

## In the Bulb There Is a Flower

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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***Flowers are offered during this Eastertide  
to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:***

*Mary Elizabeth Bishop* by Robert L Bishop & Family

*Helen Crawford* by her family

*Jane McGregor* by the Smedley & VanHunnick families

*Loved Ones* by Pam Brown

*Burt Seely* by Marge Seely

*Jozef Godlewski, Lundy Sanderson & Vernon Landen*

by the Godlewski & Sanderson families

*Ralph Miller* by Isabella Miller

*Percival & Sarah Smith, Captain Charles Stark and*

*Aunt Nancy Wilson* by Clare & Allan Smith

*Marguerite & Donald Elgee and Aline & Wilmot McCluskey*

by Jeffrey & Dawn McCluskey

*Lynne Golding* by Canon Jim Golding

*Randall May* by Gloria & Family

## PARISH NOTES

### News from Sigowet School in Africa

Our beloved Sigowet School in Eldoret, Kenya, has certainly become rooted into the rural African community. There are now over 300 students registered, covering the 4 years of secondary (High School) education. 65 candidates will soon sit for their National exams, which is a condition of graduation. Of course there are challenges. Three girls became pregnant this year and had to withdraw from the school. We are pleased to report that they will be able to return to school after the births of their babies. We take this as a softening of attitudes towards teenage girls who become pregnant. They are not being cut off from the benefits that education will bring to their lives. We also received news of some of the students we have sponsored over the years and what they are doing now. Doreen Quinter (2012) is now a licensed teacher. Stanley Kios (2012) and Faith Cheptoo (2012) are both in Teachers Training College. Lilian Amugune (2013) is studying nursing in Nairobi. Kennedy Rotich (2013) has already received a diploma in Nursing. Evans Odep (2013) and Purity Chepkemboi (2013) are each studying chemistry: Evans at a vocational school and Purity at university. Johana Kiptoo (2012) is an athlete. (We have the gift of a gourd which Johana had sent to St. Paul's via Christian Turnbull). Sigowet School is making a difference. The Principal, Viola Korir writes: *Thank you so much for your continuous prayers and support. The sponsorship has helped and changed lives. May I take this opportunity to wish the whole of St. Paul's Rothesay Church a blessed holy week and Easter Season.* On this Easter Sunday we give thanks for the gift of life, and unexpected life. Sigowet is certainly part of God's work of bringing hope and new life. Thanks be to God!

### Notes from Parish March Vestry Meeting

- A word of welcome was extended to the newly elected Vestry and especially to our new members: Judy Stiver, Mary Stokes-Rees and Peter Irish.
- The Vestry acknowledged the generous and anonymous gift of \$10,000 to the Parish. The donor asked that \$4500 be given to the Mission Beyond Committee; \$4000 to the Parish Endowment Fund; \$1000 to the Rector's discretionary fund and \$500 for Prayer Books and Hymn books.
- Although we have some wonderful and faithful Servers, there is a desire to renew the ministry of Servers in our worship. It was pointed out that Servers do not have to be young people. There may be some adults who would like to offer this ministry. Robert Taylor, Canon Albert and MW will be looking into this.

## Notes from Parish March Vestry Meeting Continued

- Concern was expressed about the departure of Daniella Haggerty. We need to explore interim and long term options for providing ministry to our Sunday School and ASP. Vestry expressed appreciation for the children's Palm Sunday parade and presentation.
- Concern was expressed for our honorary priests. Canon George Akerley is in the SJRH and will likely be looking into a care facility. Rev. Eileen Irish is recovering from a broken leg.
- The Lenten study on Prayer will continue on Sunday evenings after Easter.
- Vestry continues to discuss times of service in the summer.
- Greg Fleet is going to look into the benefits of St. Paul's joining FaceBook.
- April 16 will be the annual Ladies Luncheon at 10:30. Sandy Thorne will be the guest. She has a fascinating story of her families involvement with the *Titanic*.
- April 24 we are going to host a light breakfast after the 8 a.m. service, inviting members of the 10 a.m. service to come early.
- May 28 will see a Men's Breakfast, with Bishop Edwards as the guest.
- Parish Yard sale in support of the MBTP will be May 13 – 14.
- The property committee is looking into quotations to build a cover over the back entrance to help direct water that sometimes ends up in the basement. They are also working on suggestions to tidy up and redecorate the narthex.
- The After School Program reported that registrations for the 2016 – 17 school year have been received, and the program is full. The program is licenced for 27 children.
- MB was very impressed with the ministry of the Nic Nicole Centre in the North end of SJ. They provide lunch meals daily to about 3 dozen children and young people. The centre is entirely run by volunteers. St. Paul's MB is making a one year commitment to provide meals one day a week for \$2000/year.
- Archdeacon Rob Marsh is calling representatives of all Parishes in the Archdeaconry to a meeting on Thursday, March 31 at Hampton to discuss common concerns. Lea Lord and Peter Irish expressed interest in attending this with the Rector.
- It has been brought to our attention that May 31<sup>st</sup> marks the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Paul's becoming an Anglican Parish. The Church itself was built in 1860 as a Presbyterian Church.



**Reduce Reuse Recycle**  
**Parish Yard Sale May 13-14**  
It's time to start cleaning out the basement,  
garage, closets...

## 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

## Some Dates for your calendar

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| <b>April 10</b>   | Memory Café 2 – 4 p.m.<br>sponsored by the Alzheimer Society   |
| <b>April 16</b>   | Ladies' Luncheon – 10:30 a.m.<br>Sandy Thorne will talk about<br>her family's connection to <i>The Titanic</i>                         |
| <b>April 24</b>   | Special Coffee time between Sunday Services<br>8:45 – 9:30   |
| <b>April 28</b>   | 2 p.m. Presentation by Charles Willett and Marilyn Duplacey on their 2015 tour of Europe in connection with the World War 1 Centennial |
| <b>May 9 – 14</b> | Parish Yard Sale: Set Up May 9 – 12<br>Sale May 13 – 14  |
| <b>May 28</b>     | Men's Breakfast with Bishop David Edwards  |