

communicants are those of Holt, Easley, Edmunds, Owen, Coleman and Faulkner.

Post Civil War rectors of St. John's were Henry A. Wise (1864-1866), Albert Walker (1869) and Dr. A. O. Kinsolving (1870-1894). Since Kinsolving's time in 1892, St. John's has belonged to the Diocese of Southern Virginia. Succeeding rectors were J. A. Shackelford (1895-1900), Flournoy Bouldin (1901-1912), G. Wallace Ribble (1913-1920), Sterling Gunn (1920), E. A. Mellichampe (1923-1928), Myron B. Marshall (1929-1937) and William Francis Burke (1939-1941). During the early World War II years the pulpit was filled by Henry H. Edmunds and visiting ministers until the arrival of the English rector, Dr. C. Stanley Long, in 1943. Dr. Long was followed by A. Campbell Tucker (1945-1946), Lauton Pettit (1947-1954), Joseph W. Pinder (1954-1959) and Henry Havens (1959-1965). The present rector, Alfred C. Martin, has served St. John's since October 1, 1965.

St. John's can be proud of its long line of faithful communicants and ministers. Men who were childhood members of St. John's and later became priests include four Kinsolving sons (two of them became bishops), Charles Clifton Penick became missionary bishop to Liberia, and George Purnell Gunn became Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. Two Ribble sons became ministers, and more recently Robert Soper was ordained to the priesthood.

St. John's has known greatness in its inspiring past and, with God's help, looks forward to a progressive future in fulfilling its ministry in this, the Diocese of Southern Virginia.