



ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Rector: Rev. Canon David Smith

MESSAGE FROM DAVID SMITH



Let mutual love continue. Hebrews 13:1

Over the summer while anticipating with real excitement my new ministry as part time priest in the Parish of Marysburgh, I had the good fortune to read an excellent book about the Parable of the Prodigal Son. In one chapter the author Timothy Keller was arguing that we are unable to grow spiritually apart from a deep involvement in a community of other believers. He says that, "you can't live the Christian life without a band of christian friends, without a family of believers in which you find a place." As I read this, I thought to myself that in my current ministry I have no band of Christian friends that I call family but that soon I would. Keller went on to convey a beautiful illustration of this from C.S. Lewis's life that I found very moving and further reinforced how excited I was to be soon be joining the Parish of Marysburgh.

C. S. Lewis was part of a famous circle of friends called the Inklings which included J.R.R. Tolkien, the author of The Lord of the Rings. One of the members was the author Charles Williams who died unexpectedly and Lewis in his book The Four Loves wrote a meditation on his death entitled "Friendship". Lewis said "In each of my friends there is something that only some other friend can fully bring out. By myself I am not large enough to call the whole man into activity; I want other lights than my own to show all the facets. Now that Charles is dead, I shall never again see Ronald's (Tolkien) reaction to a specifically Charles joke. Far from having more of Ronald to myself now that Charles is away I have less of Ronald." Keller went on to argue that similarly in our relationship with Jesus we get to grow in our love and knowledge of Him as we belong to a band of Christian friends. "Only if you are a part of a community of believers seeking to resemble, serve, and love Jesus will you ever get to know Him and grow into His likeness" I am really looking forward to learning more about the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love God by meeting and serving every member of St. Philip's . I have already been blessed by examples of faithfulness reflected to me in this Christian family and I look forward to growing in faith alongside of you as we worship, and serve Christ. I am excited and looking forward to how we can partner with God in building For God's Kingdom and I am anticipating lots of fun, laughter, joy, and love along the way.

If I can ever be of service to you please do not hesitate to contact me especially in times of illness or when you would appreciate prayer or conversation. My cell phone number is 613 929 2757, my home number is 613 354 5229 and my e-mail address is

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Wishing you God's peace and grace.

David

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:

WARDENS' REPORT:

Rev. Canon David Smith presented the results of the NCD Questionnaire to the St. Philip's congregation on March 24, 2013. The NCD Committee consisting of Paula Walker, Fran Larkin, Valerie Jackson, Josef Cihlar, Noel Laine and Leigh Scott, under the guidance of Rev. Canon David Smith, developed a NCD Action Plan. This was presented to the congregation by Rev. Canon David Smith on Sunday June 2, 2013. The Action Plan is titled "Growing on the Vine" - Rooted in Christ - Nourished by Prayer - Maturing in Faith. This Programme will continue into 2014.

The DIY Lenten Bible Study utilizing the video series "Surprised by Hope" by Bishop N. T. Wright was completed on April 2, 2013. Subsequently June Anne Johnstone led us through an 8 week Bible Study of Philippian's that was completed June 3, 2013.

On Sunday April 21, 2013 Bishop Michael Oulton celebrated Holy Eucharist in a combined Parish service at St. Philip's. He announced that Rev. Susan DeGruchy would be leaving us on July 31, 2013 to retire. Subsequently Rev. Susan DeGruchy on April 25, 2013 went off on indefinite sick leave. Thank you to everyone that assisted Rev. Susan DeGruchy in her preparation for her move and for putting the Rectory into a presentable condition after the move was accomplished. Thank you to Bill Cowan for arranging all the required outside services

A special thank you to Rev. Stan Whitehouse, Rev. Dorothy Lancaster, Rev. Canon David Smith, Rev. Canon Thora Rowe, Rev. Canon Bob Hales and our Lay Readers Paula Walker and Theresa Hilborn for providing the Parish of Marysburgh Sunday services in the absence of Rev. Susan De Gruchy through May to the end of August. Also thank you to Rev. Andrew Wilson for acting as our Interim Priest in Charge.

On June 14, 2013 Bishop Michael Oulton met with the Wardens of the Parish of Marysburgh and proposed a Team Ministry consisting of Rev. Andrew Wilson and Rev. Canon David Smith for the three parishes in Prince Edward County. St. Mary Magdalene turned down the proposal. A second round of proposals resulted in Bishop Michael Oulton appointing Rev. Canon David Smith as Priest in Charge of the

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Parish of Marysburgh. This is a half time position with the Parish of Marysburgh and half time as the Stewardship & Congregational Development Coordinator - Diocese of Ontario. Rev. Canon David Smith's term commenced September 1, 2013. This appointment will be reviewed in April of 2014.

If anyone has any issues or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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

Leigh Scott - People's Warden (613) 476-7660

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT:

Due to Rev. Susan De Gruchy's unavailability, the **Special Vestry Meeting** originally scheduled for April 22, 2013 was rescheduled to **June 2, 2013** chaired by the Interim Priest in Charge Rev. Andrew Wilson. At this Special Vestry Meeting approval was obtained to purchase and install a commercial dishwasher in the kitchen and to construct a Storage Room Addition to the buildings. Also approved was the securing of a loan from the Diocese to accomplish these projects.

We begin with a note from Fran about the creating a parish website – by Fran Larkin

- Jot some things down
- Throw in some pictures of people & events
- Set up a calendar of events

It's done, right? Wrong!!!

On June 25, 2013 Leigh Scott made the presentation at the Synod Council Meeting in Kingston and received from the Diocese of Ontario approval to construct the new building and a Capital Loan of \$10,000.

You may have noted this 'work in progress' has been going on since last winter with great pronouncements as to its state of readiness being issued from time to time. I guess the one thing we have learned is that it will always be a work in progress. You think you have it all done and then everything changes, or, you find a better way to do something, or, you realize you have left out some vital detail. The process has definitely included a steep learning curve with lots of toe stubbing along the way, but interesting all the same. Emily, Josef, and yours truly have put in a fair number of hours to get it to its present state. You can find the site at

Building drawings by an approved Designer were completed and an application for a Building Permit was submitted on July 12, 2013 and a Building Permit was issued on July 24, 2013. Thank you to Murray Guy, Bruce Walker and Josef Cihlar for completing the installation of the commercial dishwasher and kitchen modification in time for the Corn and Pork Roast Dinner on August 7, 2013. The construction of the Storage Room Addition has progressed steadily throughout August. The storage Room has been partitioned to provide a small cozy office for Rev. Cannon David Smith at St. Philip's.

www.parishofmarysburgh.ca Take a look and let us know what you think. Is it welcoming? Is it easy to use for visitors as well as members? Is it informative? Is it attractive? Does it contain too much information, or, not enough? All constructive comments will be welcome.

Remember – the site is a work in progress. If you want something posted, please send it me at frnlrkn@gmail.com The Web Managers reserve the right to review and edit all submissions.

Other recent outreach items include a Lenten collection for The Henry Bud College of Native Ministry. Thanks to your generosity and Jean's organization, \$445 was raised to support the training of First Nations priests.

On the Monday of the long week-end in May over 110 people enjoyed the annual canoe trip down Black River. It was another beautiful day and we appreciate Harley and Karen yet again allowing us to set off from their property and thanks to Rita and David for hosting the lunch and to all who help with the food and transporting canoes. Later that week on May 23, several members of St. Philip's assisted at Dorothy Lancaster's service for seniors at the new location, The Salvation Army, Picton.

Eleanor Johnston took the lead and organized something new in June. St. Philip's joined several other groups and hosted a coffee party for Hospice. Fran designed an attractive flier and for less than \$20 these fliers were put in each of ninety-six mailboxes in the Milford Post Office. This is something to keep in mind for another time when we might like to reach so many members of our local community. By a freewill offering \$382 was raised for Hospice Prince Edward. Fran has since become a volunteer with Hospice Prince Edward and we wish her well in this worthy effort. In July Jean and Pat attended the

official opening and had a tour of the Hospice Prince Edward now open in Picton.

We continue to get together for pot luck suppers and a film in the hall. In July we enjoyed Maggie Smith in "Quartet" and in August the film was Ang Lee's stunning adaptation of "The Life of Pi". The food is always great. Please consider inviting your friends. The next such occasion is set for **Thursday, September 26** with dinner at **6 p.m.** The film will be "Unfinished Song", a British comedy starring Terence Stamp.

The outreach committee is in need of renewal. It is time to take a look at what we want to do as a committee and as a church. All are welcome to take part in this discussion, however, a time to meet needs to be determined and hopefully will be announced soon.

Thank you all for the support you give to outreach efforts at St. Philip's.

Fran Larkin

Paula Walker

ACW REPORT:

Another summer is almost over and here we are gearing up for a very busy Fall season at St. Philip's. Having said that you cannot say that the summer has been quiet. Back in the spring, the ACW was tasked with doing research on commercial dishwashers. We contacted 12 local churches and community centres to get feedback on their dishwashers. A couple of places had other types, but overall the Moyer Diebel topped the list. We passed this information on to the Building

Committee and they did their magic with plumbing and electricity as well as cabinets, creating a fabulous kitchen upgrade. Our sincere thanks to the Building Committee for making this happen with special thanks to Murray & Bruce. Thanks, too, for all the work being done on the new extension. Part office, part storage space, it will provide our priest with some needed privacy as well as allowing for storage of all those boxes under the tables in the church hall.

Our new efficient high temperature commercial dishwasher and wonderful rejigged kitchen includes a large centre island. This updated space had its trial run with the Corn & Pork Roast. I was away for this event, but the feedback from the other kitchen workers was positive plus, plus. The clean dishes kept rolling through all evening and the clean up was complete about two hours earlier than usual with a big drop in the amount of water used. The kitchen workers loved the island as they had lots of space to work - a major improvement. Numbers were down a bit, but the rain held off until it was over, and Diane and Sally can take a bow for another successful Corn & Pork Roast.

As if a new kitchen configuration wasn't enough, the Corn & Pork Roast workers were labouring under new food handling rules initiated as a result of Alfie & Maria attending the Food Handlers' Course sponsored by the Public Health Department. A lot of it is common sense, but some of it seems to defy sense until you really think about it. However, we have to do our utmost to comply if we wish to continue to serve food to the public. I want to thank everyone for

being such good sports about adhering to the new regulations, including donning the aprons and head coverings. We still have a few glitches to work out, but overall, I gather it went well. We will be taking a look at all that at our next ACW meeting and see where we can improve our techniques. If you have any comments or suggestions, please let me know before September 11 fnlrkn@gmail.com so I can include them in our discussions.

The Turkey Supper looms on the horizon on Wednesday, September 18. The 'Turkey Ladies' met on August 26 to get on with planning. Elizabeth Robb and Paula Walker are in charge of this event, and seem very organized with lists for everything. We need lots of help for this event so please speak to one of the organizers to see where you can be most useful. I would remind you that, in keeping with our new food regulations, no one is allowed in the kitchen unless properly kitted out and involved in a task. Thank you for your support.

Dare I mention that, following on the heels of the Turkey Supper, comes the Fall Yard & Rummage Sale to be held on Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m. Please remember us when you are thinking Fall cleaning. We welcome donations of gently used clothing, household items and dishes, jewelry, toys, wall art, etc. Regretfully, we can no longer accept electronic equipment, large pieces of furniture, or, electrical appliances. Donations may be left in the church or church hall, but please refrain from dropping anything off until after the Turkey Supper.

The Hastings/PEC Regional ACW Meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 17th** at Christ Church, Glen Miller. The cost is \$12 per person and \$8 for clergy. Pre-registration is required. To register, please contact Fran Larkin at 613-476-6824. All St. Philip's ladies are invited to attend.

Our next ACW meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 11** at 1:30 at St. Philip's. All St. Philip's women are invited to attend. The ACW provides a meaningful way for women to serve the church in a spirit of fun and friendship.

As we enjoy the bounty of Summer and the beauty of Fall, let us rejoice in the many blessings we have received from God's hands and give thanks. Have a happy Thanksgiving everyone.

Fran Larkin, President ACW

| St. Philip's CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013 | |
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| TURKEY SUPPER | - SEPT. 18TH |
| YARD & RUMMAGE SALE | - OCT 5TH |
| CHRISTMAS TEA | - NOV. 9TH |

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Following special Vestry's approval of a dishwasher and the construction of an added space, work proceeded rapidly on both projects (see also pictures in this Newsletter). After the wardens secured a loan from the Diocese, a Moyer Diebel dishwasher was selected by the ACW and purchased

from Trent Valley store in Belleville. Bruce Walker and Murray Guy led the construction of a dishwashing line by reworking the existing counter, adding a sink, installing the dishwasher, and connecting all with plumbing. They also purchased four cupboards and assembled these into an island with a large both storage capacity and countertop workspace. The new capabilities were subjected to a tough test on 7 August during the Corn and Pork Roast supper, when an ACW crew competently managed the dishwasher operation and convincingly demonstrated the correctness of the choices made.

The construction of an added space started on 25 July, following an earlier removal of a non-functional chimney outside the Hall. Although simple in principle (adding a wall next to the Sacristy and a covering roof), the work was slow and difficult because of the need to connect to the existing structure, including rough external walls. The construction work was expertly led by Joe Surman with Murray Guy and Josef Cihlar spending many hours on the site. The exterior and interiors of the two rooms (small office for the clergy and new storage space) were completed on 6 September (except for the siding on order), with the interior furniture still to be added. – During the construction period, the vestibule adjacent to the existing Hall was also updated, with a removal of the storage closet, replacement of the paneling with drywall, and repainting all with the same colour scheme as the Hall, kitchen and washroom.

Both construction projects required substantial electrical work, including the relocation of the meter box, bringing

power to the dishwasher, and electrifying the two added rooms. Joel and Mike Walker and Josh Guernsey were most helpful in expertly carrying out these tasks so that the other work could proceed expeditiously, with 3 September as the electrical completion date.

Submitted by Josef Cihlar for the Building Committee

FINANCIAL UPDATE – SEPT. 6TH 2013

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| | \$ |
| Income | 37,035.00 |
| Expenses | 40,874.35 |
| Balance | 1,353.25* |

*\$1555.00 is owed to PWRDF to be paid in October.

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| Payment to Cen.Treas. | 28,500.00 |
| PWRDF | 3,475.00 |
| Henry Bud | 455.00 |

Memorial Account

Balance 6834.53

All bills are paid

Bruce Walker, Treasurer

Article by Bill Cowan

Question: What do Gord Deyo, Bill Cowan and Eleanor Johnston have in common?

Other than being frequent visitors at St. Philip's, they all have roots in the Hudson Valley, New York State. Gordie in New Paltz, Eleanor in Fishkill and Bill in Fishkill and Rotterdam Junction.

These places are very close to each other geographically, but not close politically.

Gord's American beginnings had a grandpere Christian Deyo arrive in New Amsterdam in July 1675 after fleeing with his family from religious persecution in Europe due to their Calvinist beliefs. In fact Gord's family can be traced back to the 10th century to a castle in the Jura Mountains between France and Switzerland. When he and Alfie win the lottery they should charter a jet and take us all there for a party. It is located 4 km east of Pointarlier, 52 km from Neuchatel and 63 km from Lausanne.

When Christian Deyo died in 1687, his son Pierre built the first stone house on Huguenot Street, New Paltz in 1692 and it remained virtually unchanged until 1894 when it was remodeled in the Victorian style that it remains today. You can Google it and see it for yourself. It is now a National Historic Landmark. A majority of the Deyo's sided with the Patriots in the Revolution.

Eleanor's family the Alger's, were divided, however a Lt. William B. Alger a vestryman at Trinity Episcopal Church in Fishkill was honoured as a local hero when he joined the Patriots. My relatives, the Mabees and the Davids were also split with the Fishkill Mabees (Simon & family) remaining staunch loyalists, while his brother in Rotterdam Junction (Mabee House, Historic Site) on the Mohawk River joined the Patriot cause. The Davids were in the most part Loyalists, however, the odd one signed on with the Patriots. My great, great, great grandmother Rachel Mabee (from Fishkill) married Alexander Cowan Jr. in

1831 in Western Ontario. She is descended from Pieter Gaspard Mabee Van Naerden one of the many who also fled to New Amsterdam (New York) to avoid religious persecution in the early 1600s as did the Davids also originally from the Netherlands.

It could be dangerous to be declared a Loyalist in those days. Simon Mabee Jr. my grandfather Frederick Mabee's brother was accused of being a spy for the British and was hanged in Fishkill Prison on April 15th 1777. Needless to say the rest of the family living in Fishkill were targets and badly mistreated by their patriot neighbours.

One of the neighbours might have been Englebert Huff a relative of Eleanor's who is famous for living to the ripe old age of 128. His family were Loyalists and moved in the late 1700's to the Quinte area (Huff's Island). I will let Eleanor fill you in on the details.

The Hudson Valley and Fishkill are very pleasant places to visit and I suggest that when you get there, take a drive to New Paltz to visit Gord's family mansion and get a true taste of the Huguenot history that abounds there.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

As ever there is so much going on at St. Philip's. We welcome David to the parish and look forward to his ministry with us.

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The busy bees from the Building Committee – Bruce & Murray
 Photos by Josef.



The Kitchen Gang – hats & aprons

