



CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH

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Lenten Guide for 2025



The Season of Lent 2025
Christ Church, Dartmouth



March 3, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

When the world feels heavy—divided and uncertain—hearts ache, minds seek peace, and souls hunger for hope. In these moments, while many search for a way forward, the bread of life reminds us of abundance. There is enough love, grace, and hope for all. This year's theme “Bread of Life” highlights how Jesus fed people—not just their bodies but their souls—with good news, redemption, and stories of God’s kin(g)dom.

From wedding feasts to eating with tax collectors to feeding thousands, people left Jesus’ presence with full hearts and bellies. As we journey through Lent, from the wilderness to the shorelines of Galilee, we will find the sacred in the ordinary—like bread, simple yet essential. This Lent, our Christ Church community gathers to break bread, savor in the divine generosity of God, and rise to share with the world out of the abundance we have received from the bread of life.

Please note that you can get involved in the Lenten journey in many ways. To fully enjoy the encounter of Easter Sunday, I truly believe experiencing the Passion of Christ throughout Holy Week is essential. As such I encourage us to worship together throughout this time to experience Jesus’ ultimate sacrifice.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

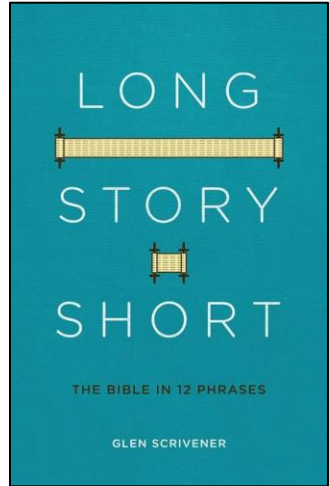
The Rev. Dr. Kyle Wagner
Rector, Christ Church, Dartmouth

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Lenten Book and Bible Study *Long Story Short*, by Glen Scrivener. Tim Horne will lead this program, starting Thursday, March 6 and continuing Thursday evenings until April 3 at 7:00pm in the Lower Church Hall.

Weekly Lenten Devotional Book: Bread of Life This free, easy resource invites you to come and nourish your soul with the bread of life. Spend time each week reading the scripture and reflection.

Ponder the provided questions or discuss them with someone in your home or your community. I hope this resource will be a simple invitation into the Lenten season and help create a memorable and meaningful Lent and Easter—free copies at the back of the church.



Godly Play during 10:00am Services:

with Cynthia Manley our Parish Godly Play Minister

March 9 The Mystery of Easter

March 20 The Legend of the Easter Egg



Christ Church Lenten Foodbank

Calendar: This year, the Christ Church Food Bank is holding a food/supply drive in an advent calendar style. Each of the 40 days has a different suggested item, and you only need to bring one of each item. Bring the week's items to the church on Sunday and watch the collected items grow. We will create a display at the front of the church using the items collected. This is an easy way to make a big difference! The calendar is at the back of the church!



Easter Garden Making March 16 in the Upper Hall following the 10:00am service. Come join fellow parishioners as we make an Easter Garden! Please RSVP to the parish office by March 9th so supplies can be acquired. This event is for all ages and a great way to enter into the season of Lent as we await Easter!



Pastoral Ministry Committee Lenten Campaign:

Alongside Hope (PWRDF) During the season of Lent, the Pastoral Ministry Committee (PMC) invites you to contribute to the ministries of Alongside Hope (Formerly PWRDF). The PMC is suggesting making your contribution to the Haitian Women's Federation for improvements to access to water in the community of Grand Fond or to the Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre under development by



Alongside Hope

Anglicans and partners working for change
in Canada and around the world

the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq. Information on the projects and envelopes for your contribution will be available at the back of the church each Sunday in Lent. Alongside Hope, a new name but the same transformative ministry since 1958.

Bread of Life: Bread

Making April 13 in the Lower Hall following the 10:00am service: Join us in the church hall as we make bread together and experience a prayerful way of connecting with God



during this Holy Season. Led by Sue Leblanc, we will prayerfully exercise our faith by baking bread, which we will use for Maundy Thursday's service. Please RSVP to the church office at christchurch@christchurchdartmouth.com or by calling 902-466-4270



Holy Week Services

April 13 Palm Sunday 8am and 10am services with Holy Communion and drama

April 14 Compline at 8:30pm
with the Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clarke and choir

April 15 Evening Prayer at 5:30pm *with Lay Licensed Minister*

April 16 Compline at 8:30pm
with the Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clarke and choir

April 17 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm
with Holy Eucharist, Washing and Stripping of the Altar

April 18 Good Friday Service 10:00am
Ecumenical Service at Grace United Church (70 King Street)

12:00pm Parish Good Friday Service:
The Passion and The Seven Last Words Reflections on
Compassion by members of Christ Church

April 20 Easter Sunday:
Sunrise 6:00am with Potluck, 8:00am and 10:00am



GOOD FRIDAY

The Passion of Christ in Drama and Reflections on
Compassion with the Seven Last Words of Christ
given by members of Christ Church



APRIL 18, 2025 | 12:00PM

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50 WENTWORTH STREET

Join us for worship as we experience the Liturgy of Good Friday and
listen to our friends and neighbours share their experiences of
Compassion through the Seven Last Words of Christ—all Welcome.

Resources:

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