

Ascension Prayer Circle:

Please pray for these individuals this week: Aaron, Andrea, Angela, Ann, Barbara, Bill, Brenda, Brian, Clarence, Claude, Daphne, Darryl, Dennis, Diane, Dot, Dulcie, Eileen, Ernest, Fred, Herb, Hilda, Ina, Ivy, Jack, Jason, Jeff, Jennie, Jerome, Jessie, Josephine, Junior, Karl, Kevin, Lester, Lindsay, Lori, Mabel, Marguerite, Maxwell, Melissa, Melvin, Mona, Mya, Myra, Nancy, Pam, Randell, Rodney, Roland, Ron, Roy, Ruth, Sean, Sheila, Stan, Stephen, Tina, 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, March 18: Sidespersons Team # 4; Counting Team # 4.

Services During the Week:	Morning Prayer daily at 9:30 a.m. (Except Wednesday & Saturday)	
March 14	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS)
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
March 18 Lent V Passion Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Welsh Rite)
	6:30 p.m.	IONA Quiet Service

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Parish of the Ascension Chimes



March 11, 2018 Fourth Sunday in Lent Mothering Sunday

Lections: Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10;
John 3:14-21; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
(Refrain: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.)

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Presider/Homilist: Rev. 'd Canon David Burrows

9:30 a.m. Ascension Café

11:00 a.m. Family Service (WWB)
Presider: Rev. 'd Lynn Courage
Homilist: Rev. 'd Canon David Burrows
Reader: Marilyn Lear;
Lisa, Claire and Olivia Fancey
Hymns: (SSB p. 19) *Happy the Home*
(CP) 362; 429; 486
Insert

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Social

6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Celebrant/Homilist: Rev. 'd Lynn Courage
Hymns (CP): 180; 72; 601; 486

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3.16

Weekly Word

In certain parts of the Anglican expression of Christianity, this week, the fourth Sunday of Lent, is Mothering Sunday. It is a celebration of the gift of mothers, the gift of mother church, and the gift of Mary, the mother of Jesus. This week in our liturgy, we offer prayers in this theme, as we are reminded of the great love expressed through the expressions of motherhood, as found in women, in the church, and in Mary.

In my experience of life, I have had great expressions of love shown in many different people I have encountered. Great love, great compassion, great commitment. Yet, in these people, I know and have experienced at times, feelings and expressions that are less than love. We are reminded in Scripture that God is love, and the greatest expression of love, and that the interactions of human relations are pale shadows of the love that God has for humanity.

I share with you today images of words from an exercise that I complete with my staff from time to time. These images of words, are from *Feelings Marketplace*, ERI Press ©1988, 2006. (www.AEIAction.com) Each year, I invite our staff to explore how life and ministry is progressing, with the understanding that all is never perfect, loving, or contented. We are all in the process of getting closer to God. These words remind me, and us, that there are ups and downs to human feelings that sometimes get in the way of expressions of love.

In the Scriptures, there are various words (in both Hebrew and Greek) for love, which reflect the challenges that this word has for us in the English language.

Eros – Sexual Passion

Philia – deep friendship

Ludus – playful love

Agape – love for all

Pragma – longstanding love

Philantia – self-love

Ahab – Impulsive/spontaneous love

Hesed – deliberate choice of affection and kindness (Steadfast love)

Raham – to show compassion

It is apparent to me that as we celebrate the gift of mothering this coming week, and we are reminded of the different attributes of love, we need to keep centred and focussed on the presence of God, who never wavers in expressing love and compassion for us.

God Bless,

David

Avebury, Iona and Windsor: My Roots of Spirituality in Great Britain: On Monday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. Canon Burrows invites all parishioners to a presentation he will be giving about his **sabbatical experience** this past summer. He will give a talk, with the aid of some slides, which will recount his time at IONA and reflect on some of the things he experienced there and at other places. Following the talk there will be time for discussion and fellowship over a cup of tea.

Confirmation Class will take place next Sunday, March 18th from 2 - 4 p.m. in the church and multi-purpose room.

Ascension eNews: Did you know that every Wednesday there is an email sent to a list of Ascension Parishioners with all the current information about happenings in the parish? If you are not on our list and would like to be, simply send your name and email address to Jean Nash at jeann@nl.rogers.com and she will gladly add your name. If events are postponed, or if you fail to get the *Chimes*, or for whatever reason you are not up to date with church happenings, this news will keep you informed.

Worship Consulting Committee Progress Report: During the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, March 18th a **progress report** will be given by the Worship Consulting Committee regarding the proposed changes to the nave and chancel of the church. This proposed plan has been created to address the concerns outlined by the parish survey completed in 2013. There will be an opportunity for feedback and questions at the AGM on April 8th.

Food Bank: 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 **Tea Bags, Sugar and Peanut Butter**. If you wish, you may also make a monetary donation to the food hamper fund. It is much appreciated!

ACW Members are reminded of their regular luncheon meeting Monday March 12 at 12:30 p.m.

Godly Play Schedule for March: Today, March 11 will be a Family Service for Mothering Sunday, there will be no Godly Play. March 18 we will do the last three sessions of the Faces of Easter. March 25, Palm Sunday the story will be The Crosses. This will be our last Sunday until April 15 after Easter Vacation. A very blessed Easter to all from the Godly Play teachers.

<u>Opening Responses</u>	<u>Closing Responses</u>
Under your wings You would hide us MOTHERING GOD	Mothering God You watch your children grow AND YOU LET US GO
Under your wings You would shelter us MOTHERING GOD	Mothering God You teach us what is true AND YOU LET US GO
Under your wings You would warm us MOTHERING GOD	Mothering God You show us what is just AND YOU LET US GO
Under your wings Your would nurture us MOTHERING GOD	Mothering God You give us what we need AND YOU LET US GO

‘St. Patrick’s Stew Supper’: The Church of the Good Shepherd, Mount Pearl, will be holding a ‘St. Patrick’s Stew Supper’ on Thursday, March 15th at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased by visiting the Church office or calling 747-1022. Both eat in and take out meals are available.

New Vestry Members needed: At the Parish Annual General Meeting on **Sunday, April 8** we will be electing the following new members to vestry: 2 People's Wardens; 2 regular Synod delegates; 2 alternate Synod delegates; 4 people for a 3 yr. term as vestry member; 1 person for a 1 yr. term as vestry member. We are desperately seeking parishioners to fill these positions. If you think you might like to be part of this ministry to your parish or would like to find out more about it, please contact either of our clergy or the current peoples’ warden Tom Nash (368-0656). Only with parishioner involvement can our parish not only survive but thrive.