

SUNDAYS IN MARCH



- March 6** Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday
Simnel Cake will be served at coffee time
- March 13** Lent 5 – Induction of 2016
Wardens, Vestry and Synod Delegates & Alternates
- March 20** Palm Sunday
Children's Parade and Service
- March 27** Easter Sunday – The Day of Resurrection

BEYOND THE PARISH

Alzheimer Memory Café

Everyone is welcome to join us at the Memory Café to be held on **Sun, Mar 13** at St Paul's Church Hall, 4 Church Ave, Rothesay, NB, from 2-4 pm. We will be enjoying a social time with refreshments, an information session with Shelley Shillington about 'Cycling Without Age' and entertainment by the Recycled Teenagers. It is a great outing for those who have the disability of dementia, and it is a program of the Alzheimer's Society provided free of charge.

A Thought to Consider

*Now there is rejoicing in heaven;
for you were lost,
and are found;
you were dead,
and are now alive
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Abide in peace.*

The Lord has put away all your sins.

- The Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*
Rite of Reconciliation

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

... please remember from our parish family those who are in hospital and are in need of our prayers: **Jane McGregor, Connie Robinson, Jean Taylor, Canon George Akerley and John Steele**. We send to each of them and their families our encouragement and love ... good on **Rev. Eileen Irish** who is preaching for us today, from a wheelchair, with her leg in a cast. Lest you think that I am an uncompassionate Rector, Rev. Eileen had been scheduled to preach before she broke her leg, and she insisted that she wanted to go forward. Thank you Rev. Eileen and Peter for the extra effort to make this happen ... there is a lovely article in the *Rothesay Road Magazine* about one of our newer members, **James Mullinger**, a professional stand-up comedian. The article refers to his upcoming comedy show in the large venue of Harbour Station. The Harbour Station show will be benefitting the Canadian Cancer Society, and will be held on **Thu, Apr 28**. Tickets are around \$30. ... the excitement for the combined Good Friday Liturgy is growing. 24 choir members met this past Wednesday to work on the music for the service. Everyone agrees that it is wonderful to see the 5 Anglican churches coming together for a common cause. The 2nd rehearsal will be held on **Thu, Mar 17** at 7:30, also at St. Paul's. ... the choir members should also be acknowledged for assisting at the *World Day of Prayer* service on Friday evening at Quispamsis United Church ... in closing, a reminder to set your clocks forward next weekend. Spring is on its way!...*that's a little news, from our pews. ALS.*

PARISH NOTES

Lenten Study Tonight

We continue our study on the subject of prayer. Tonight we shall consider the Hebrew *Berekah*, a prayer of Blessing. We begin with a light supper of soup and rolls at 5 p.m. in the parish hall and move into the Crosby Room just before 6 p.m. Come for supper if you can, but if you can only make the study you will be most welcome. We had 14 people at our gathering last week. Always room for more!

Flowers for Easter

Anyone who would like to make a donation toward the cost of Easter flowers in memory of a loved one is asked to contact the office at 847-1812. Your donation may be placed in the Sunday offering plate marked "Altar Guild - Easter Flowers" or dropped off at the office.



Children's Service on Palm Sunday

We are sending a call out to all children to participate in our **Palm Sunday Service – Mar 20**. All children will be invited to wear a costume, carry a palm branch and be part of the Palm Sunday Parade. We are also looking for 5 students to be part of a Palm Sunday skit. We will be working on the skit and costumes over the next few weeks. We look forward to an exciting service with our children leading the way. We hope your child or grandchild will be a part of it all. If you would like to participate, please see us after the service or call the office at 847-1812 through the week.

- Daniella Haggerty and Canon Albert

Donations for Syrian Refugees

Thank you to those who have donated items for the Syrian refugees. Jim and Mary Stokes-Rees will be making their final run this week to take what we have collected to the west side. If anyone else has donations to make, please take furniture and "hard" household items directly to the Lancaster Baptist Church at 87 Church Ave, just off Main Street West on Saturdays from 9 am - 1 pm. *Please note, they are not accepting TVs unless they are flat screen.* Hillcrest Baptist Church, 476 Lancaster Ave.(635-8000) is accepting donations of clothing and linens only. Please call ahead to find out when they are open.



Palm Crosses

There will be a gathering to make palm crosses in the church hall on **Fri, Mar 18** at 10:00 a.m.. We could use a few extra hands this year. On the job training provided.

Our Lenten Services

The message of the season of Lent is repentance. The intention of repentance is not to make us feel badly about ourselves. Repentance is not a *downer* to instill a negative self-image. Repentance is to help us receive, in a full and fresh way, the mercy and love of God. Our prayer books offer wonderful resources to help us in our efforts to turn to God. We have used the *Penitential* prayers to conclude many of our services. On the first Sunday of Lent we rehearsed the Ten Commandments. (One person commented "Where did you find those? I haven't heard the Ten Commandments in years.") On the second Sunday of Lent we prayed the full Litany from the *Book of Common Prayer*. Today we will pray *The Great Litany* from the *Book of Alternative Services*. We trust that these rich spiritual resources will help us all as we turn to our Lord and receive His strong and loving embrace.

Expanded Parish Statistics

Although we report some attendance and statistics in our Parish Annual Report, the Diocese requires a fuller reporting of worship records. You may be interested in some of the figures for 2015.

Number of Services in the Church

On Sundays	138
On Weekdays	70
Total Services	208

Grand Totals of Attendance

On Sundays	7274
On Weekdays	2311
Total	9585

Attendance by Service

Normal Sunday Attendance	150
At Easter worship	242
At Christmas worship	516
At Pentecost worship	174
Home Communions	163
Funerals	23
Baptisms	10
Marriages	3
Confirmed	8