

IN GOD'S SERVICE
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE REGIONAL MINISTRY OF ANGLICAN CHURCHES IN
SOUTH GEORGIAN BAY
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Welcome back to our regional newsletter of our Anglican 'family' of churches. We are please to be able to share the news from the Parishes of St. Luke's, Church of the Good Shepherd, Prince of Peace and All Saints.

As we prepare for Holy Week and Easter, there are many activities taking place in our four parishes. Thanks to our church clergy and lay leaders, In God's Service is pleased to share some of these stories with you.

Father Michael, our Priest In Charge, shares with us, the light that Easter brings into our lives...

Dear friends in Christ:



If you've ever travelled somewhere warm in wintertime, you will know the feeling of relief. You've struggled through the ice and cold to the airport, you've endured the queues, the screening, and the long flight, and - finally! - the sun's on your face, the air is warm and fragrant, and you've left the dark land of winter behind, and all your tension leaves you in one long, joyful breath of that warm air.

Easter can feel like that first moment of a warm holiday if we are willing to enter into its spirit and journey attentively through Lent and Holy Week to Easter Sunday. We go from the cold and somber weeks of Lent to dangerous Jerusalem, we see Christ our king mocked, beaten, killed, and "sealed in the stone cold tomb".

Darkness and death seem to have won, but then the stone rolls aside. Light pours in. Flesh warms and stirs. Life triumphs. Hope renews.

As you will see from the service schedule in this newsletter, our regional ministry offers you many opportunities to follow our Lord through his journey from cold darkness to warm life, from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday, including the glorious and mysterious Saturday Easter Vigil liturgy. We pray that you will be blessed by these services.

May God bless you and yours,

Michael Peterson
Priest in Charge
The Regional Ministry of South Georgian Bay

Reverend Sharon tells us of the highs and lows of the Easter season....

Easter Season Highs and Lows
A Meditation by Rev. Sharon Sangster



There is little as discouraging as the ups and downs we've experienced with weather as we struggle out of winter and towards spring. One day recently we reached a high of 21 degrees! The sun was out in a blue sky. People were out jogging in t-shirts and shorts, raking their lawns, working in their gardens, and smiling at each other as they passed by on the street. Such a lovely, hopeful day! Hopeful! Such a relief after what seemed like an unending winter. It felt like a fresh breath of spring.

And then on the first day of spring, the temperatures plummeted. The sky clouded over, the wind picked up, the rain started, and then snow fell and whipped across our yards and roads. We were suddenly back in winter. Back to freezing. Back to scraping car windows. Discouraging barely begins to describe our reactions to this cold, white world.

These climate mood swings made me think of the experiences the disciples had as they journeyed to Jerusalem with Jesus. Wow! They were going to Jerusalem – the very heart and centre of their faith. What a joyous time they would have, being there to celebrate the Pass-over feast. They would have re-told the story of the people of Israel being freed from slavery. And they had the expectation that their friend, the Messiah, would fulfil the prophecies and save the nation of Israel. Rome would no longer be in power. Wow! But it wouldn't turn out that way. Instead, they faced the horror of their friend being arrested, tried, and crucified. How could this have turned out so wrong?

The horror, grief, and shock of those hours would have been devastating. They were unable to function, and for safety, they were back in the room where they had celebrated the Pass-over, hiding in fear for their lives. Nothing made sense.

Then the women came, three days later, with the most incredible story. No way – this was impossible. How could the tomb be empty? Jesus was dead! His body must have been taken by grave robbers. There was no other explanation. Or was there!

Reverend Sharon Sangster+

Deacon Lorna reminds us of message in Colossians 3, as we move through Lent and prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

A Lenten Meditation From Deacon Lorna



Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other.... Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3: 12 - 14

I hold the image of your loving qualities and virtues close to me as I pray: When my spiritual clothes are soiled with negativity and neglect, may I have the desire and energy to clean them.

When my spiritual clothes droop, sag, and do not fit, may I have the wisdom and determination to let my words and actions fit my values and beliefs.

When my spiritual clothes need changing, may I have the ability to make good decisions and the courage to follow through with the necessary changes.

When my spiritual clothes need mending, may I make amends and be open to forgiveness and reconciliation.

When my spiritual clothes become thin and frayed, may I strengthen them with a garment of loving-kindness.

Jesus, clothe me with your love and grant me grace to be truly kind and caring. May my spiritual clothes be spun from your goodness and last into eternity.

Our last Lenten service will be held next week and then we prepare for the many services during Holy Week...here is the schedule for those services.... See page 8 for the full poster.

BREAKING NEWS.....



We are delighted to announce that the Reverend Doctor Amy Pauley will be ordained a priest in Christ's Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church by the Right Reverend Riscylla Shaw, Suffragan Bishop of Toronto, at 7pm on Friday, May 2nd, the Feast of St Athanasius, at All Saints, Collingwood.

Please plan to attend this wonderful celebration. More information will be forthcoming soon.

Would you like to learn more about our Anglican Church traditions? Or perhaps widen your Christian faith? Our clergy team is in the planning stages for “Confirmation Classes”, to be held in May, June and September. More information will be coming out regarding these informative sessions. These will be open to anyone in our regional ministry and for those who would like to become involved!! Stay tune!

Confirmation Classes to Be Offered

Confirmation in the Anglican Church used to be reserved for young adults, as an equivalent to the Roman Catholic practice of First Communion. Today confirmation is offered for baptized people of all ages who would like to do one or more of the following:



- Deepen one’s faith and knowledge of core Christian beliefs (the catechism).
- Learn more about the Anglican tradition (useful if you came from another church tradition and wonder why we do things the way we do).
- Want to meet other companions on your spiritual journey.

There’s a helpful guide to what Anglican confirmation is about here:

<https://anglicancompass.com/what-is-confirmation/>

The clergy team is planning a confirmation course for young adults and for adults of all ages, starting in May and running through May, June, and September. It will be open to members of all churches in our Regional Ministry. The course will begin with a shared meal, then move to zoom with occasional in person events and end with another shared meal. It will end in October with a confirmation service attended by our bishop.

If you’re interested, please speak to one of the clergy team.

Mark you calendar for Sunday, June 8th and join your Anglican friends at Church of the Good Shepherd in Stayner. This will be a regional service for all four Parishes. Please see the attached poster on page 8

News from St. Luke’s...picture of the Food Bank

St. Luke’s Community Food Bank recently welcomed MP Terry Dowdall on his first visit to the Food Bank. The Food Bank has been providing support to local families since 2022 with a focus on weekly balanced meals with plenty of fruits and vegetables.



The need for an enhanced support network is growing, exacerbated by high housing costs and grocery prices. The Food Bank supports the snack program at four local schools. Pictures from L to R. Ross Lotto, Sheila Koss, Rev. Lorna, Susan Prosser and MP Terry Dowdall.



News from Prince of Peace...Rev. Amy and the ARK Ministry at Prince of Peace is pleased to announce that "Narnia" is coming to Wasaga Beach this summer. More information can be found on the attached poster. Also taking place at Prince of Peace is an 'Easter Egg' hunt...right after the church service on April 20th....see poster! The busy Parish of Prince of Peace will also be holding a number of other events later this month and in May and June...please note these events on your calendars!

Anglican Regional Kids (ARK) Ministry Update



Get Ready, July 7-11

Narnia is coming to Wasaga Beach!! Will the White Witch reign? Or will Aslan come again?

Stay tuned for more details on this summer's **Vacation Bible School**

AND just around the corner is **Messy Church** on April 12 from 4pm-6pm

Join us for crafts, food and celebrating the joyous gifts given to us through the Easter season



Our semiannual book sale will be May 9 and 10

We can bring books in May 8 from 8-1.

We take books, puzzles, games, records and CD's. Please no text books, Enclopedias, or Dictionaries.

Our yard sale will be on Saturday June 21 with drop off on Friday June 20.

News from All Saints...lots of events are taking place at All Saints...

Ladies...don't forget the Breakfast on Saturday, April 5! Contact the church office for more information... and Men—not to be out done, your monthly breakfast will be held on Thursday, April 24.

Food Ministries...despite the threat of freezing rain last evening, dinners were prepared and delivered to over 100 recipients by the 'Five Loaves' team. On April 9th, the Community Friendship Dinner team will host close to 100 guests in the Parish Hall for the regular monthly Outreach Dinner. We are so grateful for our Food Ministry Co-ordinators and all the volunteers.

To our fellow parishioners in the other regional churches, all are welcome to join participants at 'CO-3' (Coffee, cookie and conversation!)...every Thursday at 10 am in the Parish Hall at All Saints.

As we approach Easter, we have included a recipe from All Saints parishioner, Gill Elias. You might want to prepare this for Easter.

Slow Roasted Shoulder of Lamb Note: You will need 6 hours to cook this lamb

The Rub

- 1 Tbsp. fennel seeds
- 1 Tbsp. cumin seeds
- 1 Tbsp. coriander seeds
- ¼ tsp. black pepper corns
- ¼ cinnamon stick
- Salt and pepper
- 1 (approx. 4-4 ½ lb.) Bone in Lamb Shoulder
- 1 head garlic
- 1 small bunch rosemary



Method

1. For the rub.....place all the spices in a pan and lightly toast over medium heat until they smell fragrant. Then grind to a fine powder in a spice grinder or pestle and motor. This can be done anytime as the rub stores well for weeks. I use this so often I double the recipe.
2. Early in the morning of the day you are planning on serving the lamb....score the surface of the lamb (cut through the fat not the meat) in a cross-hatch pattern and then rub in generous amounts of the rub (all over). Allow to sit in the fridge for at least 2 hours. (4 hours is better)
3. Preheat the oven to 325*f.
4. Place the lamb shoulder in a deep roasting pan preferably on a rack...skin side up
5. Break the garlic into cloves but don't peel. Scatter them and the rosemary sprigs on the lamb.
6. Add 2 cups of liquid (water, wine or stock) to the pan.
7. Cover the lamb with parchment paper and then cover the whole pan with foil making sure it is well sealed so that no steam escapes.
8. Place in the oven for 4 hours.
9. After 4 hours the roast will be nearly ready, so remove the foil and parchment paper and baste generously with the liquid.
10. Continue in this manner for a further 2 hours (basting every half an hour) or until the meat is so soft you can pull it from the bone with your fingers. If the roast does not have a lovely crust, then pop it under the broiler for a few minutes.

To Serve: Heat a big platter and then pull and carve the meat from the bone (It's a little like pulled pork... it sort of shred). Garnish with the garlic and a touch of the roasting juices. Serve with your favourite Tzatziki Sauce.

This roast is great with all the usual roasted vegetables and accompaniments or with a great Greek Salad and Pita Bread.

Note: Bone in Shoulders of Lamb are available from Blue Ridge or I usually find mine at Metro (however at Metro they are not on display, you have to ask the butcher for them); Probably a good idea to order one if it's for an important dinner.

Also, 'hot cross buns' are also a part of Easter time folklore. Mary Lou Dunn, the archivist at All Saints, tells us the history of this treat!

The Hot Cross Bun marks the end of the season of Lent and different elements of the hot cross bun each have a specific meaning, such as the cross representing the crucifixion of Jesus, the spices inside signifying the spices used to embalm him and sometimes also orange peel reflecting the bitterness of his time on the cross.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Hot Cross Buns was an English street cry, later perpetuated as a nursery rhyme and an aid in musical education. It refers to the spiced English confection known as a hot cross bun, which is associated with the end of Lent and is eaten on Good Friday in various countries. The song has the Roud Folk Song Index number of 13029.

The most common modern version is quoted as

Hot cross buns!
Hot cross buns!
One a penny, two a penny,
Hot cross buns!

If you have no daughters,
Give them to your sons.
One a penny, two a penny,
Hot cross buns!

In your prayers this week, please remember those whose names are found on our prayer lists. We pray for their caregivers and for all who assist others in need.

“Please pray for these people during the week” - Brenda Teeter, Sandra Girdle, Mary Ratenberger, Eric Vignola, Wolf, SSN, Irene McVeigh, Brian, John, Gail, Penny, Sean, Terry, Ann Pope, Patricia, Rickey Lemire, Meryl White, Paul Reid.

As we move into spring, we are reminded of the nature unfolding around us...the new beginnings....and the 'ordinary miracles each day'...video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NFLAQ2h4Fxo&list=RDNFLAQ2h4Fxo>

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PARISHES OF SOUTH GEORGIAN BAY RESIDE ON THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE ANISHNAABE AND WENDAT PEOPLES. THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REMINDS US OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND RELATIONSHIPS TO THE ANCESTRAL LANDS ON WHICH WE LIVE, SHARE, LEARN AND PRAY.

Easter Services

PALM SUNDAY April 13

All Saints, Collingwood 9:30am
Prince of Peace, Wasaga Beach 9:30am
Good Shepherd, Stayner 11:15am
St Luke's, Creemore 11:15am

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 17

Prince of Peace, Wasaga Beach 6pm
St Luke's, Creemore 11am
All Saints, Collingwood 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY April 18

St Luke's, Creemore 10am
Prince of Peace, Wasaga Beach 12Noon
All Saints, Collingwood 12Noon

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19

All Saints Collingwood
The Great Vigil of Easter 8pm

Sunday, April 20 EASTER SUNDAY

All Saints, Collingwood 9:30am
Prince of Peace, Wasaga Beach 9:30am
Good Shepherd, Stayner 11:15am
St Luke's, Creemore 11:15am

