join us at worship this morning had opportunity to ask questions about the newly created Parish Profile. This document will be utilized in the promotion of our parish in the search for our next settled incumbent (ordained clergy/priest/shepherd/ spiritual leader).

A copy of the Parish Profile document is attached to this summary for your review.

At this morning's worship service, many questions were answered by our Bishop's warden, Ruth Seltner, and me. It was clear from the comments received from those present that parishioners are pleased

with the progress our parish has achieved over the past six months during this time of transition.

As we prepare the profile document for presentation to the office of our Bishop, for review and distribution in our search process, several suggestions arising from this morning's presentation are to be incorporated into the final draft of the Profile. The document attached here may not as yet reflect these changes.

Following approval of the Prolife document by the Bishop and/or the diocesan executive archdeacon, our parish profile should be posted on our diocesan web site as well as on the Anglican Church of Canada national web site, where clergy seeking new opportunities for ministry might chose to contact our diocesan staff requesting more information. Or to indicate their interest in being considered as a candidate for the position of incumbent here at the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island.

It is our intention to present our Parish profile, as approved by consensus on June 2nd, for review and approval by our diocesan Bishop at the beginning of the workday on Tuesday, June 4th.

Our next step will require our congregation to consider what it is that God is requiring of our parish in this search process. A Search committee will be formed by the wardens, in consultation with the interim priest-in-charge, and the Bishop. There might be some carry-over from the profile creation committee, but for the most part, the search committee should reflect the broad spectrum and diverse nature of our current congregation. The search committee may have a completely different composition from that of the profile committee.

The work of the search committee will not end with the selection and appointment of our next incumbent. The search team will continue to support the new incumbent through the course of her/his first year as incumbent with our parish.

Please continue to pray for our wardens, parish council, clergy, candidates for consideration, and for the forth-coming search committee as we continue on our journey of transition toward calling our next settled incumbent to our midst.

