

Ascension Prayer Circle:

Please pray for these individuals this week: Ann, Barbara, Bill, Brenda, Brian, Clarence, Claude, Cy, Daphne, Darryl, Dennis, Diane, Dot, Dulcie, Eileen, Ernest, Fred, Herb, Hilda, Ina, Ivy, Jack, Jeff, , Jennie, Jerome, Jessie, Josephine, Junior, Karl, Kevin, Lester, Lloyd, Lori, Mabel, Marguerite, Maxwell, Melissa, Melvin, Mona, Mya, Myra, Nancy, Pam, Randell, Rodney, Roland, Ron, Roy, Ruth, Sean, Stan, Stephen, Todd and Violet.

Remember the families of those who have died especially Peter Robinson. Rest eternal grant to them, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Loving God, you gather us as your people, where many come seeking your healing, strength, and love. You know us God: You understand who we are; you know what troubles and puzzles us, what makes you smile and what makes us sad. You listen to our questions and our prayers. We bring you these names, asking for your healing. Be with these named, with their families, and all whom they encounter.
Amen.

Duty Teams for Next Sunday, Feb 4: Sidespersons Team # 4; Counting Team # 6.

Services During the Week:	Morning Prayer daily at 9:30 a.m. (Except Wednesday & Saturday)	
Wednesday January 31	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday, February 4 Candlemas	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist /Holy Baptism (BAS)
	6:30 p.m.	Healing Service (WWB)

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Parish of the Ascension Chimes



January 28, 2018 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Lections: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-1;
Mark 1:21-28; Psalm 111 (**Refrain: The fear of
the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**)

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

9:20 a.m. Ascension Café

11:00 a.m. Family Service
Presider/Homilist: Rev.'d Lynn Courage
Reader: Sarah Earle
Hymns: *Long Ago and Far Away* (Insert)
Father God in Heaven (SSB p. 14)
Follow that Star (Insert)
I Saw the Light (SSB p. 22)

6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Presider/Homilist: Rev.'d Donna Mercer
Hymns (CP): 560; 500; 393; 555

Ascension Café : Please note that there will be no Café on Sunday February 11, 2018 due to ACW corporate breakfast and installation.

“Jesus went about Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease.” See Mark 1.

Weekly Word

It is a new day; the light streams through the window as I offer prayer to God, in thanksgiving for the journey that I have been walking with the members of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church. In our ordination vows, we as priests are called to work in the councils of the church, to work as bridge builders, enabling those in the assembly of the faith community and beyond the confines of the church to receive the blessing and presence of God.

It is a new day; in the newness of the dawn the pain and anguish of past hurts and grief are washed away in the Son's dawning in my life, in our world. I give thanks that as each of us rises with the dawn, we take comfort in the reality of God present in our lives. In the harshness of life, of winter challenges, brokenness and pain, God shines on us and in us enabling us to move beyond death into new life.

In this new day, and each day, may we rise with the Son, may we cast aside brokenness and pain, and open our hearts to the path that unfolds before us, within the community of faith, in this, God's world.

*Peace,
David.*

The Sidespersons' Association have an urgent need for new members. Anyone who would like to help with this ministry or find out more about it is asked to please call Stewart Button (368-3524). Also, current & new members are reminded that **the Sidespersons' Annual General Meeting** is Sunday, February 4, immediately following the 6:30 p.m. service.

Parish Vitality Bible Study: As part of the Diocesan initiative on exploring the viability and vitality of our parishes, The Commission on Parish Vitality has asked each parish to conduct a Bible Study. Our parish has chosen the following dates, February 14, following the 9:30 Ash Wednesday service or February 25 following the 6:30pm service. As part of this process town hall meetings will be scheduled at a later date. All are welcome to attend.

The Parish Annual General Meeting will be held at 2pm on **Sunday, April 8**. Please note the date change. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. **Please note that reports still have to be submitted to the office by January 31, 2018 as per email.**



Pancake Supper and Card Game: Again this year, on Shrove Tuesday, February 13, the Men's Service Club will be serving a meal of beans, bologna and bread rolls with pancakes for desert. The cost is only \$10 per adult and children are free. There will be **only one sitting at 6:00 p.m.** and there is a limited number of tickets. **Tickets must be purchased or booked by Sunday, February 11th (sorry, no un-booked tickets at the door).** Tickets can be purchased from Ray Hewitt (368-6536) or any member of the Men's Club. Also, at 8:00 p.m., following the Pancake Supper, there will be a card game. The cost for playing cards is \$6.00 per person, payable at the game. Please bring your own cards and baskets.

Christmas Memorial List: The list for the Christmas Memorials is available in the foyer at the back of the Church as well as in the side foyer.

Godly Play Schedule for February: Feb. 4 there will be no Godly Play. Children are asked to attend the Candlemas service with their families. Feb. 11 we will be doing the story of the Good Shepherd as our lesson. Feb.18 our lesson will be The Good Samaritan. Feb.25 the planned story is the first three sessions of the Faces of Easter.

The PWRDF luncheon will take place on Feb. 18, 2018, after the 11 am service. Our guest speaker will be Archdeacon Charlene Taylor who will be talking about her trip to Ghana. With the purchase of a delicious lunch of Macaroni and Cheese, Caesar Salad, roll, ice cream/cookies, for only \$9 per adult and \$20 per family, you are supporting the outreach ministries of PWRDF. A gluten-free option will be available. Our PWRDF team will be calling people to pre-book tickets, or you can call Fronie Squibb at 769-8430 for tickets.

Home Again Furniture Bank Lenten Campaign - Seat with a Heartbeat: This Lent our Archdeaconry will be involved in a campaign to support the ongoing work of *Home Again Furniture Bank*. In 2015 our Diocese was a founding partner of *Home Again* ensuring that people in need could receive gently used furniture and other household items. To prepare for this Campaign, a youth day will be held on Saturday, February 3 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Parish of the Ascension, Mt. Pearl. All young people are invited to come along for the full 5 hrs. or simply drop in for 1, 2, or however many hours you can spare, to hear about the work of *Home Again* and to become active participants in helping *Home Again* help others. If you have any questions, please contact the Reverend Canon Amanda Taylor at revamandataylor@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

Candlemas is celebrated as a winter festival of birth and light. It is also a story of living, ageing and learning. The wisdom of age, the years of struggling and hurting and loving, the presenting of themselves regularly in the communal round of worship, the prayers of a lifetime – these are the experiences that enable Simeon and Anna to recognize God in Jesus and to have confidence in the safety and vulnerability of God's love.

Living and dying, striving for holiness and justice, accepting forgiveness and affirmation, living with the questions and the mystery, trusting in hope of home and the glory and the light of resurrection – these are the elements of life and loving that dance and burn in the candles of Candlemas. And these are the candles that are offered to us so that, lit by God's bright fire, we may be light and warmth for God's world. (From: Hay and Stardust, Ruth Burgess © Iona Community)

This year, on February 4, in our Candlemas celebrations, we will be having a dramatic story recounted during the homily at the 11:00 a.m. worship. ***This year, in our Candlemas celebrations, we invite families to bring a pillar candle from home, to be blessed at the altar during the worship, and then taken back to your homes for use throughout the rest of the season of Epiphany.***

Annual Reports: Heads of parish organizations and groups are asked to please submit their reports for the Annual General Meeting no later than **January 31, 2018.**