



## *St. Mary's Pastoral Charge*

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Dear Friends,

Lent, the forty day season beginning on Ash Wednesday and leading to Easter is a holy time of reflection, prayer and repentance, in which we are guided to the cross.

The cross of Jesus is the center of the Easter story. But it is more than that. 1 Corinthians 1:18 says, "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." Did you catch that? The cross is also "the power of God" and the "wisdom of God." In fact it is at the cross that we learn how to live by faith and strengthened for that very thing. As we are guided to the cross we are guided to forgiveness, hope, love, peace, trust, perseverance, humility, service, sacrifice and new life.

The hymn writer Isaac Watts penned these words:

*At the cross, at the cross  
Where I first saw the light,  
And the burden of my heart rolled away,  
It was there by faith I received my sight,  
And now I am happy all the day!*

May we each be guided to the cross! My family and I wish you all a very blessed Easter!

In Christ's Service,

Derek G. Elsworth  
Minister

# Lent, Holy Week and Easter Services

***Sundays in March...*** 9:30am at St. John's in Sherbrooke, 11:00am at Kirk in Glenelg, 6:30pm Bethany/Zion at Bethany in East River St. Mary's.

***Sundays in April...*** 9:30am at Kirk in Glenelg, 11:00am Bethany/Zion at Bethany in East River St. Mary's, 6:30pm at St. John's in Sherbrooke.

***Palm Sunday...*** April 13, 9:30am at Kirk in Glenelg, 11:00am Bethany/Zion at Bethany in East River St. Mary's, 6:30pm at St. John's in Sherbrooke.

***Maundy Thursday & Holy Communion ...*** April 17, 6:30pm at 6:30pm at Kirk in Glenelg.

***Good Friday...*** April 18, 6:30pm at 6:30pm at Bethany in East River - St. Mary's.

***Easter Sunday...*** April 20, 9:30am at Kirk in Glenelg, 11:00am Bethany/Zion at Bethany in East River St. Mary's, 6:30pm at St. John's in Sherbrooke.

***For more information...*** or to inquire about Sunday School, Youth Group, UCW, Men's Group or Bible Study, please call, visit us on Facebook, or visit our website at [www.stmaryspastoralcharge.com](http://www.stmaryspastoralcharge.com).