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WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Sunday, March 15 8:30 a.m. BCP/HC
 Sunday, March 15 11:00 a.m. Family Service

READINGS: Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

HYMNS: CP 519, When I Needed a Neighbour (Insert), Lord of the
Dance SSB p. 31, I Saw the Light SSB p. 22

UP-COMING SERVICES: Wednesday, March 18 7 P.M. Lenten Service
 Sunday, March 22 11 a.m. BAS/HE

Annual General Meeting Today: For those who are unable to attend the meeting in person, you can tune in via YouTube or Facebook. Livestreaming will begin between 12:30 p.m. and 12:45 p.m. Thank you.

PARISH NEWS

Thank You: We are very thankful to share that, through your collective kindness and hard work, our parish raised \$38,865 in 2025. This generosity ensures that our many ministries will continue to flourish. Thank you for your support!

Pastoral Visits: Archdeacon Nancy is always available to visit those who are shut-in or hospitalized. However, in accordance with privacy regulations, she must receive a request from the **individual or their family** to do this. If you, or a family member, find themselves in this situation, please contact the church office or Archdeacon Nancy directly to arrange a convenient time for her to visit. Thank you.

REVISED: Fish and Brewis Dinner: On Monday, March 23, we are hosting a Fish and Brewis supper. Due to unforeseen circumstances, **The Right Reverend Samuel Rose is unable to attend. Supper will be held at 5:30 and we will have takeout available. Pickup for takeout orders will be 5 p.m.** Entertainment to be provided by Alex Taylor. Tickets are \$15 each and are on sale after the 11 a.m. service today or from the office Monday to Friday, 9 to noon.

Evening of Fellowship: On **Wednesday, April 8** at 5:30 p.m., we are hosting an evening of fellowship with a meal of moose stew or soup. This is a time to gather and socialize. **No cost** for the meal but we ask that you **add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church** to ensure we have enough food prepared. Hope to see you there!

Church Envelopes: Tax receipts for 2025 have been put in the regular mail. Your Church Envelopes are still at the church and are available for pick up if you have not done so already.

Library: Please feel free to take any books you like from the bookcase set up in the entrance of the church!

Scents in Church: With increased attendance at church services due to the Lenten season, we respectfully remind you that this is a scent-free building. Please refrain from wearing scented products when entering. Thank you for your cooperation.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

- **Lenten Project:** Once again, this year, we are supporting our local food bank, **St. Vincent de Paul**. They are requesting donations of toothpaste; toilet tissue; deodorant (men's and women's); shampoo; laundry detergent; tissues, and any

other type of cleaning supplies. We will have a representative from St. Vincent De Paul at our 11 a.m. service on **Palm Sunday, March 29**, to receive your generous donations. Thank you.

- **Palm Sunday: Sunday, March 29** - 8:30 a.m. (BCP/HC); 11 a.m. (BAS/HE)
- **Tenebrae Service: Wednesday, April 1** at 7 p.m.
- **Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 2** at 7 p.m. (BAS/HE)
- **Good Friday Service: Friday, April 3** at 12 noon (BAS Celebration of the Lord's Passion)
- **Easter Day: Sunday, April 5** at 11 a.m. (BAS/HE)

Food Bank: Thank you to all parishioners who have contributed to the food bank. Items are much needed and greatly appreciated! **We ask that you continue to remember those in need.** When you are picking up your groceries, **please add an item or two** and drop it in the food bank box at the entrance of the church. **Your donations are vital to maintaining food security in our community.**

Ascension Prayer Cycle: Alex, Alice, Amanda, Andrea, Ann, Aubrey, Audrey, Barbara, Barry, Baxter, Bettiann, Bertha, Beulah, Bill, Brenda, Brian, Carl, Charles, Christina, Clarence, Claude, Connie, David, Debra, Delilah, Dennis, Donna, Doreen, Doris, Dulcie, Ed, Edward, Edgar, Edith, Elaine, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Eric, Erin, Frederick, Flo, Frank, Graham, George, Georgina, Gerry, Gordon, Harry, Harryetta, Herb, Ivy, Jack, Jason, Jeff, Jennie, Joan, Joanna, John, Josephine, Judy, Karen, Kevin, Laura, Leo, Leonie, Lori, Louise, Lucy, Madeline, Madelyn, Margaret, Marina, Marie, Maurice, Maxine, Maxwell, Melissa, Melvin, Michelle, Mildred, Nicole, Olivia, Pam, Pat, Patricia, Phyllis, Randy, Randell, Raymond, Rhonda, Robert, Roland, Ruth, Razia, Rita, Scott, Sean, Shoma, Stephen, Suzie, Tina, Todd, Una, Valerie, Wilfred, Yvonne.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Volunteers Needed: Community Connector (Mobile Ministry Bus), an initiative of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador, will help meet the needs of people from all communities in our province who come to St. John's for basic services. It is our hope that this endeavor will provide a space for those living on the streets to get warm in the winter, cooled in the summer, to provide a simple hot meal, coffee & tea or a cold drink, and provide basic clothing and hygiene & toiletry items. There will be two information sessions to provide information on the many ways you may be of assistance as a volunteer.

- **March 16, 7 p.m.** – Church of the Ascension, 58 Smallwood Drive, Mount Pearl,
- **March 19, 7 p.m.** – St. Mark's Anglican Church, 203 Logy Bay Road, St. John's

Some of the volunteer position would include:

- **Coordinator:** Scheduling volunteers, meals, supplies etc.
- **Off-site food preparation** – simple meals (soup, stew, chili, sandwiches etc.)
- **Host/Hostess** – meet and greet clients, serve tea/coffee, serve prepared food items.
- **Driver** - (no special license required) Pickup vehicle, driving to and from locations, greeting clients, helping host/hostess, returning vehicle to overnight parking location.
- **Others to be determined**

While this is an information session, we are equally interested to hear from others who may have experiences with this type of endeavour.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St George's church in Petty Harbour is hosting an afternoon of stories and songs with Karla Pilgram on **April 26** at 2:30pm. Tickets \$25.00 and can be purchased by calling Karen at (709)728-8881.

Community Supper Take-Out Meal: This meal is being served from the Parish of the Ascension. The next meal will be on **Wednesday, March 18, 2026**. Pick up time is 4:30 p.m.

Diocesan Anglican Men's Association: There will be a fellowship day held at St. Peter's Anglican Parish, Upper Gullies, CBS on **Saturday, April 11**, and any men of our parishes in our diocese are invited to attend. It is not necessary to belong to a formal parish men's group, if you are interested in joining us, we would love to have you. If you are planning to attend, please email buddengerald431@gmail.com. It is important to let us know of your attendance because the host parish of St. Peter's will need to know the numbers to prepare lunch. We look forward to hearing from you and hopefully see you at St. Peter's on April 11.

Meals on Wheels: The Canadian Red Cross **Meals on Wheels Program** offers nutritious, balanced meals delivered straight to your door! Meals are \$8.50 (no delivery fee or taxes) and include an entree, to be heated in your microwave, with a side green salad. Delivery days are Monday, Tuesday and Friday and multiple meals can be ordered to cover weekends and holidays. For more information, please contact Angelique at 709-758-8419 or angelique.bartlett@redcross.ca.