What's happening this week...

Mar. 04, 2018	8:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Mar. 06, 2018	6:30 pm	Children's Ministry Meeting
Mar. 07, 2018	9:00 am	Morning Prayer
	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist and Bible Study
	4:30pm	Messy Church
	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Mar. 08, 2018	6:30 pm	Alpha
Mar. 09, 2018	9:00am	Morning Prayer
	4:30pm	OOTC Dinner
Mar. 10, 2018	9:00am	Alpha Weekend

#### In our prayers...

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo The Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kindu

In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, for our Metropolitan, Archbishop Colin Johnson, for our Diocesan Bishop, Anne; for our Archdeacon, Glen, and for our parish clergy Fr Aidan, Fr. Bob, & Fr. Jeff.

In the Diocese of Algoma, we pray for St. Paul's and St. John's, Haileybury, St. James', Cobalt and the Rev. Sherry De Jonge

We pray for the members of the ARK Refugee Steering Committee as they help Manar settle into her new home.

We pray for the following people for God's continued healing and strength during the coming week, especially Nancy Turner, Diane, Linda, Richard, George, Derald Balson, Dan Turner, Barbara Blanchard, Inge, Priscilla Allurut, Canon Michael & Muriel Hankinson, Theresa Kuehl (Megan's grandma), Brandon, Heather Kennedy, Donna Barnes, Daryl Keen, Donna, and Carol, Viren, Lil Bowman, Irene Ginson-Fiss, Julie, Karrie, Joyce and Gary Costello, George Hunt, Spruce, Tamara, Jim Hunter, Peter, Eddy, Lucette, Caleb, Nancy, Elaine, Marshall McCulloch

We pray for the repose of the soul of Glenn Lloyd, may he rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for those who are living in retirement residences or nursing homes, or who find it difficult to join us for church on Sundays; Milt Fleming, Margaret Villeneuve, Velma Tansley, Karin Hoffman, Laurent Constantineau, Bessie Morgan. May they always feel God's presence in their lives.

**In our parish** we pray for our wardens and leaders and in our parish family, we pray for Doug Frozel, Brain and Krista Fryd, Nancy Galbraith and their families.

**We pray** for those who are caregivers to sick and frail loved ones. We pray that the God of love will surround them with people to look after them and grant them rest.

# ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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# March 04, 2018

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience...Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." (Colossians 3:12, 14) Bishop Anne's Motto for 2018

Holy Eucharist:	Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am Wednesday 9:30 am
Morning Prayer:	Wednesday 9:00 am and Friday 9:00 am
Evening Prayer:	Wednesday 8:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 pm
Messy Church:	1st Wednesday of the month at 4:30 pm

#### Welcome to our worship!

It is good to have you here with us today. If you are visiting the Church of the Ascension for the first time, please know that the Anglican Church teaches that all who are baptised in any Christian tradition are welcome to receive the sacrament at the time of communion.

#### Third Sunday in Lent

9:00 am & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist

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The flowers today are given in loving memory of Norvala Skinner on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death, and in memory of Mary, Mary – Jean and David. From Janet, Christine and Dan.

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#### **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT** Sunday, March 4th, 2018

#### Collect

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### **First Reading**

#### A reading from the Book of Exodus (Exodus 20:1-17)

God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

# Psalm (Psalm 19)

Refrain R: The words of the Lord are spirit and life

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. **R** 

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. **R** 

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. **R** 

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **R** 

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. R

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. **R** 

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. **R** 

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **R** 

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. **R** Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults. **R** Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

# Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (Corinthians 1:18-25) The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

# Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 2:13-22)

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus the Lord.

#### **Prayer After Communion**

God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.