



# ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## A. OUR MISSION:

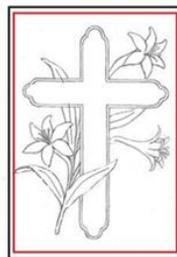
***TO BE A CHRISTIAN CENTRE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD, BRINGING MEMBERS CLOSER TO CHRIST, PROCLAIMING THE WORD AND MAKING HIS LOVE KNOWN TO ALL.***

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

## B. RECENT EVENTS - IN REVIEW:



Kathleen, Welcome to Kenya Jan??



SP's Hello to Kenya Jan22



SP Annual Vestry Feb26



St. Patrick's celeb Mar17



Lent study on Creation Mar22



Ted Foy on Leaf River Mar26



Bishop Michael Retreat Apr 01



Bishop Michael SP service Apr 02

### C. **COMING EVENTS\*:**

- April 12: Wednesday in Holy Week April 12 at 7:00p.m. South Bay United Church. Reflective, Contemplative Prayer.
- April 13: Maundy Thursday April 13 at 7:00 p.m. St. Philip's Holy Eucharist and stripping of altar. Guest preacher Janelle Shaw.
- April 14: Good Friday worship April 14 at 2:00p.m. Cherry Valley United Church.
- April 16: Easter Sunrise Service April 16 at 6:15a.m. St. John's Waupoos followed by a pancake breakfast 7:00 a.m. – 8:30a.m.
- April 16: Easter Holy Communion April 16 at 11:00 a.m. (St. Philip's).
- April 19: Women's Bible study at Ailsa Robinson's at 9:30.
- April 19: ACW meeting at St. Philip's at 1:30.
- April 23: Easter Festival of Lessons and Carols at Her Majesty's Chapel Royal of the Mohawk, Tyendinaga at 5:00 pm.
- April 29: Yard and Rummage Sale at St. Philip's starting at 10:00 am.
- April 30: Food bank Sunday at St. John's and St. Philip's. Sandwich Sunday and congregational meeting at St. Philip's.
- May 2-May 7: Rev. Harold Percy in Prince Edward County for Discover Week: An opportunity to explore and share the story of Jesus. Invite your friends!
- May 4: Community BBQ at 6:00 pm and service with talk by Rev. Harold Percy "*Regrets, I've Had A Few*" at 7:00 pm.
- May 9: Service and luncheon for seniors at the Salvation Army, Picton at 11:00 am.
- May 22: Annual canoe trip on Black River starts at Guernsey's at 11:00 am.

### **ONGOING EVENTS:**

- Mondays: Choir practice at St. Philip's at 4:30.
- Thursdays: Volunteers listen to children read at Athol-South Marysburgh School from 10:30 to 11:20.
- Fridays: Service of morning prayer is held at St. Philip's at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome.

### D. **MINISTER'S MESSAGE:**

Dear friends,

I am very excited to be soon celebrating Easter, and I am so pleased that our very good friend Dorothy Lancaster will be celebrant and preacher. Having Dorothy back with us will help to make special our celebration of Christ's triumphant victory over death.

It is always good to mark this great feast with special things of beauty and joy. I am excited that we will begin Easter outdoors with a Sunrise service on the beautiful Waupoos shore across from St. John's as the sun rises (at 6:15 a.m.).

To me the Easter lilies, beautiful on their own, add that special touch by reminding us to sing out with joy; to proclaim with a trumpet blast that Jesus Christ is Risen - He is Risen Indeed!! I love singing this wonderful message on Easter Sunday morning - it sends shivers down my spine. So I am very grateful to our musicians at St. John's and St. Philip's who share their talents to encourage us in this praise. My dream is that one year we will have a trumpeter; but regardless, we can sing out loud God's praises.

Yet as I write this message I am aware that celebrating Easter is an all- year- long activity, and it has very personal and practical implications in places with no choirs or trumpets. This week I

read a very moving testimony in the most recent Anglican Journal of a man who has suffered from severe mental illness for 40 years to the point of great despair. But he said that he has always chosen life because he knew that he was not alone and that Christ was with him. He went on to say that because of our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection he knew that the final word was the Father's undying love. For me his words were as powerful as any trumpet blast to the daily recognition of the deep meaning of Holy Week and Easter.

The writer's words also reminded me that the good news of Easter is not to be marked in our corporate worship only once a year but must be lived out in our daily lives as individuals and together as the church. We can convey the final word of God's undying love in so many simple and hopeful ways. We can have a kind conversation over coffee with someone who is lonely. We can plant trees and do our best to care for creation. We can volunteer or donate to a worthy charity that relieves suffering at home or abroad. We can introduce people to the stories of God's love in the person of Jesus that meant so much to the man who wrote in the Journal. I am excited that we will all have an opportunity to do this when Harold Percy speaks about Christ's love during his time with us May 2<sup>nd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>.

I am delighted to welcome you to our Holy Week and Easter worship and may you and your loved ones have a blessed Easter.

Love in Christ

David

## E. **NEWS:**

### *E1. Wardens' report*

Thank you for the privilege of being your Wardens. As we are anxious to fulfill our duties if you have ideas or concerns you think we should address please do not hesitate to let us know. Everyone is welcome at the Warden's meetings if they wish to come. Our next quarterly meeting combined with Sandwich Sunday will be on April 30. Thank you very much to Ted Foy for sharing photos and stories from his recent canoe trip on the Leaf River in Quebec at the March 26 sandwich Sunday.

We had a productive vestry meeting on February 26 and we thank the building committee for taking on the roofing project. We will soon begin planning for a visioning day to take place later this year. We heard about outreach efforts to build a relationship with the Parish of Tyendinaga. Please note that we have been invited to a service of Easter Lessons and Carols at Christ Church Royal Chapel, April 23 at 5:00 pm. We are also looking forward to Discover Week from May 2 to May 7 with gifted speaker Rev. Harold Percy which will include a community barbeque and service at St. Philip's on May 4.

This year our Easter celebrations will include a Taize service at a local United Church on Wednesday, April 12, a Maundy Thursday service at St. Philip's at 7:00 pm, a Good Friday service at a United Church, and a sunrise Easter service at St. John's at 6:15 am to be followed with a pancake breakfast at 7:00. We look forward to having Rev. Dorothy Lancaster lead our Easter morning service of worship at St. Philip's at 11:00 am. All the services are summarized in the Coming Events (section C. above) and we hope to see you there.

The committee reports are always very complete and thank you to all who wrote them. We would also like to thank Tom Sheil and his helpers for the pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday and Alfie for planning and hosting the St. Patrick's Day party. As we write this we are looking

forward to Bishop Michael's talk at Wesley Acres on April 1 on the Gospel for a hurting world and to David and Esther's slide show and talk of their trip to Kenya at our potluck supper set for April 6. We are grateful to Archdeacon Bob Hales for taking our Communion services while Father David and Esther were away and we look forward to seeing him and Faye again soon.

We would like to say thank you to Louise and David Bazett-Jones for their hospitality as many of us are enjoying a four-week Lenten study on creation spirituality that includes an evening meal in their home. As always, thank you to Father David for his tireless efforts in the churches on our behalf and to all who support and care for St. Philip's in so many ways.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

Wardens

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## *£2. ACW report*

The ACW ladies met at the home of Eleanor Johnston on February 15<sup>th</sup> to make some plans for the coming year's activities.

On March 17, we hosted our annual St. Patrick's potluck and party. There was a good turnout and we formed teams to play a game (thanks to Maria Hughes) about "classic" books and movies.

Our next meeting is planned for Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall and we would like to extend an invitation to all the ladies to attend.

It's hard to believe it is springtime with the snowy and chilly mornings lately, but the birds are back and there are buds on the trees. This is a time for spring cleaning and downsizing for some of us and the ACW's Yard & Rummage Sale is looking for your donations. The sale will be held on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and Shirley Guy will be looking for your donations and your help both in setting up and on the day of the event.

The Diocesan ACW is hosting its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 11 at Christ Church, Cataraqui, Kingston. This year it will not interfere with our Yard & Rummage Sale and I do hope that there will be a good turnout from St. Philip's Church. Bishop Michael Oulton will celebrate the Eucharist and our guest speaker is Charmaine Kosler, Executive Director of New Life Girls' Home.

There is also a National Gathering for All Anglican Women being held Thursday June 15 to Sunday June 18 at Redeemer University College, Ancaster (near Hamilton). Join In – Conversation with Primate Fred Hiltz, Workshops for Prayer, Indigenous Ministries, Church Volunteer, PWRDF, Storytelling of the Gospel, the ACC & Assisted Death and much more. I have all the details if you are interested – 613 476-5390.

We are looking forward to participating in the upcoming week in May with Rev. Harold Percy. It will be a busy time but should be rewarding to us all.

Now, I wish all of you a blessed Lenten season and a joyous Easter with your loved ones.

Alfie Deyo, President

### **E3. Outreach report**

The outreach committee is preparing for a community barbeque to be held at 6:00 pm St. Philip's on Thursday May 4. At 7:00 pm there will be a service in the church and Rev. Harold Percy will give a talk "*Regrets, I've Had a Few*". We will have a sign-up sheet for those who are willing to help by providing a salad or squares. This evening will be part of "*Discover Week: an opportunity to explore and share the story of Jesus*" during which Rev. Percy will be speaking at all four Anglican churches in the county and at other venues.

We are looking at ways to build a relationship with our neighbours in Tyendinaga and hope to have a Strawberry Social later in June. Jean has kindly taken charge of our annual collection for Henry Bud College of Ministry.

So far this year, we have had three potluck supper movie nights. Tom Sheil and a few other men of our congregation prepared a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday which raised \$445 for the Diocesan Refugee Committee. We were happy to celebrate our Ash Wednesday service with some folks from the local United Churches and to have their minister Janelle Shaw as our preacher.

Following the discussion at our most recent outreach meeting, David and Esther will be sharing photos and stories from their recent visit to Kenya at a potluck supper to begin at 6:00 pm on Thursday, April 6. We will also be having a five-week Bible study; the study material was prepared by the Council of the North and the first session will be held at Eleanor's on Wednesday, May 17 starting at 7:00 pm.

The annual service and luncheon for seniors will be held on May 9 at the Salvation Army; we will be asking for help and for food. We do appreciate all the contributions to making this event a success. Please consider inviting seniors you know who would benefit from attending.

We are grateful for the support of our church gives to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. In recent weeks, special donations have been made to support their work for famine relief in South Sudan.

Thanks to organizers Emily and Ben we can be looking forward to our annual canoe trip on Black River on Monday, May 22. Once again, we will set off from Harley and Karen Guernseys by 11:00 am.

Thank you to all who contribute to the work of the outreach committee. All are welcome to attend our meetings, including the one we hope to have later this spring.

Thank you for all your support.

Paula Walker, Chair

### **E4. Building Committee Report**

At its annual meeting of 26 Feb 2017, the Vestry authorized the Building Committee to seek bids for replacing the existing roofing on the Church Hall and Kitchen, at a cost not exceeding \$12,000, with the project to be completed in 2017.

Bids have been requested from four contractors to replace the existing roofing to match the type and colour of the steel roof on the church. Three quotes were received by the closing date of March 31. Based on these, the estimated cost is \$12000.00, allowing for a 10% contingency. In accordance with Vestry, funding is to be provided by 1) voluntary contributions from the congregation and 2) a combination of 2a) a request for a grant from the Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) and/or 2b) a loan from the Diocese to make up the difference. An AFC grant, if approved, would cover up to 50% of the cost (\$6000.00) and must be submitted for consideration

by the AFC before 1 September 2017. This would allow all the funding arrangements to be finalized during the summer months and the project to be undertaken in the fall, after the AFC decision.

The fundraising is already underway. To date, voluntary contributions received from the congregation add up to \$1200.00, and we look forward to further contributions during the spring and summer.

Murray Guy for the Building Committee

### **E5. *Budget update to March 31, 2017***

#### Operating Account:

Income \$15,215.00; Expenses \$14,095.52;

Balance \$676.97.

All bills received have been paid.

#### Memorial Account:

Balance \$3,322.27.

We have paid the central treasurer \$9,000.

The loan has been repaid in full.

First quarter report will be posted in the hall on April 30.

Bruce Walker, Treasurer

### **F. REFLECTIONS:**

#### ***F1. Called to Love: Matthew 5: 38-48\****

Retaliation! “An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.” The world of Jesus’ day was under the law of retaliation. Even though it may sound cruel to us, this law improved life greatly. Before the law, revenge could be unlimited.

Here our Lord now takes even that standard and moves it to much higher ground. “But I say to you, do not resist one who is evil.” Do not resist through violent means of self-defence. Jesus is saying that the mere fact that wrong has been done to a person does not give that person license to also do wrong.

Someone strikes you, turn the other cheek. Being sued? Give them not only your coat but your cloak as well! Forced to do something you do not want to do? Do more, do it better!

I think there is a common theme among these assaults to one’s person. Humiliation. To be slapped on the cheek is insulting. To be sued is damaging. To be forced to do something against your will is degrading. All of this in a society where pride, honour, and what we might call ‘face’ were very important. Is it any less important in our society today? Nobody likes to be humiliated. The humiliated person would rather win than lose. Jesus faced deep humiliation for us, for each one of us, at his mock trial and cruel crucifixion.

“Turn the other cheek.” “Go the second mile.” “Love your enemies.” “Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Sounds....impossible! Love your enemies? Respond to the fist by opening yourself up to more fists? Pray for your persecutors? And as if that is not enough, be perfect. A very high standard of expectations!

Our Lord is showing us what it would be like to respond utterly as the will of God would have us do. Our Lord constantly calls us further than we think we can go. We are being asked to give

over our will to that of another. We are being asked to respond in a way that seems totally beyond our capacity. How can we live into the standard God asks of us?

As Christians, we need to remember what God requires of us. We read it in the Book of Micah “But what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.” God sent his son, Jesus, to be the perfect example for us.

It seems that our world and the world God wants for us are not the same. Revenge is not sweet, despite the proverb: it is poison, strife breeding strife in endless circle. How do we break that circle?

Jesus is asking us to strive to be perfect: to be upright and sincere, to behave with integrity, to turn away from evil. Strive for an attitude toward others like that of God: forgiving, faithful, loving, steadfast, not turned aside toward vengefulness no matter how great the provocation.

The extravagance of God is precisely why we gather every Sunday: to celebrate God’s abundant love revealed to us in our very own lives. God’s style of love is a hard act to follow, but strengthened by God’s grace and faithfulness, we take up the challenge to show God’s love to those who most need to experience it.

Thanks be to God!

Rev. Deacon Fran Langlois

\* *Shortened version of a homily based on Matthew 5:38-48.*

## *F2. A safe haven*

Before the Civil War in the United States Kingston, Ontario was a welcoming place for slaves desperate to flee from their owners.

It is difficult to imagine that the American colonists revolted in 1776 and professed in their Declaration of Independence that: “*We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness*”. Many of these same people, some of them founding fathers, were in fact slave owners and remained so until it was declared illegal. Thus only after George Washington’s death in 1799, his 100 slaves were granted their freedom as directed in his will. It seems that the “*all men*” part of the Declaration had not been honoured.

Yet, many northern communities opposed slavery, including our neighbour Syracuse less than 100 miles to the south. The consensus of Quakers living in the Syracuse area was that slavery had to be wiped from the face of the earth. The Quakers living there were also actively assisting runaway slaves to find a safe haven in Canada. The Quakers had abolished slavery from among their ranks 75 years before the Civil war.

One example of a runaway slave fleeing to the safety of Canada can be found in the story of Harriot Powell. A beautiful “quadroon” slave girl, often mistaken for white, Harriot came to Syracuse with her owners the Davenports from Mississippi in September 1839. They checked into the Syracuse House where Harriot’s job was to look after the Davenport’s child.

Having learned that she was going to be sold again into slavery (for \$2500), Harriot decided to flee. Sympathetic hotel staff helped her to meet up with abolitionists to arrange her escape to Canada. After passing through several safe houses, she arrived at the home of Gerrit Smith, the famous abolitionist, whose Peterboro, New York Mansion was a station on the underground railroad. She was dressed as a Quakeress, driven by horse and carriage to Cape Vincent, and crossed Lake Ontario on a ferry to Kingston on October 29, 1839.

In Kingston, Harriot was taken in by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hales. A very successful merchant, Charles owned several properties: Bellevue House (leased to Sir John A. MacDonald) on Centre Street, Hales Cottages on King Street, and the former S&R Department Store building on the corner of Ontario and Princess Street. Charles and his wife Charlotte were also leaders in the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Retired Anglican priest, the Reverend Canon Bob Hales, is their proud descendant; Bob and Faye now live in the west part of Kingston.

The city was not uniformly opposed to slavery. For example, in 1785 a Loyalist, the Rev. John Stuart brought his slaves “because they were his personal property”. It was Rev. Stuart who presided the swearing in of John Graves Simcoe, the first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada on July 8, 1792 at St. Georges Cathedral, then located on King Street across from the Market Square. Governor Simcoe conducted the nation’s business from the Hales building (corner of Princess and Ontario), before moving his headquarters to Newark. Simcoe fought for the abolition of slavery from the time he took office - Canada was a world leader in this regard.

The British Empire finally abolished slavery in the early 1830s which was fortunate for Harriot. She married musician Henry Kelly on April 23, 1840. The abolitionist newspaper ‘Friend of Man’ commented on this happy event: “*Mr. Kelly is a respectable coloured man, in good pecuniary circumstances*”. Harriot and Henry had eight children, their home being near the corner of Bagot and Queen. Regretfully, on Friday November 10, 1854 a fire that started at the corner of Princess and Bagot destroyed most of the block they lived on as well as St. Paul’s Church across the street.

According to that church’s records, Harriot died at the age of 45 on February 8, 1860. Henry died March 14, 1874, and both are buried in the Cataraqui Cemetery. Her tombstone states she died at age 40 on February 5, 1859, in disagreement with the church records. It is worth noting that Harriot’s granddaughter married William Peyton Hubbard, the first black politician elected to Toronto City Council (in 1893). Hubbard served as acting Mayor on several occasions. He is known for saving the life of George Brown, a father of Confederation, who fell in the Humber river after his cab rolled over. They became lifelong friends; it was Brown who encouraged Hubbard to enter politics.

Historical records confirm that Kingston welcomed many runaway slaves - and today is still welcoming those that want to find a better life.

William Cowan UE

**Editor’s note:**

An additional comment on the Hall re-roofing project: we need to have funds by Aug 31 to have this project completed in 2017; the more we raise ourselves, the less we’ll have to borrow – another challenge for the *‘little church that could’*.

Thank you to all newsletter contributors for their inputs.

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P.S. Judy Cole and I provided the pictures.