



# ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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Rector: Rev. Ada Clifton



## 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.

## RECENT EVENTS - IN PICTURES:



Christmas Eve 2  
4 Dec '18



SP Vestry 5 Feb '19



Pancake Supper  
5 Mar '19





**St. Patrick's celebration:  
players and winners  
16 Mar '19**

**MINISTER'S MESSAGE:**

Dear St. Philip's family,

The "Good News" on Easter is that Jesus is risen from the dead. And it is through this Good News that our lives are renewed each day.

As we journey through Lent, I invite you to begin each morning, remembering that we are baptized children of God, that Christ is risen, that death has been conquered into eternity, that our sins are forgiven, and that we are free to live a new life with God and in God. This is why I love the Easter proclamation –

*Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

It reminds me that the world comes into each new day with good news.

Starting with Palm/Passion Sunday April 14, I invite you to the services of Holy Week and the joys of Easter.

On Maundy Thursday, we recall how our Lord instituted Holy Communion. On Good Friday, we stand before the cross, remembering that it was for our sins that Jesus died.

On Easter Sunday we celebrate our Lord's resurrection, that mighty act through which God redeems the world.

We are God's people; we share God's love; and we take our own part in redeeming the ills of the world as God has redeemed us.

Come. Celebrate. Receive the blessing. Then go. Live boldly as God's people.

See you in Church,

*Rev. Ada*

Rev. Ada Clifton

Incumbent

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## **Holy Week & Easter Services**

in the shared-ministry of  
the Anglican Churches of Wellington, Milford and Waupoos, PEC

### *Palm/Passion Sunday*

Sun. Apr. 14: St. John's Waupoos -on winter break-services resume for Easter April 21  
St. Andrew's Wellington at 10:30am Holy Communion  
St. Philip's Milford at 11:00am Holy Communion BAS

### *Wednesday in Holy Week*

Wed. Apr. 17: St. Andrew's Wellington at 10:15am Holy Communion

### *Maundy Thursday*

Thr. Apr. 18: St. Philip's Milford at 4:00pm Holy Communion BAS  
St. Andrew's Wellington at 7:00pm Holy Communion

### *Good Friday*

Fri. Apr. 19: St. Andrew's Wellington at 10:30am service  
St. Philip's Milford at 1:00pm service

### *Easter*

Sun. Apr. 21:

St. John's Waupoos

- at Judith's a 6:15am Sunrise service, lay led, followed by pancake breakfast
- at church a 9:00am Holy Communion BAS

St. Andrew's Wellington

- at 7:00am Sunrise service on United Church back lawn, followed by snacks at United church hall

- at 10:30am Holy Communion  
St. Philip's Milford  
- at 11:00am Holy Communion BAS

Second Sunday of Easter

Sun. April 28: St. John's Waupoos at 9:00am Holy Communion BAS  
St. Andrew's Wellington at 10:30am Holy Communion  
St. Philip's Milford at 11:00am Holy Communion BAS

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**REPORTS:**

*Wardens*

Canadians apparently are known for talking about the weather, probably because we have such extremes from season to season, but winter 2019 really seemed over the top. Fortunately, we only had to cancel Sunday worship once due to the conditions. And despite snow squalls and white-out conditions, the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper had a good turnout.

Our annual Vestry meeting in February went well, with officers appointed and two new Synod lay delegates elected. And importantly, we have a balanced budget, which is good news. Thanks to the generous commitment of our financial trio (Bruce Walker, Bill Cowan, and Glendon Walker), we now have monthly reports to track our income and expenses. The winter is always the most challenging time as givings are a bit lower than the summer months, while the hydro bill is ten times higher.

We miss having Archdeacon Wayne Varley the first Sunday of the month, but we have been blessed and inspired instead by Bishop Peter Mason and our own lay reader, Paula Walker. Many thanks to them.

The various committees, who have reports elsewhere in the newsletter, have been busy planning events and activities for 2019. We look forward to another solid year and again, offer our heartfelt thanks to Rev. Ada and everyone who makes St. Philip's run so smoothly and beautifully.

Sally Cowan and Peggy Hallward, Wardens

*ACW*

The blustery winter weather, combined with my reluctance to share a head cold, cancelled our scheduled ACW meetings so far this year. However, we have communicated with each other and set up our Schedule of Events for 2019 as follows:

Saturday, April 27	Spring Yard and Rummage Sale
Monday May 20	Black Creek Canoe Trip
Wednesday, June 19(?)	Ham Dinner
Wednesday, August 7	Corn and Pork Roast
Sunday, September 22	Blessing of the Animals
Saturday, October 5	Fall Yard and Rummage Sale
Saturday, November 23	Christmas Event

Except for the June 19th event (the Ham Dinner is still in the discussion/planning stage), this schedule has been sent to the South Marysburgh Mirror and should be in each publication of the paper. Please enter these dates in your calendars as we do count on your participation!

The World Day of Prayer service was held on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at Picton United Church and lots of us attended from St. Philip's church.

On Saturday, March 16 our hall was filled with the Irish, and those who wish they were, for a sumptuous potluck supper and an evening of fun and fellowship. For a very fitting ending to the evening Rosemary Cihlar and Sally Cowan led us in a medley of well-known Irish songs – thank you from all!

This year's Diocesan ACW Annual General Meeting is being held on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> in Kingston. We are asked to make a Thank Offering each year and we choose where the funds will go to charities locally, nationally, and world wide.

Our next ACW meeting will be held in our church hall at 1:30 on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

I'd like to wish all of you a happy and blessed Easter season!

Alfie Deyo, President

## *Outreach*

At our recent meeting we heard of a volunteer opportunity in our community which may be of interest to you. Seniors Luncheon Social Volunteers Community Care for Seniors is currently looking for volunteers to assist with the set-up, serving and cleanup of Seniors Luncheons in Prince Edward County. At this time they especially need volunteers in Milford and Picton. If you have two hours once a month to give call 613-476-7493 for more information.

Once again Jean Burrows is taking care of our Lenten collection for the Henry Budd College of Ministry.

Five members of the congregation continue to listen to children read at Athol South Marysburgh School on Thursday mornings. If you would like to join us please let me know.

In our ongoing effort to keep in better touch with people we now have a visitation team and are sending some Easter cards. If you wish a visit or a ride to a church event or service please call Sally or me.

The men of St. Philip's once again hosted the pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday. There was a good turnout and the money raised was sent to support the work of DOORS, our diocesan refugee committee. Thank you to Tom Sheil for his fine cooking skills and to all who participated in this event.

At 10 a.m. in the church hall on April 6<sup>th</sup> Bruce and I will share stories and photos of our recent pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago de Compostela.

We are looking forward to the annual canoe trip on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

We continue to enjoy potluck suppers and movie nights. Please consider bringing friends!

St. Philip's supports the work of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund and we invite your prayers of support for their good works.

Everyone is always welcome at outreach meetings. We hope to soon announce one to be held this spring.

Easter blessings,  
Paula Walker, Chair

## *Women's Bible Study Group*

The Women's Bible Study Group continues to meet every other week, but was snowed out once - not bad considering the winter we had. We are grateful to Ailsa Robinson, a member of St. John's Church, who hosts us and provides coffee and tea. We are still reading *Hope Against Darkness: The Transforming Vision of Saint Francis in an Age of Anxiety* by Richard Rohr, a Franciscan priest. In addition to lively discussions, we support each other through life's ups and downs.

Peggy Hallward, Convenor

## *Building Committee*

I am honoured to be the new leader of the Building Committee.

As soon as the weather warms up, we have three tasks to complete. We will do a Spring clean up of the church grounds in late April or early May; we may need volunteers. We will install a UV lamp on the water system -- and have the water tested by the health department -- with the goal of having potable water from all taps on the premises. And we will identify one or two suitable locations for handicap parking. Stay tuned for a date for the remaining repairs on the roof.

Ted Foy, Chair

## *Budget update to March 31, 2017*

### **Operating Account**

Income \$17,578.45

Expenses \$14,447.45

Balance \$8,241.17

### **Memorial Account Balance \$6,907.07**

We have paid the central treasurer \$9,000.00 this year. PWRDF has taken in \$1,560.00.

All bills are paid.

Bruce Walker, Treasurer

## *Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)\**

### **Enrolling**

If St. Philip's Church decides to participate in the PAG program, we would notify the Diocese of Ontario, and interested parishioners would enroll as follows:

- Decide on the amount of your offering to be transferred each month.
- Fill out the form in the brochure available on the Diocese of Ontario's website (<http://ontario.anglican.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/PAG-Form.pdf>)
- Be sure to sign the form.
- Insert the completed form and a void cheque in an envelope and place on the offering plate.

### **Options & Fees**

There are two payment options under PAG:

- Option 1: Debit from bank account. There is a fee of 11 cents per transaction.
- Option 2: Credit card. There is a larger fee of 3%. St. John's Church, for example, pays approximately \$20 a month in fees, or \$240 per year.

As a result of the fees, particularly for PAG by credit card, the officers of the church would need to decide if both options would be permitted or not.

*\*This note was prepared by Peggy Hallward following a discussion at the SP Advisory Council meeting on March 24, 2019.*

## **REFLECTIONS:**

### *God's waiting room*

Recently at our weekly men's lunch group and following a brief discussion of a funeral we all attended, one of the members (an Anglican) asked the following question: What exactly is our soul? I admit there was a slight pause from the loss of words to answer that question. I suppose he asked me because he knew I was a regular church attender and probably a Christian.

I was trying to come up with some \$100.00 words that would perplex him, but then I said to myself What the heck! Explain it in simple terms if you can. I started with the birth of a human and then the baptism where promises are made that you live your entire life trying to meet a certain standard set down by God's holy book. At the end of your life you die and your body decays like most other living things. Your soul however does not die for it is an incredible, intangible essence of you that follows a conduit to the heavens and into the loving arms of our saviour Jesus Christ. Recalling the Easter story, Jesus gave his life to save our souls from sin. He was crucified on a cross, died and was buried. He arose from the dead, ascended into heaven and was seated on His Father's right side. Jesus would be the first of many to follow him on that course. As stated in Revelations 21:3,4 & 5: *"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying: See the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away"*. - I assure you I did not quote that verse 'verbatim' but paraphrased it. I went on to say that God will prepare a room for you and so on. I felt that this was needed to fully appreciate my attempt to define "Soul". Needless to say, I received blank stares from my group and from the table next to us.

I also used the analogy of "Business Goodwill", an intangible asset and often the most valuable item in a business. I recently valued the Goodwill of a business at \$900,000. The value of our soul I will leave to a better expert than me.

Later on I got to thinking about our conversation. During visits in nursing homes to assist Reverend Fran and Ada we meet various people attending our service. Most are physically limited and some are suffering from the dreaded Dementia. Some are alert, some are half asleep, and some are fully asleep. I recall an incident at one service with Rev. Dorothy when she read a Bible passage about God preparing a room for us. One old gentleman with his head down, sleeping, suddenly raised his head and exclaimed "Room 104" - presumably his room at the home. He wanted to be sure he was included. Did the service and the Bible reading mean anything? I guess it did!

The body and mind may be decaying, however those in "God's waiting room" are preparing their soul to enter the Kingdom of heaven. Thanks be to God.

Bill Cowan

#### **Editor's note:**

Blessed Easter to all readers, St. Philipians and our alumni whom we still miss;  
and

Thank you to all newsletter contributors for their inputs.

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P.S. I supplied the pictures.