

Please pick up your Lenten Letters in the Entry!



The **Willing Workers** will be holding a Valentine's Tea on Saturday, **February 10th 1:30 to 4 p.m.** in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Come and enjoy a scrumptious lunch and a chance to win one of many door prizes. All proceeds will go to our Outreach Program.

The **Annual meeting** is **Sunday, February 18th** at 12:00 noon in the Church Hall. The Willing Workers will be providing a soup luncheon - free-will offering.

Easter Shadow Play: We are planning on having a short Shadow Theater Play during Holy Week/Easter Sunday. We are looking for actors (13-25 year old) to help us set up the play! Spread the word! We will meet for rehearsals on Sundays in March at 12 pm. Light lunch will be provided.

Women's Study Group continues every Wednesday between 5:45 - 6:45 pm. We will be reading through "The Practicing of His Presence." We will be learning how to grow in our relationship with God. This series is open to women of all ages. Please join us when you can!

Confirmation classes are set to begin on **Sunday, February 11th**. Candidates are requested to come to Church **at 5pm** in the Chapel and instruction will follow after the Service in the Main Church. Our end time will be 7pm. Adults and youth alike are encouraged to attend.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be on **February 13th** from 4:30 to 6:30. If **anyone would like** to help with cooking, please call the Office.

Ash Wednesday the first day of Lent is fast approaching on February 14th. **Please bring in your palms** and leave them in the basket in the main entry.

Ash Wednesday -February 14th–The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated with **Imposition of Ashes at 8:30am** at in the Chapel and **6pm** in the Main Church.

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Sexagesima Sunday February 4, 2018



"A farmer went out to sow seed."

Parish Prayer Chain: To pass a message on to the Parish Prayer Chain, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., please call Esther @ 855-5209; after Office Hours, please call Cathie @ 384-6327.

Wardens:	Stan Balch	854-4054
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8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 44. 24-27	p. 386
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
Collect	p. 134
The Epistle	p. 134
Gradual Psalm: 17. 6-9	p. 346
The Holy Gospel	p. 135

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 42, 43	p. 383
First Lesson: Genesis 27. 1-40	(Pew Bible page 27)
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6. 12-end	(Pew Bible page 924)

10:00 A.M. –HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm –(sung) *Arise, O Lord, wherefore sleepest thou? Awake, and cast us not away forever: wherefore hidest thou thy countenance, and forgettest our adversity and misery? Our belly cleaveth unto the ground; arise, and save us, O Lord, our helper and our deliverer. O God, we have heard with our ears: our fathers have told us. Glory be.....*

Hymn 103 (Albano)	
Children’s Talk	
The Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
The Collect & The Epistle	p. 134
Gradual Psalm: 17. 6-9	p. 346
The Holy Gospel	p. 135
The Homily	
Hymn: Children of the Heavenly Father - see insert	
Holy Baptism	
Offertory Hymn: 473 (St. Bees)	
Intercession	
Confession, Absolution and Thanksgiving	p. 77
Consecration	p. 82
Hymns during Communion: 236 (Dolomite Chant)	247
(Eisenach); 249 (Maryton - 267)	
The Lord’s Prayer	p. 85
Gloria	p. 86
Recessional Hymn: 427 (Monk’s Gate)	

Please join us for coffee and tea in the Hall

5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm: 81	p. 434
First Lesson: Genesis 37	(Pew Bible page 38)
Second Lesson: Luke 10. 25-37	(Pew Bible page 834)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Myrtle Stirling, Roland Lutes

“Let us remember before God the faithful departed”.
Rev. Ron Maund,

This Week in the Parish

The Daily Offices of **Morning and Evening Prayer** will be prayed in the Chapel at **8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday – Saturday**, respectively. In addition:

Monday	Scouts	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Bible Study (<i>Rectory</i>)	10:00 am
	Caregivers Meeting	3:00 pm
	Beavers	6:30 pm
	Bible Study	6:30 pm
Wednesday	Holy Communion (<i>Moncton Residence</i>)	10:00 am
	ReConnect Drop-In	1:00 pm
	Women’s Group	5:45 pm
	Cubs	6:30 pm
	Grief Share	7:00 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm
Thursday	Morning Prayer (<i>Chapel</i>)	10:00 am
Saturday	Peeling	8:30 am
	Valentine’s Tea	1:30 pm
Sunday	Community Dinner	3:00 pm

Vestry – Sheila Searle
Greeters – Faye Christie & Shirley McGovern

A **clergy day** has been scheduled for this **Thursday** in Fredericton. Therefore, **Morning Prayer** will be prayed at 10am in place of the Holy Eucharist.

“Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.” St. John 20. 29

The Rector's Corner

A few years ago I called an older, wiser friend of mine who is a priest in Nova Scotia. The clergy in our Deanery were going to meet in Brown's Yard for a day-long retreat. Would he come and speak to us about prayer? "No," he replied, and there was silence. Quickly, I rephrased the question, "I mean, would you come and speak to us about the life of prayer?" "Just a minute, let me check my schedule," he said.

His point was well taken. The Christian life is not about saying prayers, it is about the life of prayer. It is about walking and talking in communion with the Lord each day. It is about a continual conversation; an on-going relationship; a daily offering of ourselves, our souls and bodies to Him Who offered Himself for us on the Cross.

The Season of Lent, which begins on February 14th, emphasizes this new life. In Lent, the Church urges us to refocus, recalculate, and repent so that we may be strengthened and renewed. But we all know that is easier said than done. How can I refocus? I'm not sure where to begin.

In the busyness of life it is easy to lose our spiritual focus. Once we are on the hamster wheel, it's hard to get off! So it takes a good intention, and will-power and Divine assistance to break the cycle. In order to refocus, we must step back and separate ourselves from the grind.

Such a time came for the apostles upon returning from their first mission (see St. Mark 6. 7-13). Jesus had sent them off in pairs to preach the need for repentance. With His authority, they expelled demons, anointed the sick, and performed many miracles. When they returned and reported to Jesus all that they had done, and what they had taught, "He said to them, 'Come with Me privately to a solitary place, and let us rest for a while.' For many people were coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat".(St. Mark 6.31) In the King James Version, Jesus' words are, "Come ye apart".

When I was sixteen, I went to a youth conference called 'The Great Regathering' at Christ Church (Parish) Church in Fredericton. The speaker for the weekend spoke to us about the life of prayer – about coming apart. He gave us all a poster with a picture of a canoe tied up

beside a little cabin on a quiet lake. The caption at the bottom of the scene was from Psalm 46.10: "Be still and know that I am God". Unbeknownst to me, Carolyn was also there. Sometime after we were married, I was showing her the poster and she said that she had the same one!

How do we refocus? By coming apart and being still. Lent is the perfect time for this. I encourage you to make your plan now: when in the day and where will you do this? Choose a place and time when you will not be disturbed. Then, begin to meditate upon God's Word. A simple method for this is on the table at the back of the Church. If you need a Bible, please let me know. Ask the Lord to help you get off the hamster wheel. Ask Him to strengthen your desire for communion with Him. He will help you and He will lead you apart. Be persistent and don't give up!

Daily Bible Readings

A modified schedule from the Prayer Book's Table of Lessons

Sunday	Genesis 8. 15- 9.	Romans 8. 1-17
Monday	Genesis 11. 1-9 and 11. 27 –12.10	Romans 8. 18-end
Tuesday	Genesis 13	Romans 9
Wednesday	Genesis 14	Romans 10
Thursday	Genesis 15	Romans 11
Friday	Genesis 16	Romans 12
Saturday	Genesis 17. 1-22	Romans 13

In a recent letter to the clergy, Bishop Edwards addressed the **attestation required by the Federal Government** for Canada Summer Job Funding Applications. He said, "I would encourage us all, whether we can attest or not, **to raise this issue with our local MP** or the Minister responsible. It is my view that in a democracy citizens should be able to have their views respected. The matters being raised in the attestation are not those of a very small minority, but of a numerically significant group in Canada. In my opinion for the government to proscribe certain legitimately held views is undemocratic and should be questioned." **Copies of his letter are available in the Main Entry, and electronic copies are available through the Church Office.** Thank you.

A number of you have heard that, God willing, I will be made a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral this afternoon. It is a humbling thing; and I am very aware of others who have laboured longer and more diligently without any recognition. I am very grateful for your prayers and best wishes, and especially for the fellowship we enjoy by the Holy Spirit. And that's the thing: this honour is in recognition of our work together.

In response to those who kindly and generously plan to attend, I would ask, please, for you NOT to come to Fredericton today. Instead, let's reserve a few moments at the lunch after the 10 am Service on February 18th to offer our praises to God for His faithfulness. Thank you very much for your prayers and service. To God be all the glory!

Please pray for Arthur Daniel Carpenter,, his parents, family and friends as he is baptized this morning.

Peelers are needed for the Community Dinner Saturday January 10th. **Servers** are also needed for Sunday, January 11th. Please sign the sheet in the Entry.

Congratulations to Scouts Adrian Cava and Patrick Johnson of St. George's Scout Troop! They finished first and second respectively in a recent biathlon at the Salisbury Scout Camp.

St. Bernard's- Annual Shamrock Card Party, Wednesday March 7th @ 12 Noon. Storm Date – Monday, March 12th. Luncheon will be served. Tickets \$10/person. To reserve tickets or a table please call Louise Ongo at 859-7306, Donna Ermen at 856-5918, or Norma Gibson at 855-8236.

Empty 1L or 2L peanut butter containers (no lids) are being collected over the next month for use at the Clergy Spouse's Retreat - can you help? Drop off at office, or give to Ann or Stan Balch at Sunday services. Thank you!

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

Children of the heav'nly Father
 Safely in His bosom gather
 Nestling bird nor star in Heaven
 Such a refuge e'er was given

God, His own doth tend and nourish
 In His holy courts they flourish
 From all evil things He spares them
 In His mighty arms He bears them

Neither life nor death shall ever
 From the Lord, His children sever
 Unto them His grace He showeth
 And their sorrows all He knoweth

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers
 Your Protector never slumbers
 At the will of your Defender
 Ev'ry foeman must surrender

Though He giveth or He taketh
 God His children ne'er forsaketh
 His, the loving purpose solely
 To preserve them, pure and holy

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Central United Church presents the **movie**, "Good Evening Mr, Wallenberg", in **Thursday, February 15th.** @ 7:00pm. Movie and snacks are free of charge. Come and bring a friend. This historical drama chronicles the struggle of Swedish businessman Raoul Wallenberg (Stellan Skarsgard), as he fought valiantly to save the lives of the Jewish residents of Nazi-occupied Budapest.

Mary Poppins plays February 24th to March 4th at The Capital Theatre and features some of our great talented Parishioners. For information and tickets contact the Capital Theatre 856-4379.