

**Anglican Parish
of Fall River & Oakfield**

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter



9:00 am St. Margaret's, Oakfield

10:30 am St. Thomas, Fall River

**** Recording from St. Thomas**

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THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

JOHN 10:1-10

Update from the Rector

Dear friends,

The daffodil heads are poking up at St. Margaret's and St. Thomas, reminding us of the Easter experience of resurrection. Dorothy Swift has just dropped by the office with a small gift of fresh maple syrup from some of her trees. Yes, it's spring!

We are now underway with the KD Lunch Wednesdays, from noon till 12:40 p.m. for young people from Lockview High School. The lunches provide a healthy walk through the locks, a safe social place for young folks and food security for those who may need a mid-day bite to eat. In addition to serving up to 40 guests with KD, carrots and bananas, we are sending about 100 servings to the school.



We continue to welcome donations of KD (and some sweets) for this effort. This pilot project is an ecumenical project funded by the Cobequid Food Security Network, with volunteers from both of our churches, St. Rose of Lima, St. John's United and Fall River Chapel. In May, the location shifts to St. John's, along with some of our team members. It's bringing our communities together in unanticipated ways.



Bishop Sandra Fyfe came to visit us on Wednesday, April 15, celebrating Eucharist with us, joining us for a lunch (amazing quiche by Janice Mitchell) and



then pitching in to serve up the cheesy noodles. The bishop is a great blessing to our diocese.

Meanwhile, as I type this, I'm thinking about our second Family evening supper circle Saturday April 18th (and then on Saturday May 16th), which the Ways and Means committee at St. Thomas is providing a meal for. There are puppets, crafts, songs for younger children and their adults. My friend Aaron Kim has been helping with music in between bouncing his new baby Liam on his chest. We are hoping, gradually, that families can also join us at services as they become more comfortable with our churches. Again, let me know if this is a ministry (every third Saturday at 4:30 p.m. till 6 p.m.) that would fill your body and soul. And then, a week later, St. Margaret's is hosting their major fundraiser at the Oakfield golf and country club, which involves dinner and dancing (the Charleston!) and their ever-popular silent auction. (See the bulletin and website www.stmargaretsstthomas.ca).



Finally, and of great importance, we're getting underway with our Parish Mission Action Plan, which is being led by consultant Gillian Doucet-Campbell, who has done stellar visioning work with Anglican parishes and diocese across Canada. She's full of the Spirit and eager to hear our ideas as the advisory team of about 10 to 12 people form around her (and myself) on Sunday, April 19 (at 11:30 a.m. at St. Thomas) for an organizational meeting. She's also interested in attending groups and hearing from individuals and we'll be finding ways for many voices to be heard as we create the roadmap for our parish for the years to come on everything from music to visionary fundraising and stewardship.

So, all this to say, the Lord is Risen! And He is indeed risen as we seek ways to makes His presence known in these communities along the lakes.

With love,

Michael+

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Secret Gardens of Oakfield

A Hidden Garden Tour

Join us for a unique and enchanting afternoon as we quietly unveil a collection of beautiful private gardens in our community.

 **Saturday, June 13**

 **1:00 – 3:30 PM**

 **Rain Date:**

Sunday, June 14

Guests will begin at **St. Margaret's Anglican Church**, where they will receive their garden

map and set off to explore at their own pace.

Following the tour, enjoy a relaxed outdoor gathering on the church grounds with tea, lemonade, and sweet treats beneath the trees.

 **Tickets: \$25**

Limited to **80 guests**

To purchase tickets, please contact:

Lynn Morrison 902-266-8530, Lori Naugle 902-890-7611

What to Expect

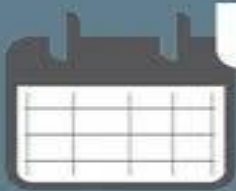
- Walking through natural garden paths and longer driveways
- Comfortable shoes recommended
- Sunscreen & hats encouraged
- No dogs please

Gardens remain a surprise until the day of the tour

- Please respect the gardens — no picking or clippings

All proceeds will support the development of our Labyrinth Project.





Upcoming Meeting

St. Thomas Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas

Next Parish Council Meeting will be:

Tuesday, June 23rd at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas



*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!"*

2 Corinthians 5:17

Rum Runners and Their Secrets

2026 Annual Dinner & Silent Auction

Join **St. Margaret's Anglican Church** for our annual Dinner and Silent Auction on **Saturday, April 25, 2026**, at **Oakfield Golf & Country Club**.

Inspired by Nova Scotia's rum-running era beginning in 1921 — when ships waited beyond the 12-mile limit and smaller vessels carried spirits into hidden Atlantic coves — this year's theme celebrates a colourful chapter of our maritime history.



Evening Schedule

6:00 pm - Cocktails

6:45 pm - Dinner

Your \$75 ticket includes dinner, wine, silent auction access, baked goods, and a spirited atmosphere. To purchase tickets, please contact

jbmoody007@yahoo.ca or lynnpmorrison@gmail.com

Proceeds support the ministry and outreach of our parish as we continue serving and extending our reach into the community.

Food Bank - Top 10 – April 2026

1. Canned soup
3. Pasta
5. Boxed cereal
7. Granola bars
9. Juice

2. Canned meat
4. Canned milk
6. Oatmeal
8. Fruit cups
10. Crackers



We ask your prayers for: Irene Saxton (Goldie's sister); The family of Wayne Kristiansen; Bill Peters, (friend of Goldie); Wilf Carr; Kelly Godfrey (daughter of Goldie & John); Zane Jordan (Doris Bishop's grandson); Catherine Walker; Shirley McNaughton; Betty Pattison; Lisa and Julie (Blair Hill's daughters).

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*“Learning to Live as
Jesus Shaped People”*

Wardens

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“An Intimate Space of Grace”

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The Rev’d David Chapman, Retired Associate Priest

The Rev’d Tim Taylor – Honorary Associate

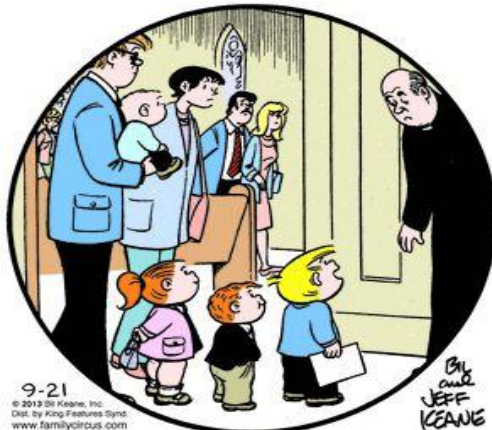
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**“The sermon was good, but I think
you could’ve used a couple jokes
to jazz it up a bit.”**