

**Collect for the Day:** (In Unison): Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**Prayer over the Gifts:** (In Unison): God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Prayer after Communion:** (In Unison): Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for our parish families. (This week we remember): John & Susanne Myrick, Dianne Neil, Cynthia Oliver, Lloyd & Jeanette Osmond, Rev. Russell & Joan Osmond and their families.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan), The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu – Primate of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido.

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Parish of Gambo (4 congregations), Rev. Hannah Dicks, Rector and the Parish of Gander (2 congregations), Rev. Brian Candow, Rector.

**Provincial Prayer Care:** We pray for Diocese of Fredericton, Bishop David Edwards.

**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**

Primate: The Most Rev. Fredrick Hiltz

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**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Year C)**

**A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WHO ARE WITH US TODAY. WE HOPE THAT GOD WILL BLESS US AS WE WORSHIP HIM HERE TOGETHER AT ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH.**

**From the Rector's desk:**

We have just come through a very busy season of the church calendar year, Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Now we are in a post-Easter Sunday season but still in the Easter season. For the next 6 Sundays we will be keeping with the Easter theme and the Ascension of Jesus, but, as we know, we are Easter people, so it is a celebration every single Sunday of the year. Now, as the gospel reading shows today, even after Jesus rose from the grave, there were still many who refused to believe in the resurrection. There are still people today who refuse to accept this, and, strangely enough some even call themselves Christians. The disciples are in a locked room, hiding from the Jews. They are afraid that there might now be repercussions for being followers of Jesus, because, as far as they are concerned Jesus is dead. Suddenly Jesus stands among them, not as a phantom ghost, but a real physical presence. He breathes upon them the Holy Spirit and immediately they are rejuvenated, now they know that Jesus is exactly who he said he is – the Son of God. This is the beginning of a band of disciples about to take the good news of Jesus' resurrection into the world. However, Thomas is missing, and, when they tell him of Jesus' appearance among them he refuses to believe unless he can see and feel the marks of the nails in Jesus' hands and put his fingers in the wounds of his side. One week later Jesus returns and this time Thomas is there, and Jesus provides him the opportunity to feel these marks, then Thomas believes. Jesus says *blessed are those who have not seen but yet have come*

*to believe.* We can't be too hard on Thomas, after all, it was quite something to accept on face value. Human nature is to have something tangible to base our beliefs on, how often have we said ourselves – *I'll believe that when I see it?* The very definition of faith is, believing in that which we cannot see but are convinced that it is real. There is the essence of the Holy Spirit; Jesus breathed that spirit upon them, and later on the day of Pentecost, following his ascension, it was given in a most powerful way, and to an even greater number of people. This was really the start of the Church going forth into the world. That spirit is the same one God has breathed upon us at baptism and again at Confirmation. We don't have to see the marks of nails and feel the physical wounds of Jesus, we have been given the spirit, it's what tells us deep in our minds and soul that Jesus is alive. It's what propels us into the community in witness and service to God.

*(Rev. Randy)*

**Today we welcome into the church,** by way of holy baptism, *Quinton John Ross Shave*, son of Alicia & Matthew Shave.

Please note that the next scheduled Sunday for baptism is May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Confirmation preparation will begin on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>,** following the 10:30 am worship. Anyone desiring to be Confirmed this year should already be registered with Rev. Randy. The actual date for Confirmation is Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Learn, Laugh and Leave Relaxed Retreat,** Friday, May 10 evening and all day Saturday, May 11. St. James United Church at 330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, is offering an integrative, interactive approach to personal growth of the mind, body and spirit. Through practical sessions with experienced leaders, it will help you to re-nourish your soul, plant the seeds for optimal benefit for yourself and others, rediscover the best in you and find emotional and spiritual health. Cost: \$125.00. Gift certificates for Easter/Mother's Day available, and all information from St. James office at: 330 Elizabeth Av., info@stjamesuc.org, 722-1881, ext. 200.

- **The bishops have now been nominated for the office of Primate.** This coming July, at the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, our current Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, after 12 years, will retire and a new primate will be elected on the last day of the Synod. The bishops of the country met this past week at Niagara Falls, and part of their agenda included nominating the bishops that will stand for election for Primate. Even though the bishops put forth the nominations, they will not have a vote at the General Synod, the new Primate will be elected by the House of Laity and the House of Clergy only. It's important that we begin to pray now for the General Synod (July 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver), and for the bishops nominated for election as Primate. The following is the list of bishops up for election at that time (July 16<sup>th</sup>):

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- The Right Reverend **Jane Alexander** of the diocese of Edmonton;
- The Most Reverend **Ron Cutler** of the diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada;
- The Most Reverend **Gregory Kerr-Wilson** of the diocese of Calgary and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land;

- The Right Reverend **Linda Nicholls** of the diocese of Huron; and
- The Right Reverend **Michael Oulton** of the diocese of Ontario. Please keep them in your daily prayers, and may the work of the Holy Spirit be visible at the General Synod throughout their gathering.

### **Dismissal Song**

**Go now in peace; never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.**

**Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true. Know he will guide you in all you do.**

**Go now in love and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.**

**God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

**The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary**

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***Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.***

**2<sup>nd</sup>. Sunday of Easter, April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)**

**Eucharistic Assistant – Todd Martin**

**10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS), Sunday**

**School & Holy Baptism**

**Eucharistic Assistants – Carol Bartlett & Lori Gosse**

**Counters: Tom Tulk & Jeanette Osmond**

**Sidesperson: Todd Martin**

**Altar Duty: Phoebe Parrell**

**3<sup>rd</sup>. Sunday of Easter, May 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**7:00 am – Holy Communion (BCP)**

**Eucharistic Assistant – Gerald Sharpe**

**10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) & Sunday**

**School**

**Eucharistic Assistants – Mose Tucker & Charlie Gosse**

**Counters: Ruth Hiscock & Canon Morgan**

**Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe**

**Altar Duty: Viola Squires & Mary Sharpe**

**The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for Today – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sunday of Easter April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**1st Reading:  
Acts 5: 27-32  
Psalm 118: 14-29  
pp. 867-868  
(Todd Martin)**

**2nd Reading  
Revelation 1: 4-8  
(Canon S. Gosse)**

**Gospel  
John 20: 19-31  
(Deacon Bonnell)**

**Our annual DAMA retreat to Lavrock is scheduled for Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to another great event and also our Annual Meeting. Registration will be on Friday between 4 and 5 pm. Registration is \$50 per person which covers all lodging, meals, gratuity and expenses. Any of our ACM members wishing to attend please let Gary or Harvey know. Our ACM will cover the cost of attending.**

**Topsail United Church Annual Spring Flea Market** will be held on Saturday May 4 from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M. Admission \$1.00. All are Welcome.

**St. Thomas' Church Spring Silent Auction and Cold Plate Supper** (with our popular all-you-can-eat salad buffet) will be held on Saturday, **May 5** at 5p.m. in Canon Wood Hall, 8 Military Road. Tickets (\$15 each) are available by calling 754-0151.

**Memorial Hymn Sing** will be held on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Once the hymns have been selected for the service we will make the forms available, hopefully by next Sunday.

**The date for the annual Flower service** is Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. We opt for an afternoon service so as to accommodate those who live further away, as well as those who worship in the morning at other parishes, but have loved ones buried in our cemetery.

**The Bulletin today is given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of**

***Hubert Mercer***

***Oct. 27, 1925 – April 26, 2011***

**&**

***Myrtle Mercer***

***Aug. 20, 1929 – April 26, 2016***

**Given by  
Karen, Derek, Ruth  
and their families**

## Notices

**Tomorrow, April 29<sup>th</sup>, will be the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the ordination of Rev. Randy and canon Shirley as Deacons in the Church.

**The St John's and Area Council of Churches** invites you to join us for our 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner and evening of Christian Fellowship, 6:00 pm Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at St Pius X Parish Hall, Smithville Crescent, St John's. Cost is \$20.00, The menu is Roast Beef Dinner the guest speaker is Major Lorne Pritchett and music by Mark and Donna House. To assist the caterer, we require tickets be purchased by Monday 29 April.

**Today, Apr 28 at 7pm. St Lawrence Anglican Church** Portugal Cove. Gospel Hour with the Band Eastern Gate and guest. Everyone Welcome. **Next Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>** starting at 7 pm. Gospel Concert with the Bands, Eastern Gate and Jacobs Passage. Come out and enjoy an evening of country Gospel Music. Admission at the door. \$5.00 each.

**St. Mark's Anglican Church** (203 Logy Bay Road) will be holding its Annual Spring Fair and Morning Coffee on Saturday, May 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 each. The following stalls will be available: Crafts, Surprise Table, Preserves and Baked Goods. Tickets will be sold on a basket of goods.

**The next ACW card game will be on Tuesday, April 30** at 8:00 pm – cost is \$5.00 and lunch will be provided.

**Queen's College Convocation** will take place this coming Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, at St. Mary's church. Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz will be the guest speaker. Charlie Cox, our Queen's student from the past semester, will be receiving his Bachelor of Theology degree at that time. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Ballicatter shelving relocated temporarily to the nursery room.** Because the board room is now rented to the returning officer office for the district of Conception Bay East- Bell Island for the next couple of months, we needed to put the Ballicatter (after school program) materials in the nursery room. The nursery room is still available to the children during Sunday morning worship, however, we ask that they be supervised at all times, and that no materials from the Ballicatter shelves be removed at all. Please continue to use the books and materials that do belong in the nursery for the children's use.

**Summer Employment Opportunity (ages 16-30)**The Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist is looking for summer tour guides. Duties will include meeting visitors and offering tours of the Cathedral. Through a combination of training and information learned through written materials you will be able to answer questions relating to the building history, architecture, artistic installations (stained glass, sculpture, embroidered artwork, organ, carvings and artifacts) and the relationship of the Cathedral to the Anglican Church of Canada. You will be responsible for the sale of souvenirs as well as collection and accounting of monies received. Please submit your cover letter and resume to the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 16 Church Hill, PO Box 23112 or email it to Attn: Jill Kenny, [angcathedral@nf.aibn.com](mailto:angcathedral@nf.aibn.com) Deadline for applications is 4:00 PM May 10, 2019

### Church Chuckle

**Who was the smartest man in the Bible?**

**Abraham. He knew a lot.**



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**Prayerfully consider your Parish in your estate Planning**

### Stewardship thought For the Week

**What the Bible says is really true – It's better to give than to receive.**

<b>Yearly Budget for Envelope Giving for 2019 - \$97,000.00</b>	
<b>Needed Monthly - \$ 8,741.67</b>	
<b>Needed Weekly - \$ 2,108.00</b>	
<b>Rec'd Apr. 17, 18, 19 &amp; 21<sup>st</sup>.</b>	
<b>Regular Giving</b>	<b>\$ 1,810.00</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 210.00</b>
<b>Rec'd Year to Date</b>	
<b>Regular Giving</b>	<b>\$23,608.00</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 4,367.10</b>
<b>Total Brought in for Apr. 17, 18, 19 &amp; 21<sup>st</sup>.</b>	<b>\$ 6,400.45</b>