We are in **need of men's and women's underwear**, **deodorant** and **men's clothing** especially pants for the Community Outreach Program. Any donations will be gratefully received.

April 2022 Vestry Meeting Briefs

- The Finance Committee reported that revenue from January 1 to March 31, 2022, was \$48,722 with expenses totalling \$57,513.
- The Group Committee reported that the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers are active again. The Scouts recently served at the Community Breakfast, the Cubs cleaned out the garden boxes and the Cubs and Beavers are scheduled for an overnight camp in May.
- The Building Committee reported that minor maintenance is being carried out by Richard Evers who is waiting for good weather to start work on the Bell Tower. The outdoor grounds were spring cleaned by a volunteer.
- Vestry was updated on the audio-visual upgrade. With new equipment, the Chapel will have live streaming hopefully by the end of May.
- The Rector has been invited to sit on the City's Task Force on Homelessness. Susan Plewes sits on the City's Social Inclusion Committee which includes homelessness in its mandate.
- Justin Melanson is our new Community Outreach Coordinator. Funding for this position has been secured through the Diocese and private donations.
- A Pastoral letter was received from the Primate concerning the resignation of Archbishop Mark MacDonald. Copies will be made available to parishioners.
- The next Vestry Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 30, 2022.

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Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Second Sunday After Easter Saint Phillip and Saint James the Apostles May 1, 2022



<u>Parish Prayer Chain</u>: To pass a message on to the Parish Prayer Chain, from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. please call Esther @ 855-5209; after Office Hours, please call Cathie @ 855-7969 or cdingwell@gmail.com.

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Honorary Assistant:	Rev. Dr. Dan Goodwin	
Deacon:	Rev. Norm Dupuis	386-1324

Second Sunday After Easter – May 1, 2022 8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 33. 1-6	p. 369
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
The Collects	pgs. 274, 191
The Epistle	p. 275
Gradual Psalm: 89. 5-8	p. 443
The Holy Gospel	p. 276

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 139	p. 509
First Lesson: Proverbs 4. 10-18	(Pew Bible page 536)
Second Lesson: John 6. 1-14	(Pew Bible page 858)

10:00 A.M. -HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm – sung: They cried unto thee, O Lord, in the time of their misery and trouble and thou didst hear them from thy holy heaven, alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory be...

Hymn 353 (Praise, My Soul)		
Children's Talk		
The Collect for Purity	р. 67	
Kyrie	p. 70	
The Collects	pgs. 274, 191	
The Epistle		
Easter Athems		
The Holy Gospel		
Hymn Before Homily: 355 (Wiltshire)		
Homily		
Offertory Hymn: 442 (Martyrdom - 429)		
Intercession		
Confession, Absolution	p. 77	
Thanksgiving		
Consecration		
Hymns during Communion: 547 (Crimmond); 232 (St. Agnes);		
236 (Dolomite Chant)		
The Lord's Prayer	p. 85	
Gloria in Excelsis		
Recessional Hymn: 571 (All For Jesus)		
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Please join us for coffee and tea in the Hall.

5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalms: 27 First Lesson: Job 23.1-12 Second Lesson: John 17. 1-8 p.360 (Pew Bible page 461) (Pew Bible page 872)

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Vernon & Phyllis Mann by their family

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Annie L. Carson, Charles Hamlyn, Doreen Robinson

> "Let us remember before God the faithful departed." Gilbert Egan, Bill Strugnell

Today, we remember Flight Sergeant Ernest Nixon Moore of this Parish who died May 5th, 1943. He is buried in Holland and awaits with us the Lord's return and the Resurrection at the Last Day.

This Week in the Parish The Daily Offices of **Morning and Evening Prayer** will be prayed at

8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday - Saturday as well

Monday	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Holy Communion (Camden)	10:00 a.m.
	Scouts	7:00 p.m.
	"Confessions of St.Augustine"	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	Cubs & Beavers	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	Vestry Visioning Day	9:30 a.m.



Happy Birthday to Carolyn VanBuskirk on May 6th!

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you, that believe on the name of the Son of God: that ye may know that you have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." I John 5. 12, 13

The Rector's Corner

I believe in all things visible and invisible – not just all things visible.

Last week, the Epistle spoke of overcoming the world: "*Whatsoever is* born of God overcometh the world – and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith". How can faith overcome the world?

Well, in spite of the power within the world's systems -- economically, politically, militarily, medically, educationally, socially – there are soft spots; points of vulnerability. Each one depends on money. Each one is limited by time and space. Surely we have seen that over the past two years: our world systems are susceptible to sickness.

When the Lord Jesus stood on trial before Pontius Pilate, He said, "*My kingdom is not of this world*". (St. John 18.35) It is not from this world; it is not based on its popularity in the world. It does not have to be approved by the governments or conventions of this world. And so the Prophet Isaiah was inspired to "*My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,*" *declares the Lord.* "*As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*" (55.8-9) That's what Hitler missed and what Putin does not understand.

As Christians, we believe that God's ways are higher because of Jesus' Death and Resurrection. For us, Easter is the chief holy day of the whole year. It underlines St. John's point: *whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world*. Every physical dimension; every aspect of time; every earthly limitation; every perceived impossibility, was overcome by God, when Jesus rose from the dead. Truly, we now believe that, *"With God all things are possible."* (St. Matthew 19.26)

In the world, the realm of possibility is limited to what is visible, and to what the human mind can reason out. Jesus' Incarnation and Resurrection go far beyond those boundaries. Through the words and work of Jesus, God's Son, we see the Mind and Heart of the Living and Invisible God. That ability to see and believe the Invisible, is God's own gift to us. By His Spirit, He helps us to see and accept His Presence and purpose. So faith is like a bridge from the earthly to the heavenly; from the visible to the invisible. St. Paul, in his letter to the Jewish Christians, put it this way: *"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."* (Hebrews 11.1)

By faith we believe that God made the world with all of its beauty and order, and intimate parts that fit together. By faith we believe that, in an unprecedented act of love and mercy, God entered our world in the Person of His Son, when He was born of the Virgin Mary at Bethlehem. By faith we believe that Christ came to save us, rather than condemn us. By faith we believe that He took our sins, and the sins of the whole world, upon Himself.

By faith we believe that He suffered and died; was buried, and on the third day rose from the dead. By faith we believe that He wants to pass on the benefits of His victory over sin and death with us. By faith we believe that, in Baptism, He cleanses us from sin and adopts us as His own children. By faith we believe that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to the Church, and that this same Spirit has come to live in us. By faith we believe that Christ will come again and take us to be with Him.

In all of this, faith transports us to a living Hope – to a Peace and a Victory that the world cannot conceive. Given that, St. Paul told the Church in Corinth, "We walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5.7) And likewise St. John: "Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world – and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith". Alleluia!

Daily Bible Readings

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

Sunday Monday Tuesday	Deuteronomy 9:11-end Deuteronomy 10 Deuteronomy 11:1-12	Acts 9:32-end Acts 10:1-23 Acts 10:24-end
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 11:13-end	Acts 11:1-18
Thursday	Deuteronomy 12:1-14	Acts 11:19-end
Friday	Deuteronomy 15:1-18	Acts 12:1-24
Saturday	Deuteronomy 16:1-20	Acts 12:25-13:12

Pastoral letter from the Primate.

For years we have prayed for, "Mark, our National Indigenous Archbishop". It grieves me to have to report that Mark has resigned his orders and acknowledged sexual misconduct. This is very sad news and has disheartened many. Please pray for the victim, for Mark and his family, and members of the Indigenous Sacred Circle. A pastoral Letter from the Primate was circulated in the weekly email. A few paper copies are available in the Main entry. If you would like to talk further, please don't hesitate to contact the Rector.