



**Parish Prayer Cycle:** Pray for Christ Church and Joyce Eaton, Margaret England, Melanie Erkvaara, Gary Esling, Hubert & Helen Esling, Judy Fanning, Norm & Jean Ferguson, Stacey & Jason Ferguson, Joe Fiander, Laurie Finch, Brad & Helen Flemming, Jim Foance, Harvey & Rita Ford

*Parish Prayer List*

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

*Memorials*

St. James'  
In Loving Memory of *William "Jock" Alexander* given by Jane MacMillan, Judy Dickie, and family

*Announcements*

*ACPC Monthly Wednesday Service Eve of Ascension at Christ Church 7pm*

**Question: "What is Ascension Day?"**

**Answer:** Ascension Day is the celebration of Christ [ascending](#) into heaven after His death, burial and resurrection. Ascension Day is also called the Feast of Ascension. The story of Jesus' Ascension is told in [Luke 24:49](#), [Mark 16:19](#) and [Acts 1:3, 9](#). Putting these accounts together, we find that after His resurrection, Jesus appeared several times to His disciples and others. During this time, He spoke to them further about the kingdom of God and the coming of the Holy Spirit, for whom they were to wait ([Acts 1:2-9](#)). After 40 days of these appearances, He was taken up to heaven for the last time ([Acts 1:9-11](#)). As the disciples watched Him go, two angels appeared and declared to them that, just as He ascended, Jesus would return in glory. According to one of the [early church fathers](#), Augustine of Hippo, the Feast of Ascension originated with the Apostles. It may be one of the oldest feasts practiced by the Church, possibly going as far back as AD 68. There is no written evidence, however, of the church honoring Ascension Day until Augustine's time in the fourth century. Churches around the world have observed Ascension Day Feasts for centuries, including ceremonies and traditions including processions, prayer vigils, and Catholic masses. Whether or not we actually celebrate Ascension Day, its significance is that it reminds us that the glorious and triumphant return of Christ is near. It is a reminder of the Kingdom of God within our hearts, and of the ever-present Holy Spirit, watching over and protecting

us as we spread the light of Jesus' truth throughout the world. The fact that Jesus was resurrected from the grave and ascended to the right hand of the Father is the source of our hope ([1 Peter 1:3](#)). We know that those who belong to Him by faith will one day be with Him in heaven.

**Lay Readers Meeting** on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at Christ Church  
*St. Bees'*

***St. Bees' Helping Hands*** will meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.  
Card Socials: Every Friday evening, beginning at 7:30pm  
***St. Bees' Cellar to Attic with Bake Table Sale*** Sat. June 10<sup>th</sup> 8am-1pm  
Food Bank Donations are accepted every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.  
***St. Bees' Parish Council*** 7pm Monday June 12<sup>th</sup>

*Christ Church*

**Food Bank Donations** are accepted every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.  
**Cookie Sale** Christ Church ACW are taking orders for cookies until Friday, May 28. Cookies are 6/2.50 & 12/5.00. This is a fundraiser for the church that is easier on the ACW members so please be generous. Ask your friends, who doesn't like cookies? The cookies will be available for pick up on the following Saturday, June 3.  
**Christ Church Yard Sale & BBQ** Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 9am to 1pm with BBQ from 11am-1pm. Hamburgers \$3 hotdogs \$2 and pop/water \$1  
Something for Everyone!!

*Coffee time following the 11am service will **not** be held for the month of May.*

**Christ Church Financials**

	Income	Expenses	Difference
April 2017	\$ 5,398.05	\$ 8,302.39	\$( 2,904.34)
Year to Date	\$19,127.05	\$19,296.60	\$( 169.55)

*St. James'*

Food Bank Donations collected the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month.  
***Coffee Hour will take place after the 11am Service on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month***

**St. James' Spring Tea and Sale** will be Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4pm

**Weekly Reflections**

*"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 Peter 3:17*

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning, making sure things are progressing smoothly, then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended. An unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively. Why me? I did everything right! Here's the thing - God has a different and better plan in store for you.

*That we recognize that things don't always go the way we plan and God has a better plan in store for us.*