



A Note on Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week begins with Jesus' inaugural parade on Palm Sunday and takes us through the drama of his last week in Jerusalem. It is often called "passion week", because it is full of suffering. (Passion is Latin for "suffering.") This is one of the harder things to learn about following Jesus: his way to real life isn't easy. In the end, it will get you killed. And most of us do not want to die. The good news of the cross is that dying in Christ, we are raised to new life, a life that is stronger than death. Loving your enemies, giving to whoever asks, or turning the other cheek might get you killed, but it will also get you born again. And when we are born into God's life, we know a life that will never end. Resurrection is such a big deal that we do not take just one day to celebrate it. Every Sunday is resurrection day. But we also set aside fifty days for the Easter season, putting aside our normal fasts and taking extra time to celebrate what God has done in our world. Forty days after Easter, we remember Jesus' Ascension, when he returned to heaven and told the disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit, so they might become his body in the world. Pentecost ends the season of Easter, reminding us that we do not practice the resurrection by our own strength, but have the Holy Spirit's power among us as a community called church. Jesus' story is now our story. And the next chapter begins today.

- *Common Prayer, A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals*

BEYOND THE PARISH

Bach at the Cathedral

The Arioso Ensemble presents a Good Friday concert of J.S Bach's Sacred Cantata: "*Ich Habe Genug*" BWV 82A and Brandenburg Concerto #3 and other works, on **Mar. 25, at 7:30 p.m.** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 91 Waterloo Street, Saint John. Featured artists are: soloist, Maureen Stackhouse-Paras, Natalie Stephenson, flute, Christopher Reibling & Ali Leonard, violins, Stephen Mott, viola, Van Burdon, cello, Evan Phinney, bass and Paul Steffler, Harpsichord. Free Will Offering to Saint Vincent De Paul Society.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

... we are happy to report that **Jean Taylor** as well as **John Steele** were able to return home from the hospital this week. We are also glad to report that **Rev. Eileen** had her cast removed on Monday! **Canon George** is now on the rehab unit at the SJRH. Things are looking up! We pray for them all to continue their progress and grow in strength day by day ... **Nancy Kirkpatrick** has moved from Kennebec Manor to KWCC. We wish her well in her new residence ... a word of thanks to **Jane Smith, Ann Smith** and **Doreen Hounsell** for washing the choir gowns and Server's albs for Easter. A BIG job! We shall look our best. Thank you ... **Pam Iype** was elected our new Warden at the annual meeting. She had been the chair of the Mission Within the Parish for several years. It seemed a bit much to ask her to do both jobs. We are grateful to **Lew Hounsell** who accepted the invitation to become the chair of the MW committee. We look forward to his leadership, and pledge him our support ... congratulations to **Tess Robart** (daughter of Greg & Natalie) who received news this week that she has been accepted into medical school ... we are taking a moment this morning to thank **Daniella Haggerty** for her presence and ministry with us and our children this past year. Daniella will be with us for Holy Week, leading the children's program on Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. However, Easter is a busy time and then she and her husband Ryan will be leaving New Brunswick on March 29, so we thought it best to take a moment today to express our gratitude. Daniella has been a blessing to us, both with our Sunday School and with the After School Program. We understand the tug on their hearts to return to their home province of Saskatchewan. We send them on their way with our prayers and best wishes. *The Lord go with you! ... that's a little news, from our pews. ALS.*

PARISH NOTES

Good Friday Liturgy – March 25 at 11 a.m.

This year, the 5 Anglican churches in the KV – St. Augustine's, Quispamsis, St. Luke's, Gondola Point, Holy Trinity, Hammond River, St. James the Less, Renforth and St. Paul's – are joining together to celebrate the solemn liturgy of Good Friday. A combined choir, under the direction of Charles Willet, accompanied by Cindy Dutton of St. Augustine's, will be leading the music. The Rev. Eric Phinney will be the preacher. Clergy and lay members of each church will be offering the readings and prayers. A children program will be available in the youth hall. We are hoping that there is a strong congregation as we come together on his holy day. *Reminder that choristers will meet at 10 a.m. to prepare for the liturgy.*

Palm Sunday Evensong

We do not have the service of Evensong very often. It is truly one of the treasures of our Anglican liturgy. Everyone is encouraged to join us tonight at 7 pm, as we begin the journey of Holy Week. The Rev. Alan Tapley, Rector of Waterford and St. Mark's (Sussex Corner) and our Regional Dean, will be our guest preacher. Neighborhood #1 will be providing refreshments following the service.

Flowers for Easter

Anyone who would like to make a donation toward the cost of Easter flowers in memory of a loved one is asked to contact the office at 847-1812. Your donation may be placed in the Sunday offering plate marked "Altar Guild - Easter Flowers" or dropped off at the office.

St. Paul's Endowment Fund

The St. Paul's Endowment Committee is accepting applications for funding to the following four categories:

1. In support of spiritual enhancement of the members of the Parish family.
2. In support of building renovations, restoration or repairs at St. Paul's, Rothesay.
3. In support of assistance or aid to families in need or to support worthy undertakings and projects in the Rothesay area.
4. In support of national or international relief efforts.

The Committee will distribute approximately \$2,000 to each category. We encourage members of the Parish and others to submit applications for funding within the guidelines.

Applications are available at the Church office and will be accepted **until May 31, 2016.**

The endowment committee is very pleased with the generosity shown by members and friends St. Paul's Parish. Donations to the Endowment Fund are added to the capital of the fund and only interest from the principal is distributed on an annual basis. This is a secure way for donations to continue to support the work of the Church. We encourage your support of the Endowment Committee.

- N. C. Sancton, Chair of the Trustees.



Reduce Reuse Recycle
Parish Yard Sale May 12-13

It's time to start cleaning out the basement, garage, closets...



Children's Parade and Presentation at 10 am Today

We are pleased to have our children involved in our worship this morning. They are dressed in their costumes and have their palm branches ready to greet Jesus and his donkey as they enter the church. The older children have a presentation, *This Week in Jerusalem*, a news interview of various characters who would have been part of the Palm Sunday parade. We thank our children, their parents and Daniella for helping us enter into the excitement and the tragedy of Holy Week.

News Interviewer
Woman of Bethany
Rally follower
Religious Leader
Peter
Jesus
Donkey

Kylie Streeter
Emily Harrigan
Ella Lord
Sarah Harrigan
William Byzko
Hunter Mullinger
?

Crowd

Sean Johnson
River Mullinger
Charlie Cowan
Ben Johnson
Caleb Lord
Nolan Harding
Sawyer Darling
Liam McNutt
Abigail Dykeman
Andy Johnson
Ethan Lord
Julian Lord
Clara Harding

New Quilt in the Crosby Room

The quilters have changed their display in the Crosby Room. Be sure and have a look at Rita Hale's *Garden Twist*. The quilters meet every Wednesday & Friday from 10:00 - 12:00. Don't quilt? Bring the needlework of your choice. Coffee at 11:00.