

THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

June 2, 2019

*Alleluia! Christ has ascended into
heaven! O come, let us worship! Alleluia!*

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 20 | Isaiah 65:17-end | St. Luke 24:36-end

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit: Psalm 27:1-7:	page 360
The Gloria:	page 86
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The Old Testament Reading:	2 Kings 2.9-15
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**9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall
Time with Fr. Stockall**

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	174 (Llanfair)
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 203
The Old Testament Reading:	2 Kings 2.9-15
♪ PSALM:	<i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
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♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	392 (Darwall)
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♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia
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♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	Walk Softly in Springtime <i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
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♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	235 (St. Osmund)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	357 (King's Weston)

*Everyone is invited to join us in
the Parish Hall following the
10:30 Celebration for our
monthly Shared Meal!*

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From the Rector _____

In his Ascension Jesus finishes the work that He started. He finishes the great work of our salvation of which the news of His birth in Bethlehem was just the quiet start. And, in the process, in a symbolic way, He carries all of humanity back with him; theologically taking us back to the home which we had once been lost through disobedience and sin.

It is as if, as children, we had a dearly-loved toy that we were playing with, which had become broken; which we were entirely unable to mend ourselves that it might be used again; until an older brother stooped down low enough and gently and lovingly to lift it from our hands; and, by great exertion, hard work, and sacrifice, had put it back together again; and then, had quietly handed it back to us that we might find joy in it all over again: new life, redeemed and resurrected, as a gift from a God whose love for us is beyond counting or measuring.

So this time of waiting, these days between the Day of the Ascension and the Day of his Second Coming, are for us, as they were for the Apostles, a time of anticipation. God has, in effect, cleaned the slate. That is the story which we have been following over the past six months since the beginning of the Season of Advent. In the saving work of Jesus Christ, God has chosen to start out all over again; the old, broken, creation has been made new again; and we, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are both the beneficiaries and the instruments and agents of that new creation.

All of which, I hope, speaks powerfully to us about how we start this day and every day of our lives; knowing that the past need only be the past, that in Jesus Christ in need not be our present or our future – that there is no angel with a flaming sword eternally barring our way back home; knowing that that which has been broken can always be made whole: that the sorrow and struggle, the fear and frustration, the barrenness and brokenness of our lives need not be all that defines our day to day journey; and of how we start this day and every day with a renewed sense that we are called to be instruments of that wholeness and hope; agents of reconciliation and healing; that we are called to live as candles lit by the risen and ascended Christ to shine light into all the darkened places, and all the darkened hearts, that we encounter.

That's what our annual celebration of the Feast of the Ascension says to us: that Christ has returned home, having completed his work of reconciliation and forgiveness; and that in him we are called to forgive; to mend what has been broken. I pray that you might never forget this great hope that we have in Christ, nor the great responsibility that we have been given.



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We ought to remember that He not only died and went to the grave—but that He rose again, and ascended up on high, leading captivity captive. We ought to remember that He is now sitting on the right hand of God, to do a work as real, as true, as important to our souls, as the work which He did when He shed His blood. Christ lives, and is not dead. He lives as truly as any one of ourselves. Christ sees us, hears us, knows us, and is acting as a Priest in heaven on behalf of His believing people. The thought of His life ought to have as great and important a place in our souls—as the thought of His death upon the cross.

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Parish Notices and Updates

PLEASE JOIN US THIS MORNING following the 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, for our monthly *Shared Meal*. Members of both congregations are encouraged to gather with their sisters and brothers in Christ as we share the peace and joy which are have in Jesus Christ.

VERY SINCERE THANKS ARE EXTENDED to all those who shared in our annual **Congregational Roast Pork Dinner** this past Thursday. It was a delightful evening of great food and fellowship, none of which would have been possible without the tremendous work done by Bill Knox in preparing the meal, and a very large team of volunteers who helped to serve and clean up. As a result of all that hard work, the Parish was able to gather at the table as God's Family, while welcoming a large number of guests in Christ's Name. And, more than \$900.00 were raised in support of our Renewing St. Mary's Project. Thanks to all of you for a great evening!

MEMBERS OF ST. MARY'S PARISH FAMILY have been invited to join with members of the Fredericton Community to wish Chief Leanne Fitch well as she retires following an illustrious 34 year career in policing. A casual drop-in event is scheduled at the Picaroons Roundhouse on Friday, June 7th, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., with a Presentation at 3:30. Members of our ACW and guests were deeply impressed with Chief Fitch's presentation on her faith and life at their March meeting; and we pray every blessing as she begins the next stage of her journey of courage and service.

THE CHOIRS OF HOLY TRINITY, NEW MARYLAND, CHRIST CHURCH (PARISH CHURCH), ST. PETER'S, AND ST. MARY'S are combining for the third in a series of services of Choral Evensong next Sunday, **June 9th**, at 4:00 p.m. **HERE** at St. Mary's. Everyone is warmly invited to join us. Choral Evensong is one of the great spiritual gems of the Anglican tradition: a beautiful blending of Scripture, music, and prayer that brings our day to a quiet and graceful close. The focus of our third service will be our Pentecost celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Light refreshments will be offered following the Service.

ONE WEEK FROM TODAY, ON SUNDAY, JUNE 9th, the Church will commemorate the **Feast of Pentecost, or Whitsunday**, the day on which the Holy Spirit was given to the Church that it might carry out the ministry to which it is called. The liturgical colour for Pentecost is red, in remembrance of the flames of fire that appeared on the heads of the Apostles, as described in Acts 2. *To help celebrate that day, **EVERYONE** is invited to wear something red that day when they come to Church.* Let's try to fill the Church with the bright red of Holy Fire when we gather on **June 9th** for the Feast of Pentecost!

ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN will be meeting on **Monday, June 10th**, beginning with Lunch at the Ramada at 12:00 noon followed by a business meeting in the Parish Hall. The women of St. Mary's are warmly invited to join them. For more information please speak to Doreen Lawrence or the Rector.

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH ALTAR GUILD are invited to a meeting on **Saturday, June 22nd**, beginning with Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. We plan to celebrate the work done faithfully every week by the Guild and spend a little time reviewing and refreshing some of our policies and practices. And new members are always welcome, so anyone who is interested in welcome to come along.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

JUNE 5: ST. BONIFACE, Missionary & Bishop

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JUNE 6: ASCENSION FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church

11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, *Eden Retirement Villa*

JUNE 8: THE FEAST OF PENTECOST: WHITSUNDAY

11:00 a.m. – Requiem Eucharist for Madelene Brown

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JUNE 9: THE FEAST OF PENTECOST: WHITSUNDAY

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Parish Hall

4:00 p.m. – Choral Evensong

With the Choirs of Christ Church (Parish Church), the Parish of St. Peter, and the Parish of New Maryland

Followed by a Reception in the Parish Hall