

**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 **tinned pasta, tinned vegetables & tinned beans**. If you wish, you may also donate to the food hamper fund. It is much appreciated!

**Sidespersons'** team on duty next week is team # 1.

**Counting** team on duty next week is team #3.

**MSC:** The Men's Service Club members are reminded of their final social evening before the summer break being held on Monday, May 29, with a potluck supper at 6 o'clock followed by music entertainment. Friends are welcome but bring along your choice of potluck.

<b>Services During the Week:</b>	<b>Morning Prayer daily at 9:30 a.m. (Except Wednesday &amp; Saturday)</b>	
<b>Wednesday May 31, 2017</b>	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>Sunday June 4, 2017</b>	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist/Holy Baptism (BAS)
	6:30 p.m.	No Evening Service

**The Parish of the Ascension  
Anglican Church of Canada  
58 Smallwood Drive  
Mount Pearl, NL, A1N 1B1  
Tel: 368-5693  
[www.parishoftheascension.ca](http://www.parishoftheascension.ca)  
[www.facebook.com/parishoftheascension](https://www.facebook.com/parishoftheascension)**

**Rector:**  
*Rev'd Canon David Burrows*

**Associate Priest:**  
*Rev'd Lynn Courage*



## **Parish of the Ascension Chimes**



### **Sunday, Easter VII May 28, 2017**

- Lections:** Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47, **Refrain: God has gone up with a shout;** Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)**  
 Presider: Rev'd Lynn Courage  
 Homilist: Rev'd Canon David Burrows
- 9:15 a.m. Ascension Café**
- 11:00 a.m. Family Service (Wee Book)**  
 Presider: Rev'd Lynn Courage  
 Homilist: Rev'd Lynn Courage  
 Readers: Shirley Cooper  
 Hymns (CP, SSB & Insert) 247 CP, Father God in Heaven p. 14, Here I am Lord p. 20, 246 CP
- 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)**  
 Presider/Homilist: Rev'd Canon David Burrows  
 Hymns (CP) 245, 482, 379

*"I will not have you desolate, says the Lord; I will come to you." John 14:18*

## Weekly Word

I absolutely love the fall of the year. One of the primary reasons is the abundance of pumpkin, and my favourite dessert, pumpkin pie. My wife has an amazing recipe, baked in a deep stone dish, with an amazing crust, sprinkled with brown sugar crusted on top. When I have the privilege of sampling her masterpiece, it seems as if time stands still. If I close my eyes and remember, I can taste the delicacy, feel the warmth of the hot pie from the oven, and become immersed in memories of autumn gatherings, harvest thanksgiving, and evening walks.

As I share this, I remember and recall that not all have the same experience with pumpkin pie. For some, the experience of this dessert is not as memorable, nor filled with love and longing. Each person has his/her own experiences with this dessert, and each describes the experience in a different way. It is the joy of language, and of human experience.

This is true for the Ascension of Jesus, which we celebrate today. For centuries, the Church, faith communities, and individuals have been struggling with the experience, the memory, and the meaning of Ascension in the context of a human life of faith.

How can Jesus be in heaven and in my heart? This is a question I asked as a child. How can God be Jesus, be present in the hearts of humans, be present in the interactions of a community of faith, be present in heaven (wherever that is) and be present in the here and now?

Ascension is a principle feast of the Christian Church, one that was experienced by the disciples, described in Luke's writings, and expanded upon by apostles, saints, art, and commentaries to the present day.

It is a struggle because the languages of humanity never fully explain and convey the reality. It is a challenge for each and every generation to struggle with meaning and mystery, and find a faithful expression and response in the here and now.

So on Ascension Day, I remember pumpkin pie. All nuances and

ecstasies of my personal experience fall short for others. I know that my description will be but a shadow of the reality when conveyed to others.

This I remember, as I imagine the eyes and hearts of disciples, perhaps in old age, sharing with Luke and others.

Though words may not convey the reality of our belief and experience, may we continue to listen, speak, feel, and share our experience of Jesus with all, Jesus risen and ascended.

*David*

**Appointment:** The Rev'd Canon David Burrows has been appointed by the Primate, The Most Rev'd Fred Hiltz, to represent the Anglican Church of Canada at the Executive Council meetings of the Episcopal (Anglican) Church of the United States of America. This is a three year appointment with weekend meetings three times a year. With Bishop Geoffrey Peddle's blessing, he accepts this responsibility. The first meeting is June 7 – 12 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Please pray for the continued work of the Anglican Church in both Canada and the United States.

**Sabbatical:** The Rt. Rev.'d Geoffrey Peddle has granted a sabbatical leave for The Rev'd Canon David Burrows, effective June 15 to September 15, 2017. During this time, Canon David will be reflecting on his mission and ministry, with a purpose of compiling his last twelve years' worth of writing into a book. Proceeds from the publication and selling of the book will be donated to the ongoing mission and ministry of the Parish of the Ascension

**Spring Tea Party:** If you are between the ages of 8 and 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! Please RSVP to Rev'd Lynn if you are attending. You can bring a friend, even your nan!

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

**May 31 Cathedral Service:** Bishop Geoff Peddle will install the new Cathedral Chapter at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31st. As this is a diocesan event, we would like to invite members from all parishes in our diocese to attend. Canon Burrows will be installed as Canon to the Stall of St. Augustine of Canterbury fulfilling his role of society and justice. at this service.

**Evening Services:** Please note that there will not be any evening service during the summer months of June, July and August. Evening services will resume September 10, 2017.

**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 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.

**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](mailto:cfowler@anglicanenl.net).

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

**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](mailto:lavrocksummercamp@gmail.com)

**OPENING RESPONSES**

We know you and we do not know you.

**YOU ARE MYSTERIOUS  
AND FULL OF JOY.**

You know us and you understand us.

**YOU ARE LOVING AND  
FULL OF TRUTH.**

You welcome us and you live in us.

**YOU ARE HOLY AND  
FULL OF HOPE.**

**CLOSING  
RESPONSES**

*God of laughter and  
tears, Immerse us in  
glory,  
CLOTHE US WITH  
POWER.*

*Fill us with wisdom.  
BLESS US WITH LOVE.*