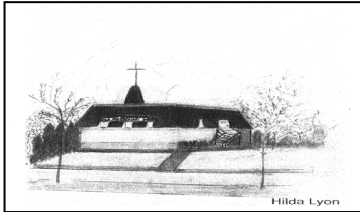


REACHING OUT

Newsletter of St. Joseph of Nazareth Anglican Church



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (NIV) 1 Peter 1:3

Béni soit Dieu, le Père de notre Seigneur Jésus Christ, qui, selon sa grande miséricorde, nous a régénérés, pour une espérance vivante, par la résurrection de Jésus Christ d'entre les morts. (LSG)1 Pierre 1:3

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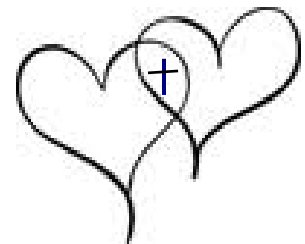
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HEART TO HEART



*"New every morning is the love
Our waking and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
Restored to life and power and thought.*

*New mercies, each returning day,
Hover around us while we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiven,
New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven."*

It is the start of another year and resolutions so carefully thought out and planned have already been broken. However, throughout all this we see God's unfailing mercies and realize his promises to us will never be broken.

Our Lord says "Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the ages." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Clearly, our God is resolved to be with His children. What can we do, but resolve to be His children? How else can we begin to thank Him, other than to do that which He bids us, commissions us and empowers us to do?

Let us make it our mission to see Him more clearly, walk with Him more nearly and love Him more dearly, day by day. It is the most important resolution you will ever make.

*"Only, O Lord, in Thy dear love,
Fit us for perfect rest above,
And help us, this and every day,
To live more nearly as we pray."*

- Christopher and Dulcy Belle

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FROM THE PASTOR`S DESK



"Then Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."" Mark 1:17

With these words, Jesus summoned His future disciples. I am certain these guys had no idea what they were in for. They did not fully know who Jesus was, or what He was capable of, or what He was planning to do. They did not know where He came from, or exactly where He would lead them. They certainly could not have known how greatly their lives would be changed.

Faithful ones, I have been your priest for ten years now. I do not know how many of you had heard of me before, but I am made to understand some of you came to the church I was at in order to hear me preach. Some of you were aware of my involvement in Christian youth camps, including Day Camps. Other than that, however, I do not believe many people knew me.

You yourselves did not know what you were in for. You did not have a full grasp of what I could do, or what I could not do. Many of you would not have known of my plans for St. Joseph of Nazareth. You would not have fully known where I came from, or exactly where I would try to lead you. All in all, it was quite a leap of faith to bring me hear.

That is not nearly as precarious as it may sound to some. Christian ministry operates on faith.

We have faith that our benevolent Creator will make a way where there seems to be no way. We have journeyed together, trusting in our awesome God to lead us down the right path. We have fixed the roof, raised funds, debated about raising funds, tried to feed the hungry and provide for the poor, visited the sick, held Gospel concerts for the community, tried to build a basement...we have been through so much.

I would not change any of it. Our journey together has been entirely to the glory of God. Much like the disciples, who were quite different, God meant for us to be together at this time. God called us into ministry together. We may not necessarily work 'on paper', but, with God as our Father, we are all sisters and brothers. We continually ask His will and His guidance, and His steadfast love stands the test of time. We are a good match, because we firmly believe that our God is always up to something good. Thanks be to God!!

Yours in Christ,

Christopher Belle

REFLECTIONS



LIKE JONAH

As a child in Sunday School when you heard the story of Jonah when he was swallowed by a whale, you probably didn't eat tuna for a week. The Lord told Jonah to go to Nineveh and get them to change their ways or suffer the consequences. Jonah got scared so he thought that he could run away from the Lord. Now you know you can't run away from the Lord, because he'll always catch you. He bought a ticket for Tarshish, got on the boat and left port. Well God said to the seas get angry and it'll shake up Jonah. Well Jonah goes below and falls asleep. All the sailors say this Hebrew is causing us distress so let's throw him in the water. The Lord sends a whale to save him and swallows you know

who. Three nights and days later the whale spits up Jonah on the shore. Now he has no recourse but to go to Nineveh and to pass on the prophesy of the Lord. Jonah said "In my distress I called to the Lord and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help and you listened to my cry." (Jonah 2: 2-3). How many of us have cried to the Lord in our distress and he answered us. A lot of times in my life I've had some form of trouble and a solution was provided. At one point I was like Jonah. I tried to run but I got caught and I'm glad I was caught.

- Steven Goodhue

IS YOUR GLASS HALF FULL OR HALF EMPTY?

When I was a child I used to have great fun looking at the negatives of photographs. Remember them? They reversed everything—especially facial features—all the light sections of our faces became dark so we had dark eye whites, white irises, dark teeth...even the most beautiful faces became grotesque. In this era of digital cameras, negatives of photographs are no longer but I am sure every home has a dusty box somewhere where they can be found.

Negatives...how often do we look only at the negatives of life? Words too can reveal distorted negatives images. Which is reality: "Today is sunny, warm and dry" or "It isn't cold today and neither is it raining"? Both are true but which one reveals brightness, warmth and

beauty? Let's stretch this analogy a bit further: with people we know, do we sometimes cancel out all the good we know about them and that they have proven just because they fail us or others in some way or do not meet some standard we have set?

Life does have a negative side and all of us have to deal with sadness, grief, loneliness, illness. However, if we get into the habit of looking only at the negative, (often out of fear of being disappointed or because we feel we deserve nothing better) we may negate the ability to see the positive that is there.

May God help us all to seek to view the glass as half full especially during those times when our cups do not *runneth over*.

PRAYERFUL APPEALS



TITHING

Tithing is the life line of the church. In the Old Testament it was established that people should give or return to God a certain percentage of their income or harvest. The tithe was 10% of everything. In recent years, The Anglican Church of Canada established an "Anglican Tithe" of 5% of gross income (sometimes stated as "a dollar a week for every \$1000 a year of annual income"). That is if you earn 20,000\$ per year, your weekly tithe is 20\$. This is the tithe for church ministry and maintenance. Dedicated (special projects etc.) tithing is over and above this.

Church ministry and maintenance includes the pastor's salary & benefits including pension plan, monthly diocesan assessment and the maintenance of the church property & rectory including any salaries associated with it.

Our budget for 2012 is 92,560\$ of which approximately 60,000\$ (5,000\$ per month) will go to the diocese to cover the pastors salary etc. This means we need a weekly offering of no less than 1,780\$.

Unlike some other churches, the Anglican Church does not require its members to present their annual income tax assessment to verify their tithe. The Anglican Church leaves it up to its member to give what they can afford and is needed.

All we ask is that you recognize the needs and give according to your conscience. And also pray continually that God will show us the way to go.

God Bless,
Robert Millar

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

Our Sunday School is going strong thanks to the help of the parents who bring their children to church, teachers, the congregation and lots of prayers. Thanks to God for His mercies and blessings He gives to us unconditionally. We started with a few and now we have many. Thank You God for answering prayers.

The children know that learning is fun. One of their favourite Bible verses is Ephesians 6: 1-3:

*Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right.
Honor your father and mother
Which is the first commandment
With a promise that it may go
Well with you and that you
May enjoy long life on earth.*

The hockey players in our group all agreed that their coaches should also be included. I smile at the things they say and how intelligent they are. Children are really a blessing from God.

That is why I am sorry to give up this ministry but it is now affecting my health. So please volunteer to fill this ministry, it is rewarding and a blessing. Please do not be intimidated, it is not as difficult as you may think. Pray to God, He will answer your prayer and guide your steps. This requirement is for September 2012 so there is no pressure. Please let me know if you are interested.

Thank you and God Bless,
Beverley Cohen-Millar



PRAYER AND PETITIONS

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. (NIV) Hebrews 5:7

C'est lui qui, dans les jours de sa chair, ayant présenté avec de grands cris et avec larmes des prières et des supplications à celui qui pouvait le sauver de la mort, et ayant été exaucé à cause de sa piété. (LSG) Hébreux 5:7

We pray for those who have requested our prayers in their time of need and those who we know are in need of prayers:

Alexander Bayus
 Passmore Barrette
 Ron Brittain
 Christine Dawson
 Bradley Drew & Family
 Jason Farrell
 The Gowan Family
 Marie Harper
 Ann-Mary Harvey & Family
 Wilf & Linda Hinderle & Family
 Sonia Barnes-Huggins

Marlene Mandiuk
 Gwen & Shareem Mohamed & Family
 Rawle Nicholls
 Stephanie Roberts
 James Skerritt
 Jayme Skerritt
 The Slade Family
 Robert Sheppard
 Maureen Strain
 Sheila Tibbo
 All countries in distress

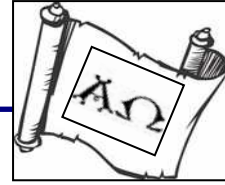
We thank God for His mercies each day. In the midst of everything we are assured of His love and kindness. We thank Him for the miracles and healing we have seen among those we pray for and we remember always that He knows best and so we continue to pray that His Will may be done.

We continue to pray for our youth—our Confirmation candidates and Sunday School children. We thank God that these ministries are in place to continue the teachings of the disciples in an effort to bring our youth to the knowledge and love of Christ.

Let us continue to pray for our Parish and all other ministries and ask God for the strength and wisdom to continue.



QUIZ PAGE



Bible Quiz

Apocalypse Now

by Mary Benoy

1. Name the battle between the forces of good and evil to take place at the end of the world.
2. Who was Jesus talking to when he said, `There will be no marriage in heaven`?
3. True or False? Jesus said he would return in the same way he ascended?
4. In Jesus' parable about all nations collected together and separated in 2 groups, he describes them as the sheep and what other animal?
5. True or False? In Mark Jesus said that before the end of the world there would be an outbreak of global peace between nations?
6. What is the name of the city where, according to Hebrews, there will be thousands of angels in joyful assembly?
7. In John's apocalyptic vision, who sang "worthy is the Lamb"?
8. When did Jesus say, "You will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming with the clouds of heaven?"

1. Battle of Armageddon

2. Luke 20:34, 35

3. False. The angels said this. Acts:1:10-11

4. Matthew 25:32

5. False. Mark 13:7

6. Holy City, New Jerusalem

7. Rev. 5:11, 12

8. Mark 14:62. When He was on trial before the Sanhedrin

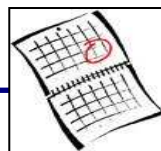
Who am I?

by Dulcy Belle

I am a servant of Christ Jesus born in Tarsus and raised in Jerusalem educated by the Pharisee Gamaliel. I was circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. I believe firmly that reconciliation happens with faith through Christ and not through continuing with Torah. Who am I?

Answer: The Apostle Paul

WHAT'S HAPPENING



WEEKLY/MONTHLY MINISTRIES

Flight Club - Last Monday every month at 5:30pm

Confirmation Class - Sundays at 7:00pm

Men's Bible Study - Wednesdays at 9:30am

Women of Faith - 3rd Monday every month at 1:30pm

Family services are held on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Congregation members interested in assisting with planning the services are asked to speak to Rev. Belle, Robert Millar or Paul Yaxley.

The SHE Ladies meetings are suspended until further notice

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women of Faith Valentines Luncheon—Saturday February 11, 2012

Council Meeting—Thursday February 16, 2012

Movie Night—Saturday February 18, 2012 at 7:00pm

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—Tuesday February 21, 2012 at 5:30pm

Ash Wednesday Service—Wednesday February 22, 2012 at 7:00pm

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon—Saturday March 17, 2012

Black History Month Celebration:

You are cordially invited come to our celebration of Black History Month on **Sunday, 5 February 2012 at 10:00AM**. Special Guest Presenter is **Sonya Barnes-Huggins**, an exciting speaker and Black History expert at the Lester B. Pearson School Board. Please bring a friend, or two, or three!!

Please refer to the weekly bulletin 'Celebrate' for other activities, times and dates.



BITS AND PIECES



SILENT RETREAT WEEKEND

Attention Ladies! It's time to pray about attending a SILENT retreat weekend. You are invited to join other women of our Diocese to attend a wonderful weekend of talks, praising God, enjoying peace and serenity at L'Ermitage Ste-Croix (near Cap St-Jacques Nature Park in Pierrefonds). Put aside your everyday concerns and enjoy the calm and quiet from 4-6 May 2012. The cost is \$140.00. Please speak with me for more details, a registration form, and/or to reserve a seat in my van! Remember: if I can stay quiet for the weekend retreat, so can you!! The Lord works in wonderful ways!

- Ann Yaxley

H.O.P.E

Remember H.O.P.E. when you are preparing your shopping list and checking the weekly flyers. When there is a special ("2 for 1" or "6 for 3") or something free (like at IGA when you buy more than \$70.00 of groceries) pick up some of those specials along with your regular shopping. Even if you don't eat those particular food items, someone else does! If you get the "freebie" for the week at IGA, bring it to church and put it in the box for H.O.P.E. All non-perishable food items are very much appreciated.

THANK YOU

The annual Christmas Party was held December 3, 2011. Thank you, Richard and Linda, for organizing this most wonderful event. The food was fantastic as usual. Thank you also, Don and Nancy, for organizing the games. A great time was had by all.

Our First Blue Grass Concert was held on December 10, 2011. Thank you, Faustina, for once again organizing another successful concert. Thank you also Paul for the technical support and Mary and Gail for sharing footage of your loved ones. We appreciated the surprise visit from Santa and his elves. Thank you Don, Linda and Ann.

NEWSLETTER ENTRIES

Just a reminder that all submissions and prayer requests for the next edition of the newsletter must be received by the end of March 31. It will be available in mid-April. Entries may be handed in directly or sent by email to stjoesnews@gmail.com.