

St. Andrew's Anglican Church
Newsletter

Lent/Easter 2017

Connector



Up Coming Events...

“Easter Pancake Breakfast” - Sunday, April 16.

Come and share in a Pancake Breakfast between the 8 am and 10 am services. Everyone welcome!! Please watch for a sign up sheet for how you can help out.

“Church Clean up Day” - Saturday, April 29

We are cleaning up!!! We are encouraging a general clean-up of the parish and to find good homes for the things that have gravitated to the church that are not being used any more. On Saturday, April 29 we will have a clean-up day that will be a big push to organizing and clearing out.

Please come...many hands make light work!!

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A note from our Vicar

Spring is especially welcome this year. After the winter we had, and the snow played havoc with our services a few times, it is wonderful to have warmer air and budding flowers. This season especially reminds us that new life surrounds us. And, since we are an Easter people, new life is at the heart of Christian life.

During Lent we follow Jesus steps to the cross. It's easy to get complacent, knowing how the story ends but, somehow, the story grabs into my soul every year. This year, I'm considering how we at St. Andrews find New Resurrected Life, personally and communally. Jesus guides us in all places, in daily decisions, events and functions and also into global mission.

Lent is a time for introspection and for considering the deep worn paths we take in life. Perhaps there's another way? Can we begin to explore who we want to be, differently?

In the next couple of months, Parish Council and wardens, clergy and laity, will be looking at possibilities for the life of this parish. It is of the utmost importance that as many people as possible engage in this process. Come to events, speak and listen to each other, enjoy community and mission with each other. The best way to be church is to want to be here.

There is always room at the table for anyone to share their hopes and dreams for St. Andrews. Speak to the wardens, the Helens, and parish council and get involved in the future of St. Andrews. New life is not just handed to us, we have to commit to hope and work towards it.

More than we can ask or imagine ...

Rev. Helen Tervo

A message from our Deacon

As I write this, we are in the midst of the Lenten season. I purposely didn't choose a practice this Lent, of giving something up or taking something on. As many of you know, I recently (now 8 weeks ago) took on a new job at BC Mental Health and Substance Use, which has required me to let go of a lot. I was at my last job for almost 19 years, so giving up relationships, reputation, identity and just simply knowing what I was doing, have all been part of this transition process. I decided that was sufficient for this Lent!

That's why I was a bit surprised when Kailee, my 19 year old daughter, said out of the blue "I'm trying to decide what to give up for lent". We hadn't had any conversation about lent and I actually had no idea that it even had meaning to her in that way. In the end she decided to give up the kind of drinks that she likes (usually from Starbucks), in favour of water (which she doesn't like) for the duration of Lent.

I have watched this process with some interest and curiosity, as well as thankfulness. Kailee doesn't come to church very often anymore. She's about the age I was when I stopped going to St. Andrew's and moved into the city. And

so, I could think that she isn't that interested in the Christian faith, that she has "moved on" and left that part of her life behind.

But the experience really reinforced to me that we never really know what's going on, just by looking at the surface appearance of things. Kailee grew up in St. Andrew's and was baptised here and so she has internalized many things from that experience. I'm thankful for that as a mother, and thankful for this community that collectively encompassed her during her growing up years.

We can't know how many others have been blessed and touched by the faithful prayer and worship that has happened here over the years but I'm thinking that there were many. Reflecting on that, I then let go of worry and anxiety about what's happening here and simply feel thankfulness for all that has been provided here over the years and all that is present currently.

In the love of Christ,
Rev. Helen Lingham

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 9

8:00 am & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 13

*Will be hosted at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran
20097 72 Ave., Langley*

6:00 pm Supper

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday service

Good Friday

Friday, April 14

10:00 am Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 16

9:00 am Easter Breakfast *(between the services)*

8:00 am & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist



*Please note: St. Dunstan's is having
a Saturday Easter Vigil service
on April 15 at 7pm.*

*You are most welcome to attend.
3025 264th Street, Aldergrove*

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday is a long held tradition in the Anglican Church. Strangely it originated when the monarch distributed specially minted coins to the populace. That's not what we do on the Thursday before Easter though; our practice is more scripturally based in Jesus' passion narrative. We re-enact the evening before Jesus was arrested and crucified: Jesus and the disciple's last supper together and the washing of feet. Afterwards the altar is stripped of any ornamentation, clergy vestments gathered and often crosses are draped in black. This prepares the church for Good Friday, the most solemn feast in our Christian year.

We at St Andrew's share this ceremony with the Lutheran parish of Shepherd of the Valley and this year we will be there to enjoy a simple meal, feet washing and a simple service.

Feet washing can be uncomfortable for some people. Peter, in the gospel of John, at first refused to let Jesus wash his feet. But, as Jesus admonished Peter, "unless I wash your feet, you have no part in me." To which Peter replied, "Lord, not my feet only but also my head and my hands!" In our Church, clergy are directed to wash the feet of parishioners as a sign of servanthood. Clergy are not bosses, clergy are servants.

While this is a symbolic act, there are many times when the spirit breaks through and makes this simple act full of grace and power.

Please join us at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Thursday, April 13 . Supper will be at 6:00 pm followed by a service with foot washing at 7:30 pm.
20097 72 Avenue, Langley.

Pastoral Care

How do we take care of each other? That's a key question for any parish. I've seen that many people take care of each other here, but in the light of half time clergy ministry, it's clear that lay people will have to take over some of the roles that have been thought of as the work of the priest or deacon.

Bev Saumier is spearheading a Pastoral Care Group that will take on some visiting in the parish. Of course, the vision will change over time, depending on needs, but the hope is that anyone who is undergoing change, illness or need, can be visited by someone on the pastoral team.

The group itself will meet once a month to learn and support each other in this ministry. Confidentiality is a prime focus so this group will not be discussing individuals but general issues in ministry, such as prayer, listening, and health issues.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Bev Saumier or Rev. Helen Tervo for more information.

Five Marks of Mission

To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.

To teach, baptize and nurture new believers.

To respond to human need by loving service.

To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation.

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

“And also with you”

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all,” the presiding minister greets the assembly gathered for worship. “And also with you,” the assembly responds.

After the prayers of intercession and before the offering, the presiding minister says, “The peace of Christ be with you always,” and the assembly responds, “And also with you.” Then worshippers physically (handshakes, kisses, peace signs, waves, nods, hugs, fist bumps) and verbally share the peace of Christ with each other. “Peace be with you!” “And also with you!” “The Lord be with you!” “And with you!”

After the offering is gathered and the table is set for communion, thanksgiving is offered. This includes the minister chanting or say, “The Lord be with you,” and the assembly once again responding, “And also with you.”

These three opportunities for mutual blessing remind us we cannot be right with God without being right with our neighbour. These greetings, build into worship, offer Spirit-spaces where we are nudged to “be reconciled to your brother or sister” (Matt. 5:24).

It can be downright difficult to share God’s peace in worship. Just as in families, as brothers and sisters in Christian community we know each other well enough to inflict pain. The resulting anger and hurt can cause the words of God’s peace to stick in our throats.

Fortunately, as Christian community, all saints and sinners, we know that when exchanging God’s peace is difficult, it is then that the exchange is most important. We remember the exhortation of Jesus to reconcile. We remember the command to love one another. God’s Spirit troubles our conscience, pushing us past hurt and anger and pushing us toward forgiveness and reconciliation.

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PWRDF

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, also known as **PWRDF**, has a vision to work towards "a truly just, healthy, and peaceful world". To quote the Mission statement, "as an instrument of faith, PWRDF connects Anglicans in Canada to communities around the world in dynamic partnerships to advance development, to respond to emergencies, to assist refugees and to act for positive change."

In our own parish's response to this call we raised close to \$400.00 through the sale of Christmas Cards. Parish Council is currently exploring other ways to include PWRDF in our parish Outreach program.

To find out more of the good work being done through PWRDF check out their website at **pwrdf.org**

Senior Residence Services

St. Andrew's provides monthly Eucharist services at four Langley senior residences.

Please prayerfully consider how you might participate in one or more services with a **Senior Residence Ministry Team**.

For more information please speak with Penny Ames or Mildred Keith.

Langley Lodge at 11:00 am the 1st Wednesday of the month.

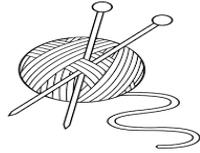
Rose/Marwood at 3:00 pm the 3rd Monday of the month.

Harrison Landing at 10:45 am the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Magnolia Gardens at 2:30 pm the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm in the Church Lounge. Please join us for knitting and fellowship.

All are welcome



Choir rehearsal

Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the Sunday School room. Thursday night practices when needed for Anthems.

New voices welcome!!



Sunday School

Sunday School is during the Sunday, 10:00 am service. Children leave for class and return for Eucharist.

Mid-week Service and Study Group

Mid-week Service on Thursday mornings at 9:45 am followed by a study group in the Lounge. All are welcome.

There are always opportunities to contribute to Sunday worship and life around St. Andrew's:

***Readers**

***Prayers of the People**

***Administrators of the Cup**

***Altar Guild**

***Coffee Hosts**

***Parish Council**

***Senior Residents Care Services**

Training Provided

Diocesan News and Events

Check out the Diocesan Website for more news and events happening around the Diocesan.

www.vancouver.anglican.ca

Here are some more websites you might want to check out...

PWRDF

www.pwrdf.org

Fred Says

www.fredsays.ca (*Primates 5 A's of sustainability*)

Anglican Foundation

www.anglicanfoundation.org

Anglican Church of Canada **www.anglican.ca**

KAIROS

www.kairoscanada.org

Camp Artaban

www.campartaban.com

Parish Mission Statement: We welcome everyone to seek spiritual growth through Jesus Christ, and to be instruments of God's love to all people.



St. Andrew's, Langley

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Monday to Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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