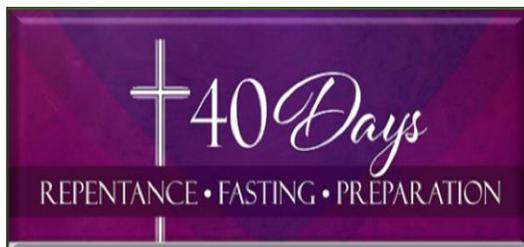


**THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY ST. STEPHENS  
ANGLICAN MEMORIAL CHURCH**

**Weekly Newsletter - Covid-19 edition #50  
Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**



**Worship readings for this week's Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 21<sup>st</sup> are:**

*Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-13; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33*

**Worship readings for next week's The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> are:**

*Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-13; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33*

In conjunction with Rev. Rob's worship video you can find a link for the week's readings posted on the Worship Schedule page of our website.

*Those noted below have a place of importance for us as a parish family to honour and remember.*

**MARCH ALTAR FLOWERS:**

**Mar 7-** Given to the Glory of God by Barb Procure in memory of her husband Gord.

**Mar 14-** Given to the Glory of God by Barbara Warren in memory of her parents John and Florence Warren.

**Mar 21-** Given to the Glory of God by Al and Yvonne Graystone in memory of Loved Ones.

**Mar 28-** Given to the Glory of God by Leslie Savard in celebration and thanks for all the coffee helpers.



# Prayer Ministry



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

***THIS PRAYER MINISTRY IS MOST IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW!  
Your prayers DO MAKE a difference. Please take additional time  
in your day and in you daily prayers for those most vulnerable  
and in need of healing.***

We are honoured to hold in prayer – family, friends, loved ones, and all in need. We pray especially for those listed in this bulletin and those in our hearts this day.

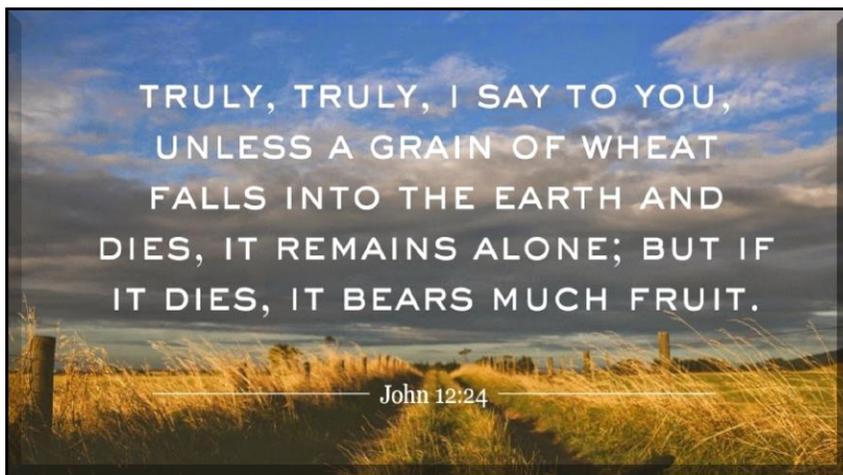
### **Prayers for those in need of Health and Healing:**

Judy D., James L., Rev. Pam, Chris & family, Christina, Nancy, Marilyn A., Al & Yvonne, Kelly M., Sandy M., Len W., Dianne, Linda R., Steve I., Kathryn H., Kathy G., Molly Rose, Susan U., Luke, Lucy, Jill, Jennifer A., Edi, Jerry, Carol, Hiba, Petra, Hailey, and Jeff P.



### **Prayers for those in Long Term Care or Seniors Homes:**

Wayne, Diane, Noreen, Jim M., Gene, Evelyn, Dave, Shirley, Laurie, Leona, Rhiannon, Junia, Cliff, Shirley Mac, Florence, Gloria, Joanie T., Hazel, Bob.



## Will You Help Send a Child to Camp Huron?

Last summer was a disappointing one for many children and youth as they watched their excitement about going to Camp Huron (aka Huron Church Camp) disappear with the pandemic. There is hope that this summer will be different.



We have children and youth in our own parish who would like to have a camp experience at Camp Huron this summer. The HTSSM Outreach budget has set aside some funds to assist families. We would like to give our Camp Huron fund a boost so that all families can receive support. Will you help send a child to Camp Huron?

If you would like to donate to our parish fund, any amount is appreciated. Here is how you can help.

1. Send a e-transfer: [holytrinityststephens@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinityststephens@gmail.com) (Comment line "Camp Huron")
2. Add an extra amount to your weekly envelope (designation "Camp Huron")
3. Mail a cheque. Pay to the order of "Holy Trinity St. Stephen's" (memo line Camp Huron)
4. Pick up a designated envelope on Sunday. Ask a greeter when you arrive for worship.

On behalf of all our families, thank you for helping a child enjoy their camp experience this year!

N.B. If Camp Huron is forced to close this summer, all donations will be kept until next summers camp season.



## Virtual Morning Prayer and Coffee Hour

Please consider joining Rev Rob in a time of prayer and light conversation every Wednesday morning from 8am-8:30 on Zoom. All are welcome!

To register, email [robhenderson@diohuron.org](mailto:robhenderson@diohuron.org)



**THE DEANERY OF LONDON INVITES YOU TO**  
**UNBINDING HEAVY BURDENS: A LENTEN JOURNEY**  
**THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD OVER ZOOM**

**FEATURING:**  
**BEST SELLING AUTHOR**  
**DIANA BUTLER BASS**

**February 24**  
**March 3, 10, 17, 24**  
**7:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

**FEATURING:**  
**BISHOP OF HURON**  
**TODD TOWNSHEND**

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**TO REGISTER: --- OFFICE@STAIANS.NET --- 519 471 1430**

**Bundle Of Sunshine**

Gathering a bundle of sunshine  
from 'neath the skies of blue  
Sending it with cheer to you  
with happy wishes too

Reflecting rainbow colors  
brings gladness to the soul  
Wipes away the dark clouds  
that gloomy days have stole

As heavy clouds have rolled  
and sunshine's filled your day  
May the joys of springtime  
cheer you up today

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## Reservations Required!

Sunday Worship has resumed as of March 7<sup>th</sup>, and there will be 2 services on Sundays held at 9am and 11am. Preparations have been made to ensure that we are gathering safely and that all public health guidelines are being followed.

**However, if you or anyone in your household are feeling unwell or experiencing any flu-like symptoms related to the COVID virus please stay home!**

We would like to remind you of a few things to keep in mind for those who would like to attend worship: **You must call our reservation line at 226-582-0439** and reserve your space before attending. After a few rings your call will go directly to voicemail. You will then be asked to leave the following information:

1. Your full name and contact phone number.
2. The number of people that will be in your group.
3. The time you would like to attend, 9am or 11am.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You will not receive a confirming call back unless we are unable to reserve a seat due to space restrictions.

When you arrive Sunday morning you will be met at our Welcome Desk and taken to your seat(s).

Looking forward to seeing you at Holy Trinity St. Stephen's!



## Sunday Service Volunteers Needed!

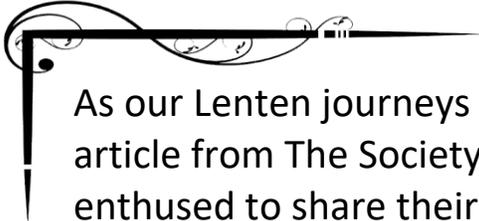
How to sign up: Please contact Kathy Belshaw, (Sunday morning Volunteer Coordinator) by email [kathybelshaw@hotmail.com](mailto:kathybelshaw@hotmail.com) or phone **519-685-0975**.

Indicate the date, service time, and position you can fill. Please note that some positions may already be filled when you contact Kathy (that's a good thing!)

We need the following roles at **9am and 11am Services:**

**Welcome Desk Greeters; Ushers; Cleaners; and PPT operators.**





As our Lenten journeys will soon come to a close, here is another noteworthy article from The Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE). As always, I am enthused to share their insightful message with hopes that you also will enjoy the discernment that it has offered to me. Peace, Luv&Hope, from Allison.

**Blessed be the Lord! For he has shown me the wonders of his love in a besieged city.**

By [Br. James Koester](#) | March 10, 2021

My dear friends,

The other day, as we were praying Morning Prayer, my attention was arrested by a line from the psalm: *Blessed be the Lord! For he has shown me the wonders of his love in a besieged city* (Psalm 31:21).

It has now been a year since we Brothers made the impossible decision to close both the Guesthouse and the Chapel. In these last twelve months, it has often felt we were living in a besieged city, as we all went into lockdown, emerging only briefly to accomplish necessary tasks. Many of us have seen family and friends only at a distance, or on Zoom. Some whom we have known and loved are counted among the 500,000 in this country alone, who have died because of the virus. Others have died, not from the virus, but alone and isolated none the less. Harvard Square, like many places around the world, now contains empty storefronts where there were once thriving businesses.

In twelve months, many things have changed, and it will take years for us to recover from the sense of loss and grief – not to mention the political, economic, and social fallout which the pandemic has caused. We have truly been living in a besieged city.

While some things have changed, and changed drastically, others have remained constant. One of those constants is that, throughout these twelve months, the promise of God's abiding presence has not failed or faltered. We remind ourselves of this in our **Rule** where we read, *we can learn to stay still in our experience of numbness ... and trust that Christ is just as truly alive in our hearts in these times as in those in which we enjoy the sense of his presence.*

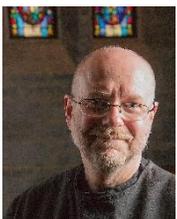
As we prayed the psalm that morning, I was flooded with an awareness that despite all that has happened these last months, even on the darkest days, God has faithfully shown the wonders of his love.

Over these months, we Brothers have been upheld and supported by the prayerful love and friendship of so many. You have reached out to us, assuring us of your prayers, and sustaining us by your generosity. Our, at first halting, and then more confident, venture into livestreaming and digital ministry has been received with incredible patience, and tremendous enthusiasm. We have been cared for in ways both simple and profound.

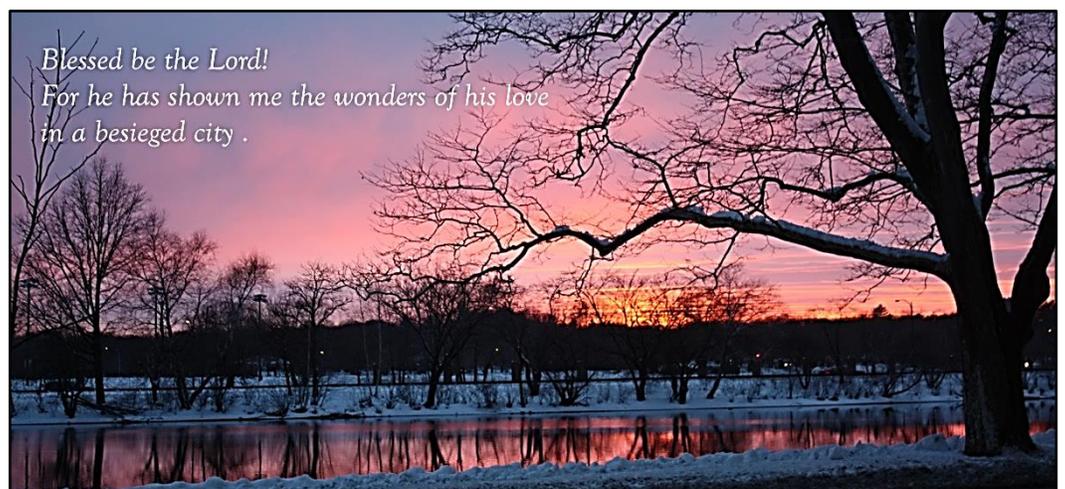
It has been a year none of us will want to repeat, and which all of us will want behind us. But through it all, God's wondrous love has been our companion, even on the darkest days.

In a few weeks, our Lenten fast will end, the New Fire will be kindled, and the Resurrection will be proclaimed once more. As you experience the joy of the Resurrection this year, I pray that you will know the wonders of God's love, as it bursts out of the tomb. This wondrous love has been your constant companion for these last twelve months as well.

Faithfully in the wondrous Love of God, which is seeing us through,



James SSJE





## Three Pillars of Lent

### Prayer

*Prayer is talking to God. You can talk to God anywhere and at anytime. He will always listen to you because He loves and cares for you. Prayer is also about listening. Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray. In the desert, Jesus was tempted by the devil. Jesus prayed to God, His Father, to help Him to be strong and able to resist temptation. At some time, we all face temptation to make choices we know are wrong. Like Jesus, you can pray to God to guide you to be strong and do what you know is right. Praying will keep you close to God. During Lent, make time each day to speak to God in Prayer.*

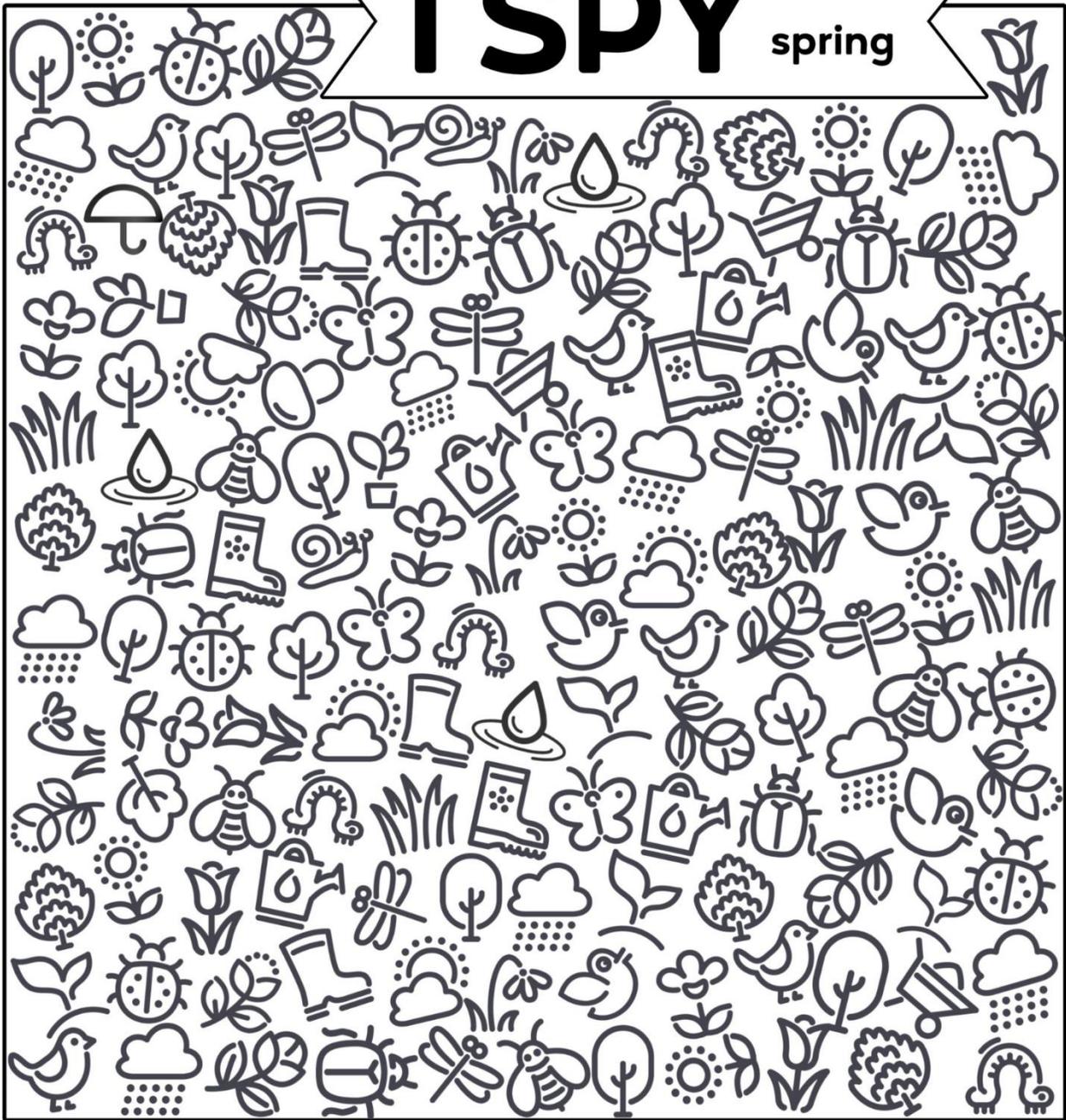
### Good Deeds

*Doing a good deed will make you feel good and someone else happy. A good deed is not expecting anything in return, helping others without waiting for something back. Every day we have many choices to make in the way we treat other people. Try, during Lent, to do a good deed each day. It might mean a kind word or just a smile to someone who looks sad. Never believe that because you are only one person you will not make a difference, because you can.*

### Fasting

*During Lent we think about the time Jesus fasted in the desert. Fasting means going without food. It is not good for children to go without food but think of something you can give up during the 40 days of Lent. It could be something you like to eat like treats of chocolate and sweets or something you like to do.*

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# Don't forget to check out the Vicars' Crossing Podcasts on any of the following:

**iTunes, YouTube or Soundcloud**



*Are you unable to attend, or not ready for in-person worship service? No Problem! Just check out Rev Rob's latest YouTube worship video! Simply go our **Parish Website Home page** and click the YouTube button, or go to Rev Rob's Corner and find the latest edition!*

## **The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

*We are approaching the last part of our Lenten preparation for Easter!*

*If we really want to know Jesus we must be willing to share His life by serving one another, forgiving one another, doing and saying what we know is right.*

*We must be willing to see the world with Jesus' eyes adding to all that is good and beautiful as Jesus show us in the Gospel.*

*What more can you do this week to be as loving as Jesus and to spend time with God in prayer?*

## **HTSSM's Social Media!!**

Be sure to always stay connected and share our events with your friends and family through our Parish Website and Facebook page.



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