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*Welcome to all, especially anyone visiting today!
Please make yourself known to the greeters.*

5th Sunday of Easter

Today's Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16;
1 Peter 2:2-20; John 14:1-14

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. George's, Halifax
St. Margaret of Scotland, Halifax

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
~ Bishop Sandra Fyfe

Council of the North

Diocese of Moosonee
~ Archbishop Anne Germond

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. John's, Milton

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside



May 14 – 6th Sunday of Easter (white)

Readings: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-18;
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Readers: Sandra H, Grafton C; Doreen C, Kim G;
Savannah C, Marie M; David H, Grace H

Prayers of the People: Jim E, Doreen C, Bronwyn C

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Thomas' HC
11 am – St. Stephen's MP
11 am – St. Mark's HC
7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HC

Congratulations to Kim Gallant and Dennis Cole, on being licensed as Lay Ministers within the Parish, which was recognized at last Sunday's Parish service.

Thanks to all those who helped with the yard clean-up at the Rectory.

St. Thomas' Church Council is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7.
St. Mark's Church Council is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, May 15.
Kensington & Area Christian Council meets on Wednesday, May 17, 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church.

Clinton View Lodge monthly church services offered by the various local churches (which had been discontinued since COVID) have resumed. Our Anglican Parish is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, **May 10**. Please consider joining us for a service of readings, prayers and music (not Holy Eucharist). This is an important Outreach Ministry and much appreciated by the folks at Clinton View.

St. Mark's Church Yard, Plant & Bake Sale – June 3, 9-noon.
Call Dianne (836-4978), Marlene (836-4303), Alan (439-1627).

Kensington Peoples' Cemetery spring clean-up will be held on Saturday, May 13, starting at 9 a.m. Please bring your rakes and shovels. All willing volunteers would be greatly appreciated!

"Men of the Harvest" concert will be held on Sunday, May 7, 3:00 p.m. at Summerside Baptist Church. All are welcome to attend!

IN MEMORIAM

The Bulletins used within the Parish
are given to the Glory of God
and In Loving Memory Of

ETTA PIDGEON

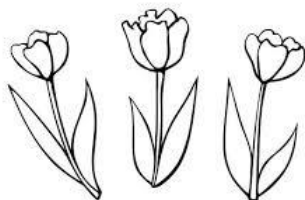
May 2nd, 1915

WILLIAM (BILL) PIDGEON

May 2nd, 1936

*Within our hearts,
The ones we love
Are never really gone –
In spirit and in memory,
Their legacy lives on.*

Love from
Laura and families



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**BEVERLEY & HAROLD
BRISTER**

*Those we love don't go away...
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near...
Still loved, still missed, and very dear.*

Forever In Our Hearts

Leanne

Dianne and Bruce

Craig and Pauline

Jeremy and Ryan



Highlights from Parish Council Meeting April 18, 2023

Note: not reviewed by Council for errors or omissions or further discussion.

- \$300.00 was provided by Regional DCS to provide lunch and refreshments for the Annual DCS Meeting in the Parish (at St. Mark's) on Saturday, March 4. Members of the four churches provided the food. The \$300.00 will be donated (equally split) to the "Protecting Kids for Life Booklet" and "Mac and Cheese Lunch Program" at Kensington Presbyterian Church.

- Kim Gallant and Dennis Cole will each be now licensed through the Diocese as a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM). They will both be included in the summer schedule for leading Morning Prayer in all of the Parish Churches as needed and will be compensated similarly to LLMs in other PEI Parishes. On occasion, non licensed Church Lay Leaders from the various churches will continue to be needed to lead worship using a provided Sermon.

- To ensure the most consistent Sunday Service schedule over the coming summer months, recommended as a proven positive strategy to encourage church attendance as well as improve ease in communicating and planning for Service coverage for the four churches, St. Stephen's and St. Thomas' will return to alternating service times monthly between 9 am and 11 am; St. Mark's will have Sunday Services constantly at 11 am, and St. Elizabeth's will have Sunday Services consistently the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 7 pm. Parish Services will continue on the fifth Sunday of the month, alternating among the four churches and will be held at 11 am. Specifically, Sunday Services will be held at:

- ~ 9 am in St. Thomas' for May, July, and September, and 11 am for June and August.
- ~ 11 am in St. Stephen's for May, July, and September, and 9 am for June and August.
- ~ 11 am in St. Mark's for all of May through the end of September.
- ~ 7 pm in St. Elizabeth's May 14 and 28, June 11 and 25, July 9 and 23, August 13 and 27, and September 10 and 24.

As well as the 11 am Parish Service at St. Thomas' on April 30, there will be a Parish Service on July 30 at 11 am at St. Elizabeth's, and an annual Harvest Festival Ecumenical Service at Community Gardens at 9:30 am on August 20. A Schedule will be forthcoming soon that indicates whether Services are Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist and will indicate when a Church will need to draw on a local church leader to lead worship with a provided Sermon.

- For now, the Parish Way Forward emphasis will be directed toward supporting and encouraging the individual Churches and overall Parish in their initiatives.

- Moving forward, the Parish letters sent at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter will be more of a newsworthy and welcoming nature and will not include canvassing for money or be inclusive of an offering envelope.

- Diocesan Synod will be held this year from May 26 through May 28. Rev'd Shirley, Grafton Cole, and Beryl Carr will be attending as Parish Delegates.

- Congregation Members are encouraged to consider attending the DCS sponsored Workshop "Why Bother? Why Gather?" on Saturday, May 6 in St. Paul's Church, Charlottetown. There will also be a DCS PEI Region Picnic, similar to last year, coming up in September -- more information will be circulated as it becomes available.

- The Christian Council sponsored annual Daily Vacation Bible School for children and youth will be held July 3-7. More information will be forthcoming in the near future.

A READING FROM ACTS 7:55-60

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

A READING FROM 1 PETER 2:2-20

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to

commend those who do right. For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

2023

- May 7:** 9 – St. Thomas' MP
11 – St. Stephen's HC
11 – St. Mark's MP
- May 14:** 9 – St. Thomas' HC
11 – St. Stephen's MP
11 – St. Mark's HC
7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HC
- May 21:** 9 – St. Thomas' MP
11 – St. Stephen's HC
11 – St. Mark's MP
- May 28:** 9 – St. Thomas' MP
11 – St. Stephen's MP
11 – St. Mark's MP
7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HC
- June 4:** 9 – St. Stephen's HC
11 – St. Thomas' MP
11 – St. Mark's HC
- June 11:** 9 – St. Stephen's MP
11 – St. Thomas' HC
11 – St. Mark's MP
7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HC
- June 18:** 9 – St. Stephen's HC
11 – St. Thomas' MP
11 – St. Mark's HC
- June 25:** 9 – St. Stephen's MP
11 – St. Thomas' HC Flower Service
11 – St. Mark's MP
7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HC

2023

- July 2:** 9 – St. Thomas' MP
11 – St. Mark's MP
11 – St. Stephen's HC
- July 9:** 9 – St. Thomas' MP
11 – St. Mark's MP
11 – St. Stephen's MP
7 pm – St. Elizabeth's EP
- July 16:** 9 – St. Thomas' MP
11 – St. Mark's MP
11 – St. Stephen's HC
- July 23:** 9 – St. Thomas' HC
11 – St. Mark's HC
11 – St. Stephen's MP
7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HC
- July 30:** 11 – Parish Service at St. Elizabeth's HC
- August 6:** 9 – St. Stephen's MP
11 – St. Thomas' MP
11 – St. Mark's MP
- August 13:** 9 – St. Stephen's MP
11 – St. Thomas' MP
11 – St. Mark's MP
7 pm – St. Elizabeth's EP
- August 20:** 9:30 – Ecumenical Service at Kensington Rink
- August 27:** 9 – St. Stephen's HC
11 – St. Thomas' HC
11 – St. Mark's MP
7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HC