

## 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

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

... we are delighted to report that **the Rev. Ann Fairweather** will be ordained to the priesthood, on Sunday, June 26 at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral in Fredericton. This will be an exciting day. Also at this service, Mr. David Pier (brother of Kim Pier of our parish) will be ordained a Deacon. David is retiring from his career in the Canadian Navy ... **Eva Marina McCluskey**, the first child of Andrew and Jennifer, was born April 16, in Shrewsbury, Mass. Jeff and Dawn have happily joined the guild of grandparents. In fact they are in the USA this weekend. Brendan & Erin Shea were thrilled to welcome **Lillian Catherine** (7 lbs. 5 oz.) into their family, on Friday, April 22. A little sister for Dylan and Elizabeth, and another grandchild for Lloyd and Sheila ... 45 people attended the inspiring presentation Thursday with **Charles Willett** and **Marilyn Duplacey** on their 2015 choir trip to Europe to mark the Centennial of the Great War. They have left their photos up in the Crosby Room and copies of their presentation are available in the narthex...congratulations to **James Mullinger** on his energetic performance at Harbour Station this past week. The arena was nearly filled for his truly entertaining evening. James certainly has astute observations of life in Saint John and he helps us laugh at ourselves.....*and that's our news from the pews*

## PARISH NOTES

### A Note from Charles Willett

*In gratitude for the support that I received towards my trip to Europe, I am giving the church a copy of the five DVD collection entitled, "Till the Boys Come Home". This will be available to anyone who wishes to see, in more detail, the "trip of a lifetime". If you would like to have your own copy, please see me.*

### Men's Breakfast

All men of the parish are encouraged to gather on **Sat, May 28**, in the parish hall, to meet and listen to our Bishop, David Edwards. We would like to have a good number of men. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby.

### ACW Meeting

The ACW will hold their monthly meeting on **Thu, May 5** at 2:00 p.m. in the Crosby Room. Please remember to bring prizes for the Bridge Party.

### A Note to Altar Guild Members

On Monday this week we were down to one purefecator in the Sacristy. If you have taken some home to wash, thank you. Please return them soon.

### Parish Yard Sale is Coming SOON!

The week of **May 8 – 15** is the annual Yard Sale. We like items to be dropped off Monday to Wednesday. This gives us time to organize and prepare the tables. The sale itself is Friday evening and Saturday morning. We always need help, sorting, cleaning, picking things up. If you can give us a hand, it would be greatly appreciated. There will be signup sheets, but come along any morning or afternoon when you can. There will be lots to do!

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Our ACW will hold their  
**Spring Dessert & Bridge Fundraiser**

on **Thu, May 19**, at 1:00pm

Call the church office at 847-1812 to reserve a table.

\$12/person, \$48/ table

All proceeds go to support sending youth to summer camp.



## Notes from the April Meeting of Vestry

- The proposal to build an overhang porch above the side basement entrance to the parish hall, has received the approval of the Rothesay Heritage Preservation Board. We have found that during heavy rain storms, water enters the basement area. A tender has been awarded and the work should begin very shortly. Don Crawford and his family have approached Vestry, desiring to fund this project as a memorial to Helen. The Vestry is most appreciative of the Crawford family's generosity and accept their offer with sincere gratitude. The cost of the project will likely be in the \$12,000 range.
- The property committee is also working on a number of projects: handicapped washroom capacity; the freshening up of the Narthex; the sound system; and the church front doors.
- After considerable discussion and consultation with parishioners, the Vestry has decided to maintain the schedule of both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services through the summer months of July and August. We have been able to cover both services with priests during the holiday period and feel that this is the best decision for the life of the parish.
- Greg Fleet did research on the use of FaceBook. 62% of parishes use this method of social media. Vestry agreed to the steps to implement this method of communication. Greg also noted that with changes to our phone system there will be a savings of \$800 in 2016.
- Mission Beyond the Parish hosted the *Ladies' Luncheon* on April 16, with a fascinating presentation by Sandy Thorne on her family connection with the *Titanic*. \$275 was given, to be forwarded to the Saint John High scholarship fund. Approximately 60 people attended the coffee hour between the 8 and 10 a.m. services, enjoying a pleasant morning break together. An inventory of service books was completed. A basket of cushions will be placed in the Narthex. Bishop Edwards will speak at the Men's Breakfast on May 28.
- The Mission Beyond are looking ahead to the annual Yard Sale, May 13 & 14. Help is needed! Please consider signing up to lend a hand.
- The Rector and Wardens are having discussions with the Bishop and with AST regarding the appointment of a youth minister.
- Greetings will be sent from the Parish to Paul & Elizabeth Kitchen upon their retirement from *RNS*.
- Ann Bishop will head up a closing barbecue for the Sunday School, most likely on May 29. Various vestry members agreed to flip burgers.
- Pam Iype, Peter Irish, Lea Lord, Bruce Cook and the Rector attended a meeting called by Archdeacon Marsh to enhance our relationship with fellow Anglicans in the Deanery. They hope to hold a "getting to know you" event either in the spring or fall.
- Stephen Palmer, chair of the Finance Committee reported that offerings and expenses are all close to budget for the first quarter of the year. Of particular note was the decline in electrical bills. Vestry expressed its gratitude to all parishioners for their faithfulness in their offerings to God for the ministry of the church.

Total offerings to March 31	\$82,180
Total expenses	\$82,684

## St. Paul's Endowment Fund

The St. Paul's Endowment Committee is accepting applications for funding to the following four categories:

1. In support of spiritual enhancement of the members of the Parish family.
2. In support of building renovations, restoration or repairs at St. Paul's, Rothesay.
3. In support of assistance or aid to families in need or to support worthy undertakings and projects in the Rothesay area.
4. In support of national or international relief efforts.

The Committee will distribute approximately \$2,000 to each category. We encourage members of the Parish and others to submit applications for funding within the guidelines. Applications are available at the Church office and will be accepted **until May 31, 2016**.



### Events in May

#### May 1 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Thu, May 5 - Ascension Day - 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

#### May 8 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Fri & Sat, May 13&14 - Parish Yard Sale in support of Mission Beyond  
Sat, May 14, 5:00 p.m. - Final Saturday evening service until the fall

#### May 15 - Pentecost Sunday – wear something red! Newcomers Welcome Lunch at the Rectory

Thu, May 19, 1:00 - 3:30 - ACW Card Party  
Sat, May 21 - Rodger/Skerry Wedding 5:00 p.m.

#### May 22- Trinity Sunday Dedication of porch in memory of *Helen J. Crawford*

Sat, May 28 - Men's Breakfast with Bishop Edwards

#### May 29 - Trinity 1 – *Hot Dog Sunday* - Sunday School Closing