

### 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, Jackson Jason, Jeff, Jennie, Jerome, Jessie, Josephine, Junior, Kevin, Laura, Lester, Lori, Mabel, Marguerite, Marjorie, Maxwell, Melissa, Melvin, Mona, Mya, Myles, Myra, Nancy, Norm, Randell, Rodney, Roland, 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.*

**Visiting Choir:** On Sunday, July 1 we will host the University of Redlands Chapel Singers at our 11 am service. They will be in the province participating in Podium, a music festival happening in St. John's at that time. The director of this choir is from Newfoundland and we are excited to hear them sing that morning in our church. Please mark your calendars to attend this service and invite your friends and family.

Services During the Week:	Morning Prayer daily at 9:30 a.m. (Except Wednesday & Saturday)	
Wednesday, May 16	9:30 a.m..	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday, May 20 Pentecost	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Baptism/Holy Eucharist (BAS)
	6:30 p.m.	No Evening Service

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## Parish of the Ascension Chimes



### May 13, 2018, 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Jerusalem Sunday

**Lections:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5:9-13;  
John 17:6-19; Psalm 1

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

**9:30 a.m. Ascension Café**

**11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Welsh Rite)**  
Presider: Rev.'d Lynn Courage  
Homilist: Rev.'d Canon David Burrows  
Reader: Eric Yetman  
Gift Bearers: Edie Sheppard & Shirley Newell  
Hymns (CP): 247; 470; 380; 57 & 576; 388

**6:30 p.m. No Evening Service**

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*"I will not leave you desolate, says the Lord; I will come to you."*  
John 14.18

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## Weekly Word

'As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.' (John 17:18) These words from John's Gospel are offered this coming Sunday in the life of the worship of the church. As many people of the Christian Faith reflect over these next few days, I'm sure we can seem as if we are completely separated from reality.

Thursday, May 10 this year, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, the account in the Gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles which records Jesus rising up to the heavens, following a period of him being present to the disciples and others, following his resurrection at Easter. This Sunday coming, the church worldwide celebrates 'Jerusalem Sunday,' as we pray for the church in Jerusalem, and for the peace in the Middle East. The eleven days between Ascension Day and the Feast of Pentecost also, is a time for Christians to focus on 'Thy Kingdom Come,' a global prayer movement which invites Christians around the world to pray for humanity throughout the world, to pray that people to encounter faith and be transformed, and to pray that people encounter the person of Jesus in their daily lives.

These three acts, Ascension Day, Jerusalem Sunday, and 'Thy Kingdom Come' can seem as if they are completely foreign to the daily life and work of persons who are not in a faith community. How do people relate to images of Jesus floating to the heavens? How do people believe that peace can occur in the Middle East amid the religious, cultural, and political upheaval that has occurred there over the millennia? How can people relate to the act of prayer for humanity, and for encountering Jesus, when so many are focused on daily life, daily tasks, and daily needs?

Sometimes I fear that the church is becoming more and more irrelevant to the world around us. We build large buildings, we hide in confusing liturgies and language, and we are sometimes unable to meet the needs of those on our very doorsteps.

I give thanks for each and every one who opens up my heart, and mind, and soul, to the presence of God in the other. There are so many ways that life and ministry, and love, and community reveal God and the Spirit in the here and now.

May I be known for my love and care and service, in the ways that I have met others with the heart of Jesus, not wishing to indoctrinate nor convert; I pray that my whole self is centered upon responding to the presence of God in the other.

*Peace, David*

## We gratefully acknowledge the following donations.

To **PWRDF** for Mother's Day in memory of Elsie, Effie & Lori Slade, Ethel Barrett, Gertrude & Jackie Parsons, Josephine Tiller, Lillian Maude Nofle from Pat & Paul Nofle and Family.

To **PWRDF** for Mother's Day in memory of Mary Peavy from Doreen Peavy & Ruby Ryder

To the **Giving Thanks Fund** in honor of the baptism of son and grandson Matthew Alexander Nurse from the family.

To the **Giving Thanks Fund** in memory of Ted King from Shirley, Rick, Michelle and Robyn.

To the **Giving Thanks Fund** in memory of Nellie Warren, Roger Warren and Mary Stevens from Sandra Hillyer.

To the **Giving Thanks Fund** in memory of Beulah Moores and Ada Baker from Maurice & Elizabeth Baker.

**Card Game:** This Tuesday, May 15, at 7 p.m. the youth attending the CLAY conference in August will be hosting a card game. The cost is \$6 per person with cash prizes for first, second and most ace of hearts. Please bring your own cards and baskets. Tea and coffee will be provided. Thank you for supporting us!

**Outside Clean up and BBQ:** Come and join us at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 31 and help beautify our grounds after the long winter. Please bring rakes and gloves! The CLB will be helping us and supplying refreshments.

**Mark your Calendars:** On June 9, from 10 a.m.-noon at The Parish of the Good Shepherd you are invited to participate in a town hall meeting sponsored by the **Diocesan Commission on Parish Renewal and Viability**. Our meeting will include the following parishes - The Good Shepherd, The Ascension, and New Hope.

**Godly Play:** May 13 Jerusalem, May 20 The Mystery of Pentecost, and May 27 Family Service there is no Godly Play on that day.

**The Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group** will be holding their monthly "Caregivers Education and Support Program" on Tuesday, May 15th, 1:30-3:00p.m., Park Place Community Centre in Mount Pearl. Guest speaker will be Adam O'Rourke, Behaviour Management Specialist with Eastern Health. He will speak on "**Communication Tips and Techniques for Dementia Care**". If you are a primary caregiver; caring for a loved one at home and would like to attend, please call 748-6485 to register.

<u>OPENING RESPONSES</u>	<u>CLOSING RESPONSES</u>
In my living and in my loving <b>YOU HAVE BLESSED ME</b>	Growing in us <b>GOD'S LAUGHTER</b>
In my tears and in my laughter <b>YOU HAVE BLESSED ME</b>	Growing in us <b>GOD'S GLORY</b>
In my sisters and in my brothers <b>YOU HAVE BLESSED ME</b>	Growing in us <b>GOD'S KINDNESS</b>
With everything that's in me <b>I GIVE YOU THANKS</b>	Growing in us <b>GOD'S LOVE</b>

**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 **Tin Vegetables, Tin Pasta & Tin Beans**. If you wish, you may also make a monetary donation to the food hamper fund. It is much appreciated!

**Summer Festival Billet Housing Program:** Each year, singers, musicians, stage directors and stage designers from all around the world stay with families like yours in St. John's, enjoying the quintessential "Newfoundland Experience" as part of OOTA's Billet Housing Program. In 2018, OOTA is looking to house 24 artists who are traveling to St. John's to participate in Puccini's famous opera **Tosca**, and Laura Kaminsky's new opera, **As One**. Hosting an artist offers billet families and exciting behind-the-scenes look at our productions and exclusive host family benefits. Contact us today at (709) 738-1322 or email [admin@operaontheavalon.com](mailto:admin@operaontheavalon.com) for more information.

**Coastal Sounds Choir Association** presents Music Theory for the Community Musician. Are you a community singer or musician aspiring to improve your music-reading skills? This year's Summer Music Program is a music theory course tailored to the experience and needs of those who register. Two sections available (July 4, 11, 18, 25, 7-9pm and July 10, 17, 24, 31, 7-9pm) both taking place at Topsail United Church. Participation fee of \$75 includes instruction, learning resources and a few extras. Limited space available. Learn more or register at [www.coastalsounds.ca/summermusic](http://www.coastalsounds.ca/summermusic).

**Duty Teams for next Sunday, May 20:** Sidespersons Team # 3; Counting Team # 5.