**Card Craze in Topsail** w**ith a Mini Bake Sale**

On Thursday, April 21st we will be holding a card party and lunch beginning at 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets $15.00 each and can be purchased in groups of 6 per table. Please call Shirley at 368-9504 to book your table. Get your card group together and come along for a great afternoon of fellowship and prizes!

**ACW Meeting**

The ACW will meet in the hall on Tuesday, March 29th. at 10:30 am

**Reminder from the ACW**

Our “No Bake Cake” Project is running for the month of March! Please be sure to clearly mark your donation and include your envelope number if applicable! Thank you for your support!

***Family Ukulele Group***

The Family Ukulele Group is a music ministry of the parish and is open to ALL ages. No prior musically knowledge or experience is needed. Practice lessons are the first and third Sundays of each month immediately following the 10:30 service. Ukuleles are available for purchase through the office for approximately $50. To register for the group call Madonna at the office. Be sure to let her know if you will be needing a Ukulele. If you are unable to purchase one please contact Reverend Jotie. Our practices are scheduled for: April 3 & 10, May 1.

***Annual Meeting***

In preparation for our upcoming Annual Meeting we want to give notice that according to our Diocesan Constitution and the practice in this Parish all positions are vacant, except for three:

Treasurer, Philip Gavel

Elected Members, Tracey Carter and John Hillier.

Please take time to discern, the prayerfully consider, offering yourself for a position on Vestry. Rather than cherish Parish Family Business in the context of wisdom and good humour once a year at the Annual Meeting, you can experience the joy monthly at one of our Vestry Meetings.

Diocesan Bishop: The Right Reverend Samuel Rose

Diocesan Administrator: The Venerable Charlene Taylor

Priest-in-Charge: The Reverend Jotie Noel, T.S.S.F.

Parish Deacon:  The Reverend Lisa Cox

Organists/Choir Director: Stephanie Gavell, Amanda Dawe-Ledwell

Parish Wardens: Sharon Smith and Rex Hillier

Office Administrator: Madonna Scott

**Welcome to the Anglican**

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**Our Parish Mission Statement**

**We believe in nurturing a community of faith dedicated to inclusion, support and sharing the story of God's love with all people regardless of the stage of their spiritual journey.**

****Welcome to all who are joining us for worship this morning – in person and online, as we come together to praise and worship God. We hope this service will be a blessing to you. We offer the invitation for you to join our wide and varied parish family life – worship, fellowship, nurturing or mission.**

**Tri-Diocesan Intercessions**

**Parish of Cox’s Cove/McIver’s**

Rector – The Rev. Terry Loder

**Parish of Deer Lake**

Priest-in-Charge – The Rev. Canon Jeffrey Petten

**People who are sick who have asked us to pray for them**

Michael C., Eleanor M., Fred T., Hilda S., Curtis L., Paul C.,

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A donation has been given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

**Jim Smith**

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***Calendar:***

Mid**-Week Lenten Service Wednesday, March 30, 7:00 p.m.** *Sensing The Passion – ‘Who Touched me?*

In preparation for this service it might be helpful to bring along your favourite small wooden cross or crucifix.

**Sunday, April 3th**

Fifth Sunday in Lent, 10:30 a.m. Family Service.

This is a good time to bring along your donation to the Food Bank and your Recyclables

**Lenten Quiet Day**

***Confirmation Class Prayer Partners***

In recent time we have emphasized the importance of prayer in our faith community with the hospitality of our Confirmation Candidates. We are primarily people of prayer. Moving faith to action we have linked the Confirmation Candidates with Adults through this ministry of Prayer Partners. The expectation for the Partner is to pray for the Candidate as they prepare fr their Confirmation, offer them a card at Easter and one at the time of their Confirmation. The Partners are anonymous until the evening before the Confirmation when they will be revealed at a reception we plan to share together. If you would like to be a Prayer Partner in this rewarding ministry, please let Reverend Jotie know or call the Office.

Start 9:30 am with coffee and a muffin Meet & Greet, in the Parish Hall. Lunch break at 12:00 noon. We ask that you bring your own paper bag lunch (tea and coffee will be provided. The session should be finished by 1:30 pm Come along and bring a friend!

**The Goals for a Parish Sustainability Principle**

One of Several Documents published and circulated for Synod Delegates was an eight-page report, A Way Forward - Presentation to the Diocesan Synod of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, February 26, 2022. This document summarized the financial trends in the Diocese for the past several years, noting the decline in income. To constructively propose how the future might unfold the Diocese proposed and accepted a Parish Sustainability Principle.

This Principle contains several administrative protocols to assist us to secure a realistic and confident future. The first Parish Sustainability Principle is simply that – *what is required for a congregation to be an official parish (in terms of administration and finance).*

**In order to qualify for Parish Status for the provision of ministry (unless considered to be an aided parish), a Parish must:**

**- Pay cost of cleric(s)**

**- Pay assessments and employment benefits when due.**

**- Have no arrears of assessments or employment benefits (except where satisfactory arrangements made with the Diocese as part of an agreed reorganization proposal).**

If a Congregation/Parish does not meet the above basic goals, there is a protocol in place for the Congregation/Parish to reorganize depending on its geographic and relational location with neighbouring parishes.

*Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding,*

*be present with those who take counsel for our Diocese as we implement*

*our Parish Sustainability Principle for the renewal and mission of your Church.*

*Teach us in all things to seek first your honour and glory.*

*Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it*

*and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*