

# All Saints' Anglican Church

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March 31 – April 6, 2025

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## As you prepare for worship... Lent 4C

**Joshua 5:9-12:** Our reading begins with the Lord telling His people that His rescue of them from Egypt is complete – they are now in the Promised Land. The people celebrated, giving thanks to God. Manna is no longer needed as the people can eat the produce of the land. In the same way, through Jesus Christ, God's rescue of us is complete. We too are free from the power of sin and death and enter the Promised Land of the Kingdom of God! We celebrate, giving thanks ("eucharist") to God.

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21:** Paul wrote of the radical change that a believer undergoes when united to Christ. It is as if we become a "new creation." Paul certainly experienced this first hand when he went from being Saul, the Pharisaic oppressor of Christians, to becoming a Christian himself. He wrote of God's reconciling love, saying that we are to be "ambassadors" (representatives) of God by being reconciled to all people.

**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32:** The dregs of society had been coming to Jesus, which caused the Pharisees to grumble about him. Jesus told three parables to show that no one is beyond God's mercy: A lost sheep, a lost coin, a lost son. We hear only the parable of the lost son (usually mistakenly referred to as the "prodigal" son) in today's Gospel reading. In all three parables someone seeks what is lost, finds it, and there is costly rejoicing. Once we were lost, but God sought us out and found us too, at great cost, namely Jesus' blood shed on the cross. Truly, nobody is beyond God's mercy!

Next week's readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 12:1-8

## Activities this Week

<b>Mar 31</b>	<b>Monday</b> 7:00 pm—Group Meeting, Basement
<b>Apr 1</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 pm – Bluewater Chordsmen, Parish Hall
<b>Apr 2</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> 10:00 am – Bible Study, Rectory 7:00 pm – Bible Study, Rectory
<b>Apr 3</b>	<b>Thursday</b> 3:00 pm – Choir Practice
<b>Apr 4</b>	<b>Friday</b> 8:00 pm – Group Meeting, Parish Hall
<b>Apr 6</b>	<b>Sunday (Joint)</b> 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist BCP (Joint Service) 12:00 pm – Lunch and Special Vestry

## Anglican Church Women's Annual Meeting & Luncheon

Saturday, 26 April 2025

Held @ the Church of the Ascension, London

(See the bulletin board for more information)

**Easter Memorial Flowers envelopes** are at the back of the church. If you wish to have flowers in memory of loved ones, please fill in the information and put it in the offering plate. You can also call the office with the information between 9 am and 12:30 pm Tuesday to Friday.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

#### **PLEASE NOTE \*\***

**(Every Tuesday, 11 am Walking Group** meeting at the Animal Farm parking lot with a 12:15 pm Lunch. This week TBA.

**(Every Wednesday, 10 am & 7 pm - Bible Study** at the Rectory.

**Apr 11            7 pm – Creative Word, Rectory**  
**Apr 14            1:30 pm – Bible Crossword, Rectory**  
**Apr 17            7 pm – Maundy Thursday**  
**Apr 18            12 pm - Good Friday**  
**Apr 19            6:30 pm – Easter Vigil, Trinity Anglican Church**  
**Apr 21            1:30 pm – ACW meets, Parish House**  
**Apr 25            5 pm – The Slice, TBA**  
**6 pm – Hymn Sing**

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#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Tuesday - Friday: 9am-1pm. **Steve Harnadek** - Tues - Fri: 10 am - 12 Noon

(Day off: Mon) (These are estimated times and do fluctuate, depending on circumstances. It is best to call first.