

Sunday February 5, 2023

There will be a combined service @ Christ Church at 11am.

Weekly Reflections

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

MATTHEW 5:3

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in this sense - poor in spirit means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

That others can see we live as Christians by the way we act, dress and talk.

January 2023 Lectionary Readings Year A

Jan 1: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 4:4-7 or Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 2:15-21

Jan 8: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Jan 15: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-12; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Jan 22: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 5-13; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Jan 29: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

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Anglican Churches of Pictou County

Sunday, January 29, 2023

1st Reading: Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Collect: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of Pakistan (United)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: N/A

Provincial Cycle of Prayer: N/A

Pictou County Council of Churches: N/A

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

Parish Prayer Cycle: Pray for St. James' and for the following members of ACPC: Kevin Peterson, Robert & Catherine Pickhard, Norma Pierce, Zachary Pittman, Ella Pittman, Jason & Stephanie Pittman, Vernon & JoAnne Pittman, Nathan & Wendy Pittman, Pamela Ponikau, Doris Price,



Ricky & Betty Rae, Colleen Rafuse, Trevor & Angela Rafuse, Diane Rehill and Mary & Allen Reid

Parish Prayer List

Bill Colbourne	Karen Jeffery	Debbie Parker	Bob Austin
Ruth Myles	Dagmar Hubley	Cheryl Lynds	Brian Kelly
Shavonne Lees	Rev Bill White	Wayne Burry	John MacLean
Sean	Debbie Grant	Cecil Hubley	Bob Shaw
Dianne Hardy	Evan Crowe	Douglas Clyburn	Lisa
Nancy Marcott	Jerry Austin	Randy MacDonald	Chuck Jackson

Memorials

Christ Church

In loving memory of *Carrie Higgins* given by Ruth Kingsbury, Faye Glenen & Jaye Talbot

In loving memory of *husband Bernie Connors* given by wife June Connors

In loving memory of *mother Jenny Mae MacKeigan* given by daughter June Connors

In loving memory of *brother George Muir* given by sister June Connors

In loving memory of *father Bernie Connors* given by daughter Jenny & family

St. Bees'

In loving memory of *Bernard Connors* from daughter Michale and Cov Van Duinkerken

In loving memory of *Bernard Connors* from Lynn Connors.

In loving memory of *Joe Scully* from Fred and Andrella Hodder

Announcements

St. Bees'

-Food Bank Sunday – 3rd Sunday of the month. Any questions can be directed to any council members

- Helping Hands Soup & Dessert – Last Thursday of every month – **Feb 23rd** from 1115 – 1pm at the hall \$10

-Helping Hands - meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 11am- **Feb 14**

-Silent Prayer & Rosary – Friday afternoons at St. Bees' Hall @ 1pm

Open to all 4 churches, everyone welcome.

- Pocket Prayer Group is the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1pm. Any questions may be directed to Jo-Anne Pittman 902-754-8233

-ACPC Quilts for Roots for Youth – Every Wednesday @ 6pm in St. Bees' Hall

-Follow them on Facebook – St Bees' Anglican Church Christ Church

- 1st Sunday per month is Food Bank Sunday Bags/boxes (for packing deliveries to Food Bank clients) are welcomed too. Any questions can be directed to any member of Council.

-Christ Church Sunday worship is available for viewing on our YouTube Channel which is accessible through the christchurchstellarton.ca web page. The service is uploaded and available minutes after the end of worship every Sunday and remains online.

-Announcements/communication and links to Zoom worship are sent out through the ACPC listserver via email. If you know someone who is not currently receiving emails and would like to be added to the parishioners listserver please contact Dave at

djh@djharrison.ca

ACPC

-Ash Wednesday – Service of Imposition of Ashes – Feb 22 - 10am Christ Church, 7pm St. James'

NOTE: Annual Reports and last year's AGM minutes for AGMs are due. All Committee Chairs should compile their reports and submit to the ACPC office as soon as possible.

St. Bees' AGM Jan 29 after service; Christ Church AGM Feb 12 after service; St. James' AGM Feb 19 after service; ACPC AGM March 4, 2pm @ Christ Church

Important Announcement

Sunday February 5 has been set as the day each of the parishes will have a meeting to discuss where we would like ACPC to be in the coming years. The Bishop advised us to hold such meetings and is providing us with a facilitator. It is very important for us to encourage anyone who has a connection with our parishes, even if they have not always been regular attendees to try to come to the meeting for the parish with which they are connected. The ideas and energy of everyone, old and young, is needed.

The meetings have been scheduled for St Bees 9:00; Christ Church 12:30; St James 3:30.

There will be a combined service at Christ Church at 11:00. In order to facilitate this schedule the combined service which would have been on the 5th Sunday in January has been shifted to the first Sunday in

February and the normal first Sunday of the month schedule will be in effect for next Sunday, the last Sunday in January.

Thank you for your patience. Jennifer Chapman