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Services

Sunday:	7:30 a.m.	Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon
	9:00 a.m.	Sung Holy Eucharist with Sermon Sunday School, Nursery & Crèche
	11:15 a.m.	Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon
	6:00 p.m.	Solemn Evensong, Sermon & Benediction
Monday:	1:00 p.m.	Holy Communion
Tuesday:	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	12:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Wednesday:	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	1:00 p.m.	Holy Communion
Thursday:	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	12:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Friday:	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion

**IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD
ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Christ Church Cathedral

Anglican/Episcopal Church
Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas

Established 1670

(This present building was opened for services in 1841)



**SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**2018 DIOCESAN THEME:
INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP**

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

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Commonwealth of The Bahamas

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Archdeacons:

The Venerables: Harry Bain, Keith Cartwright, Mark R. Lindsay-Fox,
Kingsley Knowles and James Palacios

Worshippers are kindly requested to turn off or mute all electronic devices

Bash Tynes, Peter Scott and Crosby Walker

PARISH RADIO MINISTRY: The 9:00 a.m. Family Eucharist Service will be broadcast on the fourth Sunday of the month on 106.5 FM. Persons or cell groups, willing to sponsor the broadcast (\$450.00 per month) which occurs every fourth Sunday in each month, are asked to contact the Parish Office. Parishioners are urged to tune in and advise family, friends and our sick and shut-in members to do the same.

DAILY READINGS: March 12th, - March 18th, 2018

	MORNING PRAYER	EVENING PRAYER
Monday	Psalms 89:1-18 Genesis 49:1-28 Mark 7:24-37	Psalms 89:19-52 Jeremiah 16:10-21 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1
Tuesday	Psalms 97, 99 & 100 Genesis 49:29-50:4 Mark 6:8-10	Psalms 94 & 95 Jeremiah 17:19-27 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
Wednesday	Psalms 101 & 109:1-30 Genesis 50:15-26 Mark 8:11-26	Psalms 119:121-144 Jeremiah 18:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Thursday	Psalms 69:1-38 Exodus 1:6-22 Mark 8:27-9:1	Psalms 73 Jeremiah 22:13-23 1 Corinthians 12:12-26
Friday	Psalms 95 & 102 Exodus 2:1-22 Mark 9:2-13	Psalms 107:1-32 Jeremiah 23:1-8 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3
Saturday St. Patrick, Bishop Of Ireland, 461	Psalms 107:33-43 & 108:1-13 Exodus 2:23-3:15 Mark 9:14-29	Psalms 33 Jeremiah 23:9-15 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Sunday	Psalms 118 Exodus 3:16-4:12 John 8:46-59	Psalms 145 Jeremiah 23:16-32 Romans 12:1-21

Readings: Sunday, March 18th, 2018
Fifth Sunday In Lent

THE SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT:

The Social Outreach Committee needs non-perishable food items. Donors are asked to contact any member of the Committee: Swithun Burrows: 364-4386; David Nicoll: 327-7261; Astrid Adderley: 393-1328; Alice Martinborough: 362-2388; William 'Billy' and Margaret Lowe: 324-5734; Keisha Taylor: 324-1291 and the Clergy: 322-4186. **The Committee thanks all who have contributed to this most worthy cause and looks forward to the support of the congregation throughout the year.**

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SOCIAL OUTREACH

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| Bath Soap | Rice |
| Canned Soups | Sugar |
| Canned Vegetables | Tea |
| Corned Beef | Toothbrushes |
| Deodorant | |

STANDING NOTICES

BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is administered on the first Sunday of the month, or by appointment.

WEDDINGS AT THE CATHEDRAL: Persons desirous of being married at Christ Church Cathedral should make early arrangements with a member of the Clergy or contact the Parish Office. In scheduling a wedding, please bear in mind that the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony is not traditionally solemnized during the seasons of Lent and Advent. **The following dates have been reserved for 2018: April 14th, June 9th, June 23rd, August 4th, November 10th & 24th.**

SECOND COLLECTION: The Cathedral House Committee reminds members that a retiring collection will be taken for Cathedral House during the Recessional Hymn on the last Sunday of the month.

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP: Sponsors for the weekly church Bulletin are welcome. Sponsorship is only \$80.00. Kindly contact the Cathedral Office. You will be advised of the date of your Bulletin Sponsorship. **ALL NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN ARE TO BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 4:00 p.m. ON TUESDAY.**

FLOWER SPONSORSHIP: Persons wishing to provide floral arrangements are asked to contact the Parish Office or members of the Floral Committee: **Mrs. Astrid Adderley (393-1328), Mrs. Andrea Knowles (324-2138), Ms. Pandora Sawyer(326-5219), Ms. Shena Williams (362-2736), Mrs. Vernette Ferdinand (327-4739), Mr. Je'Rome Miller (393-0661), Ms. Arlene Hercules (393-1406) and Mrs. Sandra Collie (324-7472).** High Altar: \$165.00, Freestanding Altar:

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

*St. Christopher Cell - Mr. Terrance Fountain, Coordinator
All Cell Coordinators are reminded that the Cell Group on duty is responsible for assisting at Evensong as well as the morning services.*

7:30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

- Celebrant & Preacher:** Rev'd. Fr. Colin Humes
- Organist:** Cathy Jirjahlke
- 1st Lesson & Psalm:** Leslie Hanna
- Epistle:** Janeen McCartney
- The Intercession:** Henderson Burrows
- Chalice Bearer:** Henderson Burrows
- Sidespersons:** Patricia "Patti" Fountain and Janeen McCartney
- Hospitality:** Elsa Thompson

9:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

- Celebrant:** Dean Patrick L. Adderley
- Preacher:** Rev'd. Fr. Colin Humes
- Organists:** Dr. Sparkman Ferguson and Raymond Antonio
- 1st Lesson:** Sandra Burrows
- Psalm:** The Choir
- Epistle:** Terrance Fountain
- The Intercession:** Sandra Collie
- Chalice Bearers:** Sandra Collie and Frank Saunders
- Element Bearers:** William "Billy" & Margaret Lowe, Sharelle Ramroop, Terrance Fountain, Mishelle Albury and Sandra Burrows
- Sidespersons:** Edison & Eulphima Cartwright
- Hospitality:** Rosita Smith-Duvalier and Zelpha Davis
- Coffee Hour:** Group 8: Nanette Cartwright - Coordinator
Next Week: Group 9: Stephanie Roberts - Coordinator

11:15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

- Celebrant & Preacher:** Dean Patrick L. Adderley
- Organist:** Jackie Petersen
- 1st Lesson:** Marsha Major
- Epistle:** Johnny Wilkinson
- The Intercession:** Jeanine Weech Gomez

11:15 a.m. Sunday, March 18th, 2018	
OT Lesson	Terrance Pratt
Epistle	Joy Johnson

Order Of The Holy Eucharist

Mass Setting: *Dr. Sparkman Ferguson*
Introit Hymn: *369 - Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
The Preparation: *Page 98 (Book of Common Prayer)*
Collect for Purity: *Page 101 (Book of Common Prayer)*
The Kyrie *Page 102 (Book of Common Prayer)*

Fourth Sunday In Lent: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Mothering Sunday: Merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth and on the Cross drew the whole human family to Himself; strengthen us in our daily lives that in joy and sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Ash Wednesday: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Ministry of Intentional Discipleship: Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have awakened your church to hear again the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ to come to him and learn from him. Grant that as we say 'yes' to his call to discipleship, your Holy Spirit will enable us so completely to commit all the areas of our lives to his service, that in our personal, family and church lives, our work, recreational and social lives, we would act as Jesus would have acted if he was in our place; in his name for his sake we pray. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Reader: *A Reading from the Word of God written in Numbers 21:4-9*

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the

Thursday, March 29th - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Commemoration of the Last Supper, Washing of Feet,
Procession and Watch before the Altar of Repose

Friday, March 30th - GOOD FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. The Good Friday Liturgy

12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Anglican Church Women Fish Fry
The Courtyard of The Parish Hall

Saturday, March 31st - HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 1st - EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Procession, Solemn High Mass
11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m. Solemn Evensong, Sermon and Benediction

Please Note: The Cathedral and its Office will be closed for Pest Extermination April 2nd to April 7th

PETITIONS FOR THE SICK

MEMBERS: *Rev'd. Fr. Stephen Grant, Alice Burrows, Michael & Verona Cartwright, Krystle Davis, Beryl Dillett, Joan Eldon, Vivienne Ferguson, Hazel Halkitis, Monique Hanna, Georgio Henderson, Margaretta Kelly, Andrea Knowles, Bertram Knowles, Romaine Nixon, Loreen Patrick, Christopher & Tikeisha Pickstock, Emerald Sands, William Tizard, Michael Turner and John Wilkinson.*

THE RECOVERING: *Patricia Ferguson and Clarice Granger.*

AT HOME: *Audley Brennen, Lillian Bell, Wesley Cartwright, Gretal Ford, Alma Thompson, Frankier Johnson and Angela Treco.*



CATHEDRAL AND DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Today:	MOTHERING SUNDAY 11:00 a.m. Hospitality Ministry Meeting
Wed. Mar. 14th:	4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class - Children 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Adults
Fri. Mar. 16th:	7:00 p.m. Stations Of The Cross
Fri. Mar. 30th:	12:30-3:00 p.m. ACW Good Friday Fish Fry <i>See Page 10 for Details</i>
Apr. 5th - 8th:	12th Annual University of The Bahamas Winston V. Saunders Memorial Scholarship Fund Art Show - The Cathedral Hall
Sat. April 7th: (SAVE-THE-DATE)	'A Spring Affair' - The Balmoral Club A Fundraiser For Cathedral House
Apr. 12th -15th:	North American Deans' Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio
Sun. Apr. 29th:	Sunday School Tea Party

Christ Church Cathedral Schedule of Services And Events For Holy Week and Easter March 25th - April 1st, 2018

Sunday, March 25th - Sunday of The Passion and Palm Sunday

7:30 a.m.	Blessing and Distribution of Palms and Holy Eucharist
8:45 a.m.	The Liturgy of the Palms Procession and Liturgy for Palm Sunday
11:15 a.m.	Blessing and Distribution of Palms and Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m.	Solemn Evensong, Sermon & Benediction

Monday, March 26th:

1:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, March 27th:

7:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, March 28th:

everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *they were afflicted because of their sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food *and drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *and he delivered them from their distress.

20 He sent forth his word and healed them *and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning is now; and shall be forever, Amen.*

The Epistle

Reader: *A reading from the Word of God written in Ephesians 2:1-10*

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ

Jesus, so that in the ages to come, he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: 232 - *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*

The Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you

Response: And also with you

Reader: *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 3:14-21*

Response: Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Leader: The Gospel of Christ

Response: Praise to Christ our Lord

THE PRAYERS

The Nicene Creed: Page 104 (Book of Common Prayer)

The Intercession: Form and Page to be announced

Persons celebrating Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries are invited to come to the Altar for a blessing at the end of the intercession.

The Act of Penitence: Page 123 (Book of Common Prayer)

The Absolution: Page 124 (Book of Common Prayer)

The Greeting of Peace: Page 124 (Book of Common Prayer)

Hymn for the Peace: 497 - *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

THE OFFERTORY

Confirmation

MALES

Gerald Bartlett

Malikh Brown

Nathaniel Humes

Sean Longley II

Crispus Munroe

Raphael Munroe

Aiden Wilson

ADULTS

Sandra Fogg-Higgs

Esaura Cumberbatch

Roseanne Smith

FEMALES

Lauren Bird

Sierra Boyd

Bethany Burrows

Mia Carey

Destiny Fernander

Anaya Johnson

Alyssa Simms

Lauren Simms

Jayna Wells

Ianna Young

MENTORS

Sherilyn Bethel

Vendal Bowe

Swithum Burrows

Elma Campbell

Agatha Cumberbatch

Eurie Dorsett-Mackey

Jaimie Humes

Marvin Lockhart

D'Ondre Miller

Betty Sands

Andrea Saunders

Virginia Thompson

Danny Tynes

Richard Uriasz

A Prayer For Our Confirmands: Almighty God, whose Holy Spirit equips the Church with a rich variety of gifts: Grant that these Confirmands may use them to bear witness to Christ by lives built on faith and love. Make them ready to live His Gospel and eager to do His will, that they may share with all your Church in the joys of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

YOUR CHURCH

FROM: The Finance Committee of Christ Church Cathedral

The Cathedral needs some \$15,000.00 weekly to remain solvent and to contribute its share to the overall Diocese. We are receiving an income from envelopes, open collection and other gifts totaling just under \$13,000.00 weekly and it is simply not enough to cover all expenses and obligations. Your tithes and offerings are of critical importance to the operation of the Cathedral and the Anglican Diocese as a whole.

The Cathedral needs your help! By consistently making your weekly contribution, it will help the Cathedral plan its expenses and cash flow better, so we encourage all members to be faithful in your financial support. Of course, whenever you can increase your level of contribution it will help to close the

CATHEDRAL HOUSE: We Are Getting There!!

Please take the time to check **The Thermometer** for The Fundraising for Cathedral House. We have reached the \$900,000.00 mark – we therefore need only \$100,000.00 to complete the payment for Cathedral House.

THE CATHEDRAL HOUSE COMMITTEE of Christ Church Cathedral presents: **'COLOURS OF SPRING'** An Evening of Music, Great Food, Prizes & Fun...on Saturday, April 7th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at The Balmoral Club. The Cocktail Reception is from 7:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Dinner is at 8:15 p.m. **Donation: \$100.00 (Fundraiser for Cathedral House)** To purchase tickets please contact: Mortimer & Co., Mr. Donald Campbell - 356-9777 or The Parish Office, Mrs. Tanya Hunt-Major - 322-4186.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
March 11th – March 17th, 2018



March 12th:
Verlene LaFleur
Jonathan Treco

Today:
Jennifer Burrows
Dylan Tynes

March 15th:
Tinika Pinder
Cortez Davis

March 13th:
Lynden Newbold Sr.
Leroy Smith
D'Ondre Miller

March 17th:
Roy Rodgers
Patrick McNeil
Deyanza Hanna
Toni Jones

March 14th:

Birthday Prayer: Watch over Your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when they are discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may Your peace which passes all understanding abide with them on the anniversary of their birth and all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



March 13th:
Dr. Harold Munnings & Mrs. Moneira Munnings

A Wedding Anniversary Prayer: O gracious and ever-living God, You have created us male and female in your image: look mercifully upon this/these couple (s) who have come to you seeking your blessing and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honour and keep the promises

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Presentation of the Offering: Page 126 (Book of Common Prayer)
*(Gifts and Offering may be made by cheque payable to
Christ Church Cathedral)*

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

Sursum Corda: Page 126 (Book of Common Prayer)
Proper Preface: Page 127-130 (Book of Common Prayer)
Sanctus: Page 131 (Book of Common Prayer)
The Eucharistic Prayer: (Pages 131-142, A B C D or E may be used)
The Lord's Prayer: Page 144 (Book of Common Prayer)
The Breaking of Bread: Page 145 (Book of Common Prayer)
The Agnus Dei: Page 147 (Book of Common Prayer)
Organ Communion
Communion Hymn: 747 - *Shall We Not Love Thee, Mother Dear*
Communion Solo: *Mr. Paul Major (11:15 a.m.)*

POST COMMUNION AND DISMISSAL

Post Communion Prayer: Page 147 or 148 (Book of Common Prayer)
The Dismissal: Page 149 (Book of Common Prayer)
Recessional Hymn: 711 - *For The Beauty Of The Earth*

Worshippers are invited to sit at the organ postlude or leave quietly.



*Parishioners and visitors are invited to a time of fellowship in the Cathedral
Courtward at the top of George Street at the conclusion of the
From The Desk Of The Priest Vicar
9:00 a.m. Family Eucharist*

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Today is a day which, in the Christian Calendar, is known by a number of different names. Today is Refreshment Sunday / Mothering Sunday / Mid-Lent Sunday/ Rose Sunday. It is always held on the fourth Sunday of Lent, however the date will vary due to the movable date of Easter. Rose Sunday refers to the colour of the vestments used. Today is also sometimes known as Refreshment Sunday. Rather like the 3rd Sunday of Advent, it's a day which stands towards the middle of the season of Lent, and traditionally, a certain amount of relaxation of Lent was

Laetare Sunday is also known as "Mothering Sunday". The old practice of visiting the cathedral, or "mother church" of the diocese on this day is another reason for the name. In England, natural mothers are honored today, too, in a manner rather like the American "Mother's Day." Spring flowers are given to mothers, and simnel cake is made to celebrate the occasion (this cake has also become an Easter Cake of late, however). The word "simnel" comes from the Latin "simila," a high grade flour.

Although it is often called Mother's Day, its origin is different from the American festival of that name. At the outset Mothering Sunday and Mother's Day were two distinct festivals with entirely different beginnings. Mothering Sunday originated in seventeenth-century British culture; Mother's Day was an American innovation in 1913. The origin of Mothering Sunday can also be traced to the 17th century. Children after the age of ten left their homes for jobs as apprentices or domestic servants. It was considered important that these children be allowed to visit their home and mother church once a year.

Accordingly, once in a year, in the middle of the Lent the children were given leave by their employers to visit their "Mother Church", the Cathedral of the area or Cathedral of their hometown. As they walked home along the country lanes on Mothering Sunday, children would pick wild flowers to take to church or give to their mothers. Often they brought a gift with them, a "mothering cake" – known as simnel cake.

A new festival to honour mothers had emerged in the United States of America at the start of the twentieth century. Mother's Day was introduced by Anna Jarvis, a young woman whose mother died in May 1906. A year later, Anna told a friend that she wished the day could be set aside to pay tribute to all mothers. The idea began to spread and gain wide support. The governor of Anna's state, proclaimed the second Sunday in May to be Mother's Day. The festival continued to gain popularity and in 1913, was officially dedicated Mother's Day by Congress.

Here in our Diocese of the Bahamas and Turks & Caicos Islands we mark this day with a special service and procession for young persons, to Christ Church Cathedral, the "Mother Church" of the Diocese. So today's Refreshment Sunday / Mothering Sunday / Mid-Lent Sunday is a reminder to take stock, take food for the journey, so that although we remain firmly grounded in the present, we set our sights with courage on our hope for the future.

CATHEDRAL LIFE *Rev'd. Fr. Colin Humes*

FLOWERS today are given in memory of Jean Penny Sirra from her parents Dr. Raja Babu Sirra & Mrs. Rachel Sirra, siblings, Denzil and Fiona Sirra and

WELCOME TO Mrs. Tonya Bastian Galanis, Principal of the Eugene Dupuch Law School, Professors, Administrators and Students, guests at the 11:15 a.m. Service. The Eugene Dupuch Law School's visit commences Legal Education Week, March 11th - 17th. This year's theme is: *"Practicing Law In The 21st Century"*.

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP: Today's bulletin is sponsored by Kevin & Doreen Marche and family in honour and celebration of the 102nd birthday of Mrs. Marche's mother, Mrs. Flossie "Aunt Tiny" Seymour. Mrs. Seymour's birthday was yesterday.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Sunday School Superintendent reminds the parents/guardians of the following:

Mothering Sunday - this Service will be held at The Cathedral today at 3:00 p.m. The Sunday School Students who will be attending today's service and Mothering Sunday Procession are invited to remain behind after the 9:00 a. m. service where the teachers will host lunch and a movie. **Parents/Guardians are required to register their children at the Parish Hall before leaving them in the care of the teachers.** Immediately following the service, at 4:15 p.m. the Mothering Sunday Procession of Witness will process to the Eastern Parade Grounds. Parents/Guardians are asked to collect their children from the Eastern parade grounds immediately afterward.

Christ Church Cathedral Sunday School Second Annual Tea Party and Fashion Show - will be held on Sunday, April 29th, at the Courtyard of the Parish Hall.

THE HOSPITALITY MINISTRY will hold its monthly meeting this morning at 11:00 a.m., in the Chapter Room.

VESTRY ELECTIONS: Election to fill a vacancy on the Parish Vestry will be held on Sunday, March 25th. Candidates must be registered, communicant, financially contributing members of the Parish of Christ Church and be nominated and seconded by members in good standing as well. Nominations should be submitted to the Parish Office by 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 22nd. **Nomination Forms are at the back of the church.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross are held on Fridays during Lent at 7:00 p.m. On Friday, March 16th the Stations will be conducted by The Hospitality Ministry. The Altar Guild will conduct the Stations on March 23rd.

BIBLE STUDY: The Dean leads a Bible Study of St. John's Gospel in Lent on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in The Chapter Room.

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY: The Anglican Church Women will hold their Good Friday Fish Fry on Friday, March 30th, 2018 in The Courtyard, Cathedral