



Newsletter

St. Anne's Anglican Church (Byron)

Lent 2018

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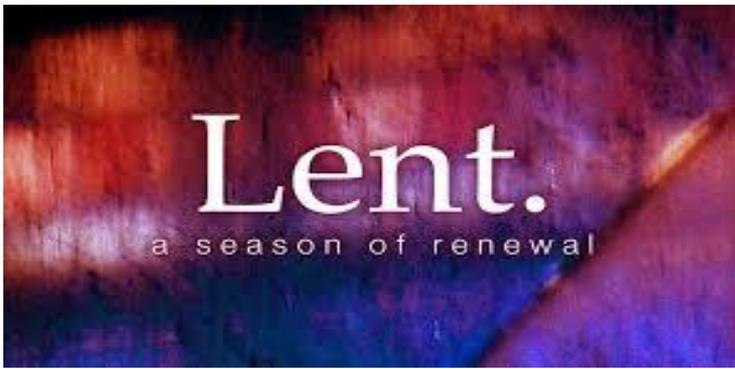
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Some Thoughts for the Season

by Rev'd Val

We live in an increasingly secular society, which is not news to anyone. For many, participating in organized religion is something that they have not ever done, nor something about which they wish to learn more, as religion is seen as irrelevant to their lives. What *is* frequently heard however, is people's acknowledgement that they are 'spiritual' and not 'religious'. While 'spirituality' could be defined in a myriad of ways, I recently came across a definition, that I felt very fitting for our consideration over this season of Lent. It is written by the well-known author Joan Chittister, who by any definition would be considered quite religious. Joan is a Benedictine nun and writer, a leading voice for spiritual renewal, a prophetic champion of peace and justice and a champion of the role of women in the church and the world.

Spirituality is the magnet within us that draws us to God. It immerses us in a consciousness of the God who is with us and the God who is beyond us.

Spirituality is a composite of those practices, attitudes, and values designed to bring to the height of spiritual development, to the depths of goodness, to authentic conjunction with the will of God in the here and now. Spirituality is theology walking.

It makes theology real.

My prayer for us all during this season of Lent is that we may open ourselves to all that it has to show us, and that the daily reality of our faith might grow truer with ever fresh understanding.

The Lenten Journey and Its Unique Offerings

The image of the *Journey* is one frequently used for the season of Lent. During this liturgical season, traditionally one of self-examination, there are four particular times of worship designed to support us on this journey.

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 14, 2018
10am and 7pm

Pancakes, syrup and sausages all tidied away for another year, we begin the first day of Lent with Ash Wednesday and its invitation to observe a holy Lent. While somewhat somber in general tone, it is the impositions of ashes that serves as a reminder on the one hand of our mortality and on the other hand of the gracious gift of eternal life freely given by God. This first all-important stop on our Lenten journey gives us the space to pause and to be deliberate in our decisions about how we will pass the next 40 days of this season.

Palm/Passion Sunday
Sunday, March 25, 2018

A small burst of joy in an otherwise pensive season, we remember Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem. At once loved by the people and hated by the authorities, for this moment, he is celebrated. This same service contains as well a reading of the passion story, by way of reminder of just how quickly everything will change for Jesus and his disciples.

Maunder Thursday
Thursday, March 29, 2018
7:00pm

This is a worship service that generally has two components to it in addition to the Eucharist. The first traditionally is a remembering of Jesus' final night with his disciples on which he both washed their feet and instituted the Lord's Supper. The second focus of the evening is the stripping of the altar. Out of respect for Christ's work on the cross and the great cost of this redeeming work, all colour and finery is removed from the worship space. We are, in these simple acts, acknowledging what is to come and preparing for it.

Good Friday
Friday, March 30, 2018
10:00am

The Good Friday service at St Anne's is a Tenebrae service. The word 'tenebrae' is Latin for shadows. The general purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate and reflect emotional aspects of the passion story as we read of the betrayal, abandonment and agony of the events that occurred during Holy Week. While the emphasis of the liturgy is to create an experience of something of the darkness into which Christ descended as he completed the mission for which he had been sent, it is a piece of our Christian story that should not be missed. As we move into the brilliance of Easter Sunday our faith story becomes complete.

All of these services precede the glory of Easter morning, and are an important part of our Christian story, making the happy ending of Easter all that more glorious. So why not consider taking in the entire story this year...the highs *and* the lows. You'll be glad that you did.

Keep in mind these special services/events

February 13	4:30-7:00pm- Pancake Experience XXXIV
February 14	10am- Ash Wednesday Service
February 18	No Sunday School (Family Day Weekend)
February 27	1pm- Tea on Tuesdays, Library
February 28	7pm- Parish Council
March 2	2pm, World Day of Prayer
March 4	10am Camp Service, No Sunday School Submissions for Easter Newsletter Due
March 11	No Sunday School (March Break)
March 13	1pm- Tea on Tuesdays, Library
March 18	Easter Newsletter Out No Sunday School (March Break)



Council Conversations

By the time you read this, we will have finished our annual Vestry meeting and voted on our Mission and Ministry Strategic Plan for the next five years. While plans can always change over the next five-year period, we will have set our feet upon a path that confirms who we are as a community and some of what we will do as a result. We are disciples of Jesus, the Son of God, who was born, lived and died to reconcile us to our Father God and who have been asked to follow his example to love God and our neighbour. That is surely something that is not always easy to live up to. Yet we are called to commit ourselves to this life-long task and work at it bit-by-bit. And so, what have you committed yourself to do as part of your own mission and ministry plan? Or as part of our St. Anne's Mission and Ministry Plan?

Lent begins on February 14th this year. It is a season in the church's year when we are asked to reflect on our lives and repent, or turn back to God. One dictionary expresses repent as "to change one's mind". It can also be seen as regret or sorrow for past action or even "to turn from evil, and to turn to the good." It sounds dramatic, yet God calls us to turn our attention back to Him and how we can live out His good plan for our lives, both on our own and in our community. Isn't it interesting that Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent is on the Feast of St. Valentine when we turn our attention to those closest to us and express our love for them in words and deed? And can we commit this year to doing the same for God who gave us this life and His love as expressed in Jesus?

As our community of St. Anne's, and each of us individually, begin this Lenten journey, think consciously of how your faith affects each part of your life. Let's each one of us consider how we can strengthen our community in the days ahead. Will it be in just a bit more prayer, study, donation of money or time? You are the only one who can decide how to make this Lenten journey meaningful.

Thank you for being part of our St. Anne's community. And don't forget to celebrate progress on your Lenten journey!

Wardens serving you in Christ

Keith B

Sophie S

Shelley L

Marg W

Welcome to our New Honourary Assistant, Bishop Nigel Shaw

The Rt. Rev Nigel Shaw was born in Dewsbury, Yorkshire, England and lived in a number of locations before emigrating to Canada at the age of ten. His parents were both teachers, though his father had served in the RAF for 9 years. Settling in Toronto, the family attended St. John's Weston where he participated in many aspects of church life such as serving, teaching Sunday school, being a member of the youth group and the parish council. Most importantly on the personal level it was also the parish church of the Breckenridge family. Nigel and Janet Breckenridge were married in 1979 and have two grown daughters Miriam and Sarah. They, like their paternal grandparents, are both teachers.

Nigel completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Trinity College, University of Toronto in 1980 and then graduated with a Master of Divinity from Trinity College, Toronto Schools of Theology in 1984. He was subsequently Ordained as a Deacon on 30 September, 1984 and then as a Priest on 17 February 1985. Nigel enrolled in the Canadian Forces as a Chaplain in the Primary Reserve in August, 1985 serving 26 Service Battalion located in Sault Ste Marie. Prior to enrolling in the Regular Force he served as Assistant Curate at Holy Trinity, Sault Ste Marie in the Diocese of Algoma. In July 1986 at the completion of his Curacy he transferred to the Regular Force.

Padre Nigel Shaw's first posting was to CFB Gagetown where he served with 2 RCR from 1986-1989. He subsequently was posted to CFB London where he served with 1 RCR from 1989 to 1992. During this period he deployed to Cyprus with the Battalion. Service at CFB Borden with CFSATE and then the Canadian Forces Chaplain School and Centre occurred from 1992 to 1998. Following the completion of SLT he was posted to CFB Bagotville in 1999. The following year he was promoted to Major and posted to CFB Petawawa as 2 CMBG Chaplain. In 2003 he was posted to LFCA HQ in Toronto as the LFCA Chaplain. Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 2006 Padre Shaw was subsequently posted in January 2008 to the CLS Staff as the Army Command Chaplain. Following a period of language training Padre Shaw was posted to the Office of the Chaplain General in the fall of 2010 and appointed Director Chaplain Services and Branch Advisor. He was subsequently promoted Colonel April 2011. Since

then he also served as the Director of Chaplain Strategic Support and as the Director of Chaplain Operations.

On March 5, 2016 he was elected as the Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces. This was the first time that the position had been filled by election as in the past it was a Primate appointment. Nigel was consecrated as a Bishop on 28 May 2016 at Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa. The Bishop Ordinary is a Suffragan Bishop of the Primate with a national non-geographic jurisdiction responsible primarily for the support and care of all Anglicans affiliated with the Canadian Armed Forces. In the summer of 2017, following the completion of his retirement from the Canadian Armed Forces, Nigel and Janet moved to London from Ottawa.

Collections for Camp



It is customary during the season of Lent, as disciples of Jesus, to take up practices in support of something greater than ourselves. In an effort this year to increase our capacity to send our own and other children of Byron to Huron Church

Camp this summer, we are asking everyone to take a jar of your choosing and fill it as you are able with coins of different denominations. On Easter morning, we will all bring in our jars and make them an offering for the season. These funds will then be directed to our Huron Church Camp Bursary fund for use this coming summer. Its just that simple. So, go pick out a jar and start filling it.



PANCAKE EXPERIENCE XXXIV and ACW Bake Sale

The Sidespeople of St Anne's would like to invite you to join us for our Annual Pancake Supper.

Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Pancakes, Sausages, Dessert & Beverage

Adults: \$6.00 Children: \$3.00 (Under 12)

Gluten free meals available upon request

Donations of Baked Goods will gladly be received in the Parish Hall between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm with much appreciation



Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

This Lent, thanks to the work of the Society of St John the Evangelist and the Diocese of Huron, we have 40 copies of a journal for Lent that we are able to make available to you.

In this Journal there is a theme for each week of Lent, plus a Scripture for reflection each day of the week. If you would like one of these Journals, please speak to Rev'd Val after services on either Sunday, February 4 or Sunday, February 11.

As well, on **Tuesday, February 27, March 13, 27** from 1:00pm to 2:00pm we will be getting together for **Tea on Tuesdays in the Heritage Room** to share with others any highlights of our journaling through the week.

Can you help the Chancel Guild Prepare for Easter?

Join us in preparing Palm Crosses

We'll gather in the Parish Hall kitchen on Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. to make Palm Crosses.

Come join us – all ages welcome! Please bring a pair of scissors.

Memorial Easter Flowers

Donations towards the flower fund for memorial Easter flowers are also most appreciated. These will adorn our window ledges and Chancel. Please call Eleanor C or let the office know the names of those you wish to remember by Sunday March 18th so they can be included in the Easter Service Bulletin.

The Chancel Guild Needs You

The Chancel Guild needs additional members. It's very rewarding work, caring for the Sanctuary, preparing it for Sunday services including decorating for Easter, Harvest and Christmas. We also deliver flowers to parishioners who would benefit from this acknowledgement that St. Anne's cares and are thinking of them. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact our Rector or one of our Co-Convenors, Nancy T. or Fran C.

Book Review: The Last Week

by Bishop Nigel

The Last Week: What the Gospels really teach about Jesus' final days in Jerusalem by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan

If you are interested in a book with which to engage the accounts and events of Holy Week you might find **The Last Week** by Borg and Crossan to be a helpful resource. The authors are both distinguished Biblical scholars who have specialized in the study of the historical Jesus and bring the insights of that study and perspective to their writings. Though they are both well published in scholarly journals and publications they have written many books for general readership that are insightful and though having considerable depth are non-technical and not complex in language or structure.

Their purpose in writing this book was not to attempt a historical reconstruction of Jesus' last week on earth nor to attempt to distinguish between what might actually have happened from the way it was recorded in the four gospels but rather to focus on telling and explaining, against the background of Jewish high-priestly collaboration with roman imperial control, the last week of Jesus' life on earth as given in the Gospel of Mark. They selected Mark to focus on because, according to a broad academic consensus, it is the earliest Gospel and hence the first narrative account of Jesus' final week and amongst the Gospel accounts it has the strongest chronological structure.

The chronological structure of the Gospel narrative is reflected in the book which consists of eight chapters, one for each day of Holy week commencing with Palm Sunday and concluding with Easter Sunday. The chapters range in length from 25- 30 pages with the book being just over 200 pages long. It is well suited for a Lenten study group or for individual Lenten discipline. If a chapter is read and reflected on each week of lent the final chapter concerning Easter Sunday would remain as an Easter week reflection. The book also contains discussion and study questions for each chapter to encourage deeper engagement with the concepts presented by the authors. The overarching theme or principle that is

returned to throughout the book is to contrast the actions of Jesus to those in authority, namely the Roman occupiers and the temple hierarchy. They begin their account on Palm Sunday with two triumphal entries into Jerusalem. The first entry, that of Roman governor Pontius Pilate leading Roman soldiers into the city, symbolized military strength. The second heralded a new kind of moral hero who was praised by the people as he rode in on a humble donkey. By and large we are familiar with the presentation of Holy Week as conflict between Jesus and the Jewish authorities but what this book does is to refine our understanding by more clearly identifying the role of all the authority structures. The picture that emerges is of a Jesus who is less that of an inevitable victim and more that of a moral hero, a courageous prophet.

The authors' aim is not to produce a purely academic work because the important point, as they say in their own words, is "What does *then* have to do with *this* now, *our* now?" In summary, this is an engaging and reasonably brief book that will reward study with both intellectual and spiritual insight.

The book is available at amazon.ca and through Indigo.ca but is not available in store. There will be few copies available in the Church library in time for Lent.

Thank you to Bishop Nigel for his Book Review this month. You may wish to purchase this book for your own study during Lent. As well, by way of supporting Christian Education here at St Anne's we will be purchasing four copies of this book for the library. Please drop into the library to inquire or put your name on a reserve list for this seasonal book.

15 Minutes With God Prayer :Breathe on Me Breathe of God Lenten Devotional

No doubt we have all heard this hymn written by Edwin Hatch, who was an Anglican priest and scholar both in England and here in Canada. While written many years ago, it is a timeless meditation on the Gospel reading from John 3:3-8, where Jesus addresses the questions of Nicodemus, a Pharisee who has come to him wanting to learn more. At its essence Jesus sets out that the way into the kingdom of God is through water and

the Spirit. In response to this, Rev'd Hatch's song is an appeal to that very same Spirit asking that as we pause to come before God we may be filled, renewed, able to reorder priorities, purified, and directed in all that we do. How appropriate this appeal seems for us as we enter this season of Lent, a time in which we are also called to intentionally pause to remember and to prepare for the celebration of our redemption through the death and resurrection of Christ. So, breathe on us breath of God, fill us with life anew, that we may love what you love, and do what you would do. As we give ourselves to prayer in this season, may that be our prayer, our hope and our anticipation.

To support you in your prayer, as in previous years, you are again invited to follow the *Lent 2018: 15 Minutes With God in Prayer* in booklet form. Copies will be distributed on Sunday, February 4th, or are available after that date at the back of the church. If you would like an electronic version please visit: <http://diorhuron.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Breathe-on-me-Breath-of-God-Scroll-down-1.pdf>

A Message from Noble and Jamie C

Noble and Jamie would like to thank our family and friends of St. Anne's for all the love, support and prayers following Noble's heart attack. Each day he is getting stronger and has been given the OK by his surgeon to resume skating and hockey - GRADUALLY. He is a happy camper. Thanks to all of you for the visits to see Noble in hospital, phone calls, cards, e-mails, texts, plus food. Thank you to our Rector Val, whom, during her first week at St. Anne's, still found time to visit Noble at University Hospital, prior to his surgery. We are truly blessed to be a part of the St. Anne's Family. You certainly embrace the live as Jesus taught us to be. Blessings to you and yours. Noble & Jamie C.



In Loving Memory

On Sunday, January 21, 2018 we were pleased to acknowledge and dedicate the gift of a new Pascal Candle to St Anne's, given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Leonida P A, given by her daughter Sophie S.

Pascal candles hold a special place in our seasonal worship serving as a reminder at baptisms, funerals and during the 50 days of Easter, of the work of Christ in breaking the darkness of sin and death and bringing us to the victory of Easter.

In our prayer of dedication, we gave thanks for the life of Leonida and for the reminder this candle offers of the light of Christ that lives in our hearts. We asked that we would be blessed in our use of this candle and that in seeing this light we might be filled with grace and spiritual blessings of every kind.

Request for Help with Parish History files

By Shirley G-M

I am writing today to ask for some assistance with organizing and labeling the massive St. Anne's history files I have accumulated over the years. A better filing system will help me to proceed more easily and quickly with the writing. As our history is something that we share, many hands to help with the work of it would be wonderful.

Keith Brooks and I will continue to take joint responsibility for producing our St. Anne's lengthy, exciting, surprising and rich history. And we will try to do it honestly, with integrity and humility, always remembering it is the story of God's work among us.

So for those of you willing to help with organizing the history files please be in touch.



Woman of the Year

The ACW Executive would like to congratulate all Women of St. Anne's Church Parish on a wonderful year of achievements in 2017.

As in previous years (since 1991) the congregation, through secret ballot, votes for one woman who has shown outstanding and faithful service in the parish. This year we are very pleased that this Certificate of Merit has been given to Jean G.

To mention a few of Jean's commitments are The Chancel Group, The Sunday School, The Heavenly Pie Group, and many of our Fund-Raising Groups.

Congratulations Jean.

Your ACW EXECUTIVE: Nancy, Vikki, Joy and Sandy

Handmade Toques for Sale

Keep warm and cozy in a handmade toque this winter. Come to the library to see our selection on Sunday mornings. Toques will also be available with the ACW bake sale in the library during the annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday Feb. 13th



Child and Youth Ministry Update

Our Ministry includes: Sunday School, Youth Group and various other Youth activities.

We hold Sunday School three Sunday's each month. We continue to average approximately 2-4 children each Sunday, with as high as 6-7 on some Sundays.

For the past year we have had a dedicated group of volunteers: Jeff W., Jean G., Jessica B. and myself. We take six-week blocks in groups of two adults each Sunday so that we meet Safe Church guidelines.

We continue to struggle to find enough volunteers to prepare lessons, activities etc for the children. Beginning in late 2017 Reverend Val began having a Children's Focus at the 10am Sunday Service. As well, in 2018 the children will stay in Church one Sunday a month so that they can be a part of our wonderful services.

Volunteering with CYM can be done in a variety of ways and does not necessarily mean you need to "teach" Sunday School. Curriculum is provided and soon will follow the lectern schedule so that what the children are discussing will be the same readings etc we hear in church during service.

We desperately need volunteers to:

- Supervise Sunday School and deliver lesson and activities
- Prepare activity packages to be left in the church for when the children remain for service

- Collate activity pages weekly in the office to be inserted in the activity booklet
- Be the second adult in the Sunday School class
- Pick up supplies (paid for by St Annes)
- Help with occasional activities/gatherings outside of Sunday at 10am.

If you would be interested in volunteering with this vital Ministry or any questions please Rev'd Val or Shelley L.

Thank You from Friends of Nairobi

We, the Friends Of Nairobi (FON) extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who supported our 9th annual Christmas cards for the veterans at London's Parkwood Institute. All proceeds from the 150 cards have been sent the Vision Peoples In Mission (VPM) in Nairobi Kenya. We recently received a letter from Stacey S. from the Veterans Special Services:

Dear Louise K. & Parishioners

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time to send and write a Christmas card with a personal message to each one of our Veterans. Thank you for thinking of us during the holiday season.

We greatly appreciate your kind and generous support. On behalf of the veterans and staff of Parkwood Institute, I would like to wish you health and happiness in 2018!

*Sincerely
Stacey S.*

"Asante sana sana" on behalf of the 382 hungry students who will be fed two small meals at the Haven Primary School and who will receive needed medications from the VPM Medical Centre in the Korogocho slums.



TOSSED SALAD – ACW 2018 CALENDER OF EVENTS



Mondays – 9:30 A.M. Badminton Group in Parish Hall

Mondays – 9:30 A.M. Quilting in Quilter’s Room

Tuesdays – 9 - 12 Heavenly Pies in Kitchen

Wednesdays – 9 – 12 Heavenly Pies Kitchen and Parish Hall

Feb. 10 – 10:00 Chancel Guild Annual Meeting – West Wing Choir Room

Feb 13 – Pancake Supper and ACW Bake Sale in Library - Receiving

Donations 9 – 3 in Library

Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday

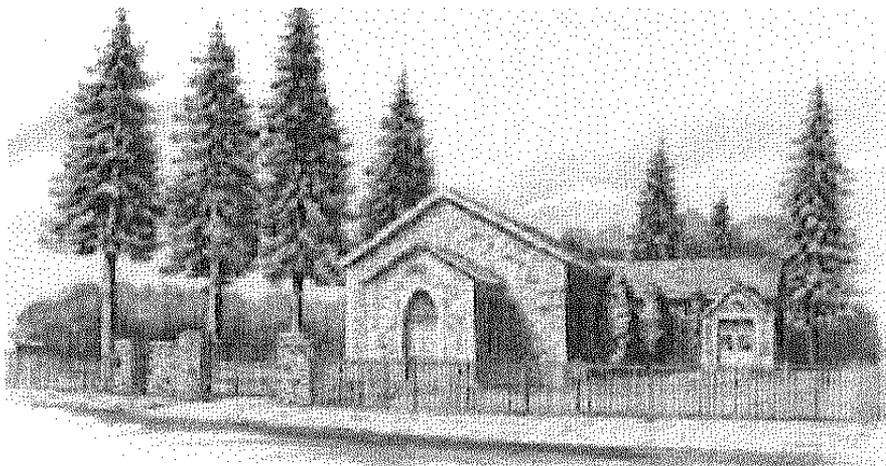
Mar. 02 – World Day of Prayer –2:00 P.M., Sanctuary

Mar. 22 – 7:00 PM making Palm Crosses in Parish Hall

Mar. 25 – Palm Sunday

Mar 29 - Maundy Thursday Time TBA

Mar. 31 –Decorate Church for Easter



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