



ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Lent/Easter Edition 1
Rector: Rev. Canon David Smith

April 6th 2014

MESSAGE FROM DAVID SMITH

I am delighted to wish you a very happy and blessed Easter and am looking forward to celebrating this joyous day with you. It will be a delight to sing together God's praises and to dine at the risen Lord's table during Holy Communion.

For we are an Easter people. We view our lives and world events from the fact that God raised Jesus from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus is God's future come into the present. Because Jesus has defeated sin and evil and death we live in the sure and certain hope that we and all of creation will share in this victory.

I read of how in the ancient Orthodox Church the priest would tell a joke to begin the worship to remind everyone that God in Christ's resurrection had the last laugh over sin, evil and death. So I hope I can find a good joke to share Easter Sunday so we can laugh together. In fact wouldn't it be fun to continue the celebration of Easter at your home by watching a really funny movie or playing a hilarious game.

But of course Easter is also very serious. In fact St. Matthew in his Gospel tells us that it is earth shatteringly serious, " Suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it".

William Willimon a favourite preacher of mine imaginatively used this imagery to proclaim the power of Easter.

" On Easter God inserted a new fact. God took the cruel cross and made it the means of triumph. God took the worst we could do- all our death dealing doings and lead them out toward life. And the world shook. Jesus came back to forgive the very disciples who had forsaken him. The world is about forgiveness, as it turns out, not vengeance. And the earth shook. Jesus picked up a piece of bread and ate it and you could see the nailprints in his hands. The world is about life, as it turns out, not death. And the earth shook." May this earth shattering news shape and form us.

I warmly invite you and your loved ones to worship the risen Lord this Easter. And I look forward to how we as an Easter people will continue to bring love and life to one another and the world for after all we know who had the last laugh and that the world is about life not death.



If you would like to receive Easter Communion or a visit please contact Father David.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WARDENS' REPORT:

The year began with the Annual Vestry meeting, held at St. Philip's, Sunday January 26th. Noel Laine was re-appointed as the Rector's Warden by Rev. Canon David Smith and David Hall was elected as the People's Warden. Eleanor Johnston and Joseph Cihlar were appointed, as Deputy Wardens, due in part to Noel's absence due to surgery and in part to obtain a broader representation of the views of the congregation.

The first annual Pancake Supper was held Tuesday, 4 March to no expectations other than to have an enjoyable time. We had no idea as to how many would attend but Fran Larkin produced an instant and effective poster, Emily Sanderson posted it on Facebook and we had 60+ people show up, raised \$444.35, (the 35¢ was a tip, the tipper shall remain anonymous but his initials are TH) and donated \$450.00 to Habitat for Humanity's upcoming Picton build. Many thanks to Tom Shiel for his cook tops, fellowship and pancake mix.

A St Patrick's Day party was organized by Maria and Alfie and everyone had a great time. Simple prizes were awarded and the children seemed to really have fun interacting with the adults

Planning Meetings are now a monthly fact of life for St Philip's, the purpose to provide information to everyone in the congregation on a regular basis. Everyone is invited to attend with the Wardens and Treasurers. The next planning meeting was held Friday March 28th.

Worship in Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 13th

St. John's, Waupoos 9 a.m.

St. Philip's, Milford 11 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 17th

St. John's, Waupoos 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18th

St. Philip's Milford 10 a.m.

Easter Day, April 20th

St. John's, Waupoos 9 a.m.

St. Philip's, Milford 11 a.m.

ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
MISSION STATEMENT

OUR MISSION IS: 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.



Growing on the Vine: Rooted in Christ,
Nourished by Prayer, Maturing in Faith

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The results of voting:

The agenda was to discuss the NCD program, the future thrust of communications, (both internal and external), and basic housekeeping issues, (how to leave the kitchen, recycling, composting, garbage disposal et al). All future monthly planning meetings shall be held the last Tuesday of every month. Tuesday's were considered better days than Fridays, as Fridays are well, Fridays.

Option 1	14
Option 2	0
Option 3	2
Option 4	18

The final decision by majority vote was for Option 4, both to sell the Rectory and to rent it in the interim.

The Special Joint Vestry meeting between St. John's and St. Philip's was held on Sunday 23rd March to discuss the disposition of the Rectory. The meeting was well attended by both churches (it was also Sandwich Sunday so we all ate and visited before the meeting) and a long discussion was held on the pros and cons of the four, following options:

A second monthly meeting has been initiated, the Wardens' and Treasurers' Meeting, to be held the third Tuesday of each month in advance of the monthly planning meeting. The first was held Friday 21 March to discuss the then upcoming special Vestry meeting. We know we said Tuesday's and that's the rule, the first meeting on a Friday was an exception so remain calm.

1. Sell the building and use the ensuing annual interest for church matters;
2. Rent the Rectory as a holiday venue 12 weeks of the year;
3. Rent the Rectory on an annual basis to pre-qualified tenants;
4. Rent the Rectory pro tem while listing the property for sale.

**David Hall – People's Warden (613)
476 – 1532**

**Noel Laine – Rector's Warden (613)
476 - 1750**

In all cases, revenue derived would be shared 50/50 between both congregations and used as determined by each.

ACW REPORT:

As I write this, rain is streaming down our windows washing away winter's grime and snow. I saw a robin yesterday, and Eleanor told me she heard a red winged blackbird a couple of days ago. So longed for, spring is really coming, bringing with it the promise of renewed life and regeneration.

The ACW spent a relatively quiet winter, but spring is a catalyst for us too, and soon we will be in our busiest time. That doesn't mean we spent the whole winter in hibernation.

Thanks to Maria Laine and Alfie Deyo, church members and their guests gathered in the hall for a St. Patrick's Party on Saturday, March 15, 2014. Diets forgotten, we tucked into one delicious potluck feast! (What was that incredible chocolate/mint dessert anyway?) Hunger satisfied, it was on to the second fun part of the evening which revolved around a crazy game of costuming, singing and acting which involved the entire gathering, especially the kids and young people. All of them were outfitted with a "designer original" made of shamrocks which we had to cut out of paper or cloth.

Of course there was a time limit. Total pandemonium! Finally each group had to sing and act out the words of an Irish song with their shamrock decorated "volunteer" as the star of the drama and the rest of the group as backup. Oh my! People were laughing so much they couldn't sing (with a few exceptions, probably not a bad thing). The actors were a bit "green", but overall they got the point across with hilarious results. I guess the real point is that when friends of all ages get together in true fellowship, all you need is some good food and a few creative instructions to get a terrific party going. It was a delightful evening and, thanks to our organizers and the good natured participation of our young people, we all went home with a little bit of Irish magic warming our hearts.

Looking ahead, we are making plans for our Annual Spring Yard and Rummage Sale on May 3 This is always a highlight for the community so, when doing your spring cleaning, please keep us in mind. We cannot accept large items such as furniture, or, electronic or electrical items, but gently used clothing including children's' clothing, household items, books, games, toys, etc. will be much appreciated. Please deliver your items to the church between April 27 to May1 which is when we sort and price items.

Also on our horizon is a Spring/early summer event at which we will showcase and sell some lovely art work which was very kindly donated to our Christmas Bazaar. We are currently looking at holding another Coffee Morning in support of Prince Edward County Hospice. Planning is still in the works for these events so watch the web site and listen for the announcements at church.

As we anticipate the greening of our County, let us give thanks for all the blessings we enjoy in this beautiful place. Let us also contemplate the sacrifice our lord made on our behalf and celebrate his rising from the dead to give us new life. Have a blessed and insightful Easter everyone.

Fran Larkin

President, St. Philip's ACW

**St. Philip's
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2014**

YARD & RUMMAGE SALE - MAY 3RD
10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

CANOE TRIP - MAY 19TH
11.00 a.m. from Guernsey 's

PORK & CORN ROAST - AUG. 6TH
5.30 p.m. -7.00 p.m.

TURKEY SUPPER - SEPT. 17TH
5.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

YARD & RUMMAGE SALE - OCT 4TH
10.00 a.m.– 1.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS TEA - NOV 8TH
2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

Thanks to the leadership of Father David and David Hall many of us enjoyed a fun time at a pancake supper at St. Philip's on Shrove Tuesday. It was a great mix of people from St. Philip's, St. John's and our community. Sylvia Draaistra from Habitat for Humanity attended and spoke to several people about the work Habitat is doing. A freewill donation of \$460 was raised that evening and sent to Habitat for Humanity in support of their work. As a follow up the outreach committee is now preparing to hold a collection day here at St. Philip's whereby our community will be invited to bring goods which are saleable in the ReStore or can be used for e-waste as a way to further support the good work of Habitat for Humanity.

We are also considering providing a meal for the building of the new home which is to take place in Picton this spring.

We have made a commitment to provide lunch for one day for the ROC summer camp for youth to be held in Picton this July.

We sent \$116 to the First Nations Caring Society in support of Shannen's Dream. Thank you to all who contributed to the penny collection and to all who helped to roll the coins! This Lent we are again collecting funds for the Henry Bud College of Native ministry. Thank you Jean for taking the lead again this year.

Thanks to Eleanor and with help from Peggy de Witt, the outreach committee has placed an ad in the County Breakaway Magazine for St. Philip's for 2014.

Here at St. Philip's we use the blue envelopes to raise funds for the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. Led by our primate Archbishop Fred Hiltz the PWRDF is currently involved in a three year food security campaign. Food security refers to the availability of food and one's access to it. The PWRDF has provided us with a Lenten resource which gives some good examples of their work for food security in our world. There are a few copies left on the table at the back of the church. You can also learn more about this effort at www.fredsays.ca.

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The outreach committee continues to hold pot luck supper and movie nights in the hall. The movie in February was "The African Queen".

Our next gathering will be held on Thursday, April 24 - dinner at 6 pm and "Philomena" at 7 pm. Please invite your friends.

Our annual Black River canoe trip will be held on Monday, May 19 with a special ceremony to release blessed water. We will once again have the opportunity to support the Black Crick Chicks in their walk for the Relay for Life to raise funds for the Canadian Cancer Society.

We will also have an opportunity to help Dorothy with her service and luncheon for seniors to be held Thursday, May 27, at the Salvation Army in Picton.

We do have other efforts we are considering and would love to hear new ideas. If you are interested in joining us our next outreach meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 30 at 1:30 pm in the church hall. All are welcome, hope to see you there.

Thank you all for the support you give to outreach efforts at St. Philip's and we wish you a very blessed and Happy Easter!

Paula Walker

FINANCIAL UPDATE – MARCH 25TH 2014

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Income	14,023.35
Expenses	14,836.33
Balance	3,484.89

(\$1,825 is owed to PWRDF)

Payment to Cen.Treas.	12,000.00
Habitat for Humanity	464.35
First Nations Child & Family Caring Society	116.00

Memorial Account

Balance **500.64**

All bills are paid.

Bruce Walker, Treasurer

MINISTRY OF CARDS & PRAYER SQUARE REPORT:

On behalf of all of the St. Philip's Church Family and the ACW thirteen cards and notes – sympathy, get well, thinking of you, confirmation and baby have been sent since the New Year. It is a privilege to do this on your behalf. Please let me know if you know of someone who might be helped by receiving a card from us.

Two prayer squares were made, prayed over and blessed in March for members receiving surgery. Your continuing prayers for people you have prayed for at the time of tying the squares are promised to those who receive them.

Thank you for participating in this ministry.

Eleanor Johnston

A Taize Service of Remembrance

The evening of Sunday, February 9th was cold and snowy, but in the candlelit warmth of St.

Philip's all that was forgotten. A beautiful Taize service of music, meditation, and prayer

remembered those who died so tragically in the nursing home fire in Isle Verte. Coordinated by the Rev. Dorothy Lancaster, the service was led by Chris Yeomans, Rector's Warden at St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in Napanee. His wonderful voice gave flight to the inspiring words and music of the Taize liturgy. Acknowledging the frailty of our physical being, we were encouraged to look beyond that to the glorious future promised us in the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As we remembered the lives lost and the ensuing pain and grief of those left to recover and mourn, the central thought was one of hope - hope and love. Rev. Dorothy provided a book of condolence to be signed by those attending both the regular Sunday service and the Taize service. It will be sent to the parish priest in Isle Verte to share with the community. It is hoped that this simple act will help to encourage and sustain those who mourn. May God bless them and give them peace.

Fran Larkin

Our Memorial Garden

The coming of spring and Easter remind me of our Memorial Garden project that took place in 2001 under the leadership of Wardens Bruce Walker and Arthur Cole, as part of an effort to "Beautify our Church Grounds".

I do not recall a project at St. Philip's that met with such enthusiasm and support. If you recall, we paved the parking lot and driveway, planted shrubs and trees and the focal point was the installation of our Memorial Garden. As stated in the Mirror of the day:

"The reason we are doing this is to provide a fitting spot where we can visit to remember those that are no longer with us but are forever in our hearts. Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Daughter, Son, Aunt, Friend or anyone important to you. The memorial garden is for everyone, not only Anglicans, but those of any religion or faith providing an important, permanent record for all time." We received great support for this project and more than 40 names have been inscribed. The cost is \$200.00 per name and when a few are subscribed, we ask Heritage monuments to engrave the names. Contact Bruce Walker or Bill Cowan if you wish to get involved. If you recall, the idea came from John Jackson who had read about a similar project in New York City at the church of St. John The Divine on 113th Street. Reverend Jay Wegman stated:

"It offers solace to those in search of calm, a place to do some soul searching or to simply contemplate a flower. This week (Sept 16th 2001) many people sought its benches and the shade of its grapevine-covered arbours." We thank John for suggesting this same sort of project at St. Philips.

At a recent bible study, we studied the Samaritan woman visiting a well in the early morning hours and meeting our Lord. As the well is symbolic of a reservoir of faith and hope and life giving nourishment, so is a garden. We recall that Jesus often sought out a garden where he would go to pray and there is none more memorable than his prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane in the days preceding His death. He prayed: "My Father, if it is possible let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will." (Matthew 26: 36-46)

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Spring is also a reminder of the fact that our Church grounds will soon need some care and attention. Diane Walker back in 2001, designed the flower beds and supplied the product and the result speaks for itself. Every year we must tend and care for our Garden so that it can retain its beauty.

Happy Easter;

Bill Cowan, Landscape Committee

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING 2014:

The Annual Vestry Meeting was held on January 26th 2014 and was well attended by 29 members of the congregation.

All Committee Reports were approved. Highlights of note in the reports were: the NCD Questionnaire and the upgrades to the kitchen and building extension including the purchase of a commercial dishwasher.

On the financial side, the opening balance for 2013 was \$5162.87, income was \$60,181.16 with expenses of \$61,987.16. The closing balance for the year was \$3,356.87.

New Business was the extension of Rev. Canon David Smith's terms of service to three quarter time as of April 1st, 2014

Election and appointment of officers: People's Warden, David Hall, Rector's Warden, Noel Laine, Synod Delegate, Paula Walker, Alternate, Bill Cowan

Valerie Jackson, Vestry Clerk.

Note: A special Parish Vestry Meeting on the Rectory was held on March 23rd Information is in the Wardens' Report.



The Taize Service of Remembrance



Leprechauns from the St. Patrick's Day Event

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