

Ascension Prayer Circle:

Please pray for these individuals this week: Aaron, Andrea, Angela, Ann, Barbara, Bill, Brenda, Brian, Clarence, Claude, Daphne, Darryl, Dennis, Dot, Dulcie, Eileen, Ernest, Fred, Gary, Harry, Herb, Hilda, Ina, Ivy, Jack, Jason, Jeff, Jennie, Jerome, Jessie, Josephine, Junior, Kevin, Laura, Lester, Lori, Mabel, Marguerite, Marjorie, Maxwell, Melissa, Melvin, Mona, Mya, Myles, Myra, Nancy, Norm, Randell, Randy Rodney, Roland, Ron, Roy, Ruth, Sean, Sheila, Stan, Stephen, Terry 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.

We gratefully acknowledge donations to the Giving Thanks Fund from: Maud Hunt on the occasion of her 75th birthday; Marie Weir and Family in memory of Robert Weir

Duty Teams for Next Sunday, April 29: Sidespersons Team # 6; Counting Team # 2.

Services During the Week:	Morning Prayer daily at 9:30 a.m. (Except Monday, Wednesday & Saturday)	
April 25	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
April 29 Easter V	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11:00 a.m.	Family Service (WWB)
	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS)

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Parish of the Ascension Chimes



**Sunday, April 22, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday**

Lections: Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18;
Psalm 23, Refrain "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want."

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

9:30 a.m. Ascension Café

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Celebrant/Homilist: Rev.'d Lynn Courage
Readers: Trevor Earl, Alex Earle
Gift Bearers: Sylvia and Norm Viguers
Hymns (CP): 378; 428; 300; 85 & 585; 459

6:30 p.m. Holy Baptism/Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Presider/Homilist: Rev.'d Lynn Courage
Hymns (CP): 620; 519; 459; 564

"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me." John 10.14

Rector's Weekly Word

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Yes, God will delight, when we are creators of justice, justice and
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*For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be;
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship
For everyone born, the right to be free:
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Peace,
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We welcome the newly baptized

Ava Charlotte Halliday

Hudson Robert Blair Simms-Noseworthy

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.

Parish Network Visitors: The last meeting of the spring for the Parish Network Visitors will be held at the home of Shirley Cooper on 67 Commonwealth Ave. at 11 am on Thursday, April 26. The meeting will be followed by a potluck lunch. For more information about Parish Network Visitors, call Shirley Cooper at 368-6180, Margaret Yetman at 368-1867, or speak to the Rev. Lynn Courage at the church. Pamphlets are also available at the back of the church.

Godly Play Schedule for April: Today, April 22, the story will be The Parable of the Great Pearl. April 29 is Family Service, there will be no Godly Play.

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 **Meat Balls & Gravy/Irish Stew, Tetra Boxes Orange Juice, Tin Fruit.** If you wish, you may also make a monetary donation to the food hamper fund. It is much appreciated!

Ladies Night: Keep the date – **May 7th**. Roast beef dinner provided by the Men's Service Club and entertainment by The Sweet Forget-Me-Nots. Tickets are \$20 each and are available from Mildred Pretty at 368-8867 or Ena Oake at 368-3230. Come and bring a friend but ticket numbers are limited to 150 so purchase early.

CLB Dedication: On Sunday, April 29, at 11a.m. (Family Service) we welcome our own CLB Company #4507 as they dedicate new CLB colours and drums as well as enroll two members. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Retirement: On Sunday, May 27 you are invited to say farewell to our Office Administrator, Vicki Larkin as she begins a new chapter in her life. Following the service we invite you to a "Tea and Roast" where we will enjoy a light lunch of sandwiches and cookies and share in entertainment. All are welcome to attend.

Diocesan Vocations Weekend - Friday, May 11 (5 PM) to Saturday, May 12th (3:00PM) - Lavrock Camp and Conference Centre, Salmonier Line How is God calling you? Youth Worker? Pastoral Visiting? Server? Eucharist Assistant? Lay Reader? Deacon? Priest? Etc.???????? This is an opportunity for you to: Come, Reflect, Discern and Decide how God is calling you. This event is open to all from ages 14 and up. There is no cost to attend this event. To register: Contact The Rev. Canon Amanda Taylor Ph: 895-2215 or email: revamandataylor@gmail.com

St. Michael's Parish are holding their Spring Sale with usual bake & craft stalls on Saturday 28 April at their Parish Hall 75 Kiwanis St. Morning coffee 9:30am (\$5) Pea Soup/Dessert Lunch at 12 p.m. (\$10) Hot Turkey Dinner with a lemon dessert at 5:30pm (\$20) Take-outs available 5pm (\$20). For tickets call Marie 368-2844 or Catherine 722-4511.

Queen's College Convocation will be on Thursday, May 03, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary the Virgin Church, 1 Cornwall Crescent, St. John's. Twenty students will graduate from their programs. Also, Dr. Hans Rollmann, well-known teacher, researcher and writer, will receive the degree of Doctor of Sacred Letters (Honoris Causa). The Right Reverend Dr. Geoff Peddle, Ph.D., Chancellor of Queen's College will preside at Convocation. Dr. Richard Singleton, PhD will present the Provost's Report. All are welcome to attend the Convocation and reception.

Sister Elizabeth Davis RSM, Congregational Leader of Sisters of Mercy will deliver the convocation address. She will also lead a workshop sponsored by the Queen's College Alumni/ae Association on Convocation Day. Her topic is *Theological Formation in the 21st Century: Boundary Walking, Radical Inclusion, Creative Weaving*. The workshop will be at St. Augustine's Church Hall on Westerland Rd., St. John's on May 03, 2018 from 9:00 to noon. Registration Fee (which includes a coffee break and lunch) is \$10.00 which is payable at the door. To register, please call Queen's College at (709) 753-0116 or email: queens@mun.ca

<u>Opening Responses</u>	<u>Closing Responses</u>
Children of God THIS IS WHAT WE ARE	Holy and just MAKE US LIKE JESUS
People of God THIS IS WHO WE ARE	Ready to take risks MAKE US LIKE JESUS
Give thanks to God, for God is good THE LOVE OF GOD IS NOW AND FOR EVER	Willing to weep MAKE US LIKE JESUS
	Aware that we are loved MAKE US LIKE JESUS
	When People meet us MAY THEY MEET GOD IN US
	So be it, Holy Spirit AMEN

GPS – God's Positioning System is an annual gathering of youth and young people in our Diocese! This year's guest speaker will be Sheilagh McGlynn, the Youth Animator for the Anglican Church of Canada. **April 27 – 29, at St. Lawrence Church, Portugal Cove.** This is a **Residential Conference – ie: Sleepover!** You can attend without staying there, but you probably won't want to! The Gathering is open to **young people ages 11 to 19**, but we also have a session for Youth Leaders and Clergy on **Thursday, April 26**, at St. Philip's Church, and we welcome Youth Leaders to attend the weekend with their young people. **Register for Free by April 8th!** If you are interested, please speak to your Rector.

ACW Members are reminded of their regular luncheon meeting Monday April 23 at 12:30 p.m. New members welcome.

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Prayers of the People

April 22, 2018

Good Shepherd Sunday

Consoled by the knowledge that the Good Shepherd gives his life for us, let us pray for the needs of our community, our church, and our world, saying: **Lord have mercy.**

The earliest Christian community held all things in common, and no one was in need. May we recommit ourselves to hold the goods of this world in common and to work to eliminate hunger and homelessness. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

When we share with one another, we make a new world. May we build a new community on earth which knows God as home. We pray for Geoffrey our Bishop, for the parishes of Forteau, Fortune-Lamaline, for our sister parish The Good Shepherd, and for the Anglican Communion in Japan. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Following the example of the shepherd who searched for the lost sheep, let us seek out the lost in our community and welcome them in our midst. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Conscious of the Good Shepherd's voice, may we speak God's words of reconciliation and peace to all we meet, and may all in governmental authority receive the joyful message of peace. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

We are called to give up our lives for others. Let us praise God for all in serving professions who work for low pay for the welfare of others. May we give our lives for those in our care. We remember those on the Ascension Prayer Cycle and for all who struggle in body, mind and spirit. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For all who have died and all who grieve, that in the Good Shepherd who triumphs over death may they find light perpetual and blessed assurance. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

God, in you we live and move and have our being. You seek us before we know your name, and you give us joy in your life. Accept our prayer of joy in being found and forgiven and loved by you, for we pray in the name of Christ your Son and in the joy of the Holy Spirit. Amen.