

As requested and with the encouragement of our Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Fred Hiltz to take action concerning the White Ribbon Campaign, **the Anglican Church Women Board; Diocese of NS & PEI** initiated **"WHITE RIBBON SUNDAY"** to coincide with the United Nations "International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women" November 25th, the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women December 6th and the Center for Women's Global Leadership's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence.

The Anglican Church Women Board encourages all parishes in our Diocese to support the *White Ribbon Campaign*. Wearing a white ribbon is a personal pledge *never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls*.

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LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THE REIGN OF CHRIST:



Christ the King, a king, whose reign is just, whose power is endless, and whose love is unfathomable. He does not lust for power but who is meek and humble of heart, a king who does not want a crown of domination, but who lovingly accepted a crown of thorns in service to others.



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Word from the Brothers: **Fear**

When God calls us on to larger life, we rarely see much beyond the next step. When Isaiah was called by God, his first response was to say, "Woe is me! I'm lost!" When Moses was called, he hid his face in his terror. When poor Jeremiah was called, he was scared and pleaded, I am just a boy and I'm not good at speaking. But to each one of them, God spoke these gentle and gracious words. "Don't be afraid. I will be with you." Br. Geoffrey Tristram SSJE

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St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church

November 25, 2018

10:30 am

FAMILY EUCHARIST

GATHERING

10:30 am Lay Ministers: Donna Mossman, Brian George,
Taunya Dawson.

Processional Hymn: **Break Forth Into Joy** Mission Praise #63

Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Confession and Absolution:

Holy God, Maker of all

Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, servant of the poor

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life

Have mercy on us.

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven,
whose wrongs are pardoned.

I will confess my sins to the Lord,

I will not conceal my wrong doings to the Lord,

God forgives and heals us.

We need your healing, merciful God:

give us true repentance.

Some sins are plain to us;

some escape us, some we cannot face.

Forgive us;

set us free to hear your word to us;

set us free to serve you.

God forgives you.

Forgive others;

forgive yourself. (silence)

Continued: Also, we will still be using the Cheer Tree and this year and it will support Adsum House, Metro Turning Point and St. Marks/Ward 5 Christmas hamper program. We have committed to provide 120 cans of cranberry sauce for the food hampers. Tags for cranberry sauce can be found in the basket at the back of the church - to be returned by December 9th. The Cheer Tree with tags for items for Adsum House and Metro Turning Point will be in place for December 2nd.

The Advent Event is coming! Next Sunday, December 2nd following the 10:30 am Service. Everyone, young and old, is invited to stay after the 10:30 am service for a **Pot Luck Lunch**, followed by music, crafts, storytelling and a visit from St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra.

Nov. & Dec. Dates at a Glance

Thurs	Nov 29 - 11:30 am	Casserole Luncheon
Fri	Nov 30 -	Wreath Making
Sat	Dec 1 -	Wreath Making and Sale
Sat	Dec 1 -	Contemplative Gathering
Sat	Dec 1 -	John Gracie Concert
Sun	Dec 2 - 12:00 pm	Advent Event for all Ages
Tue	Dec 4 -	Olands Catering
Sat	Dec 8 -	Breakfast with Santa
Sat	Dec 8 -	Sandwich Club
Fri	Dec 14 -	Christmas Hamper packing at Ward 5
Sat	Dec 15 -	Men's Breakfast
Sat	Dec 23 -	Sunday School Pageant

The ACW 2019 calendar will be available for \$6.00 for purchase following the Sunday services. This lovely edition is perfect for gift giving. Please see Betty Purcell or Susan Crouse to buy your copy & support the work of our Anglican Church Women group (ACW).

St. Margaret of Scotland Cookbook is still available, it would make a great Christmas Gift for just \$15. Contact Paula Freeman 902-457-9097

Prescott Home Services Team is happy to help.

Do you know a senior (age 65+) in the HRM who needs help around the house? We are pleased to offer this introductory service free of charge. House Keeping (kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, living room, dining room). Yard Work (Lawn mowing, raking leaves, snow shovelling) Call Heather 902-444-2011 to book your appointment. Prescott has been supporting adults with an intellectual challenge through development of life work skills since 1962.

Ward 5 Neighbourhood Centre 36th annual Christmas Bingo

8 Turkeys, 7 Hams and Great Merchandise, \$100 Lotto Tree Draw **Saturday, December 8th**, Bring your Daubers & your Friends! St. Joseph's A. MacKay School Gym 5389 Russell Street. Doors open at noon, games start at 1 p.m. Proceeds to assist with Ward 5 Christmas Family Programs.

Jubilate Singers & Friends Festival of Carols Sunday,

December 9th at 7:00 pm. Over 100 families were served last December. In addition to a turkey and vegetables furnished by Feed Nova Scotia, the Church spent over \$8,000 to give each family a week of groceries. Tax receiptable donations of \$10 and more are welcome! Concert tickets are available through the church office.

" This year and going forward we are planning to increase our Parish involvement with St. Marks/ Ward 5 Food Bank and Christmas Family Program. This year we have picked "cranberry sauce " as an item required as part of the Christmas boxes. 120 jars are required and we are hoping we can accommodate this need. Also volunteers are needed at St. Marks /Ward 5, on **Friday December 14**, and **Saturday December 15**. On the Friday there are two time slots where help is needed. The first will be in the afternoon to assist in unloading trucks full of food, and then Friday evening we will gather in the hall to help in assembling the various grocery orders. On Saturday morning we will gather to assist in delivering these orders generally in the north end area. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. Some of the work does involve some heavy lifting and some does not . If you are interested or want more information please speak to Danny Ray, 902-444-9042, or Annette Kelly or Anne King

Through Christ, God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace.

Praise Song:

***Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say Rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice!***

Opening Collect: (together)

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN

PROCLAMATION

A Reading from the Second Letter of Samuel

(2 Samuel 23:1-7)

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: *Jesus Remember Me, When You Come into Your Kingdom*

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

(18:33-37)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn: *Jesus Remember Me, When You Come Into Your Kingdom*

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith (from South Africa)

It is not true that this world and its inhabitants are doomed to die and be lost.

This is true: For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him shall not die, but have eternal life.

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction;

This is true: I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly.

It is not true that violence and hatred shall have the last word, and that war and destruction have come to stay forever;

This is true: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, in whom authority will rest, and whose name will be Prince of Peace.

"A John Gracie Christmas," Sunday, December 1st at 7:30 pm – Bella Rose Arts Centre, in support of the Friends of St. Margaret. This is our major fund raiser for all our in-reach and out-reaches programs. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased through Joanna at 902-454-9335 or at the Bella Rose Centre 902-457-3239 or online at www.bellaroseartscentre.com. Bring your family and friends and continue or create a Christmas Tradition by starting your season off with this delightful concert. If you are unable to attend perhaps you would consider buying a ticket for someone who would love to attend.

The Mission to Seafarers "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35) The Mission to Seafarers is again running its ever popular Christmas Shoe Box Program. Our November outreach - Items needed include: A warm hat, gloves/mittens, scarf, socks, men's personal care items, razors/shaving cream, toothbrush/toothpaste, hard candy, pens/pencils, stationary etc. Please bring in either filled shoeboxes or items for filling shoe-boxes by **Sunday December 2nd**. Thanks! Your generosity makes a real difference.

Breakfast with Santa, Sat December 8, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Enjoy a breakfast of Sausage, Pancakes, juice, tea, coffee with Santa. Free Will Offering. Sign Up sheet at back of Church.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The St. Margaret of Scotland prayer shawl group has created a number of shawls which have been blessed at service and are ready to be gifted to anyone who is in need of comfort or healing. We are appealing to the congregation to feel free to take a shawl if you know someone who would benefit from the love and prayers that have been woven into the shawls. Choose a shawl from the bin in the last row of the choir; the instructions are on the lid of the bin. Also, if you or anyone you know has leftover yarn and would like to donate to our ministry, there is a bin at the back of the church for that purpose. We thank you for being a vital part of this ministry and for helping to spread God's love through our shawls.

A big THANK YOU to Dale Moffat and her husband Chuck Evans and Betty Purcell for the repotting and fertilizing of the plants that adorn our worship space. They are looking better already.

A big THANK YOU to Harold Boutilier and Charlie Walsh for refurbishing, repairing and painting hall windows and doors. They have spent many days here this fall working methodically and meticulously whenever the weather permitted, and have saved St. Margaret's thousands of dollars. Their contribution is deeply appreciated. *Charles*

Advent is Coming

This season in the Church Year, which begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, is a time for preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ in our own lives and in our world. One way to help keep a holy Advent is to sign up for **#adventword** and receive a short daily meditation for the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE). Simply go to www.adventword.org *Charles*

Contemplative Gathering

You are warmly invited to a contemplative gathering from 2 to 5 pm this **Saturday December 1st** here at St Margaret's. I will be traveling to Halifax and will facilitate the gathering, which will consist of some contemplative prayer time, a contemplative community-building process, and some time for reflection and sharing. This event is for all those who long to deepen in relationship with God and one another through contemplative prayer practices. Suggested donation of \$10; all are welcome whether or not they can pay. If you could let us know whether you will be coming, it will help us plan for refreshments. Anyone is welcome without having given notice as well. We look forward to seeing all who can come! To let us know you are coming, or with questions, please send an email to longmirespirit@eastlink.ca which will let the organizer, Linda Longmire, know. Thank you. I look forward to being with all who can come. Peace and all good, Margaret Benefiel (Director of the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation)

It is not true that we have to wait for those are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the church, before we can do anything.

This is true: I will pour out my Spirit on all people, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young people shall see visions and your old folk shall dream dreams.

It is not true that our dreams of justice, liberation, human dignity and peace are not meant for this earth and its history.

This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, when we shall worship God in spirit and in truth.

The Prayers of the People *Kelly Muldoon*

The Peace

God makes peace within us.

Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us.

Let us share it.

CELEBRATION

Offertory Hymn: **How Great Thou Art** Common Praise #423

Prayer over the Gifts (together)

Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. AMEN

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O God, our loving Father, we are glad to give you thanks and praise because you love us. With Jesus we sing your praise.

Glory to you forever and ever.

Because you love us, you gave us this great and beautiful world. With Jesus we sing your praise.

Glory to you forever and ever.

Because you love us, you sent us Jesus your Son, to bring us home to you and to gather us together as the children of one family. With Jesus we sing your praise.

Glory to you forever and ever.

For such great love we thank you, together with the angels and with all the saints of heaven, as we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of power and might,
Heaven, Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing Alleluia!**

**Blessed blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing Alleluia!**

Blessed be Jesus, whom you sent to be the friend of children and of the poor. He came to show us how we can love you, Father, by loving one another. He came to take away sin, which causes such sadness and suffering. He promised to send the Holy Spirit, to be with us always, so that we can live as your children.

Jesus has given his life for us.

On the night before he died he showed us how much you love us. When he was at supper with his friends, he took bread, and gave you thanks. Then he broke the bread, and gave it to his friends and said: "Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me."

Jesus has given his life for us.

A warm welcome to all, especially those who are worshipping with us for the first time this morning. We hope your time here today will be a blessing to you, as your presence is a blessing to us. All who seek closeness with God are welcome to receive Holy Communion this morning.

Open minds and loving hearts All are Welcome

St. Margaret of Scotland Mission Statement:

To be a Christ-centred, mission minded community embracing all people across the spectrum of cultural, ethnic, racial, gender, sexual orientation, ages and class diversity as full members of the family of God.

Week at a Glance Nov 25 to Dec 2

Sun	5:30 pm — Youth Group, Hall & Church
Mon	6:00 pm — Beavers, Hall
Tues	6:00 pm — Friends of St. Margaret, Bob Blunden's House 6:30 pm — Cubs, Hall 7:00 pm — Regional Council, Church of the Apostles
Wed	10:00 am — Funeral, Rev. Dianne Parker Officiating 6:00 pm — 78th Highlanders, Church & Hall 7:00 pm — Discernment Committee, Lilo's 9:15 pm — Compline, Church
Thur	11:00 am — Casserole Luncheon, Hall 6:30 pm — Scouts, Hall
Fri	6:30 pm — Christmas Wreath Making, Hall
Sat	9:30 am — Christmas Wreath Making & Sale, Hall 2:00 - 5:00 pm — Contemplative Gathering, Hall 7:00 pm — John Gracie Concert, Bella Rose Arts Centre
Sun	5:30 pm — Youth Group, Hall & Church

ACW will be meeting on **Monday December 3**, Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Iris Newman's home.

The Breaking of Bread:

Look, the body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.

Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine.

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never by hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.*

(All who seek closeness with God are welcome to receive Holy Communion this morning.)

Music during Communion: **I Love You Lord** Mission Praise #287
Jesus, Name Above All Names

Mission Praise #375

Solo: The Old Rugged Cross

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the lord. Amen

Celtic BlessingAnnouncements

Recessional Hymn: **Shine, Jesus Shine** Common Praise #460

Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD! ALLELUIA!

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you and said: "Take this all of you and drink it. This is my blood, of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Jesus has given his life for us.

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.

God our Father, we now ask you to send your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.

Send your Holy Spirit on all who share this special meal. Bring us close together in the family of your Church.

We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.

Pour out your Spirit on the whole earth, and make it your new creation, a kingdom of peace and love and joy forever.

We praise you, we bless you, we thank

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now
and forever. AMEN.**