

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 **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, March 24, 2019: Sidespersons' Team # 3, Counting Team # 1.

Lenten Bible Study: This year's topic for Lenten bible study is *The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life*. Classes began on Wednesday, March 6, following the morning Ash Wednesday Service. Other dates are March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 and 17.

Donation to Giving Thanks Fund on the birth of our great-grand daughter, Skye, from Cindy and Stewart Button.

Donation to Giving Thanks Fund in memory of Harold Bailey from Phelena, children and grandchildren.

Services During the Week:	Morning Prayer daily at 9:30 a.m. (Except Wednesday & Saturday)	
Wednesday March 20	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS)
	12:15 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Liturgy
Sunday, March 24 Lent III	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS)
		Next Evening Service will be Sunday, March 31, 2019

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Parish of the Ascension Chimes



**March 17, 2019
Lent II**

Lections: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27 (**Refrain: The Lord is my light and my salvation.**); Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

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

9:15 a.m. Ascension Café

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Welsh
Presider: Rev'd. Lynn Courage
Homilist: Mrs. Fronie Squibb
Reader: Judith Hindy
Gift Bearers: Mildred Pretty and Jessie Green
Hymns (CP): 393, 592, 505, 558 & 61, 577

"If you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Psalm 95.7-8

Weekly Word

In this past week, March 12 was an emotional and tumultuous experience for me on a number of levels. March 12, twenty nine years ago, I held my nephew in my arms for the first time. I cradled him, offered prayer of support, and thankfulness to the Holy One. Ten years ago, I recall and remember I was leading worship for a 41 year old husband and father of two who had died of a brain tumour. The church was packed, and during the course of the worship, no fewer than 15 pagers went off. These pagers, of course, were owned by persons connected with emergency services in one way or another, and they were indicating the tragedy of Cougar Flight 491 that crashed into the Atlantic, seventeen souls dying, with only one survivor.

This year, many have heard the news reports of the 157 persons who have died in Ethiopia through a plane crash. This has affected the international community, many educational communities, and a large family and community network.

This year, I had the privilege of holding a newborn baby boy, cradling him in my arms, and providing a blessing for him and his family.

In all this, I am mesmerized. I am humbled. I am in awe. These remembrances, thanksgivings, and laments, are almost too much for any one person to bear. This memory of March 12 is but a small instance of all the combined memories of this day throughout the world, and throughout history.

Yet, the Holy One holds on to all these memories. The Holy One is present, grieving, celebrating, breathing life into each and every one who has had anything happen to them on this day (and every day). This is what I believe. This is what humbles me and reminds me of my miniscule existence within the larger system and structure of life, of universe, of reality, of spirituality.

So I pray this day; I breathe. I spend time with the Holy One, for the Holy One spends time with me.

*Peace,
David*

Youth Group:

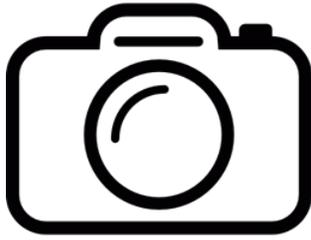
- As part of our Lenten outreach, the youth group has decided to look after our four-legged friends! If you have old towels or blankets (not duvets), please drop them off at the parish during March 10 to 24. We will make sure that your donation finds a new home and owner. Thank you for your assistance in this project.
- Next Youth Group meeting will be held on **Friday, March 22 at 7 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd**. Come along and learn how to make delicious homemade bread!

Men's Service Club: Members are reminded of the slight change in the time of our regular monthly meeting. It will be tomorrow, Monday, March 18, **meeting at 5:30 p.m. for supper at 6:00 p.m.** New members are always welcome

Annual Bishop's Fish and Brewis Fellowship Dinner: Our Annual Bishop's Fish and Brewis Men's Fellowship Dinner and Eucharist will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019. We hope that as many men as possible from the parish will come out to share in this fellowship evening, enjoy a good meal, and hear Bishop Geoff address us. The dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and tickets cost \$12.00 each and are available from Tasker King (368-5676 or taskerking@nf.sympatico.ca) or any member of the Men's Service Club. Deadline to purchase or book tickets is Friday, March 29 (**sorry, no un-booked tickets sold at the door**).

Parish Lenten Outreach Project: This year we have partnered with The Single Parent Association of Newfoundland. Beginning **March 10 to April 7**, we are asking for the following donations: **diapers, wipes, recess items such as juice boxes, granola bars, packages of cheese and crackers, puddings and fruit cups, sugar and flour**. Please place your donations on the shelving unit in the side foyer. On April 7, at our 11 a.m. service, Elaine Balsom, Project Coordinator with SPAN, will share their story and receive our donations.

Rev'd Burrows will be away from March 13 to March 22 attending his final Council of General Synod meeting in Toronto, followed by a brief visit with his parents.



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

2020 Anglican Church Calendar

Please consider having your diocese submit
photos for the 2020 Anglican Church Calendar project!

For 2020, the focus of the calendar will be:
“Light (in and/or around the Church)”.

Photos must include the following criteria:

- Horizontal orientation
- At least 3500 pixels wide
- TIFF or jpg format
- Permission to use, from identifiable people in photo
- A brief description attached, including photographer and church name/location

Photo submission closes **Wednesday, April 3**

Contact Alicia Brown at abrown@national.anglican.ca to submit your photo(s) or if you have any questions.

Clergy on the Floor Campaign: Throughout the Lenten season, members of the Archdeaconry of Avalon will be participating in the *Clergy on the Floor* campaign. Members of the clergy will sleep on the pews and floors of the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on April 26 raising awareness and funds toward the *Home Again Furniture Bank*. You can

sponsor a clergy member by using the special envelopes in the pews, signing the sponsor sheets at each entrance of the church, or at <https://bit.ly/2k2FX4n>

‘Opening Doors in Lent’ Insert Correction: Guest preacher, Pastor Kent Sceviour, will be preaching on *April 14, 15 and 16* at the evening services.

The Church of the Good Shepherd – Italian Night: The Church of the Good Shepherd, 111 Richard Nolan Drive in Mount Pearl, will be hosting its annual Italian Night, Friday, March 29. This includes a three-course meal: salad, lasagne with garlic bread, and dessert. Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved by calling the office 747-1022.

Income Tax Receipts: Just a reminder that your tax receipt for 2018 is available for pick up at the back of the church if you have not already done so.

Card Game, Holy Family Parish: Holy Family Parish, Paradise, will be hosting a card game on Monday, March 25, at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) at Holy Innocents Anglican Church Hall, Paradise Road. Lots of prizes! Snack provided. For tickets call Jim at 782-1123, or the parish office at 781-1696.

Singing at the Kirk: Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord! On March 31, the 70th anniversary of Confederation, at 3 p.m. the Kirk invites you to join with its members in the joy of making music together!

Prayers of the People
March 17, 2019
Lent 2

Almighty God, you gave your Son, Jesus Christ, to be our redeemer and the author of everlasting life; and exalted Him above all for ever, so that at all times and in all places we might share in his power and glory. With this knowledge in our minds and hearts, we humbly bring before you our prayers for the world and all people: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, as we continue our Lenten journey, *The Way of Love*, may we reflect upon this week's word **LEARN**. Thank you for the gift of wisdom through the practice of reading and hearing Scripture: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people who feel small as they face up to the giants of power, to uncaring employers, to unjust governments, and faceless multinational corporations. We all know the feeling of being the little person, the helpless victim of the school bully, or the unimportant casualty of the system. We pray for the Cathedral parish of St. John the Evangelist, for hospital chaplains, for the Diocese of Central Newfoundland and for the Church of England: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those people who feel defenceless as their lives slip from their control, for those weak in body, mind and spirit, for those destitute, neglected, or abused. We pray especially for the homeless and those whose homes are no refuge from the difficulties of life, but are places of neglect, cruelty, and abuse: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for everyone who feels helpless as they watch the suffering of those they love, for those of us who experience the pain of physical disease, or the pain of failing lives and relationships. We pray for the parents who cannot help their children to conquer disease or starvation and the children who cannot ease the suffering of their parents, especially we

remember those on the Ascension Prayer Cycle: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who feel powerless as the storms of life threaten to engulf them, for everyone whose problems seem insuperable, for those who have been bereaved, and for those submerged in fear and despair. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before God those who have died and light a candle to symbolise that light which eternally shines and brings hope. We remember the 157 souls of the Ethiopian airplane, and we pray that they will share your peace in the life everlasting: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, I give you my hands to do your work. I give you my feet to go your way. I give you my eyes to see as you do. I give you my tongue to speak your words. I give you my mind that you may think in me. I give you my spirit that you may pray in me. Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all humankind. I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me. Amen.

Ascension Prayer Cycle

Amanda, Andrea, Barbara, Bill, Brenda, Brian, Clarence, Claude, Darryl, Dennis, Dot, Dulcie, Ed, Elaine, Ella, Frederick, Garry, George, Georgina, Gerry, Harry, Herb, Ina, Jack, Jason, Jerome, Justin, John, Josephine, Junior, Kevin, Laura, Leo, Lori, Marjorie, Maxwell, Melissa, Melvin, Nancy, Olivia, Pam, Rodney, Roland, Ruth, Rita, Sean, Sheila, Stan, Stephen, Tina, Todd, Valerie, and Violet.

