

Weekly Reflections

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

That we may show our gratitude for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice by generously making sacrifices in our own lives.



Sunday March 18, 2018 Lent 5 Services

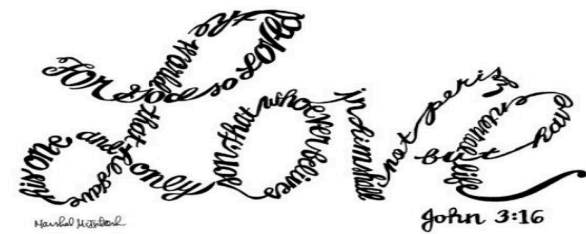
8am	HE BCP	Christ Church	Rev. Darlene
9:15am	HE BAS	St. Bees'	Rev. Darlene
11:15am	Morning Prayer	Christ Church	Lay Readers
11:15am	HE BAS	St. James'	Rev. Darlene

Mid-Week Wednesday March 14th Lenten Services

Christ Church 1pm HE BAS
St. Georges 7pm HE BCP

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The Anglican Churches of Pictou County Lent 4 March 11, 2018

1st Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Collect: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen



Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of England The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Canso & Three Harbours, Nova Scotia

Provincial Cycle of Prayer: Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador Bishop Geoffrey Peddle

Pictou County Council of Churches: Greenhill-Alma- Merigomish United

ACW Prayer Partner Ministry: We pray for St. Andrews', Cole Harbour

Parish Prayer Cycle: Pray for Christ Church and Mike & Norma Pierce, Amanda Pittman & William Aslin, Jason Pittman, Vernon & Jo-Ann Pittman, Nathan & Wendy Pittman, Pamela Ponikau, Doris Price, Wenda Quackenbush, Ricky & Betty Rae, and Colin & Colleen Rafuse

Memorials

St. Bees'

In Memory of sister **Rebecca McDonald** given by Roberta MacKean

Christ Church

In Loving Memory of **Nancy J. Hoegg** given by Agnes & Bob MacDonald
Altar Guild

In Loving memory of **Arnold Fraser** given by wife Alice & family
Book of Remembrance

In Loving Memory of **James Irving MacKenzie** given by Gladys
MacKenzie

Parish Prayer List

Bob Austin	Karen Jeffery	Muriel Jackson	Kerstin
Ruth Myles	Dagmar Hubley	Gordon Clarke	Erma Chenell
Laura Kelly	Rev Bill White	Bill Colbourne	Lisa
Carvell Riley	Debbie Haley	Dianne Hardy	Carla Bate
Cheryl Lynds	Evan Crowe	Mary MacKeigan	Brian Kelly
Nancy Marcott	Martha White	Lillian Jewers	Donnie MacDonald
Amanda, Davis,	Robyn	Bruce Heighton	Neil MacDonald

Leonard Marcipont

Church Announcements

There will be no Card Party at St. Bees', the last week of March, as it is Holy Week.

With ACPC being such a large church family, Rev. Darlene is unable to be at every church every Sunday. If you know of anyone who is in need of pastoral care please let Rev. Darlene know. You can always call 902-921-1100 and leave a message.

St. Alban's Deconsecration Service 7pm Thursday, March 15

Clericus Meeting Tuesday, March 13th

Clergy Quiet Day March 21-22

ACPC Council will be held at 7pm at St. Bees' on Tuesday, April 10

St. Bees'

Card Socials: Every Friday evening, beginning at 7:30pm

Food Bank donations will be collected every 3rd Sunday of the month.

St. Bees' Helping Hands meet 10am Tuesday March 13th in church hall

Helping Hands Soup & Dessert Luncheon Thursday March 22 11:15am-1pm

Cost \$8.00

St. James'

Food Bank Donations collected the 1st Sunday of every month.

Coffee Hour will take place after the 11:15am Service on the first Sunday of the month.

Christ Church

Notice: On the 1st Sunday each month please bring in items for donation to the Food Bank.

Congregational Meeting for a motion to be discussed and voted on after the service on March 11th "Because priorities have changed in the near future the monies in the Christ Church Memorial (Chair Lift) fund are to be repurposed for replacement of Christ Church roof."

Important ACW Meeting Tuesday March 13th at 7pm

Christ Church Financials

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Feb. 2018	\$ 3,613.00	\$5,465.01	\$(1,852.01)
Year to Date	\$21,226.90	\$16,106.28	\$5,120.62

Community Announcements

The Study, Know Chocolate for Lent, attempts to offer a simple protocol for thinking about the film, the Church, the Season, and ourselves. Nature of the Church and the application of Christian discipleship. On the surface, Chocolate is about a battle between self-denial – giving up food – and self-indulgence – enjoying chocolate. There is an ongoing battle between holding moral standards – keeping the rules – and practicing tolerance – welcoming those who are "different." Chocolate is essentially about the dangers of spiritual authority – intolerance and intimidation by those in control – versus the authentic life of the Spirit. The question is, "How does the Church find a way to be a force for God in the world without resorting to coercion? Chocolate addresses the dangers of prejudice and self-righteousness and the importance of confessing and forgiving. How do we best extend welcome and preach the Good News?"

Mid-Week Lenten Study/Worship Schedule

Wednesday, March 14th Christ Church at 1pm BAS

St. Georges 7pm BCP

Wednesday, March 21st St. Georges at 1pm BCP

Christ Church 7pm BAS

Wednesday, March 28th Christ Church at 1pm BCP

St. Georges 7pm BAS

Community Events

There will be a gospel concert hosted by Second United Baptist Church New Glasgow on Saturday, March 18th @3pm. Free-will offering, with proceeds going to **Viola's Place Society**. Fellowship and Lunch following the concert.