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Rector's Message

Dear Friends and parishioners of St. Luke's, I write this just before I head out for vacation. We will be heading back out to Gaspé and Percé this year. A place to return to nature and, hopefully, beat the heat!

I have no doubt that this newsletter will once again be full of stories and accounts of the many events and happening from the recent past and will herald the many things that will happen during the Fall.



We are pleased to welcome two new staff members: both part-time administrative assistants. Maureen Cowman is a long-time parishioner at St. Luke's. She is taking the Monday to Wednesday position and Ruth Millar is taking the Wednesday to Friday position. Note, though, that during the summer months we are closed on Monday and Friday. Chris Hughes (who retired last year) and Sandra Tiernay, who is retiring this year, are engaged in the training process. We have a full and fun office as we are all learning the ropes! Please stop by and welcome Maureen and Ruth when you're near during office hours.

I wanted to say just a few words on the heels of what might be considered a disappointing General Synod that very narrowly defeated the required second reading of a motion to change the wording of the Marriage Canon to more closely conform to the practice of same-sex marriage in the Church. Please note, though, that it was a high bar to cross to pass the motion. It had to be approved by a 2/3 majority in all of the three houses of Laity, Clergy and Bishops, which it did at the General Synod three years ago. This year the vote was passed by 80.9% of Laity, 73.2% of Clergy and just missed the 2/3 majority in the House of Bishop who voted 62.2% in favour. This means that an easy majority of delegates in all orders wanted this change. The decision which does not allow this change is not really the will of the Church at this time.

Know that our Bishop and the vast majority of clergy and synod delegates in the Diocese of Niagara are fully supportive of equal marriage for all people, just the way God has created us. As we have in the past, Niagara and St. Luke's will continue to offer marriage to any two people who want to make this life-long love commitment to each other. Love is love, and it is a gift of God given to us to exercise in the world.

I hope that you have had some time for rest during the summer season and I look forward to working together with you in ministry in this fall season.

Great blessings to you,

Stuart.

Canon H. Stuart Pike

Wardens' Report

As we make this report it is the middle of summer and we are looking forward to the cooler weather of the fall. We have just had a wonderful performance by the French Boys' Choir and are preparing for the One Burlington Festival.

The major changes over the course of the summer are in our staff personnel.

Sandra Tiernay, as you know, is retiring on August 31. She has been the dynamic go-to person for all aspects of parish life for the last 10 ½ years and we will miss her happy smile and pleasant demeanor.

We have been pleased to welcome Ruth Millar and Maureen Cowman as Administrative Assistants in the office. They are facing a sharp learning curve as they begin to master the hundreds of details of our office life. Sandra Tiernay and Chris Hughes, who has graciously come out of retirement, have helped them learn the ropes of running the parish office.

The other change, of course, is Leonel's impending marriage! We wish Leonel and Elizabeth all happiness as they start their new lives together.

We look forward to the publication of the new Parish Directory. It is a wonderful source document for us all to use and it is something we have all helped to create by our involvement. Special thanks to Veronica and Chris Miller and their helpers for shepherding this through to completion.

Our mission statement calls for us to serve our diverse church family through worship, fellowship, mission and outreach. Throughout this newsletter you will find reports from a myriad of ministries and undertakings. The fall is an ideal time to join one or more of these groups and we urge all of you to become more involved as part of our parish family.

Here's hoping that this fall term is fulfilling for us all and that by the time of the Christmas Market we can look back with fond memories of how each of us has grown through our involvement in Christian living.

Bob Bruce

Rector's Warden

Tim Tiernay

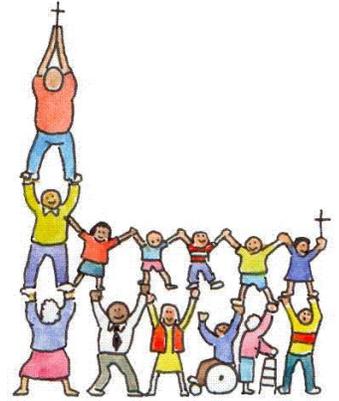
Deputy Rector's Warden

Carole Prytula

Peoples Warden

Marie Danielsen

Deputy Peoples Warden



Pastoral Assistant Report



“The One pm service”

A church community indeed.

For some time now, our parish has held Eucharistic services on the last Sunday of the month, at 1pm, in the parlor of our parish hall. This service was conceived as a means for enabling those among our congregation who would benefit from both full physical access to the premises and facilities, to worship and share in the Holy Eucharist, and a gentler-paced service.

It is a cozy community, to be sure. There are usually around ten to twelve of us who gather each time, sharing from a simpler liturgy, a relaxed environment, and a deep sense of being community, being mutually held in prayer and care, by God and by each other.

As I often remind the congregation that gathers for this service, those of us who attend are not some sort of ‘left-overs’ from the ‘real church worship’ of earlier in the day, but a gathered Christian community in ourselves, a congregation of individuals called out of their daily lives to gather with one another and worship, learn, pray, and be nourished by the sacraments –a Church community, by all accounts.

Could you benefit from attending this service? Do you know anyone who would? Please do not hesitate sharing this news, or asking for details to any of our clergy or pastoral volunteers –every last Sunday of the month, at 1pm, there is “fully-accessible” church worship service and community, waiting for us all.

Leonel

Friends of St Luke’s Day - August 28th — Help Needed!

Friends of St. Luke’s Day Fellowship and afternoon tea this year is being held on August 28th at 2pm. If you can help, please email Lesley Emery at echidna77@icloud.com.



From the Deacon



In June, Stuart, Leonel and I attended our annual Clergy Conference at Geneva Park near Orillia. It never fails to disappoint. We come away from the conference feeling refreshed, renewed and reaffirmed in our ministry. Our keynote speaker was Bishop Stephen Cottrell who was a poet, a story teller and also the Bishop of the second largest diocese in the UK.....Chelmsford. His sense of humour, his commitment to his faith and his flock were evident as he spoke passionately about “Abundance of the Heart”. This is a summary of the conference that was on the Niagara Diocese website.



“How can we serve the people with whom we already have contact in such a way as to make the Gospel intriguing, challenging, and appealing,” Bishop Stephen Cottrell asked diocesan clergy and licensed lay workers at their annual conference in Orillia, Ontario. To focus on this question is to acknowledge a Spirit-led shift away from the traditional attractational paradigm of “how can we get more people to come to church.” Instead, Bishop Cottrell urged church leaders to build places of nurture that allow the church to be expressed in a variety of ways to meet a diverse array of people. He added that “this needs to be part of your mission action plan,” referring to the diocesan visioning process presently underway.

Aided by poetry and art, Bishop Cottrell offered a rich mix of wit and wisdom as he explored the theme, “From the Abundance of the Heart,” in five engaging addresses.

“Bishop Stephen is such an engaging and sophisticated theologian, an articulate communicator, and an eminent leader for our times,” said Bishop Susan Bell. “When you meet him, you are immediately struck by his passion for the Gospel, his humour and his straightforwardness.”

Ordained in 1984, Bishop Cottrell presently serves as the Bishop of Chelmsford, the second largest diocese in the Church of England. He was formerly the Bishop of Reading and has worked in parishes in London and Chichester, as canon pastor of Peterborough cathedral, as missionary in Wakefield diocese and as part of Springboard, the Archbishop of Canterbury’s evangelism team. In addition, he is a widely published author, having writing over forty books on evangelism, spirituality and discipleship.

“The stories he shared with us... helped to illustrate for us, in a beautiful way, the power of the Gospel, the beauty of God at work in the world, and helped us to be in touch again with a vision for the reign of God in our midst,” said Archdeacon David Anderson.

Deacon's Report continued



The three-day conference also had a series of missional moments woven into its agenda. These brief reflections were given by those beginning new missional endeavours with our diocese, including Sarah Bird, program consultant for children, youth and family ministry; Gillian Doucet Campbell, director of stewardship and development; Antonio Illas, migrant farmworkers missionary; and Deirdre Pike, program consultant for social justice and outreach.

In a longstanding tradition, a retiring cleric is asked to preach during the concluding Eucharist of the conference. Dean Peter Wall, who retires this fall was this year's preacher, poignantly reflecting on the Gospel passage in which Jesus asks Peter to feed his sheep (John 21:14-19). To his colleagues in ministry, Dean Wall said, "when all is said and done, Jesus will continue to ask us if we love him, and our answer will and must always be a yes, a yes which *who first loved us* brings with it."

Sheila

Rev. Sheila Plant
Parish Deacon



FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

25	Eucharist and Baptism	10:00am
	Afternoon Communion (Parish Hall)	1:00pm
28	Friends of St. Luke's Day	2:00pm

September

8	Youth Service (Parish Hall)	10:00am
12	Speaker's Lunch	11:30am
13	Taizé Service	7:30pm
15	Indigenous Awareness Committee Book Talk	11:30am
22	Back to Church/Time and Talent Sunday	10:00am
	Evensong	4:00pm
28	Advocacy Breakfast	9:00am
29	St. Michael and All Angels	10:00am
	Afternoon Communion (Parish Hall)	1:00pm

October

6	Harvest Service	10:00am
	St. Francis: Blessing of the Animals (Outside Church Front Door)	2:00pm
10	Speaker's Lunch	11:30am
11	Taizé Service	7:30pm
13	Thanksgiving: Carols and Baptism	10:00am
19	Music at St. Luke's	6:00pm
20	St. Luke's Day Service	10:00am
26	Parish Dinner	5:30pm
27	Messy Church	4:00pm
	Afternoon Communion (Parish Hall)	1:00pm

November

3	All Saints Sunday Service	10:00am
8	Taizé Service	7:30pm
10	Remembrance Day Service	10:00am
14	Speaker's Lunch	11:30am
16	Advocacy Breakfast	9:00am
23	Messy Church	4:00pm
24	Reign of Christ Service	10:00am
	Afternoon Communion	1:00pm
	Evensong	4:00pm
30	Christmas Market	9:00am

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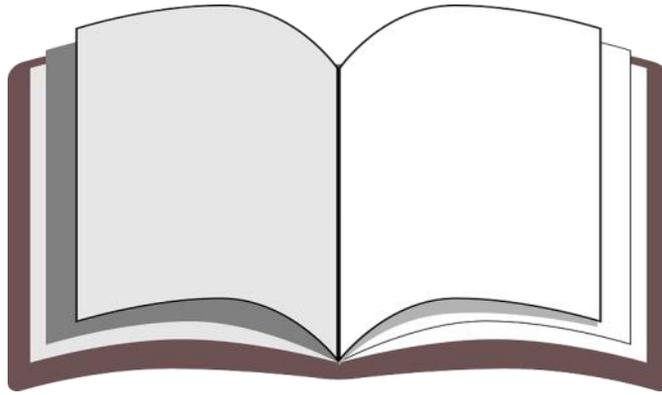
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Life Passages



May

Marie Haartman

Robert John Rooks

June

Caroldene Clemens

William Sangwin

Karen Bailey

Jerrold Large

July

Josiah and Isaiah Choldoruwski

Mary Rideout

Roger Stanton

Lawrence Bonanno

Ronald Bubb

The Butterfly Release

An Indian legend tells of a wish that is whispered to a butterfly will be taken to the heavens and granted because butterflies make no sound and tell the wish to no one but the Great Spirit. The ceremony offers public recognition of the impact of the loss of a loved one on a family.

The butterfly is a symbol of freedom, allowing the spirit to go free, and no longer be confined.



THE BUTTERFLY BLESSING

A person found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could, and could go no further. So, the person decided to help the butterfly.



The person took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small shriveled wings. The person continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time.

Neither happened. In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It was never able to fly. What the person did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening was nature's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If we went through life without obstacles, we would be crippled. We would not be as strong as we could have been. We could not fly.

I asked for Strength...and I was given difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for Wisdom...and I was given problems to solve.

I asked for Prosperity...and was given brain and brawn to work.

I asked for Courage...and I was given danger to overcome.

I asked for Love...and I was given troubled people to care for.

I asked for Favours ...and I was given opportunities.

I received nothing I wanted, but I received everything I needed.

May your path be bright and full of light everywhere you go.

I pray your feet will never stumble out of God's plan.

May the desires of your heart come true, and may you experience

Peace in everything you do.

May Goodness, Kindness, and Mercy come your way and may you

Gain wisdom every day.

Getting to Know -- St. Luke's New Parish Administrative Assistants

Ruth Millar and Maureen Cowman



Meet St. Luke's new Parish Administrative Assistants – Ruth Millar and Maureen Cowman. They have been in training with Sandra and Chris this summer, and come September they will be on their own in the office.

Ruth Millar is a Hamiltonian, born and bred, with a strong Christian background. Her father was a minister in the Associated Gospel Church, and she is presently a member of Chedoke Presbyterian Church in Hamilton. She has a long career in office work, having worked for many years with the Hamilton School Board. Her favourite pastime is cooking.

Maureen Cowman needs no introduction as she has been a parishioner at St. Luke's for thirty-three years. She was married in the church and her children were baptized there. Maureen has been very involved in the life of St. Luke's – she's a church minder, a member of the Altar Guild where she acts as flower convener, and was previously a volunteer with Food for Life. She also participates in the Monday afternoon Bible Study, and finds time to be on the Pie Makers' meat cooking team. Maureen's hobbies are reading, painting and walking.

When next you visit the Office be sure to say hello to our new administrative assistants, Ruth and Maureen!

Submitted by Dorothy Kew

ST. LUKE'S GIANT INDOOR GARAGE SALE JUNE 1, 2019

(photos by Dorothy Kew,)

Another
Great
Success!!





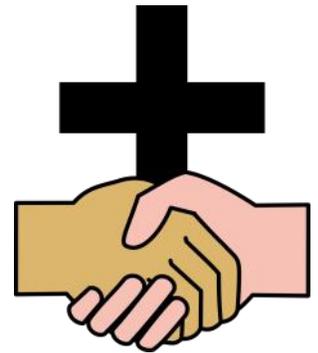
Save the date!

Sunday, September 22, 2019 is our annual Time and Talent Sunday. As usual we will be setting up wonderful displays in the Great Hall that showcase all that we do at St. Luke's.

Engagement Committee

A vibrant place is a growing place. The Engagement Committee continues to find ways to support our parish. We focus on attracting people to St. Luke's and fostering involvement from everyone. By communicating all we do here in worship, fellowship and good works, we spread our message of vibrancy.

The Canada Post mail drop (a simple post card format) to downtown Burlington residents continues to be a terrific way to communicate our worship with others. We completed the mail drop with Easter messaging, which reached over 5000 downtown residences. Attendance was noticeably higher during Holy Week and Easter Services. Our second planned mail drop is targeted for Nov. 20, and will focus on our Christmas season.



Refreshing our St. Luke's Website has been progressing over the past few months. We are updating the appearance and content to enhance function and information. This is a big undertaking with technical support with an outside contractor. But the critical work on content revision and development we must do ourselves as to best represent all we do and experience together. If anyone would like to offer a hand on this project it is most welcome, check for details in the bulletin.

We are planning a fall 'New Comer's Sunday'. This is in recognition of 'membership'. This will be both informal and conversational with 4 tables highlighting a single ministry. Participants will have time to explore and understand the focus of each ministry. Watch for updates in the bulletin.

The Engagement Committee wishes to thank all parishioners for their support and encouragement as we all work together to continue to make St. Luke's our spiritual center.

Music at St. Luke's

2019/20

Four Great Evenings of Entertainment



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The 2019/20 series offers four evenings of musical entertainment accompanied by a delicious dinner catered by Champlain Caterers with a cash bar serving beer, wine and pop. Hors d'oeuvres 6 p.m. Dinner at 6:30.

Series of 4 concerts is \$140. Single tickets are \$40.

October 19, 2019 - Allison Lupton Trio - An Evening of Celtic Music

Allison is an acclaimed singer-songwriter in the Celtic folk tradition "with a voice as clear as a country stream". She recently toured the U.K. performing at the Hebridean Celtic and Warwick Folk Festivals. Tony McManus, touted as "the best Celtic guitarist in the world" has recorded with noted Scottish fiddler Alasdair Fraser and worked with famed Natalie MacMaster. Shane Cook is the only Canadian to win North American and Canadian fiddle championships and has toured extensively around the world. The trio plays traditional and contemporary folk songs for your listening pleasure.



December 7, 2019 - High Strung

Colin Maier (oboe, vocals, guitar, fiddle, saw) and Brock Burford (guitar, vocals) are a high-energy, fun-generating duo who present a huge variety of songs, from singalong harmonies, folk songs and bluegrass toe-tappers to classical. Colin is known for his antics as the oboist in the renowned Quartetto Gelato. Brock is the witty and endearing half of the singing/songwriting duo Sunshine and Broccoli, recently nominated for a Juno for their latest CD. Among their repertoire are Classical Gas by Mason Williams, The Godfather Theme by Nino Rota and Moonlight Sonata by Beethoven. They have received rave reviews for their shows.

Music at St. Luke's continued

February 8, 2020

The Great Canadian Fiddle Show

The Great Canadian Fiddle Show preserves and celebrates , Canada's rich musical heritage through traditional fiddle and step dancing. It showcases the breadth of Canada's diverse regional styles. You will be captivated by their energy and mastery. Enjoy such favourites as The Canadian Reel Set, The Prairie Two-Step, Waltzing Through Ontario, The French Canadian Set, The East Coast and Messer Sets.



April 18, 2020

The 12/4 Swing Orchestra

Led by Jim Heaslip and featuring Tony Sciarra this rocking jazz band entertains us with Dancers' Greatest Hits. Enjoy the golden era of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Perry Como, Harry Belafonte, Michael Buble and hear hits like Strangers in the Night, Ain't That a Kick in the Head, Moon River and Sway. Bring your dancing shoes or just sit back and enjoy!



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Christmas Market is Coming—November 30, 2019

As a child growing up in England in the years following World War 11 , it was very apparent that Christmas celebrations were to be enjoyed to the utmost since now it was possible to obtain more of those items that had been unavailable for so long . Rationing was still in force for many years but people had learned to improvise and substitute ingredients in the family's favourite recipes and to "make-do and mend ' . Today we are surrounded by everything we might wish to obtain but it is those old recipes and old traditions that are still closest to our hearts . Our St.Luke's Christmas Market is a



wonderful demonstration of that . Many of the delicious treats that are offered are made from old recipes handed down from one generation to the next . Some of them have ingredients that were difficult to find in hard times but eventually the substitutions became the favoured recipe . Everything grown in the garden would be canned or placed in cold storage for those cold months to come . At St. Luke's we still can and preserve much of our home garden or orchard produce , not because we need to , but because we enjoy the process and we know that there will be many willing customers for our tasty produce . Our pie-ladies make traditional tourtieres that bring visitors back to the market year after year and our famous chili sauce has been a sellout for several years . There are so many cookies, cakes and pies available on the big day that it is tempting to choose one of everything ! There are hand-sewn , hand knitted , hand -made goods of all kinds from the practical to the just -for- fun . Christmas trees and decorations of all shapes and sizes and a treasure room filled to the brim with so many lovely items that would make a perfect gift . All of this and more is provided by the giving people of St. Luke's who work hard all year round to make this special day a success . They give tirelessly of their time, energy and talent in an atmosphere of great teamwork , camaraderie and enjoyment .

Our thanks to each and every one of them for their contributions.

Carole Prytula



Bob Bruce



Leslie Allen

St. Luke's Speaker's Lunch

The aim of the Speaker's Lunch group is to foster awareness among parishioners of happenings & endeavours in the wider community that may be worthy of interest & support.



The group meets at 11:30am on the second Thursday of each month for social time, followed by a "Bring Your Own Lunch" & a talk by the speaker of the month. All are welcome. For more information, please call Doug Flett (905-637-7009) or Tim Tiernay (905-639-0345). You can also email tim.tiernay@bell.net for more information about the group.

Our dedicated team of Committee members is enjoying a well-deserved break over the summer months, but will be "gearing up" soon for a return to a varied and interesting group of speakers.

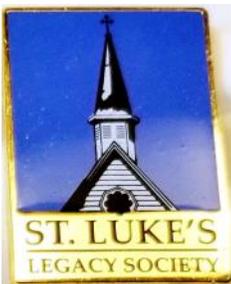
Our first meeting of the fall will be held on **September 12th**, when we will welcome **Bishop Susan Bell**, the new Bishop of Niagara. We look forward to hearing more about her vision for the future of our Diocese and the church.

We have just confirmed our speaker for **October 10th**. **Suzanne Soto-Davies** of Silver & Gold Magazine will share with us her journey regarding personal planning for family emergencies.

Our **November 14th** speaker will again be focused on a Remembrance Day theme, as **Robert Williamson** talks to us about D-Day.

We will pause for December and then be back on January 9th.

We have been pleased at the growing interest and attendance at the lunches and hope that you not only attend, but spread the word as to the fun and fellowship to be had at our meetings. If you have any suggestions as to subjects or speakers for future meetings please phone or email your ideas to Tim Tiernay (905-639-0345 or tim.tiernay@bell.net)



St. Luke's Legacy Society

"The Legacy Society invites us to consider how we can utilize our assets garnered during our lifetime in a creative and substantive way to support St. Luke's in perpetuity."

ST. LUKE'S HAPPENINGS



Lemonade on the Lawn. Four generations: left to right, Melanie, Ardley and Donald Walker along with Grandchildren Thomas and Jacob Walker-Edwards.

Children's focus with Stuart and the Walker-Edwards children. Left to right, Thomas, Ava, Jacob and Olivia. A talk about "distraction" but he seems to have their undivided attention!



St. Luke's Hosts the French Boys' Choir



Ministry of Christian Education

“So Jesus went round all the towns and villages teaching in their synagogues proclaiming the good news of the kingdom.....Matthew 9:35

We live out our daily lives through written word, sacred scripture, our relationship with God and all our brothers and sisters. Our faith and spirituality is the foundation for promoting life-long learning for the church and the wider community.



Saturday Morning Faith and Fellowship

The Saturday morning **Faith and Fellowship** group continues to meet in the Parlour every Saturday morning at 9 AM throughout the summer. In the late spring we changed our study from the previous week's lectionary to the Old Testament book of Isaiah. The words of this faithful prophet and our interest in the people and places about whom he writes have provided rich discussion and several "rat holes" (as we call them) to go down. We are now up to Chapter 21 so still quite a few chapters to cover.

As always, we invite any men to join us for fascinating discussion and great fellowship at breakfast after our meeting.

Submitted by Terry Raybould

Monday Bible Study Group

This group of currently all ladies (but certainly not limited to that gender) meet in the Parish Hall most Monday afternoons for reading through the Bible from beginning to end. Everyone brings their own Bible so the readings are varied from the NIV to the King James version and whatever is in between. We are, at the moment, in the book of 1 Samuel and read about 4-5 chapters each session with questions and comments to aid in clarifying certain passages. Anyone who has a desire to spend time in reading the scriptures is invited to join us.

Submitted by Cathy Payne

Sunday Morning Sunday School

Sunday school for children 4 and up continues every Sunday during the 10:00 am service. We start in the church service and go to the parish hall after the children's focus at the beginning of the service.

Submitted by Louise Neville

Ministry of Christian Education continued

Summer Book Study

The six-week book study this summer was titled “The Gift of Being Yourself” by Canadian author, David G. Benner who has held faculty appointments at a number of local universities here in Ontario.

This spiritual journey began with the practice of Lectio Divina (spiritual reading) and Gospel Meditation. Although not a Bible Study, there was a component of scripture as we followed Peter’s Epistles and his transformational knowing of Christ. The study helped us realize our own personal transformational journey with Christ, our vocation – our calling, our uniqueness, and our fulfillment. We experienced a personal knowing of ourselves and God’s will for us.

The epigraph that opens the book has the words of Thomas Merton.

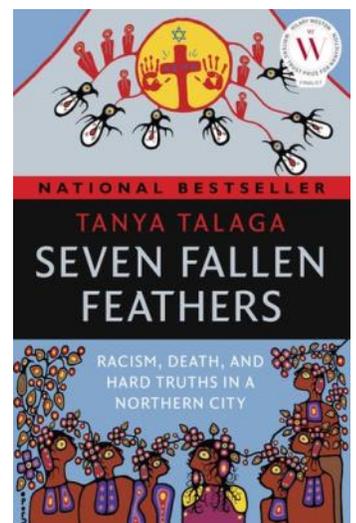
***There is only one problem on which all my existence, my peace,
And my happiness depends;
To discover myself in discovering God.
If I find Him I will find myself
And if I find my true self, I will find Him
.... Thomas Merton***

Submitted by Marjorie Latimer, LLR

Indigenous Awareness

Indigenous Reading Group Reconvenes

After church and coffee hour on September 15, Pamela Couture will lead a discussion of the book *Seven Fallen Feathers*, Tanya Talaga’s ‘expose’ of the uninvestigated murders of seven indigenous teenagers in Thunder Bay, Ont. As always, you are invited to come whether you have read the entire book, part of the book, or none of it but are interested in the discussion. See you there!



Ministry of Christian Education continued

Doctrine of Discovery: An Excellent Learning Opportunity

Last June a St.Luke's contingent attended a screening of the documentary *Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts* at Christ's Church Cathedral in Hamilton. The evening was hosted by Bishop Susan Bell with remarks from Archdeacon Valerie Kerr and National Indigenous Bishop Mark MacDonald. About 200 people attended

The film's focus is on a doctrine enacted over 500 years ago that asserted lands being discovered by European explorers were "empty" and millions of Indigenous inhabitants were "non-human." This decision and its modern manifestations continue to impact Indigenous peoples today. The producers of the film hope it will help foster a commitment to the work of reconciliation, providing education and insight into the racist foundations of many property and other laws still in existence today.

The Anglican Church of Canada formally repudiated the doctrine of discovery in 2010.

The Indigenous Awareness Team is planning to screen the documentary at St.Luke's as an Advent study project. More details to come.

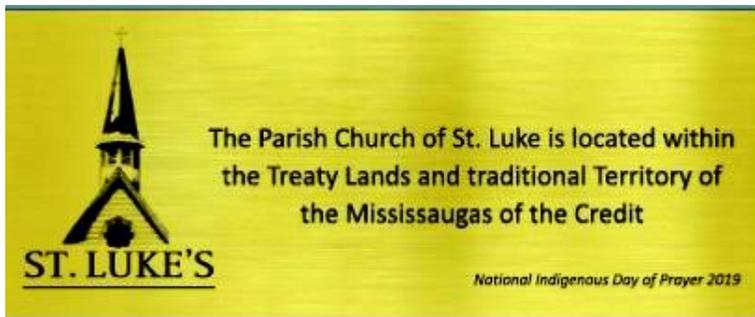
National Indigenous Bishop Mark MacDonald answers questions at the Cathedral on June 19



Land Acknowledgement

St. Luke's celebrated the National Indigenous Day of Prayer on June 23. The services featured a special liturgy and Canon Stuart's sermon featured special reference to Indigenous struggles. Both services started with the land acknowledgement presented on a plaque which has been mounted below the Parish Charter in the Narthex.

Submitted by Bob Osbourne



Rev. Sheila Plant

Chair, Ministry of Christian Education

Ministry of Pastoral Care

Leonel approached me a few weeks ago and thought it would be a good idea if I wrote about Pastoral Care from a different perspective.....

It is said that in a church, the priest ministers to the church gathered and the deacon ministers to the church scattered.

I say this because late last year and well into 2019 after major shoulder surgery and ensuing physiotherapy, I became one of the scattered.

Unable to drive, I would have been very isolated at home had it not been for my St. Luke's family.

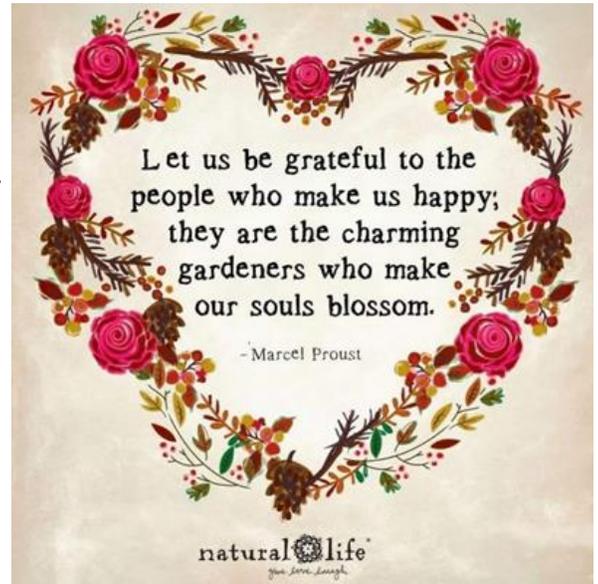
My spiritual needs were met by both Stuart and Leonel when they brought me Home Communion. I received food, rides to doctors' appointments and physio. Peo-

ple dropped by regularly to see if I was alright and to share a cup of tea with me. People picked up groceries for me and dropped off simple meals that I could manage with one arm. On several occasions, meetings were held here to make things a little easier. There were also a very special group of friends that came weekly to make prayer beads and even though I couldn't make them I was involved. Once I became a little more mobile, and I wanted to return to church, rides from friends were never a problem. All these things made me feel connected and they also made my recovery more tolerable.

I share this with you because this experience gave me a whole new perspective of pastoral care. I realize now that when I visit those in hospital, or those long term care facilities or the shut ins, that connection with their church family is so important to their wellbeing..

The clergy at St. Luke's work hard to meet the pastoral needs of our church family. Rest assured that those who require any form of pastoral care will be well cared for.

Rev. Sheila Plant



Ministry of Outreach

Contacts: Co-Chairs – Jackie Maver (905 681-6097) and Rosalind Reycraft (905 635-3976)

Mission Statement: Moved by the Holy Spirit and guided by the teachings and actions of Jesus the Christ, the ministry of outreach, in partnership with the community of St. Luke's, responds to the needs of our neighbours, locally, nationally, and globally by enabling, empowering, educating, and advocating.

Thank you for all your support of the Ministry of Outreach projects. With your help we reach beyond our walls to make a difference in the world, near and far.

Advocacy Breakfast Group

Our Advocacy Group continues to support the missions of Outreach through our informative and inspiring Saturday Speaker Breakfast Programme.

The following are the two opportunities planned for this Fall :

- Saturday, September 28th, we welcome Sarah Ahmed, who will be sharing her passion for assisting women who are experiencing violence in any form.
- Saturday, November 16th, John Jacobs, will be joining us to relate his personal experiences with Canadian Indigenous Communities.

Everyone is heartily invited to join us. Further information will be provided in the church bulletin as the times approach.

Should you be interested in being part of this group please contact Carrie Raybould at 905-681-2816.



Church Minders

The Church Minders are a group of dedicated volunteers who “sit” Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 12:30 in order that the doors of St. Luke’s might remain open. We greet not only parishioners and residents of our city, but also visitors to Burlington who have come in to see our beautiful Church and learn some of its history. We also welcome those who need a quiet time for prayer and meditation.

Keeping our Church open and accessible is an important part of St. Luke’s outreach ministry and we are in need of new volunteers in order to continue.

Should you be interested in further information, please contact me at 289-795-0401 or sadhon@bell.net Submitted by Sharon O’Neill



Ministry of Outreach continued.....

Burlington Ubuntu Grandwomen

This vibrant and active organization continues to respond to social justice needs in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation Initiative Grandmothers to Grandmothers. Our Ubuntu chapter joins with many across Canada in offering assistance through this amazing campaign. Through advocacy and fundraising, support is shared with those resilient and brave Grandmothers in Africa.

Regular meetings are held at Burlington Baptist Church on the third Wednesday of each month at 7PM, from September to June.

Upcoming special events are as follows:

Sept 4th - Annual Golf Tournament at the Pinedale Golf Course

Oct 25th - Concert with the Spurrell Choir

For further information please contact Carrie Raybould at 905-681-2816

St. Matthew's House Harvest Food Drive - Sunday, October 6, 2019

On Harvest Sunday we will hold our annual Harvest Food Drive in support of St. Matthew's House.

St. Matthew's House is a charitable, non-profit and multi-service agency, affiliated with our diocese. Together with community partners, St. Matthew's House works toward alleviating the poverty experience, eliminating poverty and adopting best practices for improved quality of life.



Your contributions of non-perishable food and/or personal care items are greatly appreciated, as are monetary donations. Thank you for your generous support.

Contact: Sandra Tiernay 905-639-0345

Mary Sherwood - Madagascar Missions

In the spring, Mary returned from a 2 month trip to Madagascar, which took place during a very difficult period on the island. Since September 2018, the country has been dealing with its largest measles outbreak in history and, to date, more than 1200 people have died from this highly infectious disease. The outbreak stems in part from a lack of resources. Only about 58% of the people there have had access to vaccines, and immunization rates of 90 to 95% are needed to prevent outbreaks. The epidemic is also complicated by the fact that 50% of the children in Madagascar are malnourished.

Ministry of Outreach.....Mary Sherwood - Madagascar Missions continued...

Quite a few of the children at both the orphanage and the inner-city centre have contracted the disease, with three of the older boys requiring hospitalization. Thankfully, all are now recovered.

On a positive note, all the children are now happy and healthy, working hard on their studies. One graduate is now studying theology, hoping to be ordained to the priesthood. All the children have been enjoying the crops that they help with on the farm, including beans, sweet potatoes, corn, papaya, pineapple and bananas.

Mary has spent the summer visiting with sponsor churches, updating them about what has been happening at both the orphanage, Akany Famojena and at the inner-city training centre/school, Akany Tafita, and also to ask for continuing support to keep both of these important facilities viable, strong and effective.

Thank you for your continuing support. Your donations help pay for food, education, medical care and maintenance costs and neither centre would exist if not for this assistance. Please continue to remember Mary and all the children in your prayers.

Contact: Sandra Tiernay 905-639-0345

El Hogar Service Team Trip to Honduras 2020

The next service team trip to Honduras has been tentatively booked for Friday, March 27th to Friday, April 3rd, 2020. Plans will be firmed up once interest of new participants has been confirmed. If you are interested, please join the team leaders Rick & Ros Reycraft at our information evening which will take place on Thursday, September 19th at 7:30pm in the board room.



You will learn all the “ins and outs” of the trip but, probably most importantly, how the relationship we have with El Hogar’s children has been a life changing experience not only for them but for the team members.

We are looking forward to reconnecting with our sponsored children Nelsin in the high school girls’ residence, Ana Nicolle at the elementary campus, and our newly sponsored child. We will also learn more about Honduran culture with the help of our own Erika Skafel, Coordinator of North American Relations.

Contact Ros. & Rick Reycraft 905 635-3976

Ministry of Outreach continued.....

Community Engagement Facilitator - Downtown Burlington Community Lunches

Are you looking for a chance to eat out with others and make new friends? Or to join a team of volunteers who enjoy working together? Our fall community lunches in the Great Hall (11:30-1:30) will resume on Wednesday, September 18 and continue on the first, third, and fifth Wednesdays until June 3, 2020. The other fall lunch dates are October 2, 16, and 30, November 6 and 20, and December 4 and 18. **We offer a free delicious lunch for anyone in the congregation or community. Most of the guests are seniors, with a few from other ages.**

St. Luke's continues to partner with Burlington Baptist, Knox Presbyterian, and St. John the Baptist Catholic churches to fund the lunch, and Food for Life, Burlington Food Bank (formerly Partnership West), and Burlington Food Share who donate ingredients. Our guests also contribute as they are able to a free will offering basket.

We always welcome new volunteers and have some openings on all the teams, with times in the morning, over the lunch, and into the afternoon, depending on the role and your schedule. Call if you would like more information. We have fun while making a difference to many people.

Pop-up Market Project

We will again be offering a Pop-up Market of local, discount priced produce on Community Lunch dates in September and October on September 19, October 3 and October 17 from 11:00 to 1:30. The market is open to everyone. Join us after the Wednesday morning church service. No advance orders are necessary. We will receive a selection of fresh Halton produce that morning and sell until we run out, or until 1:30. Halton Region is funding this project. Our goal is to make fresh local produce available to anyone in our neighborhood at a discounted, affordable price.

We are looking for 2 or 3 volunteers to set up the market, collect the money involved, and pack up any remaining food. The commitment is for about 3 hours on lunch days. Please leave your name and contact information with the church office or email me if you able to help.

Heather White Community Engagement Facilitator dheatherwhite@gmail.com

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35

Ministry of Outreach continued.....

Concert for Children in Need



On May 24th, we welcomed back The Harlequin Singers for our annual fundraising concert. This year with the theme “What a Wonderful World”, the concert was presented in a cabaret style setting with food (snacking charcuterie boards) and drink. As well as a great concert by the Harlequins, the fun also included a raffle basket and a photo booth.

We are grateful to this choir who give us this concert without a fee and to all the concert attenders who were so generous to help us raise money for our chosen charities. This is St Luke’s way to be able to support outreach work. We raised \$2,375 as well as donations of food for our Food for Life program at St Luke’s. These funds were distributed amongst:

- 1) St Matthew’s House in Hamilton to which we have traditionally contributed for over 30 years from this concert. Their programs include child care, summer camps and nutrition programs. <https://www.stmatthewshouse.ca/>
- 2) Suicide prevention through Indigenous Ministries. Anglicans in northern Canada, collectively known as **The Council of the North**, have a ***Suicide Prevention Program*** that responds to the tragedy of suicide, especially as it affects Indigenous youth. The suicide rates in First Nations communities are twice the Canadian average. First Nations youth have a suicide rate 5 to 7 times higher than that of the national average, and rates among Inuit youth are 11 times higher. Health professionals are referring to this situation as “pandemic”. ***The Suicide Prevention Program*** works in partnership with tribal councils, governments, health and social service agencies, community groups, and faith groups, developing and implementing community-based suicide prevention strategies based in Indigenous culture. We have been happy to support this for four years now. <https://www.anglican.ca/im/spp/>
- 3) ROAD Youth Recovery. St Luke’s is pleased to have this drop-in program take place in our parish hall each week. It is for individuals 16 – 19 dealing with mental health and/or substance abuse issues. Participants cultivate valuable life skills, opportunities and confidence that will aid in their overall recovery.

Contact Janice Skafel 905 332-0837

Ministry of Outreach continued...**The Greening & Grounds Committee**

In the Fall of 2018, the idea for a butterfly garden at St. Luke's came as a result of a conversation between a group of parishioners who had enjoyed watching the metamorphosis of some Monarch butterflies, but it was thought that there was no room for another flowerbed in the cemetery. At that time, an old tree that was dangerously close to the memorial perimeter fence and another that was dying had to be removed from the scattering garden. At first it was thought that the area would be too shady for butterfly attracting plants but after careful consideration it was decided to go ahead and plant plants that were native to North America, that required little maintenance, were drought-proof, could survive in sun or partial shade and, of course, attractive to bees, butterflies and birds.

A group of our male parishioners dug over the whole area and incorporated many loads of triple mix prior to planting. At that time, it was discovered that the area had been invaded by Japanese Knotweed which is tall, strong, very aggressive and extremely difficult to exterminate. Indeed, almost a year later we still have to dig it out on a regular basis. However, undeterred, we continued on.



Next step was to plant a Yew hedge around the perimeter of the garden and to add to the Pachysandra plants at the front of the bed. Other than those plantings, all the plants in the garden are from our own gardens or were donated by family members. It has been exciting to watch everything grow and develop into healthy, attractive plants that have attracted all the wildlife we had hoped for. To be able to sit in that quiet shady corner and listen to the birds sing as butterflies and bees hover over our lovely garden is a joy, and to remember with love and thanksgiving, the lives of those whose earthly remains are scattered there is a blessing.

Ministry of Outreach continued.....

Only a few days after planting, a Monarch caterpillar was captured having lunch.



In May, after preliminary preparation and prior to planting, a large crew of parishioners moved in 10 cubic yards of topsoil for the garden and some other improvements on the lawns and in the cemetery. Here is the hard-working crew of Ron D, Holly L, Tim T, Spencer F, Doug F, John C, Michael E, Michael S, and David B, posing in front of the church on 'work party' day in May. Missing from the picture are Pam C, Cathy P and Janice S.



Submitted by Michael Skafel & Carole Prytula (Butterfly Gardeners' Group)

PWRDF Development Project



This past April, almost 100 midwives from Indigenous communities gathered in Peru for the First International Gathering of Indigenous Midwives of the Americas. The purpose was to promote cultural exchanges in traditional midwifery and knowledge of Indigenous midwives in Canada, Peru and Mexico. This ground-breaking event was part of the Indigenous Maternal Health and Midwifery Program currently being funded by PWRDF. Its participants and implementing partners are CHIRAPAQ from Peru, Kinal Antzetik from Mexico and Ryerson University's Aboriginal Initiatives from Canada. Midwives discussed the challenges of Indigenous midwifery and possible future actions so the practice can continue in the three countries. The event focused on pregnancy, childbirth, child delivery and the use of medicinal plants in this ancestral practice. The event began with a traditional Indigenous ceremony offered by the Elders and Traditional Spiritual Keepers from regions of Peru, Canada and Mexico. They safeguarded the gathering grounded on Indigenous principles and values such as respect, love and participation in good mind and a clean heart.

Participants discussed health from an Indigenous perspective. "Health involves the relationship we maintain with the elements that surround us," said José Zàrate, PWRDF's Canadian and Indigenous Communities Program Coordinator. "Water, earth, wind, fire, flora, fauna; its balance allows a healthy coexistence between men, women and the environment in which they live. Health includes three levels of oneself, and it is holistic: spiritual, emotional and physical. If we, as indigenous peoples neglect the elements and other living beings that surround us, health will dissipate, giving way to disease."

Other important talking points were:

- The use of midwives and best practices found in Canada, Peru and Mexico.
- The importance of recognizing midwifery knowledge. Indigenous ancestral knowledge is being appropriated without acknowledging Indigenous communities as the architects of their own knowledge.
- Racism and discrimination in the education system, in the validation and recognition of traditional Indigenous midwife knowledge, and the access to the Western healthcare system, not only for pregnant women but also for mothers of pregnant women, caregivers and families.
- The criminalization of Indigenous midwifery and threats to eliminate this ancestral practice, risking the preservation and transmission of knowledge.

"I think that Indigenous people connecting across countries internationally, is actually critical to the learning and building of Indigenous midwifery," said Cherylee Bourgeois of Ryerson

Ministry of Outreach PWRDF continued.....

University's Indigenous Maternal Health Midwifery Program. "Part of the reason is that there are pieces of knowledge that midwives hold that are so different or don't exist up in Canada, so it is such a rich exchange in terms of ways to move forward, what to center, how people come together, and the relationship that people have with their communities in terms of the care that they are providing."

For more than 20 years, PWRDF has worked alongside the Indigenous communities of Canada and has involved them as partners of their own development. Outside of Canada, the work with Indigenous communities has focused in promoting the Indigenous culture, notably through the Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas.

With files from José Zarate, PWRDF Canadian and Indigenous Communities & Latin America-Caribbean Program Coordinator

Submitted by Jackie Maver 905 681-6097

Canterbury Hills - the Best Kept Secret of the Niagara Diocese

On June 2nd, Canterbury Hills Rep, Emily Lloyd, spoke at St. Luke's at the announcement time at the 10 am service promoting Canterbury Hills' ongoing fundraising campaign. A total of \$1,250 was collected in support of their programmes. Emily answered many questions but we thought it would be wonderful to know more about this long-standing programme of our own diocese.

Canterbury Hills is owned and operated by the Anglican Diocese of Niagara through the Canterbury Hills Board. Canterbury Hills is anchored by the guiding values of inclusion, cooperation, love, service and stewardship. Spirituality is practiced and developed through a positive, caring community that helps people become the best version of themselves, form faith connections and embrace a sense of harmony with the wonders and rhythms of nature.

Canterbury Hills welcomes staff and campers of all backgrounds and worldview orientations. Their programme and community is a safe place for everyone as they focus on what brings people together, not what separates or divides.

PARISH LIFE NEWS - FALL 2019

As we say goodbye to summer and enter the Fall season, many of our Parish Life activities are starting up again. If you're giving thought to what you might like to attend, participate in or volunteer for, here's some food for thought:

Coffee Hour: Many of us look forward to the congenial atmosphere of our post-service coffee hour, where we can mix & mingle with other parishoners over a cup of tea or coffee and some casual conversation, and provide a welcoming atmosphere for new attendees. In order to continue we need volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up on a rotational basis with others. Please contact Nan Bruce at (905) 632-6528 / nabruce@bell.net, or sign up at coffee hour to help us ensure that this important ministry continues.

The Stitching Circle meets from 10 am to noon every Tuesday, and is open to all who are working on any kind of project involving stitches: knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, embroidery, whatever! All skill levels are also welcome, from absolute beginner (we have yarn and needles and hooks if you'd like to try knitting or crocheting) to expert. Come for the full two hours, or drop in any time.

The **Quilting Group** meets at 1pm on Tuesday afternoons; new participants are always welcome. We currently have a few quilts available for purchase. If interested you may contact Melissa at 905-484-7277 or stop by on Tuesday afternoons between 1-4pm. We quilt from September-June.

Music at St. Luke's - A popular favourite, the lineup for the 2019/20 season is as follows:

October 19 - Allison Lupton, Tony McManus & Shane Cooke - Virtuoso celtic Music.

December 7 - "High Strung" - members of "Quartetto Gelato" - Colin Maier & Brock Burford.

February 8 - "The Great Canadian Fiddle Show".

April 18 - "The 12/4 Swing Orchestra.

Please join us for an evening of catered dining, great music, and fellowship.

(See registration form included in this newsletter for your convenience).

Contact: Bonnie / Harry Lennard: (905) 632-2918 / blennard@cogeco.ca

Parish Life Report continued.....

Welcomers/Greeters as the name suggests is a group of friendly people who take their turn to welcome everyone who come into church at the 10 am Sunday service. We like to work in pairs being on a scheduled roster so that no one is missed especially those who are visiting or looking for a new church home. Currently, there seems to be a shortage of welcomers, so if this appeals to you and would like to join please get in touch with me, Cathy Payne, at (905) 639-5135 / rpayne@cogeco.ca.

Nursery: There is a nursery available each Sunday in the hall in 302 during the morning 10 a.m. worship service for all young ones up to 4 years of age before they go into Sunday School at 4. Please note that you can bring your child to the nursery each Sunday. We usually go over to the hall after the Children's Focus in the service and then you can pick up your child when you come over for coffee after the service.

We are also in need of volunteers to take a Sunday in the nursery periodically. Please call Heather Faint at heather.benson86@gmail.com or Janice Skafel at janice.skafel@outlook.com

**St. Luke's Annual Parish Dinner
and Silent Auction**

Saturday, October 26th, 2019

Doors open at 5:30pm

Hors D'oeuvres at 6:00pm

Please watch your bulletins for further updates about these and other ministries falling under Parish Life.

Thank You.

Lesley Emery
Parish Life Chair

News and Views from the Adult Library



The goal of the library is to enhance the spiritual life of its reader

In the summer edition of the Niagara Anglican, there was an article entitled 'Find One Thing' that helps you grow closer to God...A project of the Diocese of Niagara. Below are a few of the books that were recommended in the article and that we have available in our library.

- 231.76 ROR The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation by Fr Richard Rohr
232. ROR The Universal Church by Fr Richard Rohr
- 232.9 B Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time by Marcus Borg
- 242.2 NOW The Way of the Heart by Henri Nouwen
- 248 WIL Holy Living: The Christian Tradition for Today by Rowan Williams
- 248 WIL Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer by Rowan Williams

A few months ago, Terry Raybould mentioned to me that we didn't have any books about Saint Peter. We have since added two books; 225.9 HEN St. Peter, the Underestimated Apostle by Martin Hengel and 225.9 BEN St. Peter, Flawed, Underestimated and Faithful by Martin Benz. Terry has kindly written reviews for these two books elsewhere in this newsletter. Thank you, Terry.

In July, the library committee did an inventory of all the books. We found very few books missing. We also weeded the collection and removed outdated books, damaged books and books that hadn't circulated for twenty years. These books were sent to Bibles for Missions. Dorothy Kew has printed a new catalogue of the books listed under Author, Title, Subject Heading and Dewey Decimal number. It is on the table in the Library as well as online. The library is open when the office is open and on Sunday mornings. Please come in and have a look.

Jane Milne, Chair

BOOK REVIEW

Binz, Stephen J. Saint Peter: Flawed, Forgiven and Faithful.
Loyola Press, 2015

During one of our Saturday Faith and Fellowship sessions early this year, we found ourselves discussing a scripture reading dealing with a major argument between Peter and Paul in Antioch (Galatians 2:11-14). Of course, we knew that Simon Peter was a disciple, one of the twelve apostles, a martyr and is considered the first Pope by the Roman Catholic Church. However, as we got deeper into our discussion we realized we would like to know more about this major figure of the early Christian faith. So we went to our St. Luke's library only to find that, although there were several books about Paul, we did not have any titles on the life of Peter. The library committee agreed that a couple of books on St. Peter would be a good addition to the collection. After some research the following two very different books were purchased:

Saint Peter: Flawed, Forgiven and Faithful has the subtitle Walking with Peter from Galilee to Rome. Stephen Binz presents a chronological account of Peter's life from his calling on the shore of Lake Galilee to his service to the new Christian church in Rome and his crucifixion in Nero's circus.

Binz has spent a great deal of time in the Holy Land and his writing is filled with fascinating research and detail. For example, he explains that Peter and Andrew were originally from Bethsaida, a town in which Jews lived together with Gentiles which means Peter would have had contact with Greek-speaking Gentiles from early in his life. Also fishing was a profitable occupation especially for those who owned boats and could hire help. "These details indicate that Peter was not necessarily the poor illiterate Jewish fisherman he is often made out to be. It is more likely that Peter was a middle-class entrepreneur. He certainly spoke Aramaic, probably read Hebrew, and quite possibly read and spoke Greek, the language of trade and commerce at the time". (Pages: 45-46)

Peter is an intricate person at different times full of humility, bravado, fear and self-loathing, but ultimately faithful unto death. However, in spite of his temperament, Peter is so obviously human. This book investigates Peter's journey as a follower of Jesus, his dreadful betrayal, his belief in the risen Lord, his shepherding of the early church in Jerusalem and his missionary work that includes the "dust up" with Paul in Antioch and leads him eventually to Rome. Binz does a wonderful job of helping the reader understand this complex man of contradictions who was so important to the rise and spreading of the Christian faith.

Book Reviews continued

Hengel, Martin. Saint Peter: the Underestimated Apostle. (Translated by Thomas H. Trapp). William B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2006.

This book is quite different and more difficult to read. (When you find many pages contain more space for footnotes than for text you know you are in the company of an academic.)

Martin Hengel's book is made up of two distinct sections - Part One: Peter the rock, Paul and the gospel Traditions; Part Two: The Family of Peter and Other Apostolic Families.

In the first, longer section, Hengel makes the argument that Peter was the authoritative disciple and became more important as a teacher, a leader of the Christian community and a missionary than any of the other twelve. He also points out how Peter's role in the new messianic movement in Jerusalem and the Gentile Christian community was also both complicated and pivotal. Peter wished to be fair to both groups but he ended up having to flee Jerusalem and later found himself in severe disagreement with Paul. Hengel claims that although Peter had no training as a scribe, he was "still a theologically powerful thinker, an impressive proclaimer and a competent organizer" (Page 101) Although Peter was uneducated, he contributed more of the the nature, the person, the deeds of Jesus and the doctrine of salvation through Jesus Christ to the early church, because he was closer to the traditions of Jesus than Paul was.

In the second section, Hengel suggests that Mark is Peter's interpreter and student as he did in the first section. He then goes on to talk about Peter's family (his wife and mother-in-law) and the families of other followers of the early church documenting how difficult it must have been to follow Jesus when even his family could be critical of his public mission (Matthew 12: 46-50; John 7: 2-10). The author suggests that though family life for these followers could be complicated, he also stresses the importance of "house communities" in Jerusalem, the missionary cities and finally in Rome.

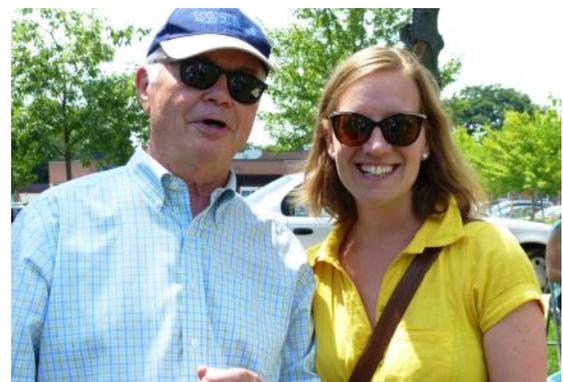
Both of these titles are excellent examinations of Peter the Apostle. I suggest starting with the Binz book for a valuable insight into a remarkable life and then exploring the Hengel book for a different perspective.

Submitted by
Terry Raybould

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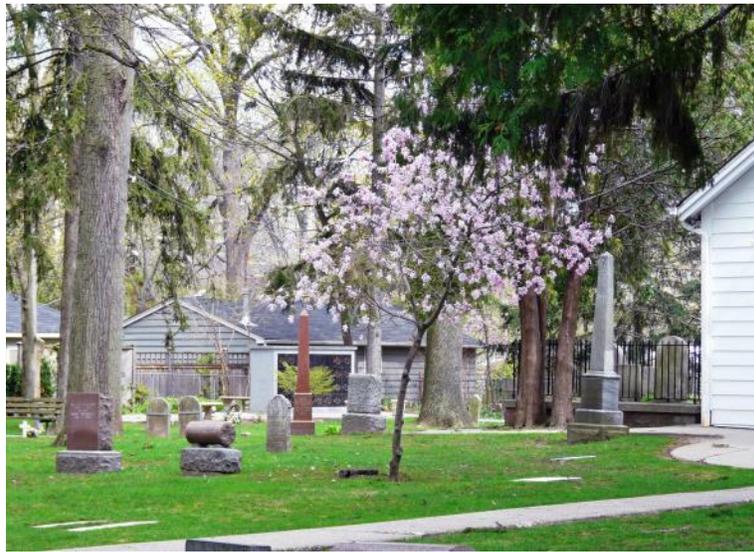
A CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY

(photos by Dorothy Kew)



A Walk Through Time: Symbols in Stone in St. Luke's Churchyard

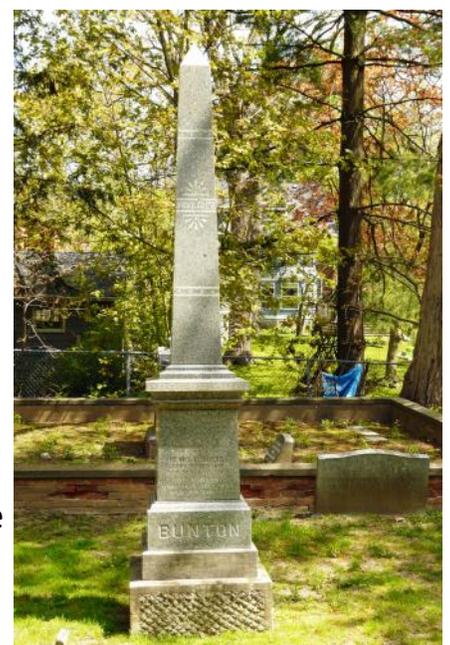
By Dorothy Kew



As you know I have written several articles on St. Luke's churchyard and even did a PowerPoint presentation on it earlier this year for Heritage Month. My interest in the churchyard has been mainly of a historical nature ... researching the parishioners buried there and their connections both to St. Luke's and to the City of Burlington. Of course, as a genealogist and as Cemetery Coordinator for the Halton Peel Branch of Ontario Ancestors, I am curious about the inscriptions on the stones ... the names, the dates of birth and death, family relationships as laid out on the stones, and in many cases information as to where the person came from. There are however, certain symbols, especially on the older stones, which themselves tell us something about the people buried there and about their loved ones left behind. These symbols can represent sorrow and mourning, family connections, hope of eternal life and perhaps even one's former occupation.

Obelisk Bunton Plot

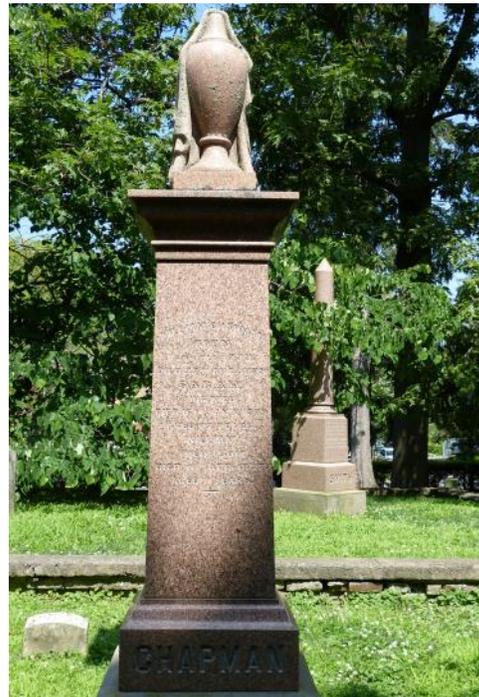
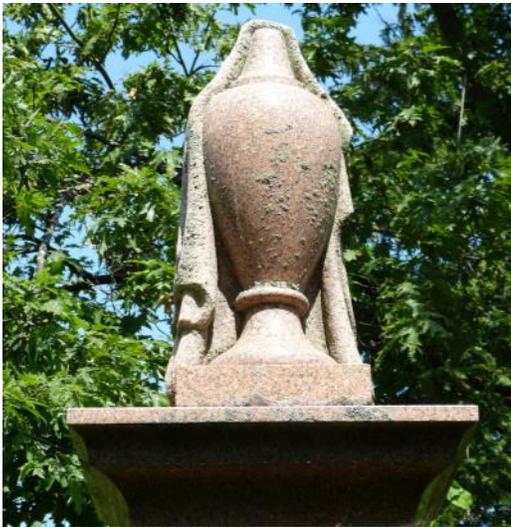
Some of the most common monuments in the cemetery are obelisks, tall, four-sided tapering monuments with a pyramid-like shape on top. Their origin is very old, from ancient Egypt where it symbolized the sun god, Ra, though the word obelisk itself comes from the Greek. Its present meaning in a Christian context seems to represent rebirth and the connection between Heaven and earth. It is often seen in family plots. An example of this in St. Luke's churchyard is the Bunton Plot, where the obelisk marks the resting place of William Bunton, who died in 1881, and members of his family.



William Chapman Monument

We also find tall columns in the churchyard. Perhaps the most striking of them all is the one that marks the burial spot of William Chapman, 1799-1879, and which also records the names of his wife, Sarah and other members of the family.

What is unique about this monument is the draped urn at its top. The draped urn is one of the most common nineteenth century funerary symbols, according to Douglas Keister's **Stories in Stone: a field guide to cemetery symbolism and Iconography** (Salt Lake City, UT: Gibbs Smith, 2004). The drape may represent either a reverential accessory or else a symbol of the veil between heaven and earth. The urn, of course, represents ashes, even though the person buried probably was not cremated. Interestingly enough, this is the only example of the draped urn in St. Luke's churchyard.



Weeping willow Wm. B. Kerns

Another popular symbol of death and sorrow is that of the weeping willow. However, according to Keister, the willow in Christianity is also associated with Christ's gospel because it will continue to flourish even when its branches are cut off. It can thus be seen as a symbol of immortality. There are many examples of the willow on stones in the churchyard.



Hand pointing upward Thomas Wilson

A popular symbol is that of the hand. A hand pointing heaven-ward symbolizes that the soul has gone to heaven, as in this stone commemorating Thomas Wilson who died 1876.



Clasped hands William Hodgson

Hands clasped can represent either a symbol of matrimony ... if the sleeves appear to be different, i.e. one feminine and one masculine ... or else, as Keister states, they may be representative of a heavenly welcome or an earthly farewell. This stone, that of William Hodgson, who died 1898, could represent either.

Below is a closeup of the Hodgson stone. Because of the condition of the stone it's hard to tell whether the sleeves are that different.



Hand holding book, Thomas Dales

A few stones have the symbol of a hand holding a book. I could not find an example of this in Keister's book, but it's most likely that the book represents the Bible. This example is of the stone of Thomas Dales, died 1882.



These are some of the symbols to be found in St. Luke's churchyard. In the next newsletter I will continue our tour through the gravestone iconography of St. Luke's cemetery.

Reference: Douglas Keister. Stories in stone: a field guide to cemetery symbolism and iconography. Salt Lake City, UT: Gibbs, Smith, 2004.

Parish Archivist

LAST CALL - for parishioners who will have worshipped at the Parish Church of St. Luke for the past 50 years or more, or whose time here, while broken, has been at least 50 years by this October. We hope to celebrate our long-time parishioners on anniversary Sunday October 20th.



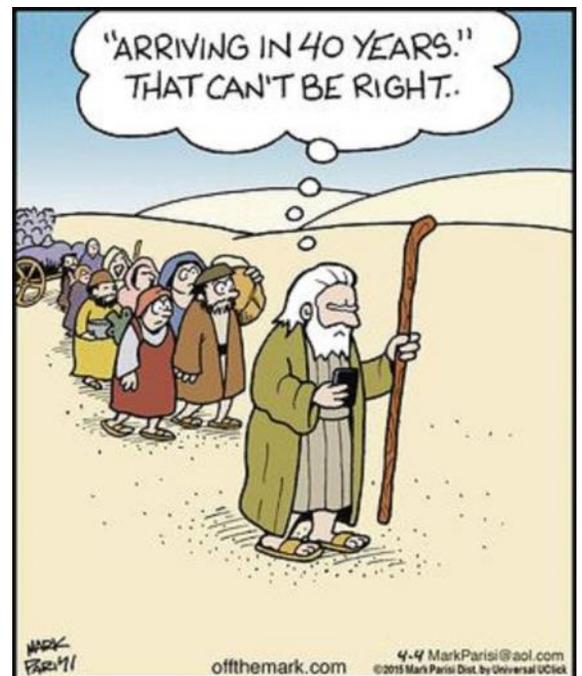
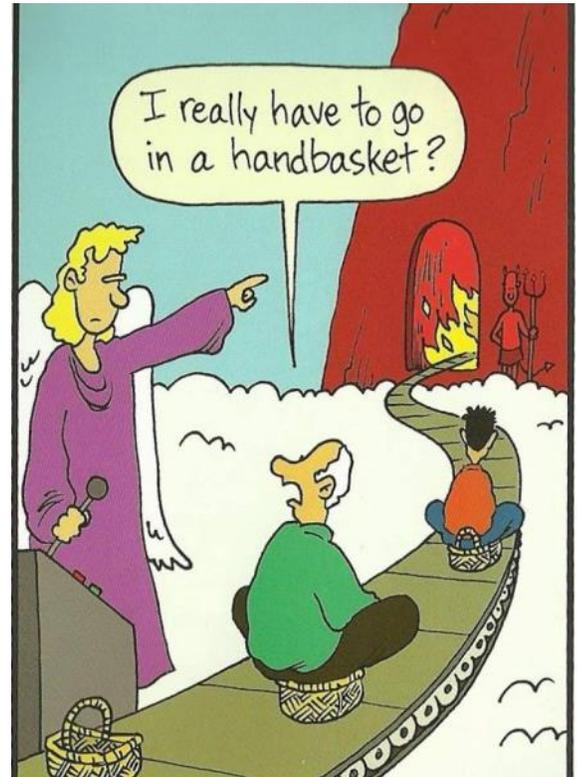
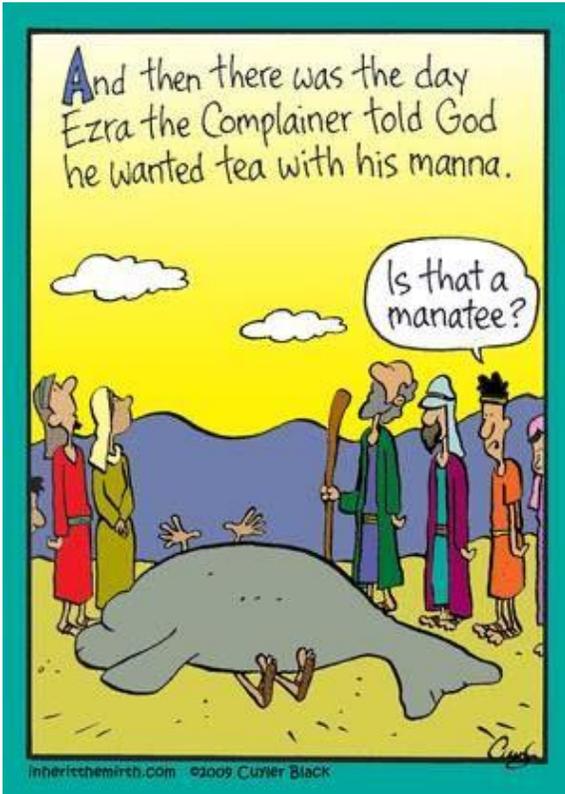
An account of your involvement in the parish over your years here, and your memories of the happenings, clergy and fellow parishioners would be a welcome addition to the parish archives - especially should a history of the parish be written for our 200th anniversary in 2034.

Bill Milne is presently "the leader of the pack" having been attending and involved at St. Luke's for all but the two years of his life when he lived in Calgary. Can anyone match or beat his record?

If you have not already contacted me, or would like to add information to that already submitted, email me at eacrouch@cogeco.ca, or leave the information for me in writing at the parish office.

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