

Thank you! A big **THANK YOU** for your warm welcome to all of the visitors who came for the Baptism last Sunday – all 40 of them! They were touched by your kindness. Many thanks, as well, to all who prepared our fantastic lunch, last Monday. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

All tweekies and other **donations for the Church in Jamaica** will be gratefully received **on Easter Sunday**.

Approximately 75 people attended **the Greater Chapter Meeting last Monday night in Fredericton**, regarding the future of the Cathedral. Table groups were asked to discuss and report on a variety of questions including their perceptions of the Cathedral’s purpose; and also options for the future. The ‘emergency’ work involves replacing the roof and (possibly) installing tension rods to ‘tie’ together the upper level of the Nave walls. In addition to the estimated costs, challenges include meeting building requirements with the City of Fredericton as a heritage property. A Synod is set for April 18th to discuss the next step. Background information can be found on the Diocesan website under the 140th Synod page.



“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who... emptied Himself, and took upon Him the form of a servant”.
(Philippians 2. 5)

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DAILY BIBLE READING

A modified table of daily Bible Readings from the Prayer Book:

Sunday	Exodus 10. 21 to end of chapter 11	John 15.1-16
Monday	Exodus 12. 1-20	John 15.17-end
Tuesday	Exodus 12. 21-36	John 16.1-15
Wednesday	Exodus 13. 1-16	John 17
Thursday	Exodus 13.17-14.14	John 18
Friday	Exodus 14.15-end	John 1-37
Saturday	Exodus 15.1-26	John 19.38 to end of chapter 20



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Our **Annual Memorial Service** is set for next Sunday, April 12th at 3:00 pm. The Rev. Wendy Amos-Binks plans to join us. (Please note that there will be no morning Service that day.)

Let us pray for the Bible, visible and read daily, in every home in our community. Also, let us pray for the Canadian Bible Society’s translation work in Angola.

The Parish of Stanley
Palm Sunday
March 29th, 2026

Looking ahead:

✘ **Holy Week Services with the reading of the Passion (see p. 154, BCP) -- all welcome:**



Monday (March 30th) 7:00 pm
Holy Eucharist (**at the Rectory**)

Tuesday (March 31st) 7:00 pm
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Wednesday (April 1st) 11:30 am
Holy Eucharist (**at the Rectory**)

✘ **Maundy Thursday (April 2nd) at 7:00 pm**

The Holy Eucharist with the Stripping of the Altar. A Watch will follow, with Compline prayed at 10:00 pm.

✘ **Good Friday (April 3rd) at 10:00 am**

The Liturgy for Good Friday with Fr. Ross Hebb as Preacher. Following the morning Service, at **2:30 pm**, a wooden cross (9' x 5'), will be carried from the Village Hall to the Cenotaph, with stops to observe Jesus' last words. According to the Gospel, He died at 3:00 pm.

✘ **Holy Saturday (April 4th) at 10:00 am Morning Prayer; at 5:00 pm Evening Prayer; at 8:00 pm the Easter Vigil.**

✘ **Easter Day (April 5th) at 9:00 am**

The Holy Eucharist followed by Easter Egg Hunt for the children and Breakfast for all!

Large print copies of 'Our Daily Bread' for April, May, and June are available in the main entry. Please help yourself.

Let us remember before God those who have departed this life and are at rest.

Jean Logan Shirley Porter Elizabeth Hopper

The Jerusalem Donkey



Years ago, when our kids were little, we would go for a drive to Knowlesville to see "the donkey with the cross on it's back". And, of course, we would talk about how Mary rode to Bethlehem on a donkey; and how Jesus Himself did the same on Palm Sunday, when He entered Jerusalem just a few days before His Crucifixion.

His choice of a donkey, rather than a horse, was significant. A donkey is smaller and slower. Kings rode on donkeys when they came in peace, and on horses when there was to be war. Jesus was also fulfilling a prophecy about the long-awaited Messiah made 500 years earlier by the Prophet Zechariah – one the Jerish people would have known: *"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey."* (9.9)

You may have heard of the legend of the "Jerusalem Donkey". It goes something like this – after she (it was a Jenny) brought Jesus into Jerusalem, the donkey was troubled because she knew what Jesus was about to go through with His trial, suffering and death on the Cross. On Good Friday, the donkey watched how badly Jesus was treated, and wished she could help carry the Cross; after all, it was her job to carry man's burdens. As the mob reached Golgotha, and Jesus was nailed to the wood, the donkey could not bear to watch and turned away; yet, she stayed nearby as Jesus endured His torture. God saw this and caused the shadow of the Cross to fall across the little donkey's back and she has carried the mark of the Cross ever since, as a sign of God's love. The cross on the back of each Jerusalem donkey is different -- no two are alike.

