



ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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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:



**Paula's baptism
8 Apr 2018**



**Yard and Rummage sale
27 Apr 2018**



**Walker's Open Greenhouse
6 May 2018**



**County Seniors' service
8 May 2018**



**SP Canoe Trip
21 May 2018**



**SP Visioning discussion
3 June 2018**



**Blessing SP new sign Trip
10 Jun 2018**



**SP Pork and Corn Roast
Dinner 8 Aug 2018**

RECTOR'S MESSAGE:



Friends, we have had our share of sweltering days and nights as well as hours of torrential downpour. As frustrating as the rain was at times in trying to organize outdoor activities it certainly has helped to keep things green; let us continue to pray for seasonable weather and much needed rain.

It is my prayer that the summer has given all of you an opportunity for rest and re-creation. As the fall season quickly approaches there is something that I wish to draw to your attention.

Ministry Volunteerism

I want to take the opportunity to thank so many of you who willingly stepped up to the plate to ensure that our various ministries continued uninterrupted this year.

I'm thinking especially of our ACW – both the Anglican Church Woman and the Workers (the men of our congregation). At any given time during the year our members are busy serving our community through rummage sales, movie nights, giving a prize to the valedictorian & helping with the reading program at the Athol-South Marysburgh School or taking care of the physical plant through maintenance and mowing the lawn.

I think this love in action towards one-another is best seen at the incredible show of mutual love and support as Lloyd and I were with you for the Corn and Pork roast in August. There was great courage in spite of the rain!

I am also thinking of the Canoe Run that took place on Victoria Day Monday: we had a record turn out and special thanks to the Cowan clan and many helpers who took boats out, barbecued and shuttled participants.

Thanks to all of you for the significant contributions you make to our congregation and to our shared-ministry with St. John's Waupoos and St. Andrew's Wellington.

May God continue to bless us in our various ministries,

Rev. Ada

Rev. Ada Clifton

Incumbent

Anglican Churches of Wellington, Milford and Waupoos, PEC

REPORTS:

Wardens

Over the past five months, St. Philip's has demonstrated its steadfast commitment to living the Good News, with faithful worship, fund-raising events, and support during difficult times.

On April 28th, St. Philip's held its Spring rummage and yard sale, smoothly run by Shirley and the ACW (more on that in the ACW report).

After a freak snow storm in April, we managed to re-schedule Visioning Day to May 5th, followed by a second session on June 3rd. Archdeacon Wayne Varley ably and occasionally humorously led both sessions. His challenge to us was: "What is the vision for St. Philip's Church that is compelling and vivid?" He stressed that we only need one or two – at most three - key priorities, and that it's entirely possible that we may already have them in place. Hospitality was identified as a key pillar. The third session of Visioning Day will be September 23rd.

On a sad note, Sam Hunt passed away June 17th. His memorial service was held at St. Philip's, with a lunch in the church hall afterwards.

We advertised a Welcoming Sunday & Open House June 24th for skeptics, seekers, and newcomers to the County. Although no new faces appeared, the event may have planted seeds that could sprout in the future.

After months of very hot dry weather, the skies opened and let loose badly needed rain on August 8th, the day of the annual Corn and Pork Roast. Blessedly, the rain stopped at 5 o'clock, and the crowds appeared. We served about 190 people, which was amazing given the prior downpour. This was truly a whole-of-church event, with virtually every parishioner performing some task indoor or out. Diane and Sally are to be commended and mightily thanked for organizing and managing the event.

Since the motion was passed at the Vestry meeting in February, parishioners and others have contributed funds for the final repairs on the roof. This work will ensure the church building lasts many more years.

We would like to thank Rev. Ada for leading us in worship, and everyone who makes the church run so smoothly, from counting and depositing the collection, mowing the grass and watering the flowers, baking treats for coffee hour, reading the lessons, and on and on.

Wardens
Sally Cowan and Peggy Hallward

ACW

The ACW has had one official meeting, mid-April, since the last newsletter. Unfortunately, none of the ladies were able to attend the Ontario Diocesan Annual General Meeting in Kingston. Hastings & Quinte District President, Kathy Morgan, telephoned with a brief outline of the day. She was very enthusiastic about the guest speaker, Malcolm Robinson, who spoke of the Bethany Project that trains doctors in third world countries to do badly needed neurological surgery in Africa. Changes were also made to the existing bylaws of the ACW. In April our plans for the Spring Yard & Rummage Sale were made, along with discussion of the August 8th Corn & Pork Roast. Fran Larkin spoke of plans and our assistance to the Seniors Service being held in May. As you know, our Spring Yard & Rummage Sale was a wonderful success, one of our best yet – thank you Shirley and all your helpers!

I have a greater and perhaps waken-up appreciation for St. Philip's church! On duty at the ticket desk for the Corn & Pork Roast, I heard so many compliments and remarks on the (unexpected to some) beauty of our church and its stained glass windows. People asked me about our age and activities and it made me realize how fortunate Gord and I are to be a part of the Parish of Marysburgh family. The Corn & Pork Roast was great success – the weather did cooperate after giving us some early grief and we fed close to 200 people. Our thanks to Diane and Sally who are the planners of this event and of course to all of you who worked together to make this such a great event!!

..... *“and all at once summer collapsed into fall”* Oscar Wilde

During this very hot and humid and rather oppressive summer we are all anticipating fall weather with warm days and cool nights. The Fall Yard & Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, October 13th and I will again ask for your donations of “stuff”. Shirley Guy is the lady organizing the event and will need - and be asking - for our help in setting up and putting on the sale.

On Thursday October 4th the Hastings & Quinte Annual General Meeting is being held at St. John the Baptist Church in Madoc. All ladies, not just those who attend ACW meetings, are welcome to attend. Registration and coffee is at 9:00 and a service of Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:00 by Bishop Michael Oulton. The guest speaker will be a representative from the Military Family Resource Centre at C.F.B.Trenton. I will quote from Kathy Morgan's letter – *“She will be speaking about the services they offer military personnel and their families; families who give so freely of their loved ones so that we may continue to live in a safe country and enjoy the freedoms they provide for us.”* The new bylaws will also be read after lunch at the business meeting. I do hope we have a good representation from St. Philip's at this meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions; I am to let Kathy know our expected attendance by September 24th.

Wishing blessings from above on all of us
Alfie Deyo, President

Outreach

Our committee continues to work 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 most grateful to Eleanor for her card ministry. We are working to form a pastoral care team. 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.

Our Lenten collection of \$580 again went to support the Henry Budd College of Ministry. Thank you to Jean for taking care of this. Jean has kindly posted some information on the college on the bulletin board in our hall.

Thanks to Emily and Ben's leadership our annual canoe trip was held on Monday, May 21. It was a beautiful day with an excellent turnout. It was a real community event as we set off from Harley and Karen's and enjoyed lunch on the lawn of the Black River B&B. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this event such a wonderful occasion.

We continue to have potluck supper movie nights. In July we enjoyed "The Secret of Roan Inish", and our next evening is set for August 30 with supper at 6 pm. "Two Brothers" a movie for all ages starts at 7. Please consider bringing a friend to any of our events.

In an effort to maintain our connection with the Parish of Tyendinaga, we will continue to announce services of evensong to be held whenever there is a fifth Sunday in the month. The next such service will be on September 30 at Christ Church, Deseronto at 5 pm.

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.

Everyone is always welcome at outreach meetings. Our next meeting is set for Friday, November 9 at 10:45 am. Thank you all for your support.

Blessings,
Paula Walker, Chair

Women's Bible Study Group report

The Women's Bible Study Group met roughly every other week until late June, when we broke for the summer. Ailsa Robinson, a member of St. John's Church, kindly hosted us, for which we are grateful. We read *The Tent of Abraham: Stories of Hope and Peace for Jews, Christians, and Muslims*. The book was co-written by authors from different faiths: Jewish, Sufi and Catholic. The book shed new light on the story of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Hagar and Ishmael. It prompted interesting and sometimes depressing discussions about the Middle East; it also deepened our understanding of the spiritual legacy of Abraham. To mark the end of another "school year," we held a potluck lunch at a lakeside cottage; we shared stories and readings to the sound of the waves. Meetings begin again in September.

Peggy Hallward, discussion leader

Building Committee report

This summer, mowing the grass and looking after the grounds has been the main activity; thank you to Leigh Scott.

We are expecting the installation of soffits around the church building in the near future. Josef Cihlar for the Building Committee

Budget update

Financial Update to August 17, 2018.

Operating Account
Income \$37274.79
Expenses \$30,314.37

Balance \$6,916.81

Memorial Account Balance \$6,732.07.

We have paid the central treasurer \$18,000.00. We owe the central treasurer \$20,516.00 to be paid over the remainder of this year. PWRDF has taken in \$4,815.00. \$2,940 has been donated to complete the roofing. A first half report is posted in the hall.

Bruce Walker, Treasurer

REFLECTIONS:

Tell me the story I want to hear:

Jesus said: “My Sheep listen to my voice, I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.” (John 10: 27-30)

It is a very comforting thought that our voices are heard as followers of Jesus. I recently visited a friend at a local retirement home. He had a large picture of his beloved wife who had passed away some years ago. A picture of Jesus was also prominently displayed on the wall near that of his departed wife. He told me, with joy in his voice, that he and his wife had discussed their meeting again in heaven, in the place with many rooms as described in John’s Gospel. My friend, a devout Christian, received great peace of mind from this promise made by God the Father. In that same Gospel, Jesus describes in detail the fact that He and his Father God are one and states “I am the way, and the truth, and the life, No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also”. He said this in response to Thomas’ question: “How can we know the way?” Philip also asked “Lord show us the Father and we will be satisfied” to which Jesus answers: “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” You can sense some frustration in Jesus’ responding to Thomas and Philip. When I read this section of John’s Gospel I believe He is talking to all of us and reminding us never to doubt His Word. My friend, a lifetime follower of Jesus has no doubt of the path ahead in his life. He is living truth to me that ordinary human beings, like my friend, will be rewarded at the end by the promises made by Jesus.

As I walk the halls of the retirement homes I see through open doors, residents reading their bible, or listening to religious music - safe and secure in their firm belief that Jesus is the way and the truth and the life.

May God bless all those who tend His flock in our nursing and retirement homes.

Bill Cowan, parishioner , Parish of Marysburgh.

Editor’s note:

Thank you to all newsletter contributors for their inputs.

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P.S. Rev. Ada and I provided the pictures.