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Rector's Message

“Jesus’s resurrection is the beginning of God’s new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven.

That, after all, is what the Lord’s Prayer is about.” - N.T. Wright

Easter Greetings! If you are reading this before Easter, I hope you will be joining us as we celebrate Jesus’s resurrection on April 1st. This is the truth most central to our faith. Death is not the end. We have hope. Love always wins.

This can be a hard message to believe when the winter seems like it will never end. When we are experiencing loss, or when things seem to be going wrong, sometimes hope can be hard to find.

I am inspired, every week by ways that the people of St. Paul’s share hope with each other. One of our pastoral visitors went to say a prayer with a family who have a child with a brain tumour. He was able to show the mother a scar at the back of his own head. It marked the place of surgery for the removal of a tumour several years before. The mother looked closely and said that it was exactly the same place where her son’s scar is. What a lovely moment of hope, surrounded in prayer, and filled with grace.

Other parishioners have shared stories of transformed lives and of hope found in community. At the Caregiver Café, and Comforting Arts, and the Full of Beans Cooking Club people reach out and share their stories with each other. Both tears and laughter are common, and the bonds can run deep.

The children who participate in Godly Play or Messy Church hear stories about Jesus and come to know his love. Recently, a young boy at the church door showed me his artwork on his way out. It was a painting with many colours and he said it was a picture of God’s world. It was a beautiful world and it gave me hope.

There are so many ways that members of our church are doing what N.T. Wright suggests, by “colonizing earth with the life of heaven”. Sometimes it is as simple as a hug or the offer of a cup of coffee. Sometimes it is as profound as the deep friendships that develop when we spend time together sharing the stories of our lives. Always, it is our participation in the life of Christ through our worship together. I look forward to celebrating the joy of the Easter season with you.

May the blessings of Easter be upon you and may the hope of Christ fill your heart.

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Rev. Lynn Dillabough
Submitted photo

Bob Panter, Reverend Lynn and Rector's Warden John Francis get ready to convene the Annual Vestry Meeting



Photo Credit Linda Eckert

Warden's Message

My name is Peggy Bell and I'm the new People's Warden for St. Paul's Church.

I grew up in Carleton Place and married my high school sweetheart, Dave, in 1973. We lived in Belleville until Dave's college graduation in 1975 and returned to Carleton Place where I worked in local factories.

In 1977 our first son Chris was born. In 1978 we moved to Scarborough, where Becky was born in 1979 and Charlie in 1981. We moved back to Carleton Place in 1986 and I continued to be a stay at home mom until the summer of 1989 when I started working again as a medical secretary. In 2005 I started working for a friend who opened a breakfast and lunch café until Dave took a job in Findlay, Ohio in 2008. We moved to Brockville in 2015 to make this our last home.

We have four grandchildren. Hailey and Luke live in Carleton Place with their parents Chris and Jen and Parker and Ollie here in Brockville with their parents Beck and Steve. I enjoy baking and long distance biking. I look forward to my new role in the church and working with the great people here.

Submitted by Peggy Bell



Peggy Bell, People's Warden

Photo Credit: Dave Bell



Children's Ministry

Godly Play continues to be offered every Sunday morning at the 10:00am service. It is a very different approach to teaching young children. What we know about children is that they already have a sense of spiritual life of a depth we may not understand. Through Godly Play, they can be given the gift of religious language that will allow them to express their spiritual experiences. The children are treated seriously and with deep respect. They are not seen as cute or fear that we will laugh at their comments because we find them amusing.

The Godly Play classroom is a place where children can be themselves and learn how to live in a Christian community. We give them the opportunity to come closer to God. Respect for the space and for one another is maintained at all times.

The teachers act as guides by sharing information through various visual mediums. Parables, the only stories that we absolutely know, that Jesus told are presented as gifts and stored in gold boxes to reflect their preciousness. Bible stories bring a deeper meaning to both the Old and New Testaments through visual and hands-on experiences using specially designed props to bring the story to life. The children learn how the church and the congregation get ready spiritually for the mysteries of Advent, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.

The children are asked several questions at the end of the day's Godly Play liturgy. They are called Wondering Questions and are presented in that way. I wonder what the children felt like when Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me?" There is no expectation of an answer. We want to instill the sense of wondering. We get profound answers, however. One 3 yr. old responded to the above question with, "He hugged them. It was a love hug."

The children are invited to share their reflections on the story through a variety of art mediums: paint, water colour, collage, drawing, and playdough. They may also continue working with the story materials.

They are then invited to the feast following this period of "work". We sit at God's table and share food and juice. This is representative of coming to God's table through communion. Each child receives a personal word of encouragement and wished the Peace of Christ before they return to their families in the church.

Sunday, April 22nd is Good Shepherd Sunday. I will be presenting Godly Play and the story of the Good Shepherd to the congregation during the homily. I sincerely hope that you will be able to attend and share in this wonderful children's liturgy.

Submitted by Pat Alexander



The Christmas Pageant

featured Emily, Ethan and Paisley as Mary, Joseph and Jesus respectively.

Photo Credit L. Pennell

A.C.W.

On December 14, 2017, a delicious Christmas dinner (catered by Moira Taylor) was served at noon in the church hall. It was followed by a gift exchange and visit from Santa himself! This year's outreach donations went to Loaves and Fishes, Interval House, Food Bank and St. Paul's Youth Group. The Secret Pal greeting card sending program was enthusiastically launched in January. The Blessing Shoeboxes was a new initiative organized by Patti Birtch-Guirandou. Twenty-four boxes were collected for distribution to the needy of the parish.



The members of Comforting Arts entertained at the Seniors' Luncheon in December
Photo credit L. Eckert



A small gift was delivered to our Shut In Church Members at Christmas

Photo Credit: Flora Francis

The speaker for the January 18, 2018 meeting was Dave Bell of our parish, who presented a motivational overview of life lessons learned in a one roomed schoolhouse, on the farm in Lanark County, and as a consultant.

The A.C.W. donated 31 pies for the Pancake Supper. Thanks to those who baked and also to Shirley Jones, Marie Blair, Carole Birtch and Flora Frances for cutting and supervising their distribution.

The speaker at the February 15, 2018 meeting was Rachel Gallagher-Orr from O'Malley Kourt Fudgery in Brockville. She shared information on the operation of the business and kindly brought samples. On March 26, 2018, a Corporate Communion at St. Lawrence Anglican Church at 7p.m. was held, followed by fellowship and hot cross buns in the church hall.

Don't forget to mark April 19, 2018 on your calendar. The regular ACW Meeting will be followed by a presentation by Timothy Chauvin, Chocolatier from Tempered Company.

Please watch the Church Bulletin or emails for information on all the upcoming ACW events.

Shirley Jones, Recording Secretary



Full of Bean Cooking Club

The club has been meeting in the hall once a month since October 2017. It aims to give members experience in making inexpensive, nutritious, and delicious meals. The Basic Shelf Cookbook, published by Canadian Public Health Association, provides the menus which members prepare and enjoy each session. 34 people have registered as members of the club; we host an average of 25 each month. There is no membership fee. Participants may leave a donation if they wish, and so far, all costs of supplies and equipment have been covered. Five members of St. Paul's help with set up, clean up, and supporting the student cooks at each session. Jane Reid, who was an enthusiastic supporter and helper from the get-go, is sadly missed.

Cooking sessions will continue monthly until June, on the last Saturday of each month beginning promptly at 4 pm and lasting not more than three hours. We welcome more participants from the parish to this convivial gathering for a delicious meal. On March 31 we will roast chicken, cook mashed potatoes, and make coleslaw and fruit salad. Pre-Registration is mandatory. Please call Virginia at 613-345-2793, or e-mail dvglover101@gmail.com to register. In April, Lynn (613-340-5696) will take registrations in Virginia's absence.

Submitted by Virginia Glover



Right: Wanda Seguin and Reverend Lynn handle registrations to February's Full of Beans Class

Left: Busy hands prepare the meal

Photo Credit: Hunter Van Iterson

Mark your Calendars: Saturday, June 2nd, 2018

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WE NEED YOUR HELP! CHILDREN ARE OUR FOCUS!

Pancake Supper 2018

The Pancake Supper was a great success – 131 adults and 7 children for a total of 138 people.

Our profit of \$1,143.45 will be shared by Loaves and Fishes and The Primates World Relief Fund.

Once again, all the ingredients for the Pancake Supper – groceries, maple syrup, pies and coffee were all donated by parishioners.

Many thanks to those who came forth once again to fry, serve, and clean up, (men managed to cover all positions this year, backed by some women in case we ran short of men). Thanks also to Shirley Jones and the ladies who again came forth with a record thirty-one delicious home-made pies. Those pies make our pancake supper unique! Special thanks to Peter Mayer who regularly works all day to prepare sausages and fry pancakes, to Linda Levey who supplied the groceries, to Elaine Mayer who mixed up the pancake batter from scratch, to Jane Guthrie who made the Gluten-free pancakes, and to John Francis and Rev. Lynn Dillabough who manned the front door. Thanks also to those who set-up, served and cleaned up and to all who attended.

Submitted by Bob Panter



Servers and a Spare (Lorne, Trevor, Linda and Bob)

Photo Credit: Carole Birtch

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Did you ever happen to miss a service and wanted to find out what is going on and coming up at St. Paul’s ? Then check the Weekly Bulletin on-line.

Go to the St. Paul’s Web Page www.stpaulsbrockville.ca Select: Events – Weekly Bulletin to view the electronic version

Item of interest from the past -

Copied from the Recorder & Times, Thursday July 10, 1924

Held Outing at Picnic Island
250 people attended

The annual picnic for the pupils of St. Paul's Church Sunday School held yesterday afternoon at Picnic Island to and from which island the children and adults were carried on the ferry steamer Victory, was a great success from every point of view.

Prize winners among others were: Swimming race – Phyllis Pergau
Wheelbarrow race – Edgar Pryer

BELOW: The St. Paul's Breakfast Club meets on the first Saturday of each month at Mike's Dinner on Highway 29 North of Tincap. Please let Ann Delany know if you would like to attend as she has to reserve tables. Although it took some time for the men to change a table for four to accommodate five, the intrepid men of St. Paul's finally sorted it out despite the heckling from the other table. Photo Credit - Linda Eckert



Milestones and Memories at St. Paul's

Since the last edition of the Servant, we mourned the loss and celebrated the life of

The Rev. Doug Burns

Ed Blake

Ralph Dawson

Len Delany

Jane Reid

Bill Hicks

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