



ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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OUR MISSION:

TO BE A CHRISTIAN CENTRE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD, BRINGING MEMBERS CLOSER TO CHRIST, PROCLAIMING THE WORD AND MAKING HIS LOVE KNOWN TO ALL.

WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT: WELCOMING EVERYONE, HELPING THOSE IN NEED AND SUPPORTING THE ENDEAVOURS OF OTHERS.

And the Word
became flesh



and dwelt among us
full of grace and truth



Milford Fair 14 Sept



Blessing of
the animals
22 Sept





Lay Reader's
Sunday 17 Nov

Rev. Fran's
birthday 20 Oct



Christmas Tea and Bazaar 23 Nov





Christmas event at
Kentwood 10 Dec



Minister's message

Dear friends,

Names are special. When we hear our names spoken, it grabs our attention. Do you know how you were given your name? God chose Jesus' name for him. An angel told Joseph that the baby who would be born to Mary should be called Jesus, which means "the Lord saves." God picked the name Jesus to show that he would be our shepherd and save us from all our sins.

As I think on Christmas and shepherds, another passage comes to mind, John 10:11-15, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep." (NLT)

Long ago shepherds had a difficult but important job. A shepherd lived with his sheep to keep them safe from wild animals. He led the sheep to places where they could find food and water. If a sheep was lost, the shepherd rescued it. Jesus called himself the "Good Shepherd" because he protects and rescues his own sheep – you and me – from harmful things that separate us from God.

As we walk this road towards the holidays, we are more loaded down than usual. You are invited to come, recharge, and encounter the Lord with us in community! Below you will find a list of services; we hope that your family will join our family for Christmas.

I also want to share a note of deep gratitude to all those who support the ministry, in ways seen and unseen. Thank you for your prayers, for acts of service, and for your patronage to the church as we round out 2019 and look towards 2020 with expectancy and trust.

You are a blessing to our community and to our ministry. May the gift of God's grace and the gentleness of his peace bless you this Christmas season!

Rev. Ada

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Anglican Churches of Wellington, Milford and Waupoos, PEC

Advent and Christmas Services

in the shared-ministry of
the Anglican Churches of Wellington, Milford and Waupoos, PEC

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| Sun. Dec 15 | St. John's Waupoos at 9:00am, Morning Prayer with Rev. Fran
St. Andrew's Wellington at 10:30am, Lessons and Carols with Rev. Ada
St. Philip's Milford at 11:00am, Morning Prayer with Rev. Fran |
| Sun. Dec 22 | St. John's Waupoos at 9:00am, Holy Communion with Rev. Ada
St. Andrew's Wellington at 10:30am, Morning Prayer with our Lay Readers
St. Philip's Milford at 11:00am, Lessons and Carols with Rev. Ada |
| Tue. Dec 24 | St. Andrew's Wellington at 5:00pm, Holy Communion with Rev. Ada
St. John's Waupoos at 7:00pm, Holy Communion with Rev. Ada
St. Philip's Milford at 9:00pm, Holy Communion with Rev. Ada |
| Wed. Dec 25 | one Joint service
St. Andrew's Wellington at 10:30am, Holy Communion |
| Sun. Dec 29 | St. John's Waupoos -on winter break-services resume for Easter on April 12
St. Andrew's Wellington at 10:30am, Holy Communion with Rev. Ada
St. Philip's Milford at 11:00am, Holy Communion with Rev. Blair |
| Sun. Jan 5 | St. John's Waupoos -on winter break-services resume for Easter on April 12
St. Andrew's Wellington at 10:30am, Holy Communion & Baptism with Rev. Ada
St. Philip's Milford at 11:00am, Holy Communion with Bishop Michael |

Wardens' report

With the year drawing to a close, we remember all the good work and enjoyable social times we have shared as part of our spiritual growth. As Wardens, we are most grateful to those who cheerfully step up to new administrative duties, to those who are willing to offer their services during worship, and to those who continue to care for the church property, convene fund raising events and support our choir.

We thank our faithful congregation for their support and hard work in keeping St Philip's moving forward and for caring for one another on a daily basis. And we thank God for keeping his hand firmly on Josef's shoulder during his Camino de Santiago pilgrimage, and for bringing him safely home to us.

Very best wishes to all as we prepare during the Advent season and look forward to celebrating Christ's birth with our church family and friends.

Wardens
Sally Cowan, Josef Cihlar

ACW report

Led by Shirley Guy and in spite of the rain, the ACW ladies had a very successful Yard and Rummage Sale in September. The amount of merchandise we put out for sale always astounds me – thank you for your contributions and help during that time!

Illa Hunt and I attended the Quinte/Hastings ACW region Annual General Meeting in October at Holy Trinity Church in Frankford. We always enjoy spending time with our friends from the other churches but it has become quite apparent that our ladies groups are fewer; and frankly we all seem to be quite elderly but apparently when compared to others our region is still very active. Those Anglican workers who have passed away during the past year were honoured and our Parish of Marysburgh remembered Alice Webb, Ailsa Robinson and Francis Gaylor at the service. - Next year's Regional AGM will be held at St. Andrew's church in Wellington and I have told their president that our group will help where we can.

We met in October and firmed up our plans for the Christmas Bazaar and Tea. We had decided to go back to having a bazaar table with "gift" items for sale and it certainly made a difference. The whole event only happened through a group effort and it was wonderful to be able to count on so many people coming forward to make the Bazaar such a success. Thank you so much!

At our October meeting we also reviewed our events and finances and decided to defer plans and expenditures for 2020 until a scheduled meeting on February 19th. Please note this date and come to the meeting to help us set the schedule for the coming year. Rev. Ada attended our meeting and proposed having a special "ACW Sunday" which we plan to have on January 26th. This day also happens to be the 4th Sunday of the month so we shall lunch together after the church service.

I hope we all have a wonderful and blessed Christmas season.
Alfie Deyo, President

Outreach report

This fall St. Philip's once again has several volunteers to listen to children read on Thursday mornings at Athol-South Marysburgh School. If you are interested in joining this program, new volunteers are always welcome. Please let me know.

Thank you to Diane Walker for continuing to take care of the collection of gifts for Operation Christmas Child and to all who contributed gifts on White Gift Sunday for this year's Salvation Army's community Christmas gift baskets.

Thank you to those who prepared Christmas cards to be sent on behalf of St. Philip's.

On December 10, Rev. Ada led the seniors Christmas service of Holy Communion at Kentwood Park. Following the service joined in a time of fellowship with cake and ice cream provided by St. Philip's.

We continue to have potluck supper movie nights. We try to have one a month and they are announced at Sunday services, in our weekly bulletin and on our website. On December 12th the film will be a Christmas favourite "Home Alone". You are always welcome to bring friends along.

In the new year we look forward to some Saturday morning community presentations. Possibly in February Josef Cihlar will tell us about his recent pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela on the Camino Frances.

Thank you all for your ongoing support for the efforts for the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. Please remember them and their good work in your prayers.

Our next outreach meeting will be announced.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2020!

Blessings,

Paula Walker, Chair

Altar Guild report

The Altar Guild follows the centuries old traditions of setting the Lord's table for each service. It is humbling to consider that we are following the guidelines formed by the early church. Members also clean and care for the linens and vessels used in the communion service.

This year our group has lost three members and it would be wonderful to welcome new people. If you are looking for a gentle ministry which is not too strenuous or time consuming, consider becoming part of the Altar Guild. This ministry is open to both men and women. Training is provided. For more information call Fran Larkin at 613-476-6824.

All the beauty and blessings of the Christmas season be yours now and throughout the New Year,
Shirley Guy, Paula Walker, & Fran Larkin

Budget update to Dec 10

Operating Account

Income \$51,133.15

Expenses \$49,089.64

Balance \$9,245.84

Memorial Account Balance \$4,255.07

We have paid the central treasurer \$36,775.00. We owe the central treasurer \$2,009.00 to be paid over the remainder of this year. PWRDF has taken in \$7,375.00. We owe them \$3,020..

Bruce Walker, Treasurer

When we are gathered together

One of my great pleasures in life is to attend our St. Philip's Anglican Church to mingle and commune with what can only be described as my extended family.

Gathering together is one of the reasons a building is necessary to accommodate a long series of events. Starting with Advent and continuing through the church year we meet every Sunday and on other days at weddings, funerals, dinners etc.. When we meet Sunday mornings, it is as if we hadn't talked in years. A good example was the recent Advent service presided over by the Reverend Blair

Ross. He made a point that he liked coming to St. Philip's for that very same reason. To chat and catch up on the latest news.

I like to sit in the pew and wonder how many people have walked up to our altar since 1830 to receive communion. We have lost important history information when the church burned in 1920 as all the registers and books were destroyed in the fire. I have not been able to find any records from the pre-1920 period and wonder if somewhere in our community are there records or pictures.

Throughout this year we will be commenting in our newsletter about facts related to the destruction by fire and the construction of our present church. September 9, 2020 will be the 100th anniversary of this event. If any reader has or knows of pictures or other information about the history of St. Philip's church I would appreciate learning about it.

Bill Cowan



St. Philip's Church
before the fire

Editor's note:

May I add my voice to the wishes for a blessed Christmas for you and your family; celebrating again the birth of Our Lord, Emmanuel, God with us - then, now, always.

Josef Cihlar < robat58@kos.net >

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