



CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH

A People United in Justice and Love

61 Dundas Street, Dartmouth

Nova Scotia, Canada

B2Y 4H5

902.466.4270

christchurch@christchurchdartmouth.com

September 4, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last year, volunteers of our social justice initiatives recognized that many community members would come to the hall kitchen door asking for a drink of water. Of course, we gladly offered water, and often, the gesture would turn into a lovely conversation.

Somewhere along the way, the idea was presented to Parish Council: what if we had a community water fountain? A place for people to gather for refreshment and renewal? A place to gather as a community. This idea quickly took off, and council passed a motion to see if we could establish this fountain.

Now, on September 8th, Christ Church will officially open the “Fountain of Hope.” This initiative was led by Barbara Hart, our parish warden, and was truly a community effort. The parish of Christ Church would like to thank the Halifax Regional Municipality and councillor Sam Austin for their support by way of a community grant, our friends at Feeding Others of Dartmouth (Margaret’s House), The Public Good Society of Dartmouth, and Grace United Church for generously donating funds for this fountain.

As we launch the fountain, we are also lessening our carbon footprint by encouraging our community to fill up their water bottles—right to the brim! If you or anyone you know has extra water bottles you can spare, Christ Church would gladly use them for those in need.

As we gather on Sunday to open the fountain officially, let us be reminded of the inclusive and loving nature of God as Jesus said to his friends, “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

Faithfully yours in Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Kyle Wagner
Rector, Christ Church, Dartmouth
Diocese of Nova Scotia and PEI
Anglican Church of Canada