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January 28, 2024 **4th Sunday after Epiphany**

*Welcome to everyone gathered here today.
Please make yourself known to the greeters.*

Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111;
1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

New London – Rev. Shirley Cole

Port Hill – Rev. Ann Bush, and Gordon Bush, Deacon

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Central Newfoundland

~ Bishop John Watton



Council of the North

Diocese of Brandon – Rt. Rev. William Cliff

DCS Cycle of Prayer – Christ Church, Cherry Valley

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

February 4 – 5th Sunday after the Epiphany (green)

Readings: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-12, 21c;
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Readers: Sandra H, Grafton C; Darlene L, Doreen Cole;
Doris M, Norma T

Prayers of the People: Jim E, Lola MO, Bronwyn C

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Stephen's HC

11 am – St. Mark's HC

11 am – St. Thomas' MP

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**Bible Study** is held every Wednesday morning at the Rectory office and online, 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

**Ash Wednesday Service** - February 14, 11:00 a.m. at St. Mark's

### **Annual Meetings (all at 7 p.m.):**

- St. Thomas' – Monday, January 29 (alt. Mon., Feb. 5)

- St. Stephen's – Thursday, February 8 (alt. Thurs., Feb. 15)

- St. Mark's – Monday, February 12 (alt. Mon., Feb. 19)

- St. Elizabeth's – Tuesday, February 20 (alt. Thurs., Feb. 22)

- Parish – Tuesday, February 27 (alt. Feb. 29) at St. Stephen's

**St. Thomas'** will be hosting a **Valentine's Social** on Monday, February 12th at 10:00 a.m. with a light lunch to follow.

Please join us for food, fun and fellowship. To help with arranging, could you please contact Amy McCarville (902-886-2424) if you are attending. All are welcome! Please bring a Valentine that will be signed and delivered to a senior in your church. (storm date – Feb. 13)  
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Margate Pastoral Charge **Valentine's Games Day** will be held on Saturday, February 10, 1-4 pm at Southwest River United Church in Margate. All ages are welcome! Bring your favourite games and your favourite friends! 😊

**Men of the Harvest** gospel group will be participating at Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, on Sunday, February 11, 3:00 p.m., in conjunction with Zion choirs for a marvellous afternoon of music. Please mark this special date for an inspirational time. Freewill offering at the door. All are welcome!

# IN MEMORIAM

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

## CARL THOMPSON

July 16, 1944 – February 1, 2022

*“Remember me with thoughts of peace,  
live each day with your heart.  
Grieve not for me, though I am gone,  
we’re never far apart.”*

Always loved and remembered  
by wife Norma  
Lesley, Andrew, Edward  
and families



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## JAMES JOLLIMORE

+January 31, 2019

*“Beautiful memories woven in gold  
This is the picture we tenderly hold  
Deep in our hearts your memory is kept  
To love, to cherish, to never forget.”*

Always loved and remembered  
by the Family



**A READING FROM DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20**

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, “Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.” The LORD said to me: “What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.”

**A READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13**

Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that “We all possess knowledge.” But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. But whoever loves God is known by God. So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that “An idol is nothing at all in the world” and that “There is no God but one.” For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol’s temple, won’t that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 1:21-28**

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

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**COLLECT** (p 352)

Living God, in Christ you make all things new.  
Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS** (p 353)

God of steadfast love, may our offering this day,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (p 353)

Source of all goodness, in this eucharist  
we are nourished by the bread of heaven  
and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives,  
that we may show your glory to all the world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.