

BEYOND THE PARISH

Saint John Men's Prayer Breakfast

The annual **Saint John Men's Prayer Breakfast**: will take place at the Good Shepherd (Manawagonish at Catherwood) on **Sat, Mar 12, 9:00 am**. This year Archbishop Claude Miller will be our Guest Speaker. Free-Will Offering for the **Saint John Mission to Seafarers**. Claude, well-known in the Saint John business community for his work in commercial real estate and appraisals before he studied for the priesthood, will speak on "Spirituality and Business Life." All welcome (including women)!"

You Are Mine

1. I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
Be still and know I am hear. (*to verse 2*)
2. I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,
Come and rest in me. (**Refrain**)

Refrain:
*Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.*
3. I am strength for all the despairing,
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
And all will know my name. (**Refrain**)
4. I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,
Stand up, now walk, and live. (**Refrain**)

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

...**Prayer is requested for Colin Ranson** and his family this week and beyond. They fly to Houston, Texas this Friday, Feb 26, with pre-op tests beginning Monday. Colin's laser brain surgery is scheduled for Friday, March 4 and they hope to be home March 15. The Rev. Paul and Kim ask for prayers for Colin (and his family), his medical team, and for safe travels. The people of this diocese have invested so much in this sweet little boy. Please follow up with fervent prayer...we send our best wishes to **Canon George Ackerley** as he recovers in the SJRH from a stroke. He has shown some encouraging progress this week and we trust things will continue in the right direction....it's tax season! Under the leadership of **Robert Taylor** and **Beth Sayre**, St Paul's will be offering a tax clinic on Tuesdays from 9-12 noon and 1-3 p.m., beginning March 1 and running until the last Tuesday of April. This service is offered to members of lower income households...we received confirmation this week that Sigowet School is now fully underway with their new school year. There are 95 Form 1 (grade 9) students, bringing the enrollment to 307 students. 41 of the students are sponsored through our Parish. Principal Viola Korir writes "*The school is growing rapidly and the more we grow the more the demands, but we are going through*". When we think of modest beginnings, just a few years ago, we truly must give thanks to God...*that's a little news from our pews. ALS*

PARISH NOTES

Good Friday Choir

The first rehearsal for the Good Friday Liturgy on March 25, will be held this coming **Wednesday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m.** at St. Paul's. The five Anglican churches in the KV are coming together to share this service. All singers, whether they sing regularly in the choir or not, are welcome to join. The 2nd rehearsal will be held on Thursday, March 17 at 7:30, also at St. Paul's. Charles Willet will be conducting the choir.

Have You Looked at our Narthex Lately?

We are planning to spruce it up a bit this year and are seeking some suggestions. We are looking for your ideas on any changes that you think would make our Narthex a more welcoming space. There are sheets on the hall table on which we ask that you write any suggestions for changes: decorating tips, colors, art, furniture, things to add, things to remove. All suggestions are welcome.

The Parish Annual Meeting

55 people attended the AGM last Sunday after the 10 a.m. service. A light lunch was provided by the members of the Mission Within committee and coffee group. Steven Palmer led us through the financial reports of the Operating Account, Child and Youth Account, and Cortland Place property. We are grateful to Michael Maloney for auditing the accounts for us. Copies of the statements are included in the Annual Report Booklet, which is available to everyone on the narthex table. Some other business:

- The parish is exploring the idea of only one service in July and August. Results of a poll showed that there was support for this idea. The Vestry will be discussing this further and making a decision. If you have comments on the idea please write to the Wardens or Rector.
- Canon Albert and Wandlyn will be applying to the Bishop for a three-week study leave, likely in September. They would like to take a course offered at St. George's College in Jerusalem.
- Thanks were expressed to those members of Vestry who were retiring: Connie Robinson, Barbara Burns and Robert Taylor. Thanks were also expressed to Debra Godlewski for her faithfulness as our Warden these past 3 years.
- Officers elected for 2016:

Wardens: Lea Lord and Pam Iype

Vestry Clerk: Ann Bishop

Vestry:

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| Gus Bonneycastle | Peter Irish |
| Bruce Cook | Jon LeHeup |
| Greg Fleet | Mary Stokes-Rees |
| Albert Fraser | Stephen Palmer |
| Debra Godlewski | Judy Stiver |
| Peter Himmelman | John Trivett |

Synod Delegates: Bruce Cook,
Pam Iype,
Jean MacDonald

Synod Alternates: Matthew Snelgrove
Robert Taylor
Peter Irish
Ann Bishop

Children's Service on Palm Sunday

We are sending a call out to all children to participate in our **Palm Sunday Service – Mar 20**. All children will be invited to wear a costume, carry a palm branch and be part of the Palm Sunday Parade. We are also looking for 5 students to be part of a Palm Sunday skit. We will begin working on the skit and costumes over the next few weeks, beginning February 28. We look forward to an exciting service with our children leading the way. We hope your child or grandchild will be a part of it all. If you would like to participate, please see us after the service or call the office at 847-1812 through the week.

- Daniella Haggerty and Canon Albert

Lenten Study Program on Prayer

All around the Diocese Anglicans are focusing on the subject of prayer this Lent. Bishop Edwards has selected a book to guide our reflection: *Meditative Prayer: Entering God's Presence* by Richard Peace. We have planned for three studies:

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| Sunday, February 28 | Introduction and Centering Prayer |
| Sunday, March 6 | Prayer of Blessing – the Hebrew <i>Berekah</i> |
| Sunday, March 13 | The Ignatian Prayer of <i>Examen</i> |

We begin with a light supper at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Copies of the book are available for \$15. We hope you will consider joining us as we grow and share our faith.

ACW Members

The monthly meeting will be held this **Thurs , March 3 @ 2pm** in the Crosby Room. All are welcome.

Cuba 2016
World Day of Prayer
Ecumenical Service
 Quispamsis United Church
 372 Hampton Rd, Quispamsis
Friday March 4 @ 7p.m.
All Welcome

 2015 Offering Receipts have been mailed.
