

Weekly Reflections

“...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me” –
Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

*That we are generous with our gifts of time, talent, and treasure
when it's not always convenient for us.*



Sunday December 3 Advent 1 Services

8 am Christ Church HE BCP Rev. Darlene
11am Christ Church Hanging of the Greens Lay Readers
***9:15am St. Bees' Hanging of the Greens Lay Readers**
***11:15am St. James' HE BAS Rev. Darlene**
*** Please Note time change of services**

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The Anglican Churches of Pictou County Sunday November 26, 2017

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16

Psalm 100

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayers over the Gifts: Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen



Prayer Requests

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Wad Medani - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Saman Farajalla Mahdi

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Amherst & Parrsboro Shore, Nova Scotia

Provincial Cycle of Prayer: Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and the Yukon Archbishop John Privett and the Provincial Council

Pictou County Council of Churches: Second United Baptist, NG

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

Parish Prayer Cycle: Pray for St. Bees' and Brad & Helen Flemming, Jim Foance, Harvey & Rita Ford, William & Pat Forsythe, Brian & Elizabeth Fowle, Blanchard & Elizabeth Fralic, Alice Fraser, Mary Fraser, Phyllis Fraser, Jean Fraser, Joyce Fraser, Gerine Freeman, Robert & Barbara Fry

Parish Prayer List

Bob Austin	Karen Jeffrey	Muriel Jackson	Debbie Haley
Kerstin	Erma Chenell	Laura Kelly	Dianne Hardy
Brian Kelly	Bill Colbourne	Mary MacKeigan	Mary Patterson
Ruth Myles	Dagmar Hubley	Neil MacDonald	Rev. Bill White
Carvell Riley	Gordon Clarke	Shannon Brundage	Nancy Marcott
Carla Bate	Evan Crowe	Bruce Heighton	Marion Dort
Lisa	Cheryl Lynds	Doug	Jan

Davis, Amanda, Robyn

Memorials

Christ Church

In Loving Memory of brother **Albert Francis Muir** given by sister June Connors

Primate World Relief & Development Fund

In Loving Memory of friends and loved ones given by Rev. Aidan & Ruth Kingsbury

ACPC Announcements

At the last Spiritual Development meeting, it was decided to hold an **Advent Fund Raiser** for the local food banks. Monetary donations would be collected on each of the four Sundays in Advent. We believe that it is important for everyone to be able to enjoy the Christmas season without being hungry. Donating money to the Foodbanks enables them to purchase the groceries that they know are most needed.

The Reverend Falen McNulty will be ordained to the priesthood on Thursday Nov. 30, 7p.m. at All Saints Cathedral, Halifax. Clergy and lay readers and visiting clergy are invited to join in the procession. The liturgical color is red. If you are joining the procession please be in the great hall by 6:45.

Christ Church Angel Tree Service will be held 11am Sunday, Dec. 17. All are welcome.

Advent Bible Study will take place at St. James hall beginning Thursday, November 30 @ 7pm. The title is "Unwrapping the Wonder" and is open to everyone. What are the key first steps to enter into Advent? We can all slow down. We can all breathe more deeply. We can all begin to trust that this will be a blessed time. Then, when we let ourselves be who we are, and hear the scriptures, we can begin to quietly pray, "Come Lord Jesus." We might expand that prayer, in quiet moments of our days ahead, "Come into my life. I trust you don't mind it is still messy. I believe you love me, because I need your love. I don't fear you can't find the way to my heart. Come and fill me with peace and the love only you can give." Some of us will want to open our hands on our laps or hold up our arms in the privacy of our rooms and say out loud, "Come Lord, Jesus, come into this house, into my family, into our struggles. Come and heal us, and give us joy again. Come and unite us and let us experience, each in our own way, a bit of the joy you are offering me now." And before a single decoration goes up we have prepared for Christmas' message with the foundation of faith, with the mystery of Advent's gift. God wants to be with us. Advent is letting God's will be done in our hearts and in our everyday lives.

St. Bees'

Starting Sunday, Dec. 3rd St. Bees' service time will change to 9:15am.

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

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

Helping Hands wishes to thank all who contributed to the success of the Annual St. Bees' Christmas Tea & Sale.

Soup and Dessert Luncheon St Bees' Helping Hands Westville Thursday Nov. 30th 11:15am - 1:00 pm **Price \$8.00** Take Out Available

St. James'

Starting Sunday, Dec. 3rd St. James' service time will change to 11:15am.

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

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

Christ Church

Food Bank Donations are accepted every 1st Sunday of the month.

Thank you to all who have helped with the preparation for the Christ Church Tea and sale.

Christ Church Financials

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Oct. 2017	\$ 7507.73	\$2777.67	\$4730.06
Year to Date	\$65457.01	\$63497.78	\$1959.23

Community Events

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE KIRK

Scripture and Carols at St. Andrew's Presbyterian on Sunday, November 26, 7 p.m. featuring the Five Town Churches of Pictou. Free Will Offering to the Fuel Fund. Oat Cakes & Cheese to follow in the hall.

The First United Church Men's Club are selling ***Home Made*** Christmas Puddings again this year. These delicious puddings are \$10.00 each and are available by calling Len Eaton at 902-752-1154 or you can call the church at 902-752-7813

Olde Tyme Family Christmas Concert
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