

FOOD BANK: When you are picking up your groceries, please add an item or two and drop it in the food bank box. Items this week are **crackers, cereal and tinned soup**. If you wish, you may also make a monetary donation to the food hamper fund. It is much appreciated!

Duty teams for next Sunday, November 11, 2018: Sidespersons' Team # 4, Counting Team # 6.

Donation to Giving Thanks Fund in memory of Hilda Welcher from Gordon Handcock

Donation to Giving Thanks Fund in memory of Dorothy Miller from Edward Miller and family

Men's Service Club: Members are reminded of their regular monthly business meeting tomorrow, Monday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. Team #2 is reminded they are responsible for the fellowship snack. New members are always more than welcome.

Services During the Week:	Morning Prayer daily at 9:30 a.m. (Except Wednesday & Saturday)	
Wednesday, Nov. 7	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Sunday, Nov. 11 Pentecost 25	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist BAS
	6:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer EP/WWB

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Parish of the Ascension Chimes

**Sunday, November 4, 2018
All Saints/Remembrance**

Lections: Revelation 21:1-6A; Psalm 24 **REFRAIN: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory;** Colossians 1:9-14; John 11:32-44

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

9:15 a.m. Ascension Café

11:00 a.m. All Saints/Baptism
Presider: Rev. 'd Shawn Samson
Homilist: Rev. 'd Canon David Burrows
Reader: Baptismal Family
Gift Bearers: Baptismal Family
Hymns: (CP) 281, Child of Blessing (inside CP), 276, 439 & 478, 300

6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer (BCP)/Act Of Remembrance
Presider/Homilist: Rev. 'd Canon David Burrows
Hymns: BCP/EP with Hymnal, 632, 379, 558, 335

"If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you" John 14.23

Weekly Word

This busy week full of Halloween, All Saints, and All Souls has me reflecting on recent experiences that have transformed my being. At times, personal retreat helps individuals to process emotions and experiences, decisions and directions. In this last week, travel has enabled me to examine my understanding of hospitality and ministry: specifically what grounds my being and what enables me to open up to others. I'm not sure about you, but for me, when I travel to another place, I not only explore and experience my surroundings but I also explore much about myself.

In the course of this journey, I found myself focusing on four images: A door, a pillar, a saint, and a spirit. While exploring an art museum, I found myself face to face with a set of doors. They were carved exquisitely in wood, with Christian symbols, and were from Armenia. In the midst of the crowds and movement in the room, I felt I had stopped time altogether. To what did these doors open? What history and experience had these doors witnessed? By the beautiful carving and intricate design I could see that whatever was contained behind the doors was revered and holy. I noted the damage and decay of the doors. Bullet holes and scoring reminded me that these doors had endured much pain and hardship, as may have their caretakers. I wonder about my own doors. Do I present myself and my faith in exquisite detail and beauty? Am I always locking away what is most precious? To whom and for whom do I open my doors? Do my doors hold scars and pain from misuse or mistreatment?

While touring a sacred space I marveled at seven large pillars, held in place by deep foundations, which in turn held up the massive structure of the cathedral I explored. They were made of solid granite, and had to be secured in place before the rest of the structure could be built. I have pillars and foundations in my own life: God, my identity, belief, family, home, profession, and friends, to name a few. How do these pillars hold my world together? Do I take for granted certain pillars and not see how they interrelate and interact with my entire being? Other parts of my identity and my experience can come and go. There is a need for me in my being to have a solid foundation. Without this, the various other parts of life and experience will crumble away.

In the nave of this cathedral I was humbled by the presence of the Holy. During various periods of my life, I have encountered persons that reflect and radiate the presence of Christ. In the course of my time away, I encountered holiness in the hospitality and engagement of my host. I was reminded of how the image of the Divine is imprinted on every being that I encounter. I encountered more saints through my retreat than I had ever expected. In crowds of persons, and in the quietness and serenity of open empty spaces, I was reminded that I am called to reveal the divine reflection to others I encounter. I must leave behind ego and self, in order to enable God to work in and through me. I need to breathe this into my being at every moment.

Moment by moment the retreat for me was a combination of remembering and revealing. Beyond the walls and foundations of cathedrals and homes, I encountered the beauty and majesty in the remembrance of the dead. In silence and struggle, emotion and memory, I met spirit. In the reliving of memories of eighteen years ago, I met horror and pain, grief and agony, even as I heard of eleven, and 189, and countless others hurting and dying, suffering and struggling. Spirit was not all ghosts, spectres, phantoms or ghouls; memories and remembrance of joy and love, of happiness and love was present. Spirit helped me to remember and recall the acts and actions of those who once walked and shared, who once bore the mark of the divine in their interactions in their homes, their lives, and their communities. What haunts me? What causes me grief and pain, anger and heartache? How is my spirit suffering and struggling? How is my spirit joyful and loving?

These and many other musings have had my head and heart spinning these last days. I pray that saints and spirits, doors and pillars continue to be present in all

Peace,

David



We welcome the newly baptized

*Elsie Mollie Matthews
Anthony Joseph Power
Aiden Joshua Davis*

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.

Bishop's Dinner: If you are planning on attending the Bishop's Dinner on November 9 at the CLB Armoury in St. John's, **you need to purchase your ticket by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5!** Tickets are going quickly and we don't want you to miss out on this special event! The Bishop's Dinner will be held on Friday, November 9, 2018 at the CLB Armoury, Harvey Road. Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. This is a three-course meal with appetizer, stuffed chicken breast, and dessert with tea/coffee. Tickets cost \$40 single. Guest speaker is Sister Elizabeth Davis and dinner music by the CLB Regimental Band. The Bishop's Award of Merit will be presented and there will be a special Act of Remembrance of the 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI. **To purchase your ticket call Elizabeth at Synod Office at (709) 576-6697 BEFORE NOVEMBER 5!!!**

Bishop's Dinner Transportation: Transportation is available to the Bishop's Dinner on November 9 for Synod delegates only. Busses are reserved for the transportation of Synod delegates. We are asking those Synod delegates who wish to use this service to park in the Church's parking lot by 5 p.m. to be transported to the Bishop's Dinner. Return to the church parking lot by 9:30 p.m.

Special Advent Project – St. Margaret's Boat: The project will be launched on November 16, the Feast of St. Margaret of Scotland. The confirmation class, along with the congregation, will be partnering with the John Howard Society to donate personal care items for men in need who reside in and around our community. 'St. Margaret's Boat' will be located in the side foyer to hold all items. These items will be presented to the John Howard Society at a later date. The items you can donate are: men's socks, hats, mitts, deodorant, razors, shampoo & conditioner, toothbrush & toothpaste, shaving gel, soap, shower gel. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Office Closure: The office will be closed on Monday, November 12 in observance of Armistice Day.

Nursery Volunteers: Our new nursery located in the back of the church is in need of volunteers. If you feel this is a ministry for you, please contact Rev. Lynn (682-8500), for further details.

Ordination: God willing, The Rt. Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Peddle, Bishop and Dean of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador, will Ordain to the Sacred Order of Priests, The Rev.'d Lisa Payne on Sunday, December 23, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Whitbourne.

ACW: The ACW will host their annual **Afternoon Tea and Game of Cards** on November 5 in the church auditorium. There will be our very popular \$2 grab bag table, gently used jewelry and hand bags table, and a homemade baked goods table. Get your table together and come along for a great afternoon of Food, Fun and Fellowship. Tickets are \$10.

Ascension Fall Fair

Sale, Morning Tea/Coffee, Moose Burgers: On **Saturday, November 17**, we will hold the first events of our Fall Fair. Admission is \$1.00 and there will be the traditional sales tables with dry goods, baked goods, preserves, crafts, Christmas things, books and much more. There will be morning tea/coffee with sweets at a cost of \$6.00. There will also be moose burgers for sale at a cost of \$5.00. **All events will start at 9:30 a.m.** and continue until noon. We encourage all members of the parish to donate items for the various tables, without these items our Fair cannot be a success. Items can be dropped off at the church from 9:00 a.m. till noon during the week, and **on Friday evening, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. during set up time.**



Roast Beef Supper: On **Tuesday, November 20**, our Fall Fair continues with a Roast Beef supper at **6:00 p.m.** Tickets for the supper are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 12 and can be purchased/booked by calling the church office. There will be only one sitting at 6:00 p.m. **Please note that we will be selling only 150 tickets and they will be sold on a first come first served basis.** Take out dinners will also be available and are to be picked up between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. **Deadline for both eat in and take out ticket purchase is Friday, November 16.**



Card Game: On **Tuesday, November 27**, the Fall Fair wraps up with a card game **which will start at 7:00 p.m.** with cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, & most Ace of Hearts plus a booby and door prize. Cost for cards is \$6 per person and you are asked to bring your own cards and baskets.



Update & Thank You: All fundraisers go towards delivering the ministry program at the Ascension. As a result of the Thanksgiving Jiggs Dinner, Card Party, and vegetable sales, approximately \$3500 was raised. Thank you for your support and we hope the Fall Fair is supported equally as well.