

Ascension Prayer Circle:

Please pray for these individuals this week: Ann, Barbara, Bill, Brenda, Brian, Clarence, Claude, 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.

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.

Duty Teams for Next Sunday, Feb 11: Sidespersons Team # 5; Counting Team # 7.

Services During the Week:	Morning Prayer daily at 9:30 a.m. (Except Wednesday & Saturday)	
Wednesday February 7	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday, February 11 Epiphany VI	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS)
	5:30 p.m.	Frosty Festival Ecumenical Service at Good Shepherd

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Parish of the Ascension Chimes



February 4, 2018 Presentation of our Lord in the Temple Candlemas

Lections: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40; Psalm 87: 1-7, Refrain (*"How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of host!"*)

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

9:20 a.m. Ascension Café

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism
Celebrant: Rev.'d Canon David Burrows
Homilist: Rev.'d Lynn Courage
Readers: Baptismal Families
Gift Bearers: Baptismal Families
Hymns (CP): 349; 490; 380; 266 & 631; 486

6:30 p.m. Healing Service (WWB)
Presider/Homilist: Rev.'d Canon David Burrows
Hymns (CP): 116; 292; 293; 570

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

"This is the light to reveal God to the nations and the glory of his people Israel." Luke 2.32

Weekly Word

This week for me has been a time of reflection and anticipation, of light and darkness, of struggle and clarity. Here in this place, on this earth, as many of us anticipate the Feast of the Presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple, I find my life spinning between past and present, memory and reality. This week, you see, I have come back to a former home, the Diocese of Niagara.

There is one thing I do know – when you return to a place, it is never the same; you are never the same. I have driven around, met old friends and new, and observed carefully changes in the landscape and ethos of this place which once was so close to my being. There is no doubt, also, that as people observe my speaking, my being, will see a larger girth, thinner hair, and perhaps the growth and depth of someone who has aged twenty years, in life, in ministry, and in the love of God.

The Feast of the Presentation evokes for me memories of dear friends, of encounters I have had with God's presence in community. The imagery of light, darkness, of age and of youth, of transformation, and of blessing stirs in me the desire to cradle the Christ, and be cradled by Christ.

Oh to have been Simeon or Anna! Holy woman and man; encountering the divine presence in the route of daily prayer and praise to God. Sometimes in my lower moments, when I feel as if all the world were spinning beyond all hope, and that ministry is fruitless and insignificant, I wish I were present in other spaces and times, where the presence of God was so tangible, so effectual.

Perhaps you have days like these. Yet in these days, I feel a nudge, a blossom, a revelation. In each and every moment we are gifted with the opportunity to light the presence of Christ in our midst. In each encounter we have opportunity to unwrap the babe, and reveal to ourselves and others, the divine that we cradle, and God who cradles us, even as we offer prayers of blessing and love.

This I have seen this month, as I sat at the bedside of a friend and colleague recovering from a devastating car accident. This I have seen this week as I have received care and love from a dear friend who opened her home and her heart to me seventeen years ago, and again this week, no matter her changes of life, or circumstance. I have cradled God's presence, and I have been cradled in my fragility.

I light a light this day – aware of your presence within and all around me O God.

I light a light this day – for those lonely, alone, or abandoned; may we as church come alongside and bless.

I light a light this day – for those who cradle and uphold me, those who reveal the path and steps to travel.

Peace, David



We welcome the newly baptized

Avery Nevaeh Gushue

Kassidy Rose Magretta Power

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

ACW Members are reminded of their corporate breakfast and installation of officers next Sunday Feb 11 at 8:30 a.m.

Men's Service Club Members are reminded of their regular monthly meeting tomorrow, Monday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome.

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 & Tin Soup**. If you wish, you may also donate to the food hamper fund. It is much appreciated!

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) or speak to any of the sidespersons on duty. Also, current & new members are reminded that **the Sidespersons' Annual General Meeting** is today, 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: Our AGM will be held at 2 p.m. on **Sunday, April 8**. This year we need several new members to serve on Vestry. If you think you might like to be part of this ministry or would like to find out more about it, please contact either of our clergy or peoples' warden Tom Nash (368-0656). All parishioners are encouraged to attend.



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.

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.

Frosty Festival Community Ecumenical Church Service: On Sunday, Feb 11, join with members of the Clergy and the congregations of city churches in a celebration of faith and community at the Church of the Good Shepherd from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Admission is free, but an offering will be received for the Food Banks in Mount Pearl.