

**MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**8:00 a.m. – BCP Holy Communion** (*Psalm 32 p. 366 BCP*)

**Layreader:** Diane Yetman

**Collect of the Day** (*in unison*): Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**10:00 a.m. – BAS Morning Prayer**      **Layreader:** Jean Stratford

**Opening Hymn 486 (CP) – Love Divine, All Love Excelling**

Penitential Rite *p. 45*

Invitatory *p. 47*

Venite *p. 49*

**The Proclamation of the Word:**

Joshua 5: 9-12 (Prue Hansen)

Psalm 32 *p. 742 BAS*

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 (Arnold Hatfield)

**Gradual Hymn (screen) – Father I Have Sinned**

**Gospel:** Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32 (Mike Hansen)

Homily – Rev. Lori

Apostles Creed

**Offertory Hymn (screen) – I Cannot Tell**

**Prayer over the Gifts:** God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Intercessions

Collect (printed)

The Lord's Prayer *p. 54*

**Children's Hymn (screen) – God is Love**

Dismissal

**Recessional Hymn (screen) – Together We Serve**

**Song after Worship (screen) – Holy One, Now Let Your Servants Go in Peace**

In lieu of altar flowers, a donation has been made to the glory of God and in loving memory of Judy, Jennifer, Heather and Darren from Diane and Gary Yetman.

**Praying for our Parish Families:** We pray for Audrey Organ, Marjorie Murray, Bill Canning and Tanya & Robert Boudreau.

**Diocesan Prayer:** New Glasgow (The Rev'd Falen McNulty); Strait-Chedabucto (The Rev'd Susan Slater, Priest-in-Charge, and Lief); and Retired Clergy in Northumbria Region (The Rev'd Cecil Hebb and Mildred, The Rev'd Peter MacRae and Helen, The Rev'd Bill White and Martha, The Rev'd Aidan Kingsbury and Ruth, The Rev'd Art Bourré and Patricia Bourguignon).

**Provincial Prayer:** National Indigenous Bishop and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples (Bishop Mark McDonald). Give thanks for the work of the Diocesan Refugee Sponsorship Group and opportunities for learning and worship during Lent (NSPEI); Theological students in their final year and members of the ACW (MON); Ministry of parish nurses and health teams, postulants for ordination, and Diocesan discipleship initiatives (FRED); The opportunity for families to come together during the March break, the arrival of spring, and the continued growth of our francophone congregations (QUE). Please pray for those preparing for baptism, confirmation and reception (MON); Preparation for Lent (CNL); Diocesan treasurers and financial staff as they prepare for annual audits, that religious groups may work together for peace and justice, all travelers during the March Break, and all those suffering from mental illness (QUE).

**Greeters:** Robin & Ruthie Phillips, Placide Chiasson, Bert Pratt, Bob Adams

**Chancel Guild:** Prue Hansen, Diane MacLeod, Judy Rose, Joan MacDonald

**Offerings:** Total Required by March 24 to meet our 2019 budget: \$36,692.40  
Total Received by March 24: \$32,338.77

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Tues., Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Spiritual Development 7:00 p.m.

**Wed., Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon  
Evening Branch ACW 1:00 p.m.  
Choir 6:30 p.m.

**Thurs., Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>** – Nursing Home Communion 10:00 a.m. (Mira)  
Pastoral Ministry 1:00 p.m.  
Meditation 6:30 p.m.  
Water of Life presentation (NSCC) 6:30 p.m.  
Lent Drop-in 7:00 p.m.

**Fri., Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>** – Meditation 11:00 a.m.  
Lectioary Lunch 12:00 noon

**Next Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour

Our **Lenten Program** this year takes the form of a Sunday sermon series on the spiritual disciplines of Lent. We're calling it "**Lent – Just Do It.**" The BAS Ash Wednesday service calls us to "... observe a Holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, almsgiving and reading and meditating on the word of God." Each week's sermon will give us guidance on how to practice one of the Lenten disciplines, with a take home resource which will also be accessible on our parish website. **Each Thursday** during Lent, there will be an **informal drop-in** hour in the parish hall parlour from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. where folks can come to discuss their practice, ask questions and get support. Lent 5 will be Rev. Dorothy speaking on Fasting.

**40 Days 40 Items:** For every day of Lent, remove one item from your closet, kitchen, bookshelf or storage (think creatively!) Let it be an item you no longer want, need or use. Let it be something still in good enough shape for someone else to use. Place it in a bag and at the end of Lent, donate your 40 items to a place that can share them with someone who can really use them! A great way to lighten our material load and help others as we travel onward towards God this Lent!

We are extending an open invitation for parishioners of all ages – from seniors to youth, male and female, to attend an **early evening meditation** taking place **Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** Drop in and give it a try! If you are interested, please drop an e-mail to (diane.yetman@gmail.com) or call 902-895-2934.

The **Water of Life Project** invites you to join us in welcoming Jim and Lynda Gehrels, representatives of Lifewater Canada, to an **Open House on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** at the NSCC Lecture Theater (Room 138, Forrester Hall, NSCC). Displays, information and refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Parking for the event is behind Forrester Hall.

**Bookworms and Church Mice** will meet **today** after the 10:00 a.m. service and coffee hour. The book for discussion will be Full Disclosure by Beverley McLachlin. All are welcome to join us!

Want to be inspired by some saintly souls this Lent and have fun along the way? Join with thousands of Christians across denominations who have discovered the joyful online learning community that is **Lent Madness**. It begins on March 7<sup>th</sup> (the first full day of Lent after Ash Wednesday). It's not too late to sign up! Participate by going to [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org)

**Funeral Hospitality Committee:** St. John's provides funeral receptions for families that request it. This is a ministry of healing and wholeness. The funeral hospitality committee is seeking to update and refresh their call list for **volunteers**. Do you like making sandwiches? Are sweets your forte? Or is working with folks and meeting people your passion? If so, we have an occasional job for you! Sign up in the binder at the back of the church today for whatever job you like best. It is our hope that our roster will be large enough that we will only have to contact you once or twice a year! Thanks for your consideration.

**Giving Cross:** Please drop your pocket change into the bowl at our giving cross. All proceeds collected during the Lenten season will go to support the man whose apartment we are helping to furnish.

Our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, has requested **prayers for the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada**, set to meet in Vancouver July 10-16<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the Synod is "I Have Called You by Name." Prominent on the agenda is the second reading of proposed changes to the Canon governing marriage, the retirement of Primate Hiltz and the election of a new Primate for the Canadian church. Please remember our Diocesan delegates and all delegates to General Synod in your prayers.

We have two Sundays open for **flower donors** – the second Sunday in March and the second Sunday in April. Anyone interested in placing flowers on either of those dates can contact Laurel MacIntosh (902-893-3929) or Judy Rose (902-895-4369).

**EASTER LILIES/MEMORIALS:** Those wishing to place Easter lilies in the church or make a monetary memorial donation for Easter Sunday, please have your dedication in to the office (902-897-0566) by **Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** for inclusion in the bulletin. Easter lilies should be delivered to the church at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**.

Once again we will hold a children's **Easter Egg hunt** at the 10:00 a.m. service on Easter day. Donations of wrapped eggs would be appreciated.

**Archway Counselling Open House** – A Community Celebration of our 25 years! April 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with special guests to commemorate the event! For more info contact Archway Place (883 Prince St. 902-893-3991).

### Looking Ahead to Holy Week/Easter

Friday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m. Palm Cross Making (upper hall)
Palm Sunday, April 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:00/10:00 Blessing of Palms/Eucharist 8:30 – 9:45 Parish Breakfast
Wednesday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae
Thursday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m. Liturgy of Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a.m. Intergenerational Way of the Cross (upper hall) 11:30 a.m. Good Friday Worship
Saturday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m. Morning Vigil
Easter Day Sunday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

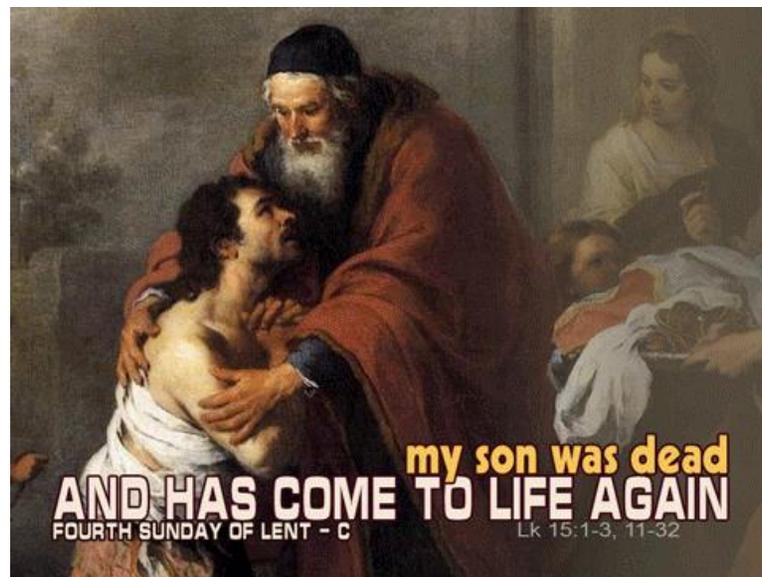
**A Date with Death:** A chance to approach subjects that we don't always like to talk about and are too afraid to discuss. Come and have your questions answered... be part of a large group of individuals who are seeking non-biased information in a relaxed atmosphere. **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at First United Church Memorial Hall. No cost. Lunch is provided. Pre-registration recommended. Please include name(s) of attendees. Email mattatallvarner3@eastlink.ca or call Bruce at 902-893-3177. You may also send questions ahead of time. Free will offering for the Colchester East Hants Hospice Society. Facilitated by Rev. Valerie Kingsbury (First United Church), Jane Gourley-Davis (Patterson Law) and Bruce Varner (Mattatall-Varner Funeral Home).

**Chowder Lenten Lunches** every Friday until April 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. \$8 corn chowder or \$10 fish chowder. Meal includes roll, dessert, tea/coffee. Children under 12 eat free. Take out available – pick up only. Please note, on April 19<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday) from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. there will be a \$10 meal including fish pie, salad, roll, dessert and tea/coffee.



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey

Associates: The Rev'd Gary Yetman and The Rev'd Dorothy Tay



Wardens: Hazel Sherren and Neil Harris

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