



ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Rector: Rev. Ada Clifton



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.

EVENTS - IN PICTURES:



Pancake Supper 13 Feb 2018



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St. Patrick Supper 17 March 2018



MINISTER'S MESSAGE:

Dear friends,

Can you believe it? Easter is only a few weeks away! I'm looking forward to celebrating Holy Week and the resurrection with you and your friends. The music, Scriptures, sermon and Holy Communion will offer hope that we were made for more than "the good life." *God created us for the better life, a life with Him!*

Here are four things that you can do as we prepare to celebrate Easter on Sunday April 1:

1. Invite your friends!

It's always amazed me that although I know many of my friends and family are *looking* for a church to attend on Easter, I still feel nervous when inviting them. Maybe it's the fact that we all feel a bit nervous when talking about things that are important to us. The truth is, when you invite a friend to join you for church on Easter they very often will come, and even if they cannot, they'll appreciate the fact that you thought of them.

2. Come to *any or all* of the services throughout Holy Week, including Easter!

These services will be filled with meaningful and holy acts reminding us of Jesus' last days with his disciples before he goes to the cross. My favourite services are on Maundy Thursday, where volunteers come to receive foot washing and we commemorate the Last Supper and the time before his crucifixion.

3. Help out in any way that you can.

If you see *anything* that needs to be done - a piece of paper that needs to be picked up, a person who needs a question answered, a restroom that needs to be cleaned - I encourage you to take care it. Another of the great things about Easter in our churches is the way that we all pull together to meet whatever is needed.

4. Personally celebrate the good news of Easter.

Just think of it: because of Easter our past is forgiven, our life is worth living and we have a future in heaven! St. Paul writes in Romans 3:22 (NLT), "We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are."

4a. Join our Lenten Book Study - "Being Disciples" by Archb. Rowan Williams

Held twice a week, come to the sessions that fit your schedule:

At St Andrew's Wellington - Wednesdays on March 7, 14, 21, 28 at 1:30pm in the hall

At St Philip's Milford - Fridays on March 9, 16, 23 & Thursday March 29 at 10:45am in the hall

Books will be available for purchase at the first session.

Holy Week & Easter Services
in the shared-ministry of
the Anglican Churches of Wellington, Milford and Waupoos, PEC

Palm/Passion Sunday

Sun. Mar. 25: St. John's Waupoos -on winter break-services resume for Easter on April 1
St. Andrew's Wellington at 10:30am Holy Communion with Rev. Karen
St. Philip's Milford at 11:00am Holy Communion BAS with Rev. Ada

Wednesday in Holy Week

Wed. Mar. 28: St. Andrew's Wellington at 10:15am Holy Communion with Rev. Ada

Maundy Thursday

Thr. Mar. 29: St. Philip's Milford at 4:00pm Holy Communion with Rev. Ada
St. Andrew's Wellington at 7:00pm Holy Communion with Rev. Ada

Good Friday

Fri. Mar. 30: St. Andrew's Wellington at 10:30am service with Rev. Ada
St. Philip's Milford at 1:00pm service with Rev. Ada

Easter

Sun. Apr. 1: St. John's Waupoos - at 6:30am Sunrise service with Fr. Bob Hales
followed by pancake breakfast in church hall
- at 9:00am Holy Communion with Fr. Bob Hales
St. Andrew's Wellington
- at 7:00am Sunrise service on United Church back lawn
with Rev. Ada & Rev. Steve, followed by snacks at St.
Andrew's church hall
- at 10:30am Holy Communion with Rev. Ada
St. Philip's Milford - at 11:00am Holy Communion with Fr. Bob Hales

Second Sunday of Easter

Sun. April 8: St. John's Waupoos at 9:00am Holy Communion with Rev. Ada
St. Andrew's Wellington at 10:30am Holy Communion with Guest Clergy
St. Philip's Milford at 11:00am Baptism & Holy Communion with Rev. Ada

I'm looking forward to seeing you, wishing you a very Happy Easter,

Rev. Ada

Rev. Ada Clifton

Incumbent

Anglican Churches of Wellington, Milford and Waupoos, PEC

REPORTS:

Wardens

We are honoured to be your new church wardens. We look forward to the Visioning Day in April and new ideas for the coming year. The website for St. Philip's is in the process of being updated, with many thanks to Emily, and the Operations Manual is also just about up to date, with many thanks to Josef. And the Fire Safety Plan, kindly prepared by Leigh and now updated, has been approved by the County's Fire Prevention Officer. One copy is on file in the Church Office and one is with the Fire Department. We are also working on a welcoming pamphlet for newcomers, visitors, and tourists. It should be ready for the busy summer season.

We are grateful to the Building Committee for its efforts to initiate the final repairs on the roof, and hope that funds will be contributed so we do not have to borrow money to do so. We would also like to thank the leaders of the many groups -- ACW, Altar Guild, Outreach, Music, Prayer -- as well as the treasurer, envelope secretary, newsletter editor and organists, who make St. Philip's "the little church that could."

We would like to thank Rev. Ada for leading us in worship, for leading the Lenten book study, and for her enthusiasm and inspiration.

Lastly, on behalf of everyone at St. Philip's, we would like to thank Eleanor Johnston for the beautiful new church sign in memory of Howard.

Wardens

Sally Cowan and Peggy Hallward

ACW

The ACW ladies met on February 21st at the home of Eleanor Johnston to make plans for our activities and expenditures in 2018. The afternoon's conversation and discussion led to donations listed below and the Calendar of Events as follows:

Saturday, April 29	Spring Yard and Rummage Sale
Monday, May 21	Black Creek Canoe Trip
Wednesday, August 8	Corn and Pork Roast
Saturday, September 28	Fall Yard and Rummage Sale
Saturday, November 10	Christmas Tea and Bake Sale

(We know the Canoe Trip is an "Outreach" event, but it is always included in the Calendar which is sent to the South Marysburgh Mirror and to Break Away Magazine.)

This year, ACW donations have been made to Stephen Lewis Foundation; Rector's Discretionary Fund; Picton Food Bank; L'Arche; South Marysburgh Mirror; and Diocesan ACW Thank Offering. The ACW Thank Offering is divided five ways by the diocese: one-fifth of the amount goes to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, one-fifth to the Council of the North (previously to Camp Hyanto), and three fifths are chosen by members of the local ACW groups to go to a World Group, Canada Group and a Local Group. We chose this year's Thank Offering to go to (world) Water Aid; (Canada) Alzheimer's Association; and (local) Dawn House.

The Diocesan ACW Annual General Meeting will be held on April 26th which interferes with our Spring Yard and Rummage Sale setup day. Kathryn Morgan, our District President, has promised to keep us informed (by-laws are being changed). This year's District AGM will be held on Thursday, October 6th at St. John's in Madoc.

At St. Philip's church, we held our annual St. Patrick's Potluck and Party. The food is always great and the "wearing of the green" surpassed expectations! We divided into teams for telling

childhood stories (thanks once again to Maria!!) and enjoyed much laughter at the shenanigans of our past.

I have seen a lot of migrating birds and heard reports of tulips and daffodils being up, and officially it is spring even though the weather has still to co-operate. Please keep in mind our Spring Yard and Rummage Sale as you do your spring cleaning and/or downsizing!

Happy Easter to you and to your loved ones.

Alfie Deyo, President

Outreach

At this time the committee is working on finding ways to keep in better contact with people who are not able to get to church as often as they once did. We are forming a pastoral care team and have a training date set for May 4 at 11:45 at St. Philip's. We also wish to offer rides to church or church events. If you would like a ride please call Sally 613-476-6065 or Paula 613-476-6063.

Thanks to Tom and his helpers, we had a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday with \$350 collected and sent to the diocese for the refugee committee.

Our Lenten collection is once again in support of the Henry Budd College of Ministry. Thank you to Jean for taking care of this.

We continue to have potluck supper movie nights. The next one is set for Wednesday, April 11 with supper at 6 pm.

To maintain our connection with the Parish of Tyendinaga we will announce the services of evensong to be held there whenever there is a fifth Sunday in the month. The next such service will be held on April 29 at Christ Church at 5 pm. We thank Jean for keeping us informed of the annual women's day event held in Tyendinaga in March. A \$10 entrance fee gets you lunch, a massage and hair cut/style and much more and the money supports Red Cedars Shelter.

We continue to support the good work of our Primate's World Relief and Development Fund at St. Philip's and ask your prayers for their efforts.

Thanks to Emily and Ben's leadership our annual canoe trip will be held on Monday, May 21st. We start at Harley and Karen Guernsey's in Milford by 11:00am.

Everyone is always welcome at outreach meetings. Thank you all for your support.

Blessings,

Paula Walker, Chair

Building Committee

With regard to the church roof fascia repairs etc., the annual Vestry at its meeting on 25 Feb 2018, accepted a bid by G and F Roofing of Deseronto of \$3800 to: secure and refurbish the roof cross; install aluminum fascia on all roof fascia boards not currently protected by aluminum; and install protective aluminum facing on exposed old chimney area. The work will also include replacing an ice-damaged eve trough on the north side and installing an ice dam. The cost to be paid in whole or in part by voluntary contributions to the "Roof Fund" by members of the congregation, with any short fall to be met by a loan from the Diocese. As of 25 March 2018, donations totalling \$1120.00!! have been received.

Special thanks to Eleanor Johnston for donating the new St Philip's Church sign showing Rev. Ada as our incumbent and the regular hour of Sunday Service. The new sign replaces the old one on the northeast corner of the church. Thanks to Bruce for installing it.

Murray Guy for the Building Committee

Budget update to March 31, 2017

Financial Update to March 27, 2018.

Operating Account
Income \$13,248.29
Expenses \$13,517.25

Balance \$37.45

Memorial Account Balance \$3,662.07

We have paid the central treasurer \$9,600.00. We owe the central treasurer \$27,916.00 to be paid over the remainder of this year. PWRDF has taken in \$1,740.00. \$1,120 has been donated to complete the roofing. A first quarter report is posted in the hall.

Bruce Walker, Treasurer

REFLECTIONS:

Did Jesus plays favourites?

We all seek approval and as a kid going to school we had to avoid being the “teacher’s pet”. This would lead to our being teased and scorned and result in our never wanting to be centred out.

Jesus, the greatest teacher ever, had his favourites and he did not hide that fact. He blessed the poor, the mourners, the humble, those who seek justice, the merciful, the pure at heart, the peace makers. He said it is those, the ones the world looks down on who will inherit the kingdom of heaven - not the rich, the mighty and the powerful. The gospels are full of His comments as to who is given preference in the eyes of the heavenly Father.

When Jesus was whipped and beaten on his way to the cross He lifted his eyes to heaven and prayed “Father forgive them for they know not what they are doing” (Luke 23-24). When Jesus was arrested, his friend was scolded for cutting off the ear of one of the soldiers. Jesus then healed the soldier and did not resist arrest. The entire story of the journey to His death on the cross is heartbreaking and very difficult for most of us to read or study at this time of year.

The pain He suffered was endured to save us all and allow us to enter His Kingdom. We have a duty while here on earth to follow His commandments, protect His creation, and love our neighbours as ourselves.

Good Friday leads into the most incredible event in human history: the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. The promise of His resurrection is life and peace and joy as we live here on earth, and joy ever after in His Kingdom beyond our death. Thanks be to God!

Bill Cowan

Editor’s note:

Blessed Easter to all readers, St. Philipians and our alumni whom we still miss;
and

Thank you to all newsletter contributors for their inputs.

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P.S. Sally Cowan and I provided the pictures.