



ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Rector: Rev. Canon David Smith

MESSAGE FROM DAVID SMITH

Referring to Jesus of Nazareth Nathaniel asked Philip. "Can anything good come from Nazareth? Philip said to him, "Come and see" John 1: 46

Thank you very much to the wardens, and everyone who continued worship and service so well while I was away on holidays, which as I write are quickly coming to an end. Although I have really enjoyed myself I am also very excited to be returning to my parish family. It is a real honour and joy to be a fellow disciple of Christ alongside the people of St. Philip's and St. John's. When you are away you realize what a privilege it is to worship and serve God in a parish like Marysburgh. For me it is a Christian community that provides opportunities to delight in and reflect upon God's love for the world. It is also a community where our worship, Bible study and fellowship always seem to prompt us to share God's love with others. This is wonderful. I was delighted for example to meet the family who will be moving into the new Habitat for Humanity house in Picton and to think that we helped (along with many others of course) make this happen. They were so happy and so was I.

I am also excited about coming back from holidays because I am looking forward to a wide variety of new opportunities to grow in our faith. To use the Biblical imagery of our Natural

Church Development plan we will be able to grow more and more on the vine of Christ's love. We have a great occasion this September when Bishop Michael will offer a study based on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's life and witness. In conjunction with Mt. Tabor's production of *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* this November I am hoping that Dr. Pierre Zundel a friend of mine and an admirer of C. S. Lewis will be able to present a lecture on Lewis who was one of the great Christian thinkers of the 20th century. The third speaker visiting this fall is near and dear to me as our daughter Kathleen will be speaking on Christian ethics, comparing and contrasting with other western philosophies. Some of the details need to be confirmed but I am really excited about organizing these and other learning ministries.

We also will be welcoming guests who will be leading worship for us. Again dates have to be confirmed but the choir and organist of St. Mary Magdalene's Napanee will be joining us for an Evensong / Taize service. For a completely different expression of musical praise we have invited Jonathan and Elisha's family to lead us in praise with African music. These worship services will be great opportunities to lift our voices in praise.

Obviously you can see I am looking forward to these new opportunities and the occasions they will provide us to invite guests. But it is the daily routine and life of prayer and compassion I am most looking forward to returning to.

It is the weekly gathering around Scripture and Sacrament and the ongoing ways in which we care for each other and reach out in love to those beyond the church family that I am most excited about. It is in these ordinary things that we do over and over again that we primarily see Christ and experience His grace.

In fact it was on a very ordinary day that our patron saint met Jesus and it was on an ordinary day when Philip in turn invited Nathaniel to come and see Jesus just as he had done. There was no special event planned. There was no need because Philip knew that Jesus was the messiah the one that Moses and the prophets had spoken of and so he wanted to invite his friend to come and see for himself. We have the same good news as St. Philip and are called to invite people to join us in celebrating God's love. I realize it is not always easy in our culture and setting to invite people to come to church, to come and see. Perhaps this explains why a very common reason people give for not going to church is that no one ever invited them. Of course I think we should be wise and sensitive in our invitations. Everything we do should always be done in love and with no sense of intimidation or manipulation. Perhaps therefore it is good that we have not only St. Philip but also a person from recent memory as a model for us. Natalie, a parishioner many recall fondly strikes me as a wonderful inspiration for us because people have spoken to me of how she very lovingly and in her own way invited them and others to join her in worship. The legacy of those invitations still lives on in our congregation and into eternity. It is

really beautiful. So I look forward to inviting people to our special events and to our ordinary gatherings which are actually extraordinary gatherings because we believe we are encountered by the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit every time we gather for worship and fellowship.

As always please feel free to contact me if you would like a visit, conversation or prayer.

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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.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WARDEN'S REPORT:

This report is a continuation of our mid-year report and will contain some redundancies, (as we all do).

The Inner Christian Community
Noel, Ailsa, Danny and I are meeting monthly to discuss common issues to both St. John's and St. Philip's, common areas of opportunity and to foster and expand our program of openness and communications. We are partners in the Parish and need to strengthen our ties.

The family, the new owners of the Habitat Home in Picton, was invited to come to the church hall to pick a work of art for their new home. They selected two, to which we all agreed and everyone left happy. The effect of the Habitat for Humanity Art Sale continues with unpurchased art remaining on display, adding life to the hall. We could consider a more permanent collection of our own, or a changing display.

The Pork and Corn Roast was a great success, perhaps the best ever.

We are collecting items for the Christmas Bazaar.

The External Community

The *Driving Doris* program is working well; we have seven drivers who are available to donate their services twice per week. This program could be the prototype for others. All drivers have their Vulnerable Persons Police Checks so we are in compliance with Screening in Faith and our insurance requirements. A second opportunity has presented itself, a Fitness for Seniors Program in the church hall. We will pursue the idea, as we are looking for constructive uses for the hall, uses that serve the greater community.

The July lecture, *The Beginnings of Judaism and the Emergence of Christianity*, delivered by Prof. Patricia Kirkpatrick of McGill University was well-attended, historically illuminating and thought provoking. It gave rise to another proposed program of visiting scholars who would come from Queens and McGill on summer weekends to deliver lectures on their areas of religious expertise. We would host the

lecturers and promote the series to the larger community.

Bishop Oulton's four-part lecture series on Dietrich Bonhoeffer provides another opportunity to open the church to a larger audience. We will discuss ways and means with our advertising guru.

Spiritual Growth

Musings on Practical Christianity
People arrange themselves in strata or levels of influence, as a means of self-identification, a means of self-assurance, as in, I belong here above, not there below. Some societies maintain these strata rigidly, meting out social penalties for transgressions but Christianity crosses all boundaries and lines of containment.

There are, of course, Professional Christians, like severe, ancient aunts in billows of chiffon and clinging, rose-scented perfume, who sniff the air with elevated noses for faint aromas of change or cant, (the same to them), but in the main, Christians want to make the world a better place, to reach out to those in need regardless of station, to grasp the unwanted, to hold the outcast, to welcome the misfit, to uphold the less fortunate, as we all understand suffering and loss and misfortune and wish to follow in Christ's footsteps.

Finances

We have monthly financial reports for both St. Philip's and the Parish of Marysburgh. St. Philip's is in good shape, maintaining all obligations.

Giving

David Larkin, (I know I am not supposed to name names), has taken responsibility for the coffee urn. He took it home to clean the filter and when this proved ineffective he went to Proctor Silex in Picton to ask for a replacement filter. They said they would not give him one but he could buy one for \$3.95. He ordered one.

They then said he could bring in the defective urn and they would replace it free of charge. He did. They then charged him \$1.00 for the replacement filter. We now have a new coffee urn and a replacement filter, just in case, all for \$1.00.

The next time my car needs work I will ask David to take it in.

We may wish to consider long-term goals and instruments like insurance policies, endowments, gifts, etc. The Diocese has a program and will arrange a presentation if we are interested. The Parish of Marysburgh is making a gift of land to the County for use by the Milford Fair. The gift was approved by County Council, 2014-257 and is posted on the County's website. We should thank both Monica Alyea and Councilor Barb Proctor for their work in organizing a presentation to the Committee of the Whole and for stick handling the proposal through the bureaucracy. A presentation will be made at the opening of the Milford Fair including a commemorative plaque created and installed by the South Marysburgh Recreation Committee.

The Rectory

The sale of the Rectory is proceeding with the acceptance of an offer for 95% of the asking price, closing date 28 August 2014. We are waiting for final ratification and will keep you informed.

Future Capital Work

We are planning to repaint the cross on the roof of the church. Noel Laine will coordinate the work.

We are lighting the interior of the bell tower, the light to glow through the existing louver panels.

Bruce Walker has proposed the plan and volunteered to execute it.

We are planning to illuminate the stained glass windows during evening hours with an unobtrusive, no exposed wiring, interior lighting solution. Again, Bruce Walker is the inspiration.

We are also planning on reviewing our interior lighting in general.

If anyone is interested in getting involved, call me or Bruce or Noel or show up at the appointed time.

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT:

Outreach at St. Philip's is not confined to the outreach committee so sometimes is hard to figure out what belongs in this report and what will be covered elsewhere!

Thank you to Jean for taking care of the Lenten collection for The Henry Bud College of Native Ministry again this year. We raised \$535 for the college.

Our canoe trip was blessed with beautiful weather again this year. There was an excellent turnout and great fellowship. We are thankful for the hospitality of Harley and Karen and Rita and David. \$200 was raised for the Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life. Lionel made a wonderful video of the event which included a bit of a commotion between a red wing blackbird and a swan. Another treat was that the Wellington photography club had several members who came along and later shared their photos with us at the Wellington library.

Several members of St. Philip's helped at Dorothy's service for seniors on May 27 at the Salvation Army in Picton with driving, making sandwiches and thank you Fran for representing St. Philip's in the choir! Everyone certainly seemed to have a wonderful time.

At our May meeting Eleanor and Fran spoke to us about the human trafficking workshop they had just attended. Sadly this business is the second largest money-maker in the world and we are not immune from it right here in Canada. Eleanor told us about the dolls she has made for The Rag Doll Project here in our diocese to raise awareness of this issue. We are reminded to pray for all who are suffering.

The outreach committee held a collection day for Habitat for Humanity on May 31 at the church and some contributions came in for the ReStore in Belleville.

We continue to have pot luck suppers with a movie, almost once a month. With so much activity at the church it is hard to have a regular date. Recent evenings featured Philomena, Lilies of the Field and On Golden Pond along with plenty of good food. Please consider bringing your friends.

A wonderful art show was held at the church on a sunny Saturday afternoon in June and you can read all about that in the ACW report. Congratulations on the generous donation to Habitat for Humanity and thank you to all who worked so hard for this worthy event.

Thank you to Rita and David for organizing a lunch for about 150

children at the ROC camp at the high school in Picton on July 7 and also to all who made the macaroni and cheese! David has also taken the lead in arranging rides to clinic appointments for a member of our local community.

Elizabeth Grew is now the PWRDF rep for the diocese and she sends updates on their recent efforts. These notes will be posted on the bulletin board in the hall.

Our next outreach meeting is set for **Wednesday, October 8 at 1:30 p.m.** in the hall. I hope you consider being there. New members and new ideas are always welcome.

Paula Walker & Fran Larkin

ACW REPORT:

I hope you have all enjoyed the gift of this summer. With one golden day following the other and moderate heat and humidity, living in the County has been just about perfect. As I write this, the cool rain is replenishing the earth's moisture - a final encouragement towards a plentiful harvest.

On June 21 the church hall was turned into an art gallery for an **art show and sale** featuring 37 wonderful pieces of art - all gifted to the ACW by various members of the community. We decided to use this amazing gift to support the work of Habitat for Humanity, raising over \$1300.

I want to extend a very special thank you to our art donors, Gail and Jack Moore, Marilyn and Phil Robins, Judy McClure, Caspar Radden, and Bill Cowan.

We needed lots of advice and help in getting the show organized and set up. Shirley Guy, David Hall, Tom Humphries, Father David, Josef Cihlar, played a huge part in pricing, organizing, setting up and publicizing the event. Jean Burrows and Eleanor Johnston assisted Shirley Guy with the food service. Thank you all so much! I also have to mention the excellent cooperation we had from Sylvia Draaistra, the Volunteer Coordinator at Habitat for Humanity. Never having organized an art show before, it was a unique experience for me and I learned a lot, meeting some terrific people along the way.

Included on that list is the family who will move into the 'Habitat' house at the end of this month. At Fr. David's suggestion we invited them to come out to St. Philip's and choose a painting for their new home as a gift from St. Philip's. Connie and her two children were excited at the prospect. The kids focused on one painting and Mom on another so we suggested they take them both, much to their delight. The family is still a bit dazed at the thought they were chosen to be the new owners of the Habitat build in Picton. Connie remarked, "It's like a dream." Seeing the happiness and security their new home has meant to this family, we can only feel blessed that we were able to be a small part of their dream. We wish them every success and a happy future.

August 7 was a gorgeous day for the **Corn & Pork Roast**. Sunny and warm, the weather encouraged lots of folks to follow Leigh's signs to St. Philip's for a delicious dinner. They arrived before five and kept coming, resulting in the largest crowd we have ever fed – 205 people. It really was a 'loaves & fishes' moment, but coordinators, Diane Walker and Sally Cowan, kept their cool and managed it beautifully. As always, the food was excellent and Sally & Diane had the hall and outside tables looking fabulous. It was a class act, ladies. Thank you so much for your excellent coordination. Thank you too to all of you who helped out in other various capacities. It was a long day and I know you worked hard, but thanks to you the ACW made a profit of \$2151.29 to support our church and various local charities.

Fall is the ACW's busiest time so gets lots of sleep, eat healthy food, and fasten your seat belts for:

The Turkey Supper: Wednesday, September 17 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Coordinated by Elizabeth Robb & Paula Walker.

The Fall Yard and Rummage Sale: Saturday, October 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Coordinated by Shirley Guy. Set up day: Thursday, October 5.

The Christmas Tea & Bazaar: Saturday, November 8 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Coordinated by Valerie Jackson and Fran Larkin (Bazaar) Sally Cowan & Diane Walker (Tea Room)

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Please remember the **Yard & Rummage Sale** and the **Christmas Bazaar** as you begin to think about Fall housecleaning. We cannot accept electronic items like computers, Tvs, or large pieces of furniture, but will be glad to receive donations of clothing, jewelry, decorative items, dishes and other small household goods for the Rummage Sale – you know the drill. The Christmas Bazaar is a treasure trove of gently used quality items, (excepting clothing), jewelry, home sewn and knitted items, home made food items, Christmas decorations. It is always fascinating to see what will turn up and we are so grateful for all donations.

So let's put on our game faces, roll up our sleeves and have some fun over the next three months. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the event coordinators or bring them to the next ACW meeting which will be held on **September, 10 at 1:30** in the Church Hall.

Hope to see you there! (Guys are welcome too you know.)

Fran Larkin, President ACW

FINANCIAL UPDATE – SEPT. 6TH 2013

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Income	42,832.70
Expenses	41,885.61
Balance	4303.96

\$1030.00 is owed to PWRDF to be paid in October.

Payment to Cen.Treas.	28,000.00
Habitat for Humanity	2,144.35
1 st Nations' Child & Caring	116.00
PWRDF	4,050.00

Memorial Account

Balance 472.14

All bills are paid. The amount owing on the loan is below \$7,000

Bruce Walker, Treasurer

ARTICLE BY BILL COWAN

LEST WE FORGET!!

It is fitting that on the 100 anniversary of World War 1 that we remember a soldier who was an integral part of our Parish. The Reverend Wm. Rolfe Seaborne was the incumbent of the Parish from 1903 and 1911. He and his family lived in the Rectory. His son, Private Benjamin Minter Seaborne went off to serve in the war and never returned. His family erected plaques at St. John's and St. Philip's to honour his memory. The plaque at St. Philip's survived the fire of 1920 and is still in its prominent position at the rear of the church.

The following, is from the book "East and West of The Rock". The chapter was written by Lieutenant Colonel Murray Guy, retired, Canadian Armed Forces. This piece superbly captures the moment and place in time when Private Benjamin gave his life for his country:

"What was the battle of the Somme? Where was the Regina trench? What was Pte. Benjamin Seaborne and his infantry comrades-in-arms confronted with in Regina trench? The battle of the Somme lasted for five months, from July to mid November 1916. It was a deadly struggle between a million men on each side of a thirty-mile front, between the towns of Amiens and Peronne, in North

Western France. The Canadian corps of four military divisions participated in the last stage of the Battle of The Somme. Its task was to seize the town of Courcellette and the maze of German trenches around and beyond it. After seven weeks of fighting, all of these objectives were achieved, except for the Regina trench, about 2 Km to the north of Courcellette.

Regina trench was a very difficult objective, tucked behind a limestone ridge, and fronted by tons of concertina barbed wire. It was defended by the German Marines. An attack on it by the 1st Division had been bloodily repulsed. It was now the turn of the 4th Division to try. Benjamin Seaborne's 47th Battalion was part of the 4th Division. They attacked at midnight on November 10. Behind an artillery barrage, stumbling through shell holes and churned up barbed wire, they found themselves in the Regina trench. In the chaos and terror of close quarter fighting, they cleared it of the enemy. Benjamin Seaborne was not one of the survivors.

Canadian casualties (killed, wounded, and missing) in the Somme were 24,029. Total British and Commonwealth casualties were 420,000. The French lost nearly 200,000 and the Germans probably about 450,000. The memorial plaque for Benjamin Seaborne is a fitting Tribute to him, and to all the fallen, and to the loss and anguish felt by their families and loved ones. Lest we forget!"

Please take the time to stop and observe this plaque in the memory of Benjamin and think that he sat in these very same pews.

Thank- you Murray for not forgetting his supreme sacrifice.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

As ever there is so much going on at St. Philip's. Photos courtesy of Josef Cihlar



Workers in the kitchen keeping up with serving 205 people at the Pork & Corn Roast. WOW! Really a loaves and fishes moment



Fr. David held preparation sessions for the children's first communion on May 4th which was attended by Bishop Michael. Here are Sawyer, Maxwell Kate & Maeve.

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