

*Weekly Reflections*

*"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - JEREMIAH 31:33*

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.

*That, as God's chosen people, we may accept and follow God's plan to generously share our time, talent and treasure with others.*



***Palm Sunday March 25, 2018 Services***

8am	HE BCP	Christ Church	Rev. Darlene
9:15am	HE BAS	St. Bees'	Rev. Darlene
11:15am	HE Bas	Christ Church	Rev. Darlene
11:15am	HE BAS	St. James'	Rev. Sinclair

***Mid-Week Wednesday March 21st Lenten Services***

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

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***The Anglican Churches  
of Pictou County  
March 18, 2018***

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Psalm **51:1-13 or Psalm 119:9-16**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Hebrews 5:5-10**

Gospel: **John 12:20-33**

Collect: **Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer over the Gifts **Eternal God, your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Prayer after Communion: **Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**



**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui The Most Revd Paul Kwong Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** ACPC, and Liscomb with Port Bickerton N.S.

**Provincial Cycle of Prayer:** Diocese of Central Newfoundland and Bishop John Watton

**Pictou County Council of Churches:** Bethel, Knox, Burns Memorial Presbyterian

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

**Parish Prayer Cycle:** Pray for St. Bees' and Trevor & Angela Rafuse, Reg & Diane Rehill, Mary & Allen Reid, Valda Reid, Erwin Reynolds,

Margaret Richardson, Carvell & Kay Riley, Dene Roach, Margaret Robson, Helen & Norman Robson, David & Tanya Rogers

*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.

Clergy Quiet Day March 21-22

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

Regional Council rescheduled to Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Holy Week Services: *Maundy Thursday*, March 29 @ 7pm Tenebrae

Service at Christ Church and *Good Friday Ecumenical Service* March 30 @ 10am at St. James'

*St. Bees'*

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

Food Bank donations will be collected every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

There will be fellowship following the service on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

*Helping Hands Soup & Dessert Luncheon* Thursday March 22 11:15am-1pm  
Cost \$8.00

St. Bees' Parish Council Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm

*Christ Church*

*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

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

*St. James'*

Food Bank Donations collected the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month.

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

*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 14<sup>th</sup>* Christ Church at 1pm BAS

St. Georges 7pm BCP

*Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>* St. Georges at 1pm BCP

Christ Church 7pm BAS

*Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>* 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 18<sup>th</sup> @3pm. Free-will offering, with proceeds going to **Viola's Place Society**. Fellowship and Lunch following the concert.

**King's Chorus Spring Concert**, Salve Regina, taking place March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Cathedral Church of All Saints in Halifax. Tickets (\$10-\$75) available at [tickethalifax.com](http://tickethalifax.com), 902-422-1271 x 261, [www.kingschorus.com](http://www.kingschorus.com) Promo code SALVE gets \$5 off general admission, REGINA gets \$15 off patron tickets.