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1st Sunday in Lent

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

Today's Readings

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Paul's, Charlottetown

St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown

Holy Trinity, Georgetown

Provincial Prayer Care

Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

Archbishop David Edwards and the Provincial Council

Council of the North

Diocese of Quebec – Bishop Bruce Myers

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

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

February 25 – 2nd Sunday in Lent (violet)

Readings: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:22-30;

Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Readers: Sandra H, Grafton C; Doreen Childs, Darlene L;

Doris M, Norma T

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

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

11 am – St. Mark's MP

11 am – St. Thomas' HE

Annual Meetings:

- **St. Elizabeth's Annual Meeting** will be held at the Rectory on Tuesday, February 20, 2:00 p.m.

- **Parish Annual Meeting** will go ahead on the alternate date - Thursday, February 29, 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's

World Day of Prayer Service will be held on Friday, March 1st, 10:30 a.m. at Kensington United Church. This year the service has been prepared by Palestinian Christian women. All are welcome.

Diocesan Church Society Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 9, at St. Peter's Cathedral in Charlottetown, beginning at 10:00 am. Bishop Sandra Fyfe will be in attendance.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

We do simple taxes for low to moderate income individuals & families.

When: Thursdays only, March 7th - April 25th

Where: St. Eleanor's Lions Club, 121 East Drive, Summerside

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Phone for Appointment: 1-855-888-6837

Phone line opens February 26th

FREE

If nobody answers the phone, please leave a message clearly stating your name and phone number. Someone will call you back within 2 days to book your appointment.

A new year. A new ministry adventure. Connectors Six:

- Is God prompting you to try something new?
- Do you long to connect with your neighbours?
- Would you like to learn how to be the hands, feet, and heart of Christ in your community?
- Are you experiencing the deep satisfaction of knowing that God is using you to make a difference?

The Connectors SIX is a missional learning cohort that nurtures lay and clergy participants in discovering fresh possibilities in their neighbourhoods. Applications are open for up to ten people to explore prayer, discernment, learning, and engaging in missional ministry. Skills are fostered in spiritual gifts, understanding our neighbours, seeing the community with fresh eyes, how to nurture authentic discipleship, and building loving relationships with new people. The Connectors is hosted over a year through 10, two-day sessions. Six sessions are hosted in Debert, NS, and four are on Zoom. This supportive network of peers mutually encourages one another, while being held accountable to missional goals. The Connectors involves study, discussion, goal-setting, trying new approaches to ministry, guest speakers, and mutual peer support. Emphasis is on experimental ministry. Cohort members who have completed the year say they now have clarity about their sense of call and more leadership confidence. Any Anglicans in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia can apply. Expenses are paid by the diocese. Curious? Know someone from your church who would be? If you have even the slightest curiosity about this, please reach out to Rev'd Shirley who can tell you more about it, connect you up with someone who has taken the Program in the past, and connect you with the Church Leaders who will be running it this year.

If you have used eye glasses that you no longer need, please bring them to your church by the end of February. These will be collected and passed along to the Lions Club. Thank you!



COLLECT (p 286)

Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are but did not sin,
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in submission to your Spirit,
that as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (p 287)

God our refuge and our strength,
receive all we offer you this day,
and through the death and resurrection of your Son
transform us to his likeness.
We ask this in his name.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p 287)

Faithful God,
in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love.
Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life.
We ask this in his name.

A READING FROM GENESIS 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

A READING FROM 1 PETER 3:18-22

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 1:9-15

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”