

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 **meat balls and gravy/Irish stew, tetra boxes orange juice (1 litre), and tinned fruit.** If you wish you may also make a monetary donation to the food hamper fund. It is much appreciated!

Duty teams for next Sunday, February 9, 2020: Sidespersons' Team # 6, Counting Team # 7.

Church Envelopes: Reminder that church envelopes are still in the back of the church. If you have not already done so, please remember to pick them up. If you are able to deliver any of the envelopes to those who live in your area, please feel free to do so. If you no longer wish to receive envelopes (for example, if you are on pre-authorized givings), please let the office know. Thank you!

Pre-Authorized Givings: If you would like to set up pre-authorized givings, please take a pamphlet from either of the entrances of the church or from church office. Simply fill one out and drop it in to the office and we will get you set up. Thank you!

AGM Reports: Yearly reports are due in to the office by Friday, **February 7, 2020.** Please ensure that your group has submitted its annual report by this date. Thank you!

Services During the Week:	Morning Prayer daily at 9:30 a.m. (Except Wednesday & Saturday)	
Wednesday February 5, 2020	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Sunday, February 9, 2020 Epiphany V	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11:00 a.m.	Welsh Eucharist
	6:30 p.m.	Next Evening Service will be Sunday, February 23, 2020

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Parish of the Ascension Chimes



February 2, 2020 Presentation of the Lord

- Lections:** Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 84: 1-7 (*Refrain: Happy are the People whose Strength is in You!*); Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)**
Presider/Homilist: Rev'd David Burrows
- 9:15 a.m. No Ascension Café Today (ACW & MSC Breakfast)**
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)**
Presider: Rev'd Lynn Courage
Homilist: Rev'd David Burrows
Readers: Peter Barnes and Mya Lethbridge.
Gift Bearers: Pam Fifield and Daphne Hunt
Hymns (HYMNAL): 98, 719, Benedictus (Insert), 360, 189 & 554, 461
- 6:30 p.m. No Evening Service**

"Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven" Matthew 5.12

Weekly Word

This Sunday at the Parish of the Ascension one may see candles brightly burning. In the life of Christian communities, it is Candlemas, or the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. As is our custom, we listen to Scripture, and hear of wise aged Anna and Simeon, who rejoice that the gift of hope and the promise of redemption is fulfilled in a little child.

For Christians, the presentation of this infant reminds us that when we walk in the Way of Jesus, we are alight, aglow with joy and wonder, as we share the love that has been given to the world all around us. Families and individuals will be bringing candles today: Baptismal candles, marriage candles, pillar candles, emergency candles, and perhaps even romantic candles, to be blessed. For us, the blessing and the lighting of these candles signifies to us that the Holy One never abandons us, even in the darkest places or in the most painful times. The Holy One is a light to our path, helping us, offering us hope, redemption, and sustaining love.

When we share the light of the Holy One, we bring comfort, hope, and meaning to others. We may not always realize this, but our presence and our *presentation* of the Holy One in us to others, is essential. I recognize there are times and places where perhaps we only show and express pain, disappointment, frustration, or negativity; How does this bring life and hope to others?

This day, this season, when we may be lost under mounds of snow, blown this way and that by the forces of life and of circumstance, or darkened by the challenges of duty or responsibility, let us have courage to light the light, and shine the light. Even in these small actions, others around us will be blessed.

Peace
David

Ascension Café: Ascension Café is cancelled today due to the Corporate Breakfast. The Café will resume next Sunday.

Rector Away: Rev.'d Burrows will be away from the office from February 3 – 8 attending meetings at the Anglican Church of Canada.

Frosty Festival Ecumenical Service: Frosty Festival Ecumenical Service will be held Sunday, **February 9, at 5:30 p.m.** at the Church of the Ascension, Smallwood Drive. There will be a reception in the auditorium after the service. A free-will offering will be collected in aid of the Mount Pearl Community Meal. All are welcome!

The Queen's College Appeal: Queen's College Appeal is scheduled for next Sunday, **February 9**, in all Anglican parishes across the province. Queen's College has provided education and training for over 600 clergy and many lay people for ministry and leadership in Newfoundland and Labrador, across Canada and around the world. Queen's College provides theological education, pastoral skill training, and spiritual formation for people preparing for ordained and non-ordained ministries in the Church. There are full-time and part-time students enrolled in degree and non-degree programs on campus, on-line, and by correspondence. Queen's College needs your financial support as it adjusts to current needs and modern technologies for education. Queen's College Appeal Envelopes are available in all churches. You can also donate online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/dn/16498>. Thank you for your support.

Godly Play

Godly play will be covering the following stories in February:

February 2 - The Story of Sarah

February 9 - The Story of Jacob

February 16 - The Story of Joseph

Mission Sunday
February 23, 2020

Sunday, February 23 is has been designated as a **Mission Sunday** in our diocese. To mark this special Sunday and the Mission of God's Church that we all share together, the Parishes of St. Michael's, the Ascension, the Good Shepherd, and St. Mary's will be worshipping together at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church on Craigmillar Ave.

The choirs and Sunday Schools will cooperate on that Sunday, and the clergy will be working together to plan and lead worship. Members of all four parishes will be able to support their own congregations financially by placing their own church envelopes in the offering plate—envelopes will be sorted and sent home to the appropriate congregation. The Open Offering from that service will be given to the Community Food Sharing Association NL.

Our 8:30 a.m. service will be held as usual followed by Ascension Cafe but there will be **no 11:00 a.m. worship at the Ascension that Sunday**. We hope you will join us at St. Mary's that morning!

Queen's College Faculty of Theology
Pastoral and Palliative Care
Volunteer Online Training Program

Queen's College Faculty of Theology is pleased to announce the launch of an online Certificate in Pastoral and Palliative Care Visitation. This training program is designed to equip interested individuals with the knowledge and skills for effective pastoral visitation and spiritual support ministries to people in their homes, in hospitals and in long-term care facilities. This program is a great opportunity for churches, parishes, hospitals, long-term care facilities, pastoral care committees, and community groups to ensure their visitation volunteers are adequately trained. There will be eight sessions throughout February and March on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., starting February 10 and finishing on March 30, 2020.

For more information, email queens@mun.ca or call 753-0116. Registration Form is available at this link: <http://queenscollegenl.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2020/01/Application-for-Pastoral-and-Palliative-Care-Volunteer-Online-TrainingProgram-Jan-2020.pdf>

Please complete your registration form no later than **February 5, 2020**.

Three Key Messages from the Vestry:

- The vestry prepared the *Sustainable and Strategic Ministry Assessment Tool* for submission to the Diocese. In this tool, we noted that 18% of the membership of the parish contributes 50% of the envelope based revenue. Sixty-seven families provide half of the resources of the parish. We all agree that these numbers need to grow in order for the parish to continue to *Reach Out to Others*, as we are called to walk with Jesus.
- The Nominations Committee for Vestry has been struck, and over the next six weeks this team will be looking for individuals to assist with serving in the leadership of the parish. We invite you to reflect and pray about how God may be calling you to engage more deeply with your faith community, and assist the parish as it moves and grows. If you have interest, please speak to any of the wardens: Rosalind Williams, John Gellately, Sheila Foote or Randy Spurrell.
- The Vestry received a report from the Property and Grounds Committee that indicates that the Lift is now fully operational. It has been repaired and has been certified by ServiceNL. We are thankful for the work and dedication of the committee and the wardens, and for the patience of parishioners in this process.

Financial status to the end of December, 2019 (unaudited)

2019	Revenue	375,815
	Expenses	(381,227)
	Gain(Loss)	(5,412)
2018	Revenue	367,300
	Expenses	(388,332)
	Gain(Loss)	(21,032)