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THE SEASON OF TRINITY

It seems as though every week at St. John's there is an opportunity to say thank you, to celebrate a significant milestone in someone's life, or to express good wishes for a farewell or welcome to someone. That is the nature of parish life. It is organic, always on the move, full of celebration and gratitude, and responsive to the events in one another's lives.

As I read the Bible, this is consistent for the people of God. They were always on the move, never static, and always moving towards something new, good, and full of promise. Abraham inherited a promise and left his home; Moses encountered God on the mountain and led the people of God out of Egypt; Mary and Joseph moved from Nazareth to Bethlehem, and then to Egypt and back to Nazareth; the disciples moved from Galilee, Bethany, Jerusalem or Emmaus to other regions and countries. The entire Bible is a move from the garden of Eden to John's vision of a heavenly city. All of these Biblical sto-

ries point to characters who were always on the move towards something beyond their greatest imagination. In our Christian calendar we are concluding the season of Easter and entering the season of Trinity or Pentecost. It is the longest season of the Christian calendar. In this season we learn what it means to be a follower of "the Way of resurrection". Jesus' consistent call is to come and follow. At some point in our lives we made a decision to accept that invitation; and perhaps every day of our lives we continue to make an intentional decision to respond to that invitation by simply saying, "Yes, I will follow the way of the resurrected and ascended Christ." What does that look like for you, and for us as a gathered community of faith at St. John's?

For Craig Love, Percy Love, Bob Cooper, Susan Edwards and Zachary Secord-Hudon it means that they are making a public decision to reaffirm their baptismal promises. We

rejoice with Craig, Percy, Bob, Susan, and Zachary who were confirmed on June 9 at Christ's Church Cathedral in Hamilton. Pray for them. For them, and for us to follow Christ in the season of Trinity. It means that we turn our orientation outward to the needs of the world, the needs of the community, and the needs of one another to see how we can serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbour as much as we love ourselves. It means that we turn to our community to welcome new people in; to feed the hungry; and to respect the dignity of every human being. This is costly but also rewarding because it is foundational to our calling as human beings created in the image of a triune God.

Think about it. Trinity is the only feast in the Christian calendar that is not named after an event. It is a feast and a

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season named after a doctrine. The Trinity is the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is the name in which we are baptized, by which we are blessed, and who we are committed to

when we die. It is a powerful name. It is also the image in which we are created. We are made in the image of God. The season of Trinity is an important season for us. In the Trinity, the Father and Son are constantly giving themselves to each other in an eternal and unbroken song of love; and the Holy Spirit weaves between them singing this song for all eternity and pointing to their undying love declaring loudly "Look at this! Isn't it beautiful!" If this is the name we are created in,

baptized in, blessed in, and committed to when we die, then our calling is to always look outward and give ourselves in service and love to others. That is our calling and our purpose as church.

Will you come and follow the resurrected and ascended Christ? Where is your calling this season of Trinity? If you would like to talk further about this, let me know. I am happy to help you. God bless you in your continued journey of faith.

Paul+

'COME: COME AND SEE'

'inviting all to open the doors and welcome visitors to St. John's'

NEWCOMERS TO ST. JOHN'S

"COME : COME AND SEE": These are words that Father Paul spoke in his Homily a few weeks past, inviting all to open the doors and welcome visitors to St. John's

Our Newcomers Group, under the umbrella of the Parish Council, are planning activities to introduce "New-Comers" to our parish. Marguerite Cowley, Jon Warland, Rob and Jacqueline Payton, and Victor Dockrell; St. John's newest members. Please help to make them welcome.

We are inviting all parishioners to make themselves known to visitors, inviting them in the direction of coffee hour and introducing them to fellow parishioners. We would also suggest that you inform a member of our group so we may contact them and introduce ourselves . "See You In the Pew"

Committee members - Susan Edwards, Barbara Gow, Diana Spearn: Dave Tinker

Another Moment when Pastoral Visiting and Prayer Shawls meet

Father Paul and I recently had another wonderful visit with parishioner Barrie Maxwell. We presented her with one of the beautiful prayer shawls made by the wonderful Quilters and Knitters group of St. John's.

Barrie commented on how nice it was to receive her shawl. "I appreciate those that take the time to make

them, especially at this time of year when you need something extra to keep you warm".

Many of you will remember Barrie as having founded the *Friends of the Kitchen*, a group that, years ago, looked after the kitchen and coordinated regular Parish lunches.

I was telling Barrie that I have no skill in the areas of quilting or knitting. In fact,

in my earlier years I did try to make a scarf. Unfortunately I didn't know how to finish off the scarf – I think it is called binding off a scarf. After my scarf was about 160 inches long I decided to just give it to the cats!! That ended my knitting career!

Till next time!

Submitted by
Donna Keating



Lost and Found Box

As we keep finding and have found, *both in the church and the parish centre*, forgotten items including coats, umbrellas, slippers, a cane, glasses, tote bags, a neck support, mittens, gloves, shoes, boots, scarves, and books, we now have *one* "official" Lost and Found Box in Thompson Hall. This clear plastic container is at the foot of the stairs to the right, very visible beside the large notice board. After a month, any items remaining will be given away to local charities. If you think you have misplaced something, either in the church or parish centre, please look in the Lost and Found Box downstairs in Thompson Hall!

Submitted by Susan Brown

OUR FIVE PRIORITIES

Parish Council has established working groups to help address the five priorities that council identified last year as our focus for the next two years: Online Presence and Information Technology; Outreach and Social Justice; Welcoming Newcomers; Children and Youth; Accessibility. If you have some interest or skills that might be helpful to contribute to any of these Working Groups, please contact Susan Edwards, secretary of Parish Council.

Summer Report Building and Property Committee

One of our two major 2019 projects is underway. Inside work by Hanscomb Glass has begun on the restoration of the chancel windows, and will begin outside as soon as we get a few sunny days all in a row! Masonry work on the bell tower, beginning with salvaging some bricks from the old chimney, will go ahead about May 27.

Patrick Ellis, our new custodian, began his duties on May 1. With 11 years of experience at a Church in Guelph, he is very familiar with the basics and learning the specifics. Patrick is on duty Monday to Friday generally and organizes his time each week to fit the parish schedule, but usually starts about 8:00 a.m. In certain seasons (during the Festival, at Christmas etc.) he may work weekends and take Monday and Tuesday as his days off. Please help make him feel welcome at St. John's!

With Patrick on duty Monday to Friday, we must arrange our own weekend roster of volunteers to look after unlocking (by 8:00 on Saturday and by 7:30 on Sunday) and locking (about 5:00 to 6:00 on both Saturday and Sunday). I have drawn up an instruction sheet and will meet with volunteers to do a "walk through" of the procedure and present them with a key. So far we have 4 volunteers, each taking one end of a day. Ideally, the roster would be at least 8 to allow more flexibility in scheduling. If you are able to help out, please contact me at 519-846-9844.

Thanks to everyone who turned out to help give the nave and chancel a spring cleaning, and to help with the spring gardening. June also brings on the annual inspection of our fire alarm system in the Church and all parish fire extinguishers. Please cross your fingers and hope that all 3 air conditioner units fire up all right!

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Langford

CANADA DAY

St. John's is serving lemonade and cookies on the front lawn of the Parish Centre to all those in the community who are participating in the Dominion Day Parade on Monday July 1st in the morning. If you can help, please contact Barbara Gow. We are also providing a bouncy castle on the lawn between the church and the Parish Centre - just to have some fun!

"Hanscomb Glass has begun the restoration of the chancel windows."



St. John's in History - #17

In amongst the paper ephemera located in a filing cabinet in the Parish Centre basement, I found a handwritten document which I believe was prepared by the Rector Emeritus, Robert Hulse, in 2001. So, I'm going to share it with you hoping that he doesn't come after me for revealing his secrets with one and all.

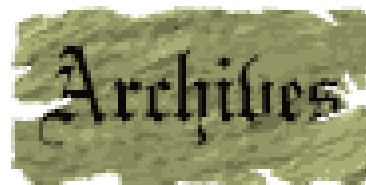
I have been asked to jot down some reminiscences of St. John's in 1964.

Let me begin by saying that there was a very faithful congregation here that had endured the jolting experience of a succession of clergy over the previous 30 years. Many stayed the minimum three years. Let's face it. Elora was then regarded to be in the 'sticks'. The budget was \$5,000. And the diocese kept the parish going with a substantial mission grant to help meet the modest budget each year. But it was those loyal committed parishioners who kept the place alive. Remember the Village had a population of 1,700 with empty shops on the main street. The parish list had 65 names which included a number of people who never

darkened the door. So really there were about 20 individuals and 20 or so families to carry the whole responsibility. I can still see clearly their shining faces for they were always in their pews of a Sunday morning – undaunted by weather adversity or the rector's feeble efforts to minister to them.

Let me further explain that a congregation that has been buffeted by clerical comings and goings and financial worries develops a very independent spirit. Such a congregation has got used to running things themselves and tend to view the rector as at best a fleeting necessity and at worst superfluous. When I arrived on September 15th, 1964, the parishioners said very little. The wardens were very kind and solicitous but clearly didn't expect much from the new incumbent. I sensed a sort of 'ho-hum here we go again' response to my arrival.

I'm afraid I gave them good reason to suspect that nothing would ever come of their latest clerical arrival. My absent-mindedness was obvious from the first Sunday. I am sure someone had warned me that the first and third Sundays were Holy Communion. But I came down the aisle that morning prepared for Morning Prayer. The poor people must have wondered at the celebrants bizarre attire of scarf and hood and the unusually confused sermon which seemed to have no bearing on the Gospel but had strange



echoes of the second lesson for Morning Prayer.

And as though that were not enough, I committed the unforgiveable sin of putting Harvest Home on the second Sunday in October. Now everyone knows that the beloved festival must be observed no later than the first Sunday else the first severe frost will have rendered the gardens, from which the essential decorations for the service were obtained, black and useless. After the Service on the 1st Sunday the head of the Altar Guild (not Mr. Marriott) dressed me down in no uncertain terms. And sure enough, the following Wednesday the hoary crystals covered everything reducing the vegetation to dust and ashes.

Fortunately, Wm. Nesbitt had the foresight to save some corn flowers and vegetables in his shed for Harvest Home, and although my reputation was tarnished, it was not altogether blackened.

For many years thereafter Harvest Home was on the last Sunday of September just to be on the safe side.

Submitted by
Susan Edwards

Parish Centre Invitational Art Space (PCIAS)

Those of you who visit the Parish Centre frequently or have visited in the last six months may have noticed, as you enter, art work on the left wall above the stairs leading down to the Music Library. This is now the officially launched Parish Centre Invitational Art Space (PCIAS). Centre Wellington artists working in any medium are invited to have one piece or a group of smaller pieces displayed in the space for three months. The artists sign an insurance waiver and all those we have asked are pleased to be part of this project.

For our first art work in the space, we were very fortunate to have Jo Anne Harder lend us one of her marvellous large metal pieces. She is well known locally and elsewhere, and is a friend of several parishioners. Our second three-month art work was a beautiful and colourful stained-glass mosaic by Jean Loney. Her husband, George, has been instrumental in setting up St. John's website. Currently, for our third art work in the PCIAS, we are delighted to showcase four wonderful photographs by Stephen Barrett, one of St. John's parishioners. Also, you can see three more of his photographs in the Sunday School area in Thompson Hall. Our fourth art change will occur at the end of the summer. Stay tuned!

Submitted by Susan Brown



MISSION ACTION PLAN FOR THE DIOCESE

Bishop Susan is inviting you to help her develop a Mission Action Plan for the Diocese of Niagara. There is a printed survey available at the back of the church for you to complete, or you can complete it online on the home page for the Diocese of Niagara. It is essential that we have as many participants involved in this as possible, preferably before the end of June. This is one part of a process towards presenting a draft plan to Synod in November which will eventually affect us as a parish. You can find the survey at niagaraanglican.ca on the home page.

Speakers at St. John's Church during the Elora Festival

Sunday July 14

11 AM

Rev'd. Paul Walker

Paul was appointed the Rector of St. John's, Elora in January 2018. Originally from Sarnia, Paul studied geography and education at Queen's, theology at Toronto, and was ordained in the Diocese of Toronto where he served in Toronto, Whitby and Mississauga.

Thursday July 18

5 PM

Rev'd. Dr. Arthur Boers

Arthur Boers is a priest in the diocese of Toronto and author of a number of books, including *The Way is Made by Walking: A Pilgrimage Along the Camino de Santiago* and *Living into Focus: Choosing What Matters in an Age of Distractions*. Arthur brings his own transformative experience of walking the Camino and will also introduce the evening's concert, "Path of Miracles" at the Barn.

Sunday July 21

11 AM

Nikkita Holder

Nikkita started running at the age of seven, and her favourite quote is "When you feel like giving up, remember why you held on in the first place." Nikkita is most known for being a Canadian athlete specializing in 100m hurdles at the London (2012) and Rio (2016) Olympic Games and a medalist at the Toronto Pan Am Games (2015). But this is only part of Nikkita's story.

Thursday July 25

5 PM

Very Rev'd. Peter Wall

We welcome Peter back to St. John's before he retires in September from being the Rector of Christ's Church Cathedral in Hamilton and Dean of Niagara - an office he has held since 1998. Peter is an inspiring speaker and person of deep compassion and faith who also really enjoys good vocal music. He has served the Diocese of Niagara faithfully and also the national church on the Council of General Synod, the national Faith Worship and Ministry Committee, the Board of Directors of the Anglican Foundation of Canada and on the national Liturgy Task Force.

Sunday July 28

11 AM

The Rt. Rev'd. Susan Bell

A strategic, mission-centred, spiritual leader, Bishop Bell strives to listen and watch for where God is at work in the church and the world and then to come alongside that work. In May 2018 Susan was consecrated the twelfth Bishop of Niagara and the first woman to hold this office. Bishop Susan, originally from Hamilton, is delighted to return to St. John's as our diocesan bishop. Bishop Susan is a doctoral candidate at St. Michael's College exploring the work of George Herbert; she has worked as Canon Missioner for the Diocese of Toronto, and as Chaplain at Havergal College. She and her husband have four children and when you meet her you realize that she has a contagious passion for the mission of God in the community.



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Summer Sunday Services at St. John's are:

8 a.m. BCP Holy Eucharist (said)

9 a.m. BAS Contemporary Eucharist

11 a.m. BCP Choral Eucharist (June 16-July 7;

August 4 - September 15)

BCP Choral Mattins (July 14, 21, 28)

Monday - Friday 8:45-9:15 am Mattins (in church)

Regular mid-week Eucharist on Wednesday at
10:30 am



Trinity at St. John's

The Rev'd Paul Walker
Rector

The Rev'd Canon Robert Hulse
Rector Emeritus

The Rev'd David Mulholland
Honorary Assistant

The Rev'd John Lockyer
Honorary Assistant

John Wiens
Choir Director

Jurgen Petrenko
Organist

July	14	Sunday	11:00 am	Choral Mattins Preacher, Rev'd Paul Walker
July	18	Thursday	5:00 pm	Choral Evensong Guest Preacher, Rev'd Dr. Arthur Boers
July	21	Sunday	11:00 am	Choral Mattins Guest Preacher, Nikkita Holder
July	25	Thursday	5:00 pm	Choral Evensong Guest Preacher, Very Rev'd Peter Wall
July	28	Sunday	11:00 am	Choral Mattins Guest Preacher, Rt Rev'd Susan Bell
Sep	15	Sunday	11:00 am	Choral Eucharist Parish Choir Returns

Next Edition of Common Supplications will be September