

New Leaders: At the Annual Vestry meeting on February 4th, Mr. Paul LeMay was elected as our new People's Warden, and Mr. Steve Newroth will be coming onboard Parish Council as a member at large. Mr. John Mitchell is the Rector's appointee. Congratulations gentlemen!

Small Groups: A new round of small group opportunities will be on offer during Lent; beginning the week of February 21st. Bishop Anne has asked Anglicans across our Diocese to study a booklet called "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John." One group is available Wednesdays at 10 a.m. (with Rev. Kelly, in Rector's Office) and a second on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (with Peter May, at their home). Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. If you are unable to join a group, you can follow along on-line at <http://meetingjesusinjohn.org>.

Newcomers: If you are a newcomer to St. Thomas. WELCOME!! Please join us for fellowship after the 10:30 service in Browning Hall. If you wish to give your address, email address and phone number so that we can add you to our Parish List, please place this on the offering plate or give it to Rev. Kelly. Thank you.

Lenten Jars: Again this year the congregation is encouraged to collect loose change during Lent. Please look to see if your jar is here from last year. If not there are jars and labels so you can write on your name or envelope number and receive a tax receipt for all those nickels, dimes, loonies and toonies. Bring your jars to church on Palm Sunday (March 25th) for the grand round-up. We will also be looking for volunteers after Easter to join in a coin-rolling party!

Rector:	The Rev. Kelly Baetz
Priest Associate:	The Rev. Barbara Graham

Honorary Assistant:	The Rev. Barbara Nangle
Organist:	Connie Knighton
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St. Thomas' Anglican Church
Sunday February 18th, 2018
The First Sunday In Lent

Today's Readings: Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-9, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15.

Next week's readings for The Second Sunday In Lent: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:22-30, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38.

In the Worldwide Anglican Church: The Church of the Province of Central Africa; The Most Revd. Albert Chama Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia.

In Our Diocese: Christ Church, Lively, St. John's, Copper Cliff, The Ven. Glen Miller.

Pancake Supper: Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was a success!! Thank you to Catherine Thompson and David Patterson for heading it up and also to all the volunteers that helped and who donated many food items. Couldn't have done it without you!! We raised \$600.00 in Free Will Offerings!! Well done!!

Fundscrip: We now have Tim Horton's cards in denominations of \$15 or \$25 dollars! Please see Tracy during office hours or Catherine Thompson and Mary Mitchell after Sunday service in Browning Hall. Doing a big spring home renovation? We have Home Depot cards too!

Bracebridge Ministerial Association: Invites you to take a mid-week break during the Holy season of Lent. Come join us for a 20 minute worship service followed by a "brown-bag" lunch. Wednesdays 12:10 -12:30 p.m. February 21st, 28th, March 7th, 14th and 21st at the Wellington Street Pentecostal Church.

Something New For Lent: This year St. Thomas' is making the most of the "adult colouring" craze. Colouring sheets for each week of Lent are available for adults, youth and children to take home, colour, and then bring back for posting at the church. The theme is "Stations of the Cross". This is an opportunity both for some creativity and for some meditative time with the images of Lent and Holy Week. Prizes will be

given to one adult, one youth and one child! Judging will take place after the Easter Vigil (March 31st) over hot-cross buns. 😊

DVD Sale: We have been selling DVD's and it seems to be very popular. If you have any (non-violent etc.) DVD's you wish to get rid of please bring them in and place them on the table at the side door. The proceeds go to the Messy Church Fund.

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The Parish This Week:

Sun.	Feb. 18th	Holy Eucharist from the Book of Common Prayer	8:30 a.m.
Sun.	Feb. 18th	Prayer Time in Browning Hall All Welcome	9:30 a.m.
Sun.	Feb. 18th	Holy Eucharist from the Book of Alternative Services	10:30 a.m.

Mon.	Feb. 19th	Christian Meditation	3:30 p.m.
Wed.	Feb. 21 st	Ministerial Service and Lunch Wellington Pentecostal	12:10 p.m.
Wed.	Feb. 21 st	Meeting Jesus: Small Group with Rev. Kelly	10:00 a.m.
Wed.	Feb. 21 st	Meeting Jesus: Small Group with Peter May	7:00 p.m.
Thurs	Feb. 22nd	Bible Study at Connie and Rob Knighton's	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	Feb. 23rd	Holy Eucharist from the Book of Alternative Services	10:00 a.m.
Fri.	Feb. 23 rd	Messy Church	5:30-7:00 p.m.

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