PWRDF STORY

March 2019

Refugees: Mourning and Celebrating

At this point in the history of planet Earth, we mourn the over 68.5 million refugees worldwide, the highest number ever to flee their homelands or to be displaced within them. (United Nations Refugee Agency). We mourn the countless thousands who have lost their lives crossing inhospitable land or stormy waters in search of shelter.

*“Rachel is weeping for her children....because they are no more.”Jeremiah 31: 15*

But we also celebrate the efforts worldwide to welcome the stranger. Canadian Anglicans facilitated and participated in the sponsorship of almost 1000 refugees who arrived in Canada in 2017. Add to this the number of refugees who have come to Canada since the Syrian crisis made headlines in 2015 and that figure grows to almost 3500.

We celebrate the prophetic calls made by interfaith leaders in the United States including Episcopal Archbishop Michael Curry who have called upon the US government to stop their policy of separating families. And we celebrate the call by the Canadian Council of Refugees to our own government to withdraw from the Safe Third Country Agreement with the United State which may prevent refugees from seeking asylum in Canada.

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.*

*I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.*

*I was a stranger and you invited me in.*

*I needed clothes and you clothed me.*

*I was sick and you looked after me.*

*I was in prison and you came to visit me.*

*JOHN 25: 35-36*

Welcome to the

**Parish of St. John** The Evangelist

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**The Bulletin is given to the Glory of God**

**and in Celebration and Loving Memory of his life:**

**Clare Hiscock**

**By**

**Betty, Suzanne & Family and Steven & Family**

Diocesan Bishop: The Right Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Peddle

Rector: The Reverend Jolene Peters

Parish Deacon:  The Reverend Lisa Cox

Organist/Choir Director: Stephanie Gavell

Parish Wardens: Sharon Smith and Rex Hillier

Office Administrator: Madonna Scott

Parish Sexton: Leonard Peach

Dear Friends,

We are thankful for your presence today and hope you will return often. Our restrooms are located downstairs in our hall. Hearing assistance devices are available for your use, please ask one of our sidespeople for assistance.

At St. John the Evangelist children are part of this fellowship from birth. Experience has shown that young children can grasp the truth that is enacted in the sacrament of communion- especially the fact that they are a part of what you are doing. Jesus did not say, 'Do this, and understand.' He said 'Do this and remember.' We remember by doing. Remember that very young children come to worship with a growing curiosity about everything, lots of energy, and a limited attention span. You can help your child participate in worship by sitting near the front so your child can see what is going on. There are activity pages and crayons available. We all know that occasionally a young child gets restless and needs a little break. You may wish to have a few minutes for play in the back corner of our church where toys and books are available. Jesus blessed and welcomed children. When children are welcomed and included in worship, we follow Jesus' example. Young children may not be able to remember the words of a service, but they will remember the experience of being part of an accepting, worshipping community, where all ages are on a faith journey together.

Every Blessing,

Reverend Jolene

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

PRAY for:The Church of Ireland

**Tri-Diocesan Intercessions**

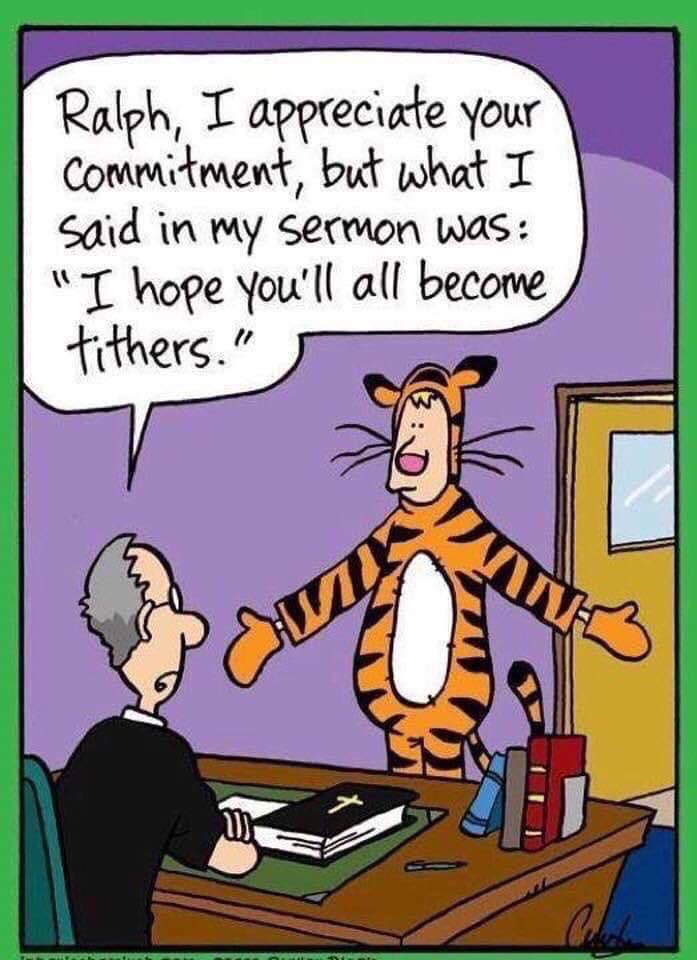
**Parish of the Epiphany**

Rector – The Rev. Eli Evans

**Parish of Flower’s Cove**

Priest-in-Charge – The Rev. Omar Reyes

**Sick List:** Ralph, Roy, Don, Nathan, Logan, Harmonie, Gerald



**8:30 a.m. Service - (BCP) Page 67**

The First Reading: Isaiah 43:16–21

Psalm: 126

Refrain: The Lord has done great things for us.

The Holy Gospel: John 12:1–8

***Collect***

Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus

Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

***Prayer over the Gifts***

Eternal God, your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the

world salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this

day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

***Prayer after Communion***

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread

of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**10:30 a.m. Service – Family Service**

**See Handout**

**Hymns**

Processional: 33 B; Gradual: 7 B; Offertory: 98 B; Closing: 51 B

**Hymn Request**

If you would like a hymn sung during one of our services, please contact Stephanie Gavell at 834-3445 or Rev. Jolene @ [jolenepeters1@gmail.com](mailto:jolenepeters1@gmail.com)

**The sick**

If you know someone that is sick and would like to be placed on the sick list, contact the Parish Office at 834-2336 or by emailing [sjtetopsail@nfld.net](mailto:sjtetopsail@nfld.net) Please ensure that you have their permission for their name to be printed in the bulletin before calling the office. Please let us know when they are well enough to be removed from our prayer list.

**Parish Budget for 2019 – $260,642.00**

**Amount needed for Regular Sunday Givings(i.e. Envelopes & PAD) Yearly - $130,000.00**

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| **Amt needed per month** | **Amt received in March 2019** | **Difference +/-** | **Total Y-T-D** |
| **$10,834.00** | **$10,002** | **- $832** | **- $2,801.95** |

**Sunday Duties for Sunday, April 14th, 2019**

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| **Sidespersons** | **Sound** | **Counting** | **Readers** |
| Team 4  Louise S. | Jim S.  Manuels | Jim S. | Team 12  Effie F. |

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Donations have been given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memoryof **Olga Barnes** by **Peter & Michele Colbourne & Kelvin & Marg Fowler, Kenneth Barnes, Estelle Lamswood, Jim & Ruby Randell, Frank & Helen Barnes**



**The Parish office is now accepting Easter Memorials.** Due to the busyness of Holy Week, the **deadline** for Memorials will be **Monday, April 15th**

**Rector’s Retreat**

Rev. Jolene will be away from the parish Monday, April 8th and Tuesday April 9th attending a retreat in Clarenville with the Catherdal Chapter, The Mission Deans and Bishop Geoff.

**CBS Food Bank**

For the month of April, we are asking for the following 2 items to support our local food bank: **Meatballs & Gravy and Cake Mix.**

**Mid-Week Lenten Service**

Join us Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. for our Lenten Series “Cross Purposes”. This week’s service is entitled “Cross Reference”.

**ACW Meeting**

There will be ACW meeting on Tuesday, April 9th @ 10:30 a.m. All ladies of the parish welcome.

**Thank you!**

A sincere thank you to the Barnes Family for the donation of a wheelchair for use in our parish.

**Recycling Return**

For the past three years we have had a recycling account to raise funds to help with our parish ministries. We received a cheque this past week in the amount of $1,070.65! We would like to thank everyone for the recycling contributions. This is an ongoing project in our parish. Please continue to donate your recyclables.

**Hearing Assist**

Hearing Assist is available for those with hearing difficulties. Pick up the hearing assist apparatus, in the back of the church or ask one of the sides people for assistance.

**Cemetery Summer Employment**

Any high school students (Grade X1 or X11) who may be interested in working at the Cemetery during July and August are asked to submit their resumes marked “Cemetery Summer Employment” to the Church Office. Any positions available are subject to the approval of application made by the parish to the Human Resources Student Programs 2098. **Applications for the positions** **must be submitted by April 30, 2019.**

**Parish Office Summer Employment**

Any **post secondary** Student that would be interested in working in the Parish Office during July and August are asked to submit their resumes marked “Parish Office Summer Employment” to the Office. Any positions available are subject to the approval of applications made by the parish to the Human Resources Student Programs 2019. **Applications for the positions** **must be submitted by April 30, 2019.**

**Easter Sunday Service**

Any children/youth interested in singing or taking part in our Easter Sunday Service on April 21st @10:30 a.m. are asked to please contact Rev. Jolene @ [jolenepeters1@gmail.com](mailto:jolenepeters1@gmail.com)

**The Flowering of the Cross**

The flowering of the Cross is found in Christain Art as early as the sixth century and is based on a legend that says that the Cross itself burst into bloom at the moment that Jesus died. The legend of the true Cross describes how the wood of the Cross came from a tree that sprang from a seed taken from the tree of life in the Garden of Eden. A modern expression of this idea is found in the custom of Flowering of the Cross on Easter day. We invite you to bring a fresh flower on Easter Sunday to place in the Cross thereby helping to turn the wooden Cross into a symbol of new life.

***Queen’s College Alumni Association Workshop on Convocation Day (April 30): Making Our Way to General Synod***

**Presenter: Archbishop Fred Hiltz**

**Archbishop Fred Hiltz** will lead a timely interactive session … *Making our way to General Synod*. During the workshop, the focus will be on the various issues that are coming before General Synod this summer in Vancouver. The workshop will include presentations and also times for questions, discussions and conversations about this historic synod in our beloved Church.

The workshop will be at St. Augustine’s Church Hall on Westerland Rd., St. John’s on April 30th, 2019 from 8:30 to noon. Registration Fee (which includes a coffee break and lunch) is $10.00 which is payable at the door. To register please phone Queen’s College at (709) 753-0116 or email: [queens@mun.ca](mailto:queens@mun.ca)

**Clergy on the Floor Lenten Campaign**

Clergy members will be giving up the comfort of their homes and beds to sleep on the pews and floors of the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on April 26th. This campaign aims to raise awareness and $10,000.00 to support the work of Home Again Furniture Bank. You can help by sponsoring Reverend Jolene and Rev. Lisa to participate in Clergy on the Floor. Specially marked envelopes can be found at the back of the church throughout the Lenten period or you can donate directly through CanadaHelps: [https://bit.ly/2k2FX4n](https://bit.ly/2k2FX4n?fbclid=IwAR3LodQtka6conZzIucM5a7nBlPK3OsOHg-7y0WDtWzFEg714W0wEiEW6RU).

**Saturday April 20- 8:00 pm**

**The Great Vigil of Easter:** Begins with the kindling of new fire to light the Paschal Candle which represents the Fiery Cloud of God that led the Hebrews to the Promise Land. We enter the darkened church with only the light of the Paschal Candle to light the evening as we hear the stories of our ancestors- as if we were gathered in the catacombs from long ago. Then the dramatic story of the empty tomb is read and a great “Alleluia” is sung out. The lights come on and we find that we are surrounded by flowers and colour. In a blaze of light and with glorious songs of praise, we celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter.

**Sunday April 21- 8:30 am and 10:30 am**

**Easter Day:** Christ’s triumph over death is celebrated with a Festival Eucharist. Easter Sunday is the greatest Sunday of the church year for without the resurrection, everything else would have no meaning. This service will include the flowering of the cross. Everyone is invited to bring fresh flowers to place in a wooden cross. The flowered cross becomes a beautiful symbol of Jesus’ resurrection and of our joy and hope of eternal life through Christ. The youngest among us are invited to an Easter egg hunt in the parish hall.

**Holy Week Schedule**

**Sunday April 14- 8:30 am and 10:30 am**

**Palm Sunday:**

Humanity is fickle. They may dress for a morning coronation and never feel the need to change clothes to attend an execution in the afternoon. So Triumphal Sundays and Good Fridays always fit comfortably into the same week. Today, on this Palm Sunday we too move from one mood to the next. We hear how Jesus moved beyond the jubilant crowds towards the true revelation of his identity and purpose on the cross. And we will follow, quieting our voices as we enter into the passion of our God. Through dramatic readings, prayers, music both traditional and new, we will blend our voices in songs of lament, prayers of hope and forgiveness, and finally share a meal together - as Jesus shared such a meal with his friends.

**Monday April 15- 7:00 pm**

**Stations of the Cross:**

The way of the cross is an adaption to local usage of a custom widely observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem: the offering of prayer at a series of places in that city which life took place between the first Good Friday and the First Easter Sunday. Each Holy Week, thousands of Christian pilgrims go to Jerusalem to walk the cobblestone streets via Dolorosa to celebrate the Easter Liturgy. Most Christians, of course, are unable to travel to the Holy Land to celebrate the principal Holy days of the Christian tradition. Thus, the Way of the Cross or as it is commonly known, the Stations of the Cross, developed through the centuries. The Way of the Cross is about love, the love of Jesus and his friends. It is also about how we learn to show love for our friends, families, communities, nation, other parts of the world, and ultimately for the whole of God’s creation.

**Tuesday April 16-7:00 pm**

**ACW Service:**

On Tuesday evening in Holy Week members of our Anglican Church Women Association conduct our worship service and lead us on a spiritual journey.

**Wednesday April 17- 7:00 pm**

**Tenebrae:**

The word *Tenebrae* is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness." It can also be translated as "night" or "death." The Tenebrae service is an ancient tradition in Christian history and the purpose of this service was to remember the somber events that occurred in Jesus' life from the exuberant entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through the night of Jesus' burial on Good Friday. The most distinctive aspect of the service is the use of a Tenebrae "hearse," a holder for several lit candles. The flames of these candles are extinguished one by one as Scripture readings are shared to tell the story of Holy Week. This gradual descent into gloom is a representation of Jesus' increasing sorrow as the events of Passion Week unfolded. After the last verse is read, the last candle is put out, and the room is plunged into darkness. A loud noise may be sounded in the blackness, to represent the closing of Christ's tomb. At this point, another lit candle, which has been hidden from view, reappears, symbolizing Christ's resurrection. The service ends, and the participants are traditionally expected to leave in contemplative silence.

**Thursday April 18-7:00 pm**

**Maundy Thursday:**

‘Maundy’ comes from a Latin word meaning ‘commandment’. On this day, at supper with his friends Jesus said to his disciples, “A new commandment I give you- that you love one another as I have loved you.” He shared bread and wine with his friends and said, “Wherever you gather again, do this to remember me.” At this meal, Jesus also washed the feet of his friends and told them that they should wash one another’s feet, that in order to lead they had to first serve. At the end of this service, the altar is stripped of its glory and all church decorations are removed from the sanctuary in preparation for Good Friday. We may feel as bare and empty as the church. We leave in silence.

**Friday April 19 - 12:00 pm**

**Good Friday:** This service commemorates the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. As Jesus hung on the cross, he uttered seven last phrases of great meaning to those contemplating his passion and death. Today, on Good Friday, we remember his Seven Last Words, which have been widely used in Good Friday homilies. The tradition begun in the 17th century by a Jesuit priest in Peru. He developed a service of meditations for Good Friday based on the last words of Jesus, and the devotion spread around the world. Jesus’s last words, as recorded in the Gospels, became part of the church's Lenten tradition. The Seven Last Words are traditionally part of a Good Friday service and often include some element of music, prayer or reflection.