

Food Bank: There has been an increase in people coming to the parish in need of food. When you are picking up your groceries, please add an item or two and drop it in the food bank box. Items needed this week are *crackers, cereal & tinned soup*. If you wish, you may also donate to the food hamper fund. It is much appreciated!

Sidespersons' team on duty next week is team # 6.

Counting team on duty next week is team #2.

ACW: An afternoon **tea and card game** will take place on Tuesday, May 30, at 2 p.m. There will also be: a bake table, \$2 grab bags, gently used handbags and jewelry. Cost is \$7.

Services During the Week:	Morning Prayer daily at 9:30 a.m. (Except Wednesday & Saturday)	
Wednesday May 24, 2017	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday May 28, 2017 Easter VI	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11:00 a.m.	Family Service
	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS)

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Parish of the Ascension Chimes



Sunday, Easter VI May 21, 2017

Lections: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-18, **Refrain: Be joyful in God, all you lands;** 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
 Presider: Rev'd Lynn Courage
 Homilist: Rev'd Lynn Courage

9:15 a.m. Ascension Café

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)
 Presider: Rev'd Canon David Burrows
 Homilist: Rev'd Lynn Courage
 Readers: Elizabeth Baker & Abigail Bellamy

Gift Bearers: Shirley Newell & Edie Sheppard
 Hymns (CP) 429, 474, 214, 629, 633

6:30 p.m. No Evening Service

"If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you." John 14.23

Weekly Word

Hear the words of Paul, as shared by Luke, the writer of the Acts of the Apostles:

“The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him-- though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.”

I reflected this morning, with a sense of anticipation and excitement concerning the gathering at the Parish of St. Mary the Virgin on Thursday, May 17, 2017. Representatives from each of the parishes of the cities of St. John's and Mount Pearl discussed ministry and facilities in our area.

For a long time, I have lamented the use of space in parishes. Sometimes we are like the Athenians that Paul writes about, holding on to 'shrines made by human hands' rather than realizing that 'In God we live and move and have our being.'

It is easy for me (and perhaps others) to get lost in the worries and practicalities of ministry, of building maintenance, and of

regulation and statute. I was reminded of this in meetings this past month in Ottawa and Toronto. At one or two points in these meetings, concerns were made about how to complete a task, about resources, and ability.

Again and again, a response echoed from some gathered (and resonated within my very being), “We can do this, for Jesus is Risen.”

How often do I think or even believe that abilities, resources, passion, expertise, will, are limited to a specific understanding or framework? How can we be people of belief, people of the resurrection, without entertaining the possibilities of death and resurrection, of the impact of the Spirit of God in the work and in the decisions that we make?

Of course, this requires risk, belief, determination, prayer, and conversation within the community of faith. I hope and pray that the discussions that are held will continue to reveal the presence of Christ in the community, and our need to transform the world to reflect God's glory.

David

Spring Tea Party: If you are between the ages of 8 – 12, come and join us on Friday, June 2, at 7 p.m. Come dressed for a party with gloves and a hat for decorating! You will be served goodies on fine china! You are welcome to bring a friend. Please RSVP to Rev'd Lynn if you are attending.

PWRDF – SUDAN: Donations amounting to \$1,911 was collected for PWRDF in aid of Sudan.

Nate Leipziger: We have a few books left: “The Weight of Freedom” written by Nate Leipziger is for sale in the office at a cost of \$10.00 each.

VBS: Calling all Heros! We want to see your super hero costumes!!! All children and adults young at heart are invited to wear their super hero costumes to the family service on May 28. Get creative with your costumes and tell us what super power God has given you!! The theme for VBS 2017 is ***Hero Central: Discover your strength in God.*** It will take place on **June 26 – 30**, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Registration forms are now available at the Church Office. We are still looking for some Hero Helpers!!! The success of our vacation bible school each year depends on our dedicated volunteers! There are lots of ways for you to **help**. If you are interested in being a part of this exciting youth event please contact Denise Gill at 364-7928, rdenisegill@hotmail.ca for any additional information or questions.

Upcoming Event: On **Saturday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** there is a conference called *Faith in the Public Square* to look at the contribution of faith communities to the wider social fabric of our province. This conference will take place at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. Guest speakers are Sister Elizabeth Davis and the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson. To register for this event you may contact Rev'd Christopher Fowler at (709) 576-6697 or cfowler@anglicanenl.net.

Financial Situation: All of us are feeling the effects of rising costs these days, and the church is no exception. Just to give you an idea – snow cleaning has doubled in the past six years, amounting to \$3977 per month this winter. Insurance has also increased, and now stands at \$10700 for 2017. Therefore, at the back of the church, for the next several months, there will be envelopes on a table asking that you give either \$10 or \$20 as part of “**Project Ascension**”. Your generous giving for this special project will be on your 2017 tax receipt.

Confirmation 2017: On Thursday May 25, at 7 p.m. we will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. Thirteen young people will be confirmed by Bishop Peddle. You are welcome to join us for this wonderful service of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

Congratulations: On May 4, Rev'd Barbara Boone from the Good Shepherd and Fronie Squibb from our Parish received an Associate in Theology Degree (Discipleship and Ministry). Congratulations to them and to all those receiving degrees. Blessings in their ministry!

**LAVROCK SUMMER CAMPS - SALMONIER
LINE 2017**

Girls Camp (Ages 8-13) July 10 - 14
Coed Camp (Ages 8-13) July 17 - 21

For further information and application forms, please contact your Rector, Diocesan Synod Office at (709) 576-6697, email: lavrocksummercamp@gmail.com