



**St. Martin's Anglican Church**  
**February 25, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent**

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Welcome Team: David Be & David Bo

It is a great privilege to gather, share stories of faith and worship God on this beautiful territory, which we now know as Pickering, but which has been the site of human activity – and therefore storytelling and worship – for many thousands of years. We wish to honour the ancestral guardians of this land and its waterways: the Wendat, the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923. Today many Indigenous peoples, including the Métis Nation, continue to call this land home and act as its stewards, and this responsibility extends to all peoples, to share and care for this land for generations to come.

Celebrant: The Rev Shelly Pollard

Guest Organist: Alexandra Weiss

Prelude: Lord I Have Seen Thy Salvation *Words and music by John D. Cooper (b. 1925).  
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Sentence: I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

*Galatians 6:14*

**Opening Hymn: 179 You Call Us, Lord, to Be**

You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,  
to feel with thoughtful mind  
and think with tender heart.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace  
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,  
to take the risk and dare to show what love can do.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace  
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;  
to tend it as a place of blessedness and worth.  
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace  
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,  
to know we best receive when joyfully we give.  
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace  
to make us equal to the task.

*CP 450 You Call Us, Lord to Be*

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### **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Celebrant:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**All:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God,

**All:** **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Trisagion**

**All:** **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

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## The Collect

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**First Reading    Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

Reader: Allison S

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 22:22-30**

Celebrant: Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

All: **For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.**

Celebrant: My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

**All: The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"**

Celebrant: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

**All: For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.**

Celebrant: To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

**All: My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

Celebrant: They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

Father, your tortured Son felt abandoned, and cried out in anguish from the cross, yet you delivered him. He overcame the bonds of death and rose in triumph from the grave. Do not hide your face from those who cry out to you: feed the hungry, strengthen the weak, and break the chains of the oppressed, that your people may rejoice in your saving deeds. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**All: Amen.**

**Second Reading Romans 4:13-25**

Reader: Don H

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body,

which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel**

*Please stand as you are able for the Gospel*

**Gospel Hymn : 553 Ubi Caritas et Amor**

Ubi caritas et amor,  
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love,  
live in charity; God will dwell with you.

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**Gospel Reading Mark 8:31-38**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and

take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**Homily:**

The Rev Shelly Pollard

### **Moment of Silent Reflection**

#### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All: I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Confession & Absolution**

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites us to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Moment of Silence*

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

*Please stand as you are able*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn: 179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery**

Tree of life and awesome mystery,  
in your death we are reborn;  
though you die in all of history,  
still you rise with every morn,  
still you rise with every morn.

Seed that died to rise in glory,  
may we see ourselves in you;  
if we learn to live your story  
we may die to rise anew,  
we may die to rise anew.

We remember truth once spoken,  
love passed on through act and word;  
every person lost and broken  
wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,  
come inflame our hearts anew.  
We may all your joy inherit  
if we bear the cross with you,  
if we bear the cross with you.

Christ, you lead and we shall follow,  
stumbling though our steps may be;  
one with you in joy and sorrow,  
we the river, you the sea,  
we the river, you the sea.

*CP 179-Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery.*

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## **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Celebrant:** God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name.

**All:** **Amen.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Eucharistic Prayer 4**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### **Sanctus**

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen**

### **The Lord's Prayer (Sung)**

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let pray and sing,

**All: Our Father in heaven hallowed be thy name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those**

**who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen, amen, amen.**

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### *Moment of Silence*

Celebrant: We break this bread, *Lent-7*  
**All Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.  
**All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

### THE COMMUNION

#### **Agnus Dei**

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*CP 745 Lamb of God.*

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Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (*for those who choose not to receive Communion, or are following the service online*)

Celebrant: Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:

**All: My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you, and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

## **Communion Hymn: 537 In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life overtake me,  
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me:  
lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming  
light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming  
adds new luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.

*CP 537-In the Cross of Christ I Glory.*

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## **Communion Hymn: 538 Nearer, My God, to Thee**

Nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer to thee!  
Even though it be a cross  
that raiseth me,  
still all my song would be;  
“Nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer to thee!”

Though, like a wanderer,  
the sun gone down,  
darkness be over me,  
my rest a stone;  
yet in my dreams I'd be  
nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God, to Thee,  
nearer to thee.

There let the way appear,  
steps unto heaven;  
all that thou sendest me,  
in mercy given;  
angels to beckon me  
nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer to Thee.

Then with my waking thoughts  
bright with thy praise,  
out of my stony griefs  
Bethel I'll raise,  
so by my woes to be  
nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer to thee.

Or if on joyful wing  
cleaving the sky,  
sun, moon and stars forgot,  
upwards I fly,  
“Nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer to thee!”

*CP 538- Nearer My God to Thee.*

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## **Anthem: There Is a Balm in Gilead**

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### **Prayer after Communion**

*Please stand as you are able*

Celebrant: All your works praise you, O Lord.

**All: And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, ring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ the Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, remain with you and the ones you love now and forevermore.

**All: Amen.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Closing Hymn: 466 How Clear is our Vocation, Lord**

How clear is our vocation, Lord,  
when once we heed your call:  
to live according to your word,  
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
that you are Lord of all,  
and will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find  
your yoke is hard to bear;  
if worldly pressures fray the mind  
and love itself cannot unwind  
its tangled skein of care:  
our inward life repair.

We mark your saints, how they became  
In hindrances more sure,  
Whose joyful virtues put to shame  
The casual way we wear your name,  
And by our faults obscure  
Your power to cleanse and cure.

In what you give us, Lord, to do,  
together or alone,  
in old routines or ventures new,  
may we not cease to look to you,  
the cross you hung upon,  
all you endeavored done.

*CP 466-How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord.*

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## **Dismissal**

**Celebrant:** Let us bless the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God**

**Postlude:** **There Will Be Peace in the Valley for Me**

*Words and Music by Thomas A. Dorsey. Arranged by Brent Edstrom.*

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**St. Martin's Anglican Church**  
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## St. Martin's Announcements – February 25, 2024

*\*New Announcement*

**\*Sunday School – February 25, 2024** - We look forward to Sunday School during the 10:00 AM Service. All are welcome!

**Vestry – February 25, 2024** – Join us immediately after the 10:00 AM service for our annual vestry meeting. Light Lunch will be provided.

**\*Black History Month Guest Speaker – New Date – Monday, February 26, 2024 at 7:00 PM** - Please join us for an in person event on February 26th at 7pm. We will hear from a leader and community advocate in the Black community and have the chance to engage in discussions. Light refreshments will be served.

**\*Faith Formation – Seeking Shapes for Living – February 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM on Zoom and Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 11:30 AM in person.** We continue with week 2 of a five week study from the Diocese of Gloucester (The Church of England) called Seeking Shapes for Living. This five week study will look at examining a Rule of Life. We will engage with scripture and discussion to help us in our Lenten Journey.

All are welcome to attend as they are able.

### Week 2: Praying

Read Romans 8:26-27

- What stands out to you immediately?
- How do you understand the Spirit interceding for you? How do you feel when you hear this?
- Read the passage a second time in another translation. What surprised you when you read this a second time?

Personal Work: After our discussion of different prayer practices, try, as you are able, a new prayer practice for the week. Journal how this practice was for you.

On Zoom Tuesdays @ 7:00 PM – February 27 & March 5, 12 & 19, 2024

[Seeking Shapes for Living - Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 892 5086 3235 Passcode: 115943

In Person Wednesdays @ 11:30 AM – February 28 & March 6, 13 & 20, 2024

**\*Mid-Week Service – February 28, 2024 @ 10:30 AM-** All are welcome to join us for a BCP Communion Service and refreshments which follow.

**Faith in Action Add Your Voice Series**—Please join us during Lent for a series of films and discussion focusing on the Diocesan Vestry Motion: Protecting and advancing the Right to Housing. Hosted by the St. Martin's Social Justice Committee. We will be joined by local community partners, including staff from Durham Youth Services. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

March 4, 2024 @ 7:00 PM; and March 18, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

**\*World Day of Prayer – March 21, 2024 @ 7:00 PM** - This year the World Day of Prayer service is being held Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m. at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. See notice on bulletin board. The service this year was prepared by the World Day of Prayer of Palestine. Let's have a good representation from St. Martin's. It's a great opportunity to meet people from our neighbouring churches. Speak to Gail H. to let her know your interest or have any questions.

**Donations for St. Paul on-the-Hill Community Food Bank** - The Outreach Committee is asking for your help in filling the red wagon with your donations for the food bank. An Outreach volunteer will take the donations to St. Paul on-the-Hill. Grocery gift cards are always greatly appreciated. For a comprehensive list, please visit this link to [St. Paul's-on-the-Hill Food Bank](#).

**Spring Flowers Fundraiser** - Support a well-known local business and St. Martin's this spring! Your Fundraising Committee is collaborating with Vandermeer Nursery for an exciting fundraising opportunity. You can now order locally grown seasonal plants and gift cards in time for Easter and support St. Martin's at the same time – a portion of your money spent will go back to our church.

Please take an order form from the Welcome table and fill it out with orders from you, your family, friends and co-workers. Bring back the completed totals form, and your payment to the church (cash or cheque payable to St. Martin's Anglican Church) by **Sunday, March 17**. Your purchases will be available for pickup at the church on Easter weekend – more specific details to follow closer to pick-up date. Please contact Debbie C, Lee L, or church office for more information.

**\*Stewards of Creation Climate Action Petition** - In 2023, global warming reached an average of 1.48°C, which is perilously close to surpassing the dangerous threshold of a 1.5°C increase. This critical juncture calls for bold, urgent, and transformative climate action in Canada and globally. The biblical foundations for creation care have a critical part to play in climate action.

Give it up for the Earth! is a national faith-in-action campaign that raises awareness about the climate crisis and mobilizes people across Canada to reduce personal and household greenhouse gas emissions, engage in acts of solidarity, and collect signatures as a demonstration of support for increased federal climate action.

Together, through the Give it up for the Earth! campaign, we are calling on the federal government to increase its emissions reductions target, increase support for grant-based climate finance, and end fossil fuel subsidies to fund a fair, inclusive and just transition.

If you feel so led, please sign the petition on the back table which will be sent later in March to the Honourable Minister Jonathan Wilkinson M.P , Minister of Natural Resources, and The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change.

**Richard and Gord** are on an expedition cruise (small ship) to Antarctica. Many people have asked Richard to send photos, so to make his life easier he has an Instagram account, by which you can “follow” him. He plans to upload one photo daily (cost permitting, as it will be via satellite) so you will be able to journey along. His Instagram handle is richardnewland60. Follow him there and see the penguins!!!

**Week @ a Glance** *SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE*

**February 24, 2024**

7:30 PM AA Meeting; in person lower level

**February 25, 2024 – 2nd Sunday in Lent**

10:00 AM Sunday Service; in person and live streamed

10:00 AM Sunday School during service

11:00 AM Annual Vestry Meeting

**February 26, 2024**

5:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting; in person

7:00 PM Black History Month Guest Speaker; in person

**February 27, 2024**

7:00 PM Faith Formation; on Zoom

7:30 PM AA Meeting; in person lower level

**February 28, 2024**

10:30 AM Mid-week Service (BCP); in person

11:30 AM Faith Formation; in person

**February 29, 2024**

11:30 AM Choir Practice; in person

7:00 PM Communications; website subcommittee meeting on Zoom

**St. Martin's Anglican Church**  
**The Rev. Shelly Pollard (she/her), Incumbent**

Honorary Assistant: The Rev. Richard Newland

Rector's Warden: Rob Mackay

People's Warden: Moyah Morgan

Deputy Wardens: Elaine Watters & Denise Farrugia

Parish Administrator: Sharon Jones, ODT (she/her)

Music Director:

Sunday School Leader: Janis Lynch

Youth Leader: Moyah Morgan

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