

Redeemer/ St. George's April Newsletter 2025



From the Pastor's Desk

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." - Luke 10:27

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Dear Friends,

As we begin April we are still in the season of Lent – I hope that you have found opportunity to slow down and devote yourselves to God in some new and exciting ways over this time! Last month I wrote about some spiritual disciplines related to loving God with all of our minds – studying God's Word in Scripture, studying our life contexts (moving to simplicity), and studying our own selves (introspective prayer, led by the Holy Spirit). This month I write concerning loving God with all of our hearts.

Our hearts are not easily swayed in their loyalties (just think of how easy it is to forgive a beloved friend, and of how easy it is to hold a grudge against a rival). While study of Scripture (mentioned the last couple of months) can help us to train our minds on Jesus, and the things of Jesus, reading about God's love for the world increases our head knowledge of it; experiencing God's love for the world, through prayer, increases our heart knowledge. No amount of head knowledge will draw our heart's loyalties to the Kingdom of God the way that a little bit of heart knowledge will. When we pray, not only pouring out our hearts to God but listening for His voice in response and opening ourselves to receive the comfort of His presence, we come to know Him. No longer just knowing about Him and His things, but to know God.

It is akin to our relationships with one another. I could read a book all about you, and you could read a book all about me, and yet we wouldn't know each other from doing so. Whether we read a biography written by an expert, or even an autobiography, knowing all there is to know about someone is no substitute for knowing the person themselves.

Certainly, it is an incredible thing that God became incarnate and lived among us, and that the people who walked and talked with Jesus knew God – not just about Him. But for us, who are able to direct our minds to Him by reading about Him, prayer is the means that God has given us to come to know Him personally.

What does prayer look like, for you? For many among us, prayer might involve thanksgiving before meals. It might be something that is turned to after every other avenue has been exhausted. It might be something we highly prize and value. Perhaps each night you review the events of the day in prayer, asking God to speak His peace into your life regarding how you might proceed in various ongoing situations that you face. Perhaps you take time each morning to dedicate your day to God's glory. An active prayer life actually augments the disciplines I wrote about last week, regarding loving God with all of the mind. Prayer is the place of openness to authentic, personal communication with God. We neglect it to our peril – every relationship needs communication.

As we journey to Easter, and beyond, over this month I encourage you to make an assessment of the role of prayer in your life. I pray that your life may be opened more and more to open, ongoing, continuous prayer – prayer that is meaningful because it proceeds from an authentic desire to know God more, not just to know more about God.

Jonathan+

Pancake Supper



Mixing up the batter



Cooking the pancakes



Waiting for supper



Ready to wash the dishes



Enjoying food and fellowship



We all need coffee



Yummy!

Ash Wednesday



We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the community as a whole. BAS page 282



Mother Cheryl teaches us all during the children's talk. It is always amusing to hear what the children think.



Anglican Memorial Camp – Diocese of Brandon

Upcoming Events:

May 17, 2025: Camp Clean up

Join us to get the camp ready for the summer! Come see what the fuss is about, bring some cleaning supplies and a side dish to go with hot dogs! 10 a.m. at the camp!

May 29, 2025: Blessing of the Wheels:

Are you a car enthusiast, biker (motor or pedal), Hot Wheel collector, or have a kid who has their own wheels? The Road Rebels will be there showing their beautiful classics and AMC will be selling barbeque to raise a bit of money and awareness. 5 p.m. in our parking lot!

Looking for summer staff!

- Cook 1
- Cook 2
- Kitchen helper
- Handyperson

We are looking for volunteers

- Camp leaders
- Counselors
- Health officers
- Chaplains

If you or anyone you know are interested in applying for the summer or to volunteer, you can reach out to Mackenzie through her email camp@brandon.anglican.ca.

You can get more information at our website <https://anglicanmemorialcamp.com/>

This month at church:

Choir Practice Will be Tuesdays this year. All are welcome to join. **April 1,8,15,22,29**

Evensong Wednesdays during lent April 2,9,16

Council and Vestry will meet Tuesday April 8 at 7:30

Thursdays April 3,10,17,24 at 1:30 there will be a Book of Common Prayer Communion service with bible study to follow at 2:00, led by Jonathan.

Palm Sunday April 13 Father Chris taking the service

April 17 Maundy Thursday service at 6:00 pm

Good Friday April 18 at 11:00

Easter Sunday April 20 Brunch at 9:30

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 meet for coffee and discuss what you have been reading this week in the bible.

April 27 Samaritan House Sunday

Every Sunday remember your Loonie for the little church donation for Samaritan House safe and warm shelter.

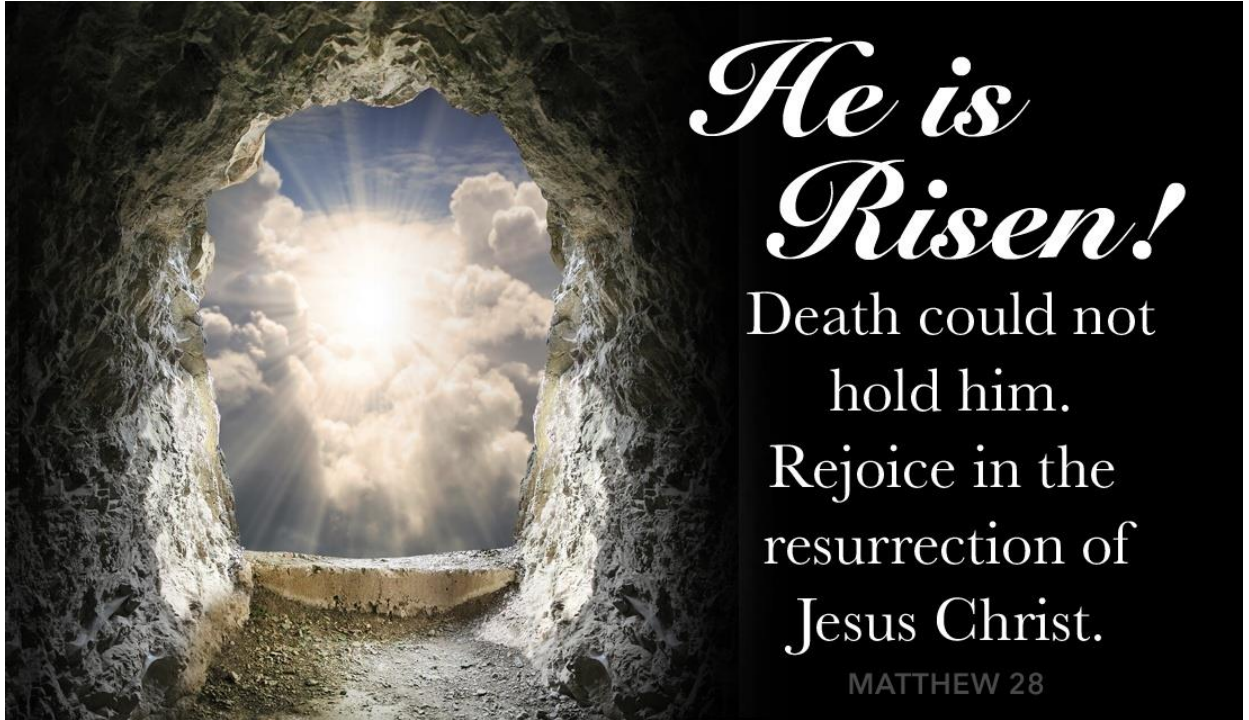
Senior housing services:

April 2 Fairview, April 6 Vic Landing, April 9 Hillcrest 11:00
and Dinsdale at 2:00, April 24 Riverheights 11:00

The Bible Project

This year we have taken on the ambitious challenge as a community of Christ-followers, to read the entire bible. To assist us in this task, we will be following the One-year Bible Reading plan from the Bible project. You can find this online here: <https://bibleproject.com/>

There is also an app that can be downloaded to assist you with this challenge. You can find it in the app store or on google play. It is called BibleProject App
Watch FaceBook for updates from Jonathan



*He is
Risen!*

Death could not
hold him.

Rejoice in the
resurrection of
Jesus Christ.

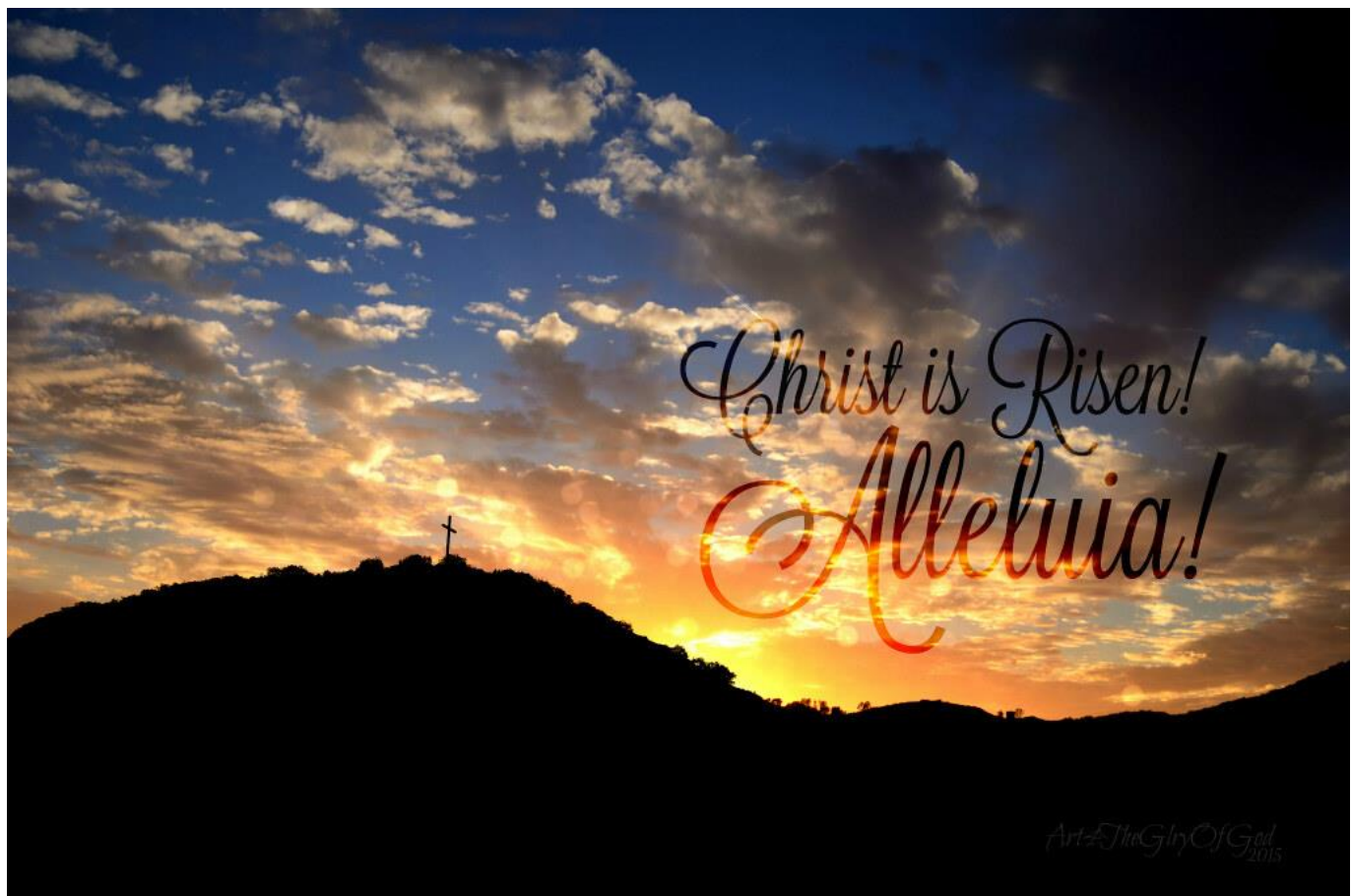
MATTHEW 28



Jesse sharing about
her healing retreat camp
Check out her display at
the art gallery at the Town
Centre.



Commissioning of
Council/Vestry members.



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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"What I like best about Easter Sunday is the candy, and Jesus not bein' dead anymore."

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for the little church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
Anglican Communion 6	7	Fairview 10:00 Sours 2:30 Evensong 4:00	9	10	11	12
Victoria landing 3:00		Choir 6:15 Council/Vestry 7:15 Hillcrest 11:00 Dirsdale 2:00 Evensong 4:00				
Lutheran 13 Communion	→ 14	Holy 15	Week 16	→ 17	→ 18	19
Palm Sunday		Choir 6:15	Evensong 4:00	Communion Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Set up tables for brunch
Easter 20 Brunch 9:30	21	22	23	24	25	26
Anglican Communion Easter Sunday		Choir 6:15		Riverheights 11:00		
Lutheran 27 Communion	28	29	30			
Samaritan House Sunday		Choir 6:15				