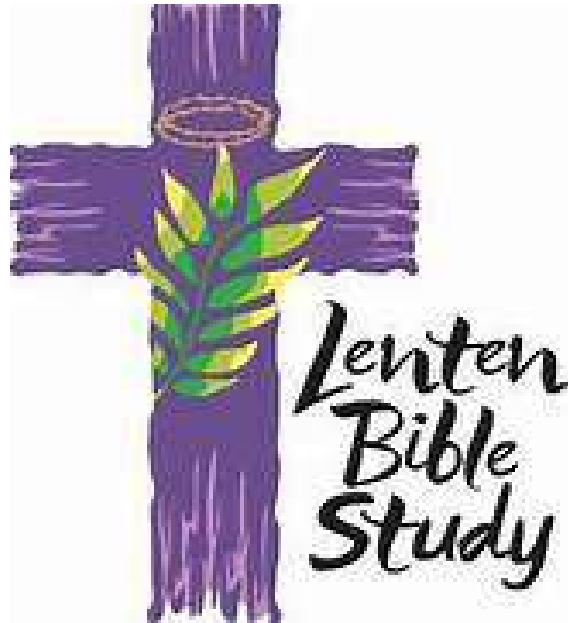


City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

# NEWSLETTER

April 7, 2025



*Join us for Evening Prayer and our Lenten Bible Study  
Lyrically Lenten: A Poetic Journey (using 'Word in the Wilderness' by Malcolm Guite)  
Wednesday: April 9  
from 7 - 8pm in Rev. Kevin's office*



## ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

Our next ACW meeting / gathering will be Wednesday April 9th at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies from the church are welcome to join us for coffee, fellowship, etc. Please remember to bring your own cup for beverages.

# FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH IS OUR NEXT COMMUNITY GAMES NIGHT!

On the 2nd friday of every month all are welcome to join us  
at St. Augustine's Parkland Anglican Church  
(131 Church Road, Spruce Grove)

Doors open at 6:30pm on a drop-in basis  
Please use the hall door closest to the parking lot.



ALL are welcome to come join in the fun so  
bring all of your friends!

Participants are encouraged to bring their favorite games,  
snacks, and beverages.

*Admission is **FREE** but Food Bank donations  
are encouraged and appreciated.*



***Please remember in your prayers this week:***

- We pray for Acting Primate Anne, Metropolitan Greg, and Bishop Stephen. We also pray for our clergy, Rev. Kevin and Rev. Lesley.
- We pray for the Diocese of Algoma, for St. Augustine's Parkland, for the Kumana Parish in the Buyé Diocese, for the Louis Bull Tribe, and for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.
- We pray for those who are ill, injured, or bereaved; and for all who need God's healing presence, especially remembering Iain, Ann, Terry, Jill, Mel, Doris, and Lora.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Holly, Sheila, Lesley & Charlie, Allan & Wendy, Myrna; and their families.

***Please note: Submitted names will be kept on the prayer list for a period of two weeks unless intentionally renewed.***



**Is it YOU we're looking for?**

PLEASE take a look at your 2025 offering envelopes. If your current offering envelopes are #25, please contact Debbie Curtis!



This past Saturday a crew of 15 men showed up for the monthly MOSA breakfast! Men, don't miss out on the next one, they are usually on the first Saturday of the month and all men of the parish are welcome to join! See Bill Courtis for more info.



Thanks to Bill Courtis for getting this picture of the 9 beautiful prayer shawls that were blessed during the service yesterday! Volunteers pray as they create these gorgeous pieces that Rev. Kevin gives out on occasion during pastoral visits. Huge thanks to those who share their talents with us all.

# GET SMART WITH SMARTPHONES!

Learn more about your smart phone or tablet!

*First in a series.....*

## **Class #1: Texting Fun!**

*Everyone is texting these days - are you missing out?*

*This class is designed specifically for seniors who want to learn the ins and outs of texting on their smartphones and tablets. In this fun and interactive class, you'll discover how to send and receive text messages, share photos and much more.*



- Bring your smartphone or tablet  
(Please, no flip phones!)
- Get ready for some fun!
- May 13, 2025  
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM  
Lunch break 12:00-1:00  
(Lunch not included)
- NO COST!
- OPEN TO ALL SENIORS IN THE COMMUNITY!

**St. Michael's Fenwyck Heights  
260 Pioneer Rd, Spruce Grove**

Training provided by:

For more information  
joanne@knowitsooner.com  
780-940-6772

  
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## **The Stations of the Cross**

This year we will need 14 readers (one for each station) and I currently have 3 including the two who were originally scheduled to read. If you plan to attend and would like to help out by doing a reading, please do let me know! Thanks!



## ***Prayer Service for Lou Hansen***

*At 11am on Saturday, April 12th we will be having a small prayer service for our dear friend Lou. If you plan to attend, please do let me know! Soup will be served after the service as it was one of Lou's favorite things!*

# *Christian Basics Course with the Rev. Tim Chesterton*

June 2nd, June 9th, June 16th, and June 23rd (Monday evenings).

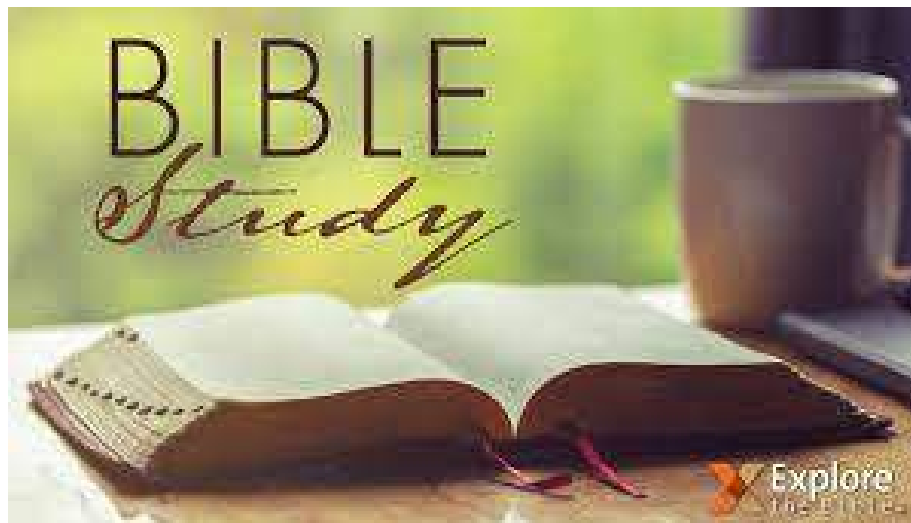
There is no fee but a free will offering basket will be out.

Christian Basics was originally designed as a four-week inquirers' course but has also proved very useful in renewing the faith of ordinary Christians and deepening their joy in the good news of Jesus.

The four presentations follow the content of the first four chapters of Chesterton's book *Starting at the Beginning*. After a session on the basic timeline of the biblical story, course participants will take a deep dive into the person of Jesus, looking at his life, death and resurrection and what they mean for us today. They will then examine the question, 'What is the Gospel and how do I respond to it?' Finally, they will look at the foundational habits that help Christians grow in their faith. These four presentations are supplemented with group discussion times, with opportunities for questions to be asked and considered.

Rev. Tim will have copies of his book available to purchase for \$10 but they are not required to participate in the course.

**Pre-registration is required. Contact the church office to register.**



## ***Bible Study!***

Every Monday at 10:00 a.m. our weekly bible study will continue in the church hall. Each Monday the focus will be on the readings scheduled for the following Sunday. (*fun fact: this is often when Rev. Kevin & Aglaia come up with hymn selections for the service!*) The readings for upcoming service's are:

*Apr. 13 - Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:14-23:56*

*Apr. 20 - Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18*

*Apr. 27 - Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 150, Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31*



## Save the Date:

Saturday, April 12, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Come and learn to make **palm crosses** to be given to the congregation the next day.

Have a cup of something and we'll teach you how to do it. It's fun!

And better than that, it's a great time to meet people.

Everyone and all ages are welcome!



**Palm Sunday - April 13th at 10am**

**Maundy Thursday (& stripping of the altar) - April 17th at 7pm**

**Good Friday (Stations of the Cross) - April 18th at 10am**

**Easter Sunday - April 20th at 10am**



## ***Tabernacle Candle:***

The candle was sponsored this week by Tom Robson in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on April 10th; by Holly Hall remembering her parents on the anniversary of their passing - Dorothy (1973) & Eddy Dales (2014) - their love for all was the greatest gift; and by Bonnie Kovlaske remembering their Ann (April 5th)



If you would like to sponsor the candle for \$10 in memory of a loved one (perhaps on a birthday, anniversary or other important date), please do let us know! We are not limited to one sponsor per week.

April 13th	· Betty Squance remember her dad on his birthday
April 20th	· Myrna Hanmer remembering Richard's birthday · Louise Fairfield in memory of her hubby, Allan · Helen Steinburg in loving memory of her brother, Brian
April 27th	· Winnie Kennair in memory of Ted · Bonnie Kovlaske in celebration of Leonard's birthday (April 26th)
May 4th	· open



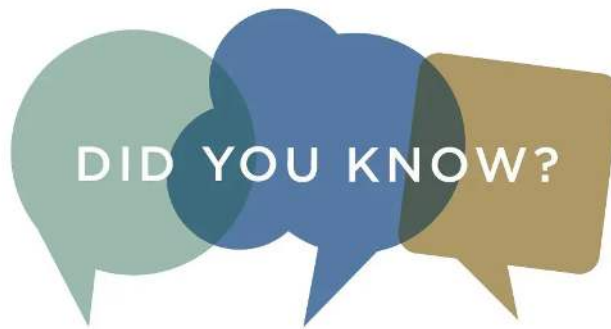
The diocese of Edmonton is looking for volunteers to join the Social Justice Committee. Our dear friend Ian Bowden was a long time representative for Parkland until he moved. This committee works to equip Anglicans to seek to transform the unjust structures of society by creating resources, building networks, and offering training. Right now, we are working on planning a youth social justice conference for the fall. We support the diocesan core value of Courageous Justice, and will have a key role in the strategic plan as it is implemented.

Add your voice to our team as we advocate right relations with all creation! Contact Rev. Jordan Haynie-Ware at [rev.jordan.ware@gmail.com](mailto:rev.jordan.ware@gmail.com) for more info



**Help the Altar Guild create a beautiful sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 20. Purchase cut flowers, plants or lilies, and bring them to the church anytime in Holy Week, April 14-20.**

**Or, we can purchase for you if you want to give a few dollars. Your donations would be gratefully received.**



Did you know that because we are not a residential building we are not covered for garbage or recycling pick up through the city of Spruce Grove? We pay a company to come pick up our garbage. Winnie Kennair regularly takes our bottles into the bottle depot for us. We do not have recycling picked up, all of our recycling is taken home by volunteers to add to their personal recycling bins for pick up. ***Is this something YOU could volunteer to help with?***



## ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

ACW Annual Meeting 2025

*Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. ~ Matthew 5:16*

Part 1 of the annual meeting will be on Friday, May 2, 2025. This will be an information meeting held through Zoom to report on the good work that the ACWs in our Diocese has done throughout the past year. Here is the link to join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85461620290?pwd=W24jBMbBpuozJADYDSbyrrMyZafRYw.1>

Meeting ID: 854 6162 0290

Passcode: 860857

The chat room will open at 10:30 a.m. for visiting. The business meeting will begin at 11 a.m. There will be lots of opportunities for you to add to the discussions. Members may attend individually or meet as a group and attend together. We have planned for the meeting to last as long as 2 hours but it could be shorter. In any event, be prepared by having a pot of tea, water, snacks and even a sandwich to tie you over. There is no cost for attending the ZOOM session on Friday May 2.

Day 2 of the annual meeting will be a road trip to Camrose on Saturday May 2, 2025. Please see the poster for details. A sign-up sheet for those wishing to attend will be on the bulletin board. The deadline to sign up is April 20, 2025.

# DIOCESAN ACW ROAD TRIP SAT., MAY 3RD, 2025

- Learn about the friendly city of Camrose, past and present
- Explore several paths of prayer

**10 a.m.-Camrose & District Centennial Museum, 4522 53 St**

Welcome & Prayer Service in St. Dunstan (on museum grounds) followed by self-guided tour of museum

**12:15 p.m.-Bag lunch at St. Andrew's church hall: 4713 50 St.** Tea & coffee provided.

**1 p.m. Mirror Lake Nature Guided Prayer Walk-** (For those unable to walk far, a 'sitting' nature prayer activity will be available in the church hall)



Please **RSVP by April 21st** with approximate number of people who plan to attend to Elaine:  
elaine.johnstonmacmillan@gmail.com or  
780-678-6304

**2:15-Anglican Prayer Beads, St. Andrew's church hall**-Introduction to prayer beads. Beads and instruction provided.

**3:30 -Tea, Coffee and Treats in St. Andrew's hall**-Celebrate Camrose's Scandinavian heritage by tasting some delicacies brought in from The Lefse House bakery.

**Note-Please wear comfortable, outdoor wear and bring a bag lunch.**  
Donations gratefully accepted at Centennial Museum (\$2-5 suggestion) and for beads & Lefse House coffee time treats (\$2-5)

## Rev. Kev's Agenda:

Aside from the many regular recurring things that he does, this is what's coming up in his calendar. Friday's will be a regularly scheduled (& needed!) day off with the exception of pastoral emergencies and other important functions

- Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>: ACW Meeting
- Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>: Lyrically Lenten Study
- Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> : Community Games Night
- Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>: Making Palm Crosses and prayer service for Lou Hansen
- Tuesday, Aril 15<sup>th</sup>: Holy Week Clergy Chrism Mass at Cathedral
- Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>: Baptismal Preparation Meeting
- Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>: Copper Sky Service
- Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>: Maundy Thursday Service and stripping of the altar
- Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>: Hot Cross Buns & Good Friday Service
- Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>: Diocesan Easter Vigil

Rev. Kevin can be contacted by calling the church at 780-962-5131 or by email at [parklandpriest@gmail.com](mailto:parklandpriest@gmail.com). In pastoral emergencies he can be reached at 780-993-9985



**Tom & Mary Robson are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on April 10th!**

On your diamond anniversary, we send you all-out love on this very special day. Sixty years of giving happiness, love and loyalty to each other must not go unmarked. We wish you many more years of love and good health together. *"Hearts that Love Deeply, Never Grow Old"*

*"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you"*  
~ Numbers 6: 24-25 ~

## Upcoming events:

April 9th - 1pm ACW Meeting

April 9th - 7pm Lenten Bible Study

April 11th - 6:30pm Games Night

April 12th - 9:30am Palm Cross building

April 12th - 11am Prayer service for Lou Hansen

April 13th - Palm Sunday service

April 17th - 7pm Maundy Thursday service

April 18th - 10am Good Friday service - Stations of the Cross (hot cross buns before!)

