



The Messenger

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Confirmation - Sunday May 8

Bishop Michael Oulton will next visit our parish on Sunday May 8th, the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The Sunday youth have been doing a confirmation program in the winter during the normal Sunday meeting time. Those who choose to be confirmed will meet with Andy and Trish to discuss the meaning and commitment of confirmation.

Adults interested in being confirmed, renewing their baptismal vows or being received into the Anglican Communion should contact Andy for details on how that can happen at this service.

Student Study Night - Monday April 18

The Spring Student Study Night will take place on Monday April 18th over the dinner hour. We will need donations of casseroles, desserts, fruits and veggies for this event as we provide a hot meal to students in the midst of their exams. Thank you for your support of this wonderful ministry of hospitality.

Bishop Mason visiting - Sunday April 3

Bishop Peter Mason will be visiting St. James on Sunday April 3rd at the 10:30 service. He will preach at the service and join us for a soup and bun lunch following the service.

Bishop Mason was bishop of our diocese from 1992-2002. He is currently the interim-principal of Wycliffe College in Toronto, the school that our student minister, Trish Miller attends and our Rector attended.

Holy Week and Easter Service Schedule

- Sun March 20 **Palm Sunday** services at 9:00am and 10:30am with the a live donkey and petting zoo at the 10:30am service.
- Wed Mar 23 7:30am service of **Holy Eucharist** with Deacon Lisa Chisholm-Smith speaking followed by breakfast in the parish hall.
- Thu Mar 24 7:00pm **Maundy Thursday service** with foot washing
- Fri Mar 25 9:30am - **Children's Good Friday Service** followed by Easter Garden activities in the hall
11:00am - **Traditional Good Friday Liturgy**
- Sat Mar 26 8:00pm **City Wide Easter Vigil at St. George's Cathedral.**
- Sun Mar 27 9:00am **Easter Day** Holy Communion and 10:30am **Easter Day** Holy Eucharist.



HOW TO KEEP WARM IN CHURCH

1. *Rush to the front of the church. That will warm you up, and you'll avoid the draft in the back of the church.*
2. *Invite your neighbours and friends, and sit 12 people to a pew.*
3. *Seat yourself near the pulpit, Much hot air is emitted from that area.*
4. *Wear thermal underwear (in appropriate liturgical colour, of course).*
5. *Wait for an unfamiliar hymn --- and then watch sparks fly!*

Some Interesting Facts about Easter

Easter is the most important Festival of Christian Year. Here are a few interesting facts about Easter that you may be unaware of.

- ✓ The name Easter owes its origin from Eastre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess who symbolizes hare and egg.
- ✓ Easter always falls between March 22 and April 25.
- ✓ Pysanka is a specific term used for the practice of Easter egg painting.
- ✓ From the very early times, egg has been considered to be the most important symbol of rebirth. The egg also represents the tomb in which Jesus was buried....hollow Easter eggs, then, have special significance because of the empty tomb.
- ✓ The initial baskets of Easter were given the appearance of bird's nests.

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OOH, DO THAT BISHOP THING WHERE YOU MOVE DIAGONALLY

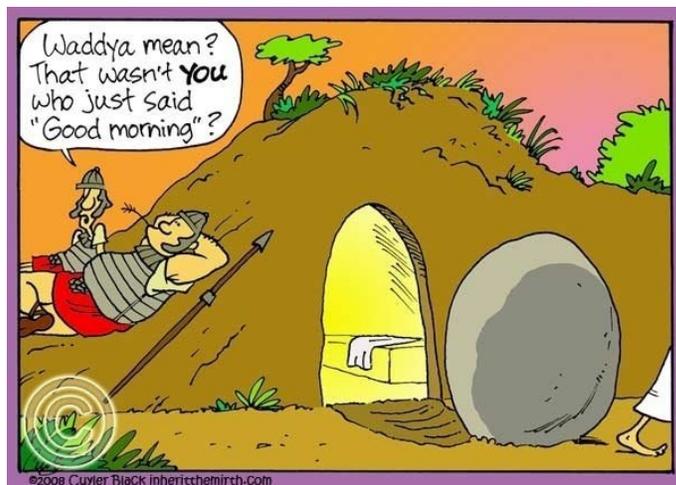
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(See Matthew 25:21)

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HOLD UP ... WE ALSO FORGOT TO CARRY A ONE ON PAGE THREE



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The Triduum

On Maundy Thursday we hear a reading from the Book of Exodus which describes the Passover celebration. Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, gives us the earliest account we have of the Last Supper - probably written relatively soon after the event. Then, we have the unique view of the Last Supper from John's Gospel. Instead of the traditional narrative, we see Jesus washing his disciples' feet; a wonderful act which we will re-enact with three of our priests washing the feet of three parishioners, symbolizing the servant leadership we are all called to model as followers of Jesus.

Out of profound respect for this day on which our salvation was won, there is no Eucharist on Good Friday. The Good Friday liturgy begins with a Liturgy of the Word. With the eyes of faith, it describes what Jesus became.

There is no liturgy at all on Holy Saturday. We spend this day in the in between place - between the remembering the death of our Lord and celebrating his Resurrection.

The Easter Vigil Liturgy, which is celebrated after sunset, is a full celebration of our Lord's resurrection. The Liturgy of the Word for this service has a series of eleven readings to choose from. The idea is that we remain in vigil this night, reviewing the story of our salvation - from the story of Creation, to the great story of the Exodus from slavery in Egypt, through a number of the prophets, culminating in Paul's Letter to the Romans - "Are you not aware that we who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into his death?" The readings begin in the dark, and are then read by the light of the Easter Candle. Then the lights come on, bells are rung as we sing the Gloria.

The Message of That Garde, source unknown.

The message of that garden, The glade so far away,
In far-off dim Judea, Still lives this Easter day.

It whispers of the Master Who slept within it's shade,
And tells of Easter morning When Glory filled the glade.

O every sleeping garden Awaits that Easter Word
And wakes to life and beauty, To song of carolling bird.

The message of that garden Forevermore shall ring,
For lo, it tells the mighty power Of Christ the risen King!

Andy's Easter Reflection

Every once and a while the seasons of our year fit with the seasons of the church year. This year, thanks to a mild winter, the spring season fits so perfectly with the Easter message of resurrection and new life. Easter is early and even though the signs of spring are more promise than reality as the snow continues to melt and a few robins have re-appeared, for the most part my lawn is mush and gray and taking my dog on walks still involves dodging puddles and snow banks.

I have no reason to be terribly concerned about the lack of signs of new life and spring outside. It is a reminder to me that the Easter message is actually the most hopeful and the most comforting when all around us seems dark and lifeless. That great Easter Hymn (which we never seem to sing at Easter) "Abide with Me" has the wonderful words:

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me*

I was praying for the people named on our parish prayer list and also for those names known only to me and I was saddened by how many people are carrying great burdens at this time. It is too easy to think of bright colours, bunnies and coloured eggs at this time of year as if that is what Easter is about. Easter is about the hope of the resurrection, the promises of God that death is not the last word, and that one day all will be made right again.

There is no easy answer as to why so many people close and dear to us are suffering, but without Easter, without the resurrection, it is even more hopeless. Easter's comfort to me when I am feeling the most frustrated, disappointed, and disillusioned, is that all will be made whole again.

But Easter is not just about the life that is to come. Consider how the first Christians felt about the Resurrection of Christ; the Resurrection was to them, as it is to the faithful today, a life-changing event in every conceivable way, bringing all who would believe to a new life in Christ. It changed their relationship between life and death because Jesus had conquered death, showing it to be only a passage to a new and glorious life and a joyful reunion with the risen Christ.

I pray that you will find hope and strength in the truth that our Lord's promises are trustworthy and that because of his victory over death and sin on the cross, we have been given the gift of eternal life and a new life here on earth as well.. May each of you find renewed hope and faith in the God that loved you so much, he was willing to die for you.

God Bless

Andy+

A Cowboy Named Bud

A cowboy named Bud was overseeing his herd in a remote mountainous pasture in Alberta when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced toward him out of a cloud of dust.

The driver, a young man in a Brioni suit, Gucci shoes, RayBan sunglasses and YSL tie, leaned out the window and asked the cowboy, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, Will you give me a calf?"

Bud looks at the man, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers, "Sure, Why not?" The man parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, connects it to his iPhone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo.

The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany.

Within seconds, he receives an email on his iPhone that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses an MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with email on his Blackberry and, after a few minutes, receives a response.

Finally, he prints out a full-colour, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet printer, turns to the cowboy and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves."

"That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says Bud. He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on with amusement as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car.

Then Bud says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?"

The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, why not?"

"You're a Member of Parliament says Bud.

"Wow! That's correct," says the man, "but how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required." answered the cowboy. "You showed up here even though nobody called you. You want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You used millions of dollars worth of equipment trying to show me how much smarter than me you are, and you don't know a thing about how working people make a living, or about cows for that matter. This is a herd of sheep. Now give me back my dog.

The World View of Charles Schultz

The following is the world view of Charles Schultz, the creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read this straight through, and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winner for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday.

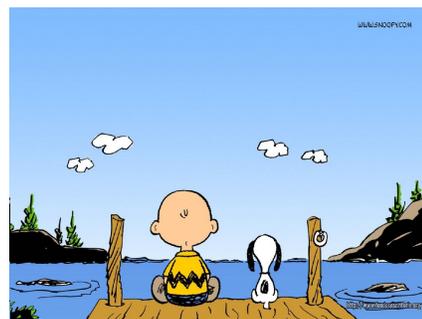
These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier?

The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.



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Good Bye Trish Miller.....

One of the real delights of this past year has been having our theological student, Trish Miller, work and learn here at St. James'. Trish is finishing up her training at Wycliff College this spring and has been writing papers and sitting exams while working every weekend with us! It has been a very busy year for her. At St. James' Trish has been active in ministry with children and youth and we have discovered that she is a fine preacher. She also has a wonderful presence as acting deacon or leading Morning Prayer. Trish has always been willing to step in and help whenever and wherever she is needed. We will miss her presence at St. James very much. Trish will be leaving St. James at the end of April and we wish her every blessing as she steps out into the future. Trish, we send our love, our prayers and our very best wishes to you wherever you may go!

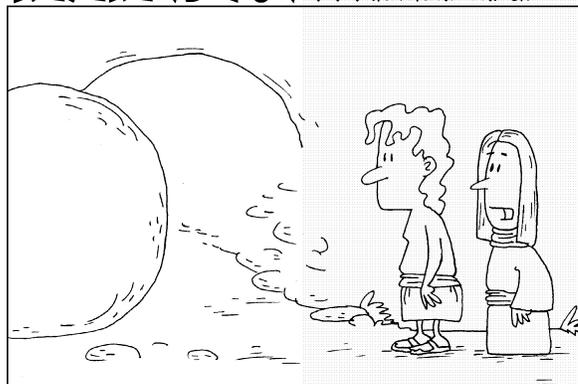
Barbara Stewart

50th Birthday Party for Andy

Our Rector, Andy Chisholm, is turning 50 on April 11th and he and his family would like to celebrate with members of St. James at a pot-luck dinner to be held in his honour on Saturday April 9th in the parish hall. The dinner will start at 5:00pm. Best wishes only please.



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NOTHING IS CERTAIN EXCEPT WHAT AND TAXES?

St. James Anglican Church - Remainder of 2016 Events

Sun Mar 20	Palm Sunday Services at 9am and 10:30am with Petting Zoo at the 10:30am service	St. James
Thu Mar 24	Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00pm	St. James
Fri Mar 25	Good Friday Children's Liturgy at 9:30am Good Friday Liturgy at 11am	St. James
Sat Mar 26	Easter Vigil at the Cathedral at 8:00pm.	St. George's
Sun Mar 27	Easter Sunday Services at normal service times	St. James
Sun April 3	Bishop Mason Preaching at the 10:30am Service	St. James
Sat April 9	Andy's 50 th Birthday Pot Luck at 5:00pm	St. James
Mon April 18	Student Study Night	St. James
Sat April 23	Alzheimer's Café at 3:00pm	St. James
Sun April 30	Aware Spring Fling (All Day)	St. James
Sun May 1	Leo Matheson baptized at the 10:30am Service	St. James
Sun May 8	Bishop Oulton will be with us for a service of Confirmation	St. James
Sat May 14	Spring Eucharist and Tea at 2:00pm	Home of Eileen Jones
Sat May 28	Annual Symphony Luncheon in the Parish hall	St. James
Sun June 26	Summer Service Schedule begins, one service at 9:30am	St. James
July 7-12	The Anglican Church of Canada's General Synod	Richmond Hill
Sun Sept 11	Regular Service Schedule resumes, 9am and 10:30am	St. James
Sun Oct 2	Blessing of the Animals and petting zoo at 10:30am	St. James
Sun Oct 9	Thanksgiving Services at normal service times	St. James
Sun Oct 30	All Saints / Souls Day services at normal service times	St. James
Nov 3-5	Diocese of Ontario Synod	Four Points Sheraton
Sun Nov 6	Remembrance Sunday	St. James
Sat Nov 12	Annual Luncheon and Sale	St. James
Sun Nov 27	Advent Lessons and Carols and Candle lighting at 7:00pm	St. James
Sun Dec 18	Annual Children's Christmas Pageant at 10:30am	St. James
Sat Dec 24	Christmas Eve Services at 4pm and 10:30pm	St. James
Sun Dec 25	Christmas Day Service at 10:30am	St. James.

