

St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church

**Open minds and loving hearts
All are Welcome**

**Ascension of the Lord
May 24, 2020
10:30 am**

**Morning Prayer
Book of Common Prayer**



St. Margaret of Scotland Mission Statement:

To be a Christ-centered, 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.

THIS SUNDAY

The pre-recorded services on Youtube have been well received, and so Emanuel has taken on the big job of putting together another service like this once again this Sunday. We will send out a Youtube link for the 10:30 AM service with music sometime Sunday morning by email, on our parish website and on our Facebook page.

In addition to the Youtube service, I will be live streaming Said Morning Prayer on Facebook at 9:30 AM. I invite any and all who are able, to join me on Facebook at that time.

We are going to try again having a ***Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom at 12:00 noon***. Last week the Zoom network was down, but we hope to have better luck this time. You can join by clicking this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9024552451>

or you can go to the Zoom website and use Meeting ID # 902-455-2451 (same as our church phone number). This is still an experiment and I'm curious to see what it will be like. I think it could be fun! If you haven't used Zoom before, you'll need a computer with a microphone and camera, and you will need to download and install the Zoom program or app, which should only take a few minutes.

As always, I am open to your thoughts and suggestions. We are all learning as we go.

Charles

Archbishop Ron Cutler will be retiring on 30 May. Until a new bishop is elected a committee of three clergy will be appointed to take care day to day administrative responsibilities.

The Electoral Synod to discern whom God is calling as our next Diocesan Bishop will be held on Saturday, September 12. Please keep in your prayers the four candidates, **The Rev. Katherine Bourbonniere, The Rev. Carl Frazer, The Rev. Sandra Fyfe, and The Rev. Elliott Siteman**, as well as our own Synod reps, **Lilo Sawh and Frank Riggs**.

Charles

Although **St. Mark's Food Bank** is not receiving food donations currently, the Food Bank is still active and very much in use. In lieu of food donations, they would welcome donations of \$25.00 gift cards for Superstore, Scobey's or Walmart. Your donations may be placed in a sealed envelope addressed Attn: Rev. Nichola Fish-Cumine and placed in the secure mail slot on the Russell Street side door of St. Mark's at any time. This mailbox is checked regularly.

From Parish Council:

We had a good Parish Council meeting on Thursday evening. Everyone was able to attend our Zoom meeting one way or another, except Janet Templeton, who is still in New Brunswick.

Highlights:

1. While our parishioners have been extremely generous in supporting the church in this time, our finances are down because of the cancellation of rentals and caterings. We appreciate the Diocese giving us, and all the parishes, a break on allotment and clergy stipend.
2. We approved **Margery Cotterell** and **Wynne Whitten Holmes** as Licensed Lay Ministers in Training. **Frank Riggs** had been approved for this at a previous meeting. These three individuals have completed the Licensed Lay Minister course, and will have an opportunity to "learn on the job" for the next year or two.
3. There was a discussion of our Sunday services and the pros and cons of different formats. This is still a work in progress.
4. If anyone would like to borrow a copy of the Book of Common Prayer to help them follow along with our services, please let us know and we can have it delivered to your home.
5. Archbishop Cutler wrote to the Wardens, Dale and Brian, and indicated his intention to appoint an interim Priest-in-Charge full-time, because the interim period between Rectors might well be longer than usual. There is a possibility that the Priest-in-Charge will be staying in the rectory.
6. The property committee is planning work on the rectory after Charles and Michelle have moved out on July 21st.
7. The Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clark will be taking Sunday services for the first two Sundays in July. The Rev. Dianne Parker will also be leading worship on one of the other Sundays in July.
8. Charles has been doing daily building inspections and keeping a log for insurance purposes.

Day by Day The May/June/July issue of this daily devotional has arrived and there are still 8 copies at the back of the church. If you normally take one or know of who does, please let me know and we'll see that people get them somehow. *Charles*

Community Garden News

Despite Covid-19, spring has arrived. After considerable consultation with Nova Scotia Public Health and other community garden managers, the St. Margaret of Scotland **Community Garden Committee** has decided to open the garden to our gardeners. Food security and mental health played a large part in our decision. However, gardeners have been advised that the garden shed will not be accessible for the foreseeable future nor the shared tools. This decision was made to hopefully limit the transmission of Covid-19. We decided to waive the usual \$20 fee for this year allowing gardeners to put that money toward any tools that they might need. Gardeners have been advised to wear gloves when using the water tap, hose and water barrel spigot and to sanitize any common surfaces after use. They have also been reminded to maintain physical distance from others and not to come to the garden if they have Covid-19 symptoms or have had exposure to the virus. Community Garden members have done some clean up in the Memorial Garden and the perennials are flourishing and the daffodils blooming! We look forward to a good growing season with lots of healthy produce going to St. Mark's Ward Five Food Bank as well as neighbours' and parishioners' kitchens. If you would like to help in the garden, please speak to Margery or Georgia.

Compline is continuing every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening at 9:00 pm on Zoom. So far 13 different people have joined us for this and the average attendance is around seven. Anyone from St. Margaret's or beyond is welcome to take part. The Zoom Meeting ID # is the same as the church phone number: 902 455 2451.

Our **Youth Group** has been meeting regularly on Zoom at 6:00 pm on Sunday evenings and they really appreciate this opportunity to connect with each other. Thanks to Jade Osborne and Blake Wright for their help with this ministry.

Denine, our Parish Secretary, is continuing to work from home on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday, updating the Parish website,

putting together Sunday bulletins, and doing other work asked of her. She may be reached at the parish email address, st.mofs@gmail.com

Parish Calling Ministry thank you to those who have volunteered to call members of the congregation just to check in, and keep in touch and see how everyone is doing. I have divided up the parish list alphabetically and I have asked those who were calling to use their judgment as to how often call the 10 or so people assigned to them. Initial reports are that these calls are very much appreciated.

- Charles

SOME THANK YOU'S

Thank you to Georgia Johnson who has been sowing facemasks and giving them to people on behalf of St. Margaret's.

Thank you to Margery Cottrell who took the initiative to clean out the memorial garden beside the church. It had not been reading years and now it looks great!

Thank you to Anne King, Lynn (and Stanley) Bauld, Donna Strong and Betty Muldoon for doing a major cleanup in the church kitchen.

Thank you to Zander (6) and his mom, Chrissy Nguyen and to Annette Kelly for the hand made cards from St. Margaret of Scotland dropped off at various people's houses. Folks were very touched.

Thank you to Donna Strong and Anne King for taking all the food donations to Soul's Harbour and Basinview Home.

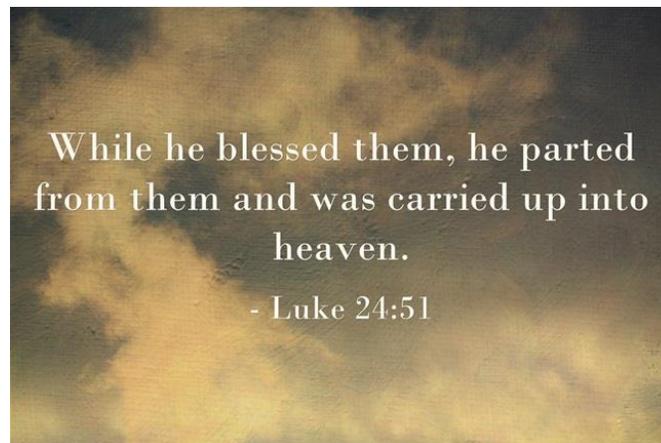
Next Sunday May 31st is PENTECOST and we will be celebrating with Holy Eucharist from the Book of Alternative Service. Stay tuned for details of this service.

For those who would like to have a look at the readings ahead of time they are:

Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:25-35, 37
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 7:37-39

Word from the Brothers: **Home**

We gaze upward, because we love the one who has taken our hearts with him to our eternal home. We gaze down because this is our sphere of action. And we gaze around because these are the holy companions with whom we journey homeward and find ourselves already home. -Br. Keith Nelson Society of Saint John the Evangelist



From the Book of Remembrance

Today we remember on their Year's Mind

Garfield "Skip" Collier – May 25

Cyril Strum – May 27

*Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon them Amen.*



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