



The Loop Anglican Newsletter

2nd Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018

Services: 9:30 am at St. Paul and
St. John, 11 am at St. James

Lessons: Romans 4: 13-25, Psalm 6, Mark 8: 31-38

What is Lent? The word Lent comes from the Old English 'lencten', meaning spring, and refers to our 40-day Holy season before Easter. That being said, in Canada we may not feel spring is around the corner when Lent begins. However, the 40 days is significant as Jesus himself fasted for 40 days in the wilderness before beginning his earthly ministry. Since the 7th century after Christ's resurrection, we've set apart the 40 days before Easter as days of special penitential prayer and fasting.

Note, the Sundays in that time frame are not counted as days to fast. Lent now is observed as a time of abstinence from festivities, by almsgiving and by devoting time to more prayer and Bible study.

We pray **for those in mourning**, especially the family of Gail Reid. May God give them His comfort and peace.

We pray for our young people who will be helping lead **Alpha courses** in the local schools. We remember Sarah Stone, Shyla Thornhill and Ismaela Evans, involved in this at South Grenville High. May God bless them richly for their faithfulness.

Two Youth Endeavours: Our parish youth group is called **Youth Answer** and is run by Johanna Freer with help from Judy Harding and Bob and Susan Larrett on Tuesday nights. They gather for supper, singing, Bible study and games each week. Some of the kids are from our parish.

This is separate and totally different from **Connect Youth**. It seems there is some **confusion about the two groups**. Carrie Onstein works with Connect Youth, an organization in South Grenville District High School, working with homeless youth or youth in crisis. This is an outreach, they are not a Christian or church organization, but they are grateful for our support and the help they get from United Way. We gather food for that group so she can provide lunch for them once a week. Every week seven tins of canned goods and fresh fruit are needed to feed her crew.

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Mayfield Service. Are you free on Tuesdays? Think about joining Judy and Rev. Tracey at the Mayfield Communion service, this Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. Come and share in this ministry. Greet the seniors, show your care for them, help them find pages in their hymn book and lend your voice to our praises!

Paint Nights. Why not explore your artistic side and support a terrific cause, the Morningstar Mission. Sign up for the second Paint Night Wednesday, **March 7**, at St. John hall. Cost is \$40 for instruction, paint and your own canvas to take home with a winter scene in Limerick Forest. Call Gail to book in, 925.3671.

Pre-authorized giving. This New Year you will have an opportunity for you to learn about pre-authorized giving in support of your church. You might like to speak to one of the wardens or our treasurers at church about this safe and very easy way to have your offerings go straight from your account to ours. Rev. Tracey notes: It saves paper, plus envelopes AND eliminates the frustration of forgetting our cheques or envelopes at home on a Sunday...which we've all experienced from time to time.

And If you are not comfortable with using pre-authorized giving there is another option. You might like to give post-dated cheques which we can safely store and use accordingly.

Thanks for your understanding, and please don't hesitate to ask us any questions.

At St. John:

Tuesday, Feb. 27: youth group 5-7 p.m.; choir practice 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 28: women's Bible study 2 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 2: men's Bible study 11 a.m.

Friday, Mar. 2: World Day of Prayer at St. John, 2 p.m. Environmental protection urged by women of Suriname, with video presentation. Light refreshments and fellowship to follow.

A couple of important phone numbers: Contact for Revs. Tracey and David is **613.925.0043**. Illana Dobson is parish nurse and her phone number is 613.246.2986. Feel free to phone Illana with health questions or to request a visit. Parish email: dsmith195@coqeco.ca.