

### Services

#### Today

Holy Eucharist BCP

#### Next Week (July 3<sup>rd</sup> )

Holy Eucharist BAS

### Musicians

#### Today

Trudy Harvey

#### Next Sunday

Joyful Noise

### Greeters /Gift Bearers

Today Tolson & Ruby Chapman

Next Sunday Gloria Chafe

### Altar Care / Eucharistic Assistants

Today Nina Brown & Gloria Chafe

Next Sunday – Winie Ollerhead & Wayne Drover

#### Next Sunday

Gloria Chafe & Nina Brown O'Brien

### Hall Monitor

Today Gil Pritchett

Next Sunday Harvey Goodyear



### Welcome:

A warm welcome to all who have gathered for worship this afternoon. If you are visiting with us, please accept the hospitality of our congregation. The rector is available should you wish to speak to him personally; please get his attention following the service. Also, if you desire prayer for yourself or someone else, a prayer team is available. They will pray with you any time during the service; simply make your request known to them during one of the hymns. Otherwise, they will be at the back of the worship space ready to receive you during the communion time.

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### Archbishop & Primate

The Most Rev'd Foley Beach

### Diocesan Bishop

The Rt. Rev'd Charles Masters

### Honourary Associate

The Rev'd Marilyn Flower

### Rector

The Rev'd Howard Hynes

### Parish Secretary-Treasurer

Lois Drover

### Rector's Warden

Wayne Drover

### Peoples' Warden

Gil Pritchett

### Synod Delegate ARDFC Ambassador

Eleanor Muise

### Parish Council

Eleanor Muise  
Loretta Goodyear Nina Brown

### Greeter Coordinator

Gloria Chafe

### Prayer Coordinator

TBA

### Altar Care / Eucharistic Assistant Coordinators

Rita & Herman Russell

### Band "Joyful Noise"

Robert Batten Owen Brown  
Nina O'Brien Rick Stanley  
Ruth Stanley Selby Mesher

### Pianist

Trudy Harvey

### Projection / Sound

Darlene Chafe

### Safe Church Coordinators

Ed & Daphne Noseworthy

### Committee on Constitution & By-Laws

Wayne Drover Hayward Keats  
Ed Noseworthy Gil Pritchett

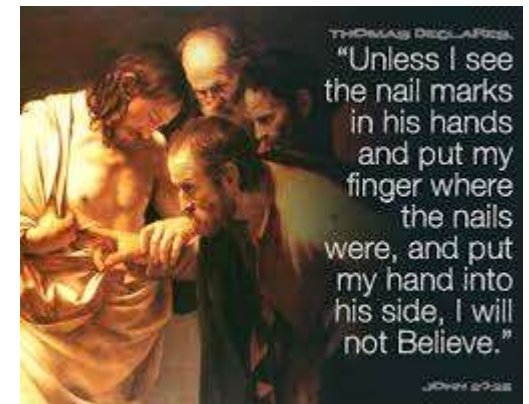
### Bethel Series Instructor

The Rev'd Marilyn Flower

# ANiC Parish of St. Stephen The Martyr

## The Feast of St. Thomas

July 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2016



## THE MARTYR'S CROWN

Peoples' worship is disrupted when cell phones ring. As a gift to each other, we turn off our cell phone ringers during worship

**Matthew Henry concise commentary on today's Gospel:**

When we assemble in Christ's name, especially on his holy day, he will meet with us, and speak peace to us. The disciples of Christ should endeavour to build up one another in their most holy faith, both by repeating what they have heard to those that were absent, and by making known what they have experienced. Thomas limited the Holy One of Israel, when he would be convinced by his own method or not at all. He might justly have been left in his unbelief, after rejecting such abundant proofs. The fears and sorrows of the disciples are often lengthened, to punish their negligence.

That one day in seven should be religiously observed, was an appointment from the beginning. And that, in the kingdom of the Messiah, the first day of the week should be that solemn day, was pointed out, in that Christ on that day once and again met his disciples in a religious assembly. The religious observance of that day has come down to us through every age of the church. There is not an unbelieving word in our tongues, nor thought in our minds, but it is known to the Lord Jesus; and he was pleased to accommodate himself even to Thomas, rather than leave him in his unbelief. We ought thus to bear with the weak, ( [romans 15:1](#) [romans 15:2](#) ). This warning is given to all. If we are faithless, we are Christless and graceless, hopeless and joyless. Thomas was ashamed of his unbelief, and cried out, My Lord and my God. He spoke with affection, as one that took hold of Christ with all his might; "My Lord and my God." Sound and sincere believers, though slow and weak, shall be graciously accepted of the Lord Jesus. It is the duty of those who read and hear the gospel, to believe, to embrace the doctrine of Christ, and that

**"This is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son" (1 John 5:11)**



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING:** As was announced in last week's bulletin, we are in a season of financial uncertainty. If the present trend continues, we will not be financially viable after July. **Howard+ is calling the parish to a day of prayer and fasting on Saturday, July 9, 10 AM - 4 PM here at the Victory Christian Centre.** For those hours we will simply 'seek the Lord's face' in prayer. The desire of our hearts will be to discern what He is saying to us in this situation. We will fast from food during these 6 hours. Of course, it is understand that some may be required to eat for health reasons. The day will conclude with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

**PLEDGE SUNDAY:** Next Sunday will be Pledge Sunday. At that time you will be asked to submit a pledge form indicating what your financial offering will be to St. Stephen the Martyr each week until the end of December. **Every member** is asked to submit a pledge form. While you do not have to sign the form, the amount you commit is between you and God. In other words, you are accountable to Him, not to the rector or the parish leadership. As you prayerfully consider what God is asking of you financially, please remember that St. Stephen the Martyr upholds the biblical tithe as the standard of giving; that is, 10% of your income before deductions. It is generally understood that the local church has the first claim on your tithe. Anything given outside your local church to support other ministries is above and beyond the tithe and is considered a gift. Further, as you make your decision, consider the following: 1) St. Stephen the Martyr now needs \$3,000.00 every week until the end of the year to meet its budget; 2) There are 26 envelope givers at St. Stephen the Martyr; 3) The outcome of Pledge Sunday will

determine whether St. Stephen the Martyr has the financial resources to continue as a viable parish. Pledge sheets are now available. Please take your's with you as you go this afternoon and return it next week.

**ROMANS STUDY:** 7:30 PM, Wednesday, at the Parish Office.

**MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER DAILY:** At the Parish Office, 8:30 AM & 4:00 PM. All welcome.

**Prayer Coordinator Needed:** Someone is needed to coordinate weekly pre-worship prayer and look after the prayer list. This is a very important work. Please speak to Howard+ if you feel led in this area of ministry.



**Sick:** Bruce, Mark, Owen, Art, Jessie, Mary, Pauline

**Church:** Diocese (ANiC), Ecclesiastical Province (ACNA), Diocesan Bishop, The Right Reverend Charlie Masters, Archbishop, The Most Reverend Foley Beach, for our own clergy, especially Rev'd. Darrel of Good Samaritan, and Rev'ds Howard and Marilyn of our own Parish

**Province, Country and World:** We remember today those who have lost their lives in the 2 World Wars, and any of the wars that have followed. Also for those who were wounded and suffer(ed) from PTSD. We pray for healing and restoration.