

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
And all will understand
You shall see the face of God and live.

Chorus

*Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come follow me
And I will give you rest.*

If you pass through raging waters
In the sea, you shall not drown
If you walk amidst the burning flames
You shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
And death is at your side
Know that I am with you, through it all.

Chorus

Blessed are your poor
For the Kingdom shall be theirs
Blest are you that weep and mourn
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
All because of me
Blessed, blessed are you!

Chorus

... we are happy to welcome into the family of the Church, through the sacrament of Baptism, **Rowan Alexis** daughter of Patrick Barr and Cyndal Lucas. Her Godparents are Natasha & Carey Gillis. Little Rowan was born November 23 and has two older sisters to guide her, Cooper and Sawyer ... we enjoyed a wonderful weekend with the McConnell's celebrating St. Paul's Day. Both Fr. Richard and Gwen looked very well and it was great to hear about their year in Turkey in 2014-15. They enjoyed catching up with folk, as well as their stay at the *Amsterdam Inn* with the grandchildren frequenting the swimming pool. Special thanks to **George Urquhart** for leading the music on Saturday evening, as well as to the members of the *Mission Within the Parish* for supervising the kitchen on both Saturday evening and Sunday lunch. It was a pleasant and memorable St. Paul's weekend ... the members of the **Altar Guild** held their annual meeting at the home of **Pam Iype** on Wednesday past. They reviewed their work in the past year and affirmed their leadership for the coming year: **Jane Stewart, President; Amy McCracken, Treasurer; Isabel Quayle, Secretary.** The Guild enjoyed a tasty and bountiful shared meal together following the meeting ... there is a basket on the lobby table to receive old palm crosses. The crosses are burned, and the ashes used in the liturgy on Ash Wednesday ... **Bishop Edwards** is calling the clergy to a Clergy Day in Fredericton on Wednesday, February 3. There will not be Bible Study this coming Wednesday ... *that's the news, from our pews. ALS.*

PARISH NOTES

A Thank You Note

A big thank you to all the kind folk from St. Paul's who make sure that those of us presently residing at Shannex, Parkland in the Valley, can get to church on Sunday. We really appreciate your kindness.

Dishes for Pick Up

There have been a number of pots, pans and dishes left behind after recent events. Please check the counter in the pantry off the kitchen if you think there might be something of yours there. The crew that are hosting this year's pancake supper would appreciate the space as they begin bringing in supplies.

ACW Meeting on Thursday

The regular meeting of the ACW will be held in the Crosby Room this **Thu, Feb 4** at 2:00 p.m. We will collect the Extra-Cent-A-Day and celebrate all of our birthdays with a cake.

Sigowet School

A Note from Principal Viola Korir

Lots of greetings from Sigowet Secondary School. We are doing quite well as learning is going on well. We are doing Form 1 selection tomorrow, 27th January after which they will all be expected to report on 10th February. We are expecting a two streamed class of approximately 90 Form 1 students. The facilities are strained but we do believe God shall take us through as the demand of the parents is also overwhelming. Attached is the list of continuing students' names, forms and financial support required. I would like to notify you of one girl who dropped out of school last year. She was however replaced by a bright need girl in Form 3. Otherwise this sponsorship has gone ahead to bring life to bright needy students we are trying to follow up and we shall forward to you how the sponsored students are doing.

Sigowet Finance Notes

- The Mission Beyond Committee has approved sponsoring 41 continuing students:
 - Form 4 19 students: 6 day boys and 13 boarding girls
 - Form 3 7 students: 4 day boys and 3 boarding girls
 - Form 2 9 students: 5 day boys and 4 boarding girls
 - Form 1 6 students: all boarding girls
- The financial commitment for these 41 students for 2016 is \$16,563 (CAN).
- In addition, \$2073 has been awarded by St. Paul's Endowment Fund for the completion of the school dining hall.
- The Parish received just over \$4000 from a fund entrusted to Bishop Edwards and \$1000 from the Parish of Shediac.

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Nominations for 2016

The Nominating Committee for 2016 Wardens, Members of Vestry and Delegates to Synod will consist of Debra Godlewski, Lea Lord, Bruce Cook and the Rector. The congregation is encouraged and invited to make nominations for these positions. There will likely be a one day Synod in the fall of 2016. Please consider serving your church in this important area.

Pancake Supper – Still Looking for Volunteers

This year's pancake supper will be held on **Tue, Feb 9** from 4:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. The supper is brought to you this year by neighborhood #5, however, it is a group effort and **there are a lot of blank spaces left on the sign-up sheet in the lobby**. Many hands are needed, and much appreciated. Tickets are not needed, nor is there a set price. Donations are received at the door, with proceeds going to the work of the Mission Beyond the Parish.

Summer Services Poll

A question was recently brought to the Wardens to have Vestry and the congregation consider moving to a single service through the summer months — with the goal of giving a (short) break to our rectors. Vestry would like the congregation to consider this idea for this summer (July and August 2016). At the Annual General Meeting in February, we will place this as an item on the agenda for discussion. We have included a survey today. Please take a moment to fill it out and put it in the box in the narthex or in the lobby. Pencils will be available in both places.

Phone Number Incorrect

Just a note, that the telephone number in our new directory for Rev. Robyn is incorrect. If you are trying to reach her, please do not use this number.



Lent is Coming Quickly!

The Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is, Tuesday, February 9, 4:30 and 6:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Penitential services, Wednesday, February 10, 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Our Lenten Study.

Bishop Edwards is calling the Diocese to explore the topic of Prayer, and he has recommended a book, *Meditative Prayer*. Copies of the book will be available for \$15 this coming week. We will look at 4 chapters of the book together on 4 Sundays in Lent: February 14; February 28; March 6 & 13. More details will soon be announced on the exact chapters of the book