

# Lenten News

## Lent-The Sound of Silence

Jesus went into the desert east of Jerusalem to withdraw. He needed to retreat into silence in order to discern God.

Others such as John the Baptist had gone before him to the desert. The Essenes had also already established a faith community in the desert at Qumran along the Dead Sea.

The Essenes used their desert experience to create a movement designed as an alternative to the noise, conflict and questionable religion practiced in

Jerusalem.

The noise of our city institutions are also in danger of silencing the naming of God. The trend is towards banning the naming of God from our legislatures, schools, courts and workplaces. We live in a time where God needs our voice to name his activity in the world. To name God where He dare not be named.

God is active in the world as well as the church. Perhaps the mission of the church is to name God's presence in the

world.

It takes the practice of being willing to spend time in worship, prayer and study to be able to discern God today. It takes a willingness to find God's silence in the midst of the noise that would prevent his name from being spoken.

Otherwise God's voice will be silent. It will be absent from our conversation, ideas, thoughts and imagination.

Then all will be silent. This silence will be so loud that it will be deafening.

## Lent: A Time of Self Denial or Sharing

- The parish wardens would like to thank you for your financial support this past year contributing to our success in meeting all of our obligations.
- We need you to continue the financial support of your church's ministry by using the Lenten envelope
- Lent is a time of denying oneself something that will enable you to better share of your resources.



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Annual Congregational Meeting of the Church Vestry

Sunday, March 1st/09

Following the 10:30 am service of worship

Lunch provided.

All welcome.

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**CONFIRMATION: Sunday: February 22nd /09 ; 10:30 am, at All Saints' Church, Peterborough.  
CELEBRANT & SERMON: Bishop Linda Nicholls –Bishop of Trent-Durham, Diocese of Toronto  
at the 10:30 am service.**

Please join us for our service of confirmation where Bishop Linda will be presiding at the apostolic “laying on of hands” for those presenting themselves for confirmation. Our candidates would appreciate your support at this service and prayers for this important commitment they are taking in their spiritual journey.

Please pray for those to be confirmed who are:

Ryan Moodie, Sarah Moodie, Kirsten Dwinnell, Jennifer Turner, William Dwinnell,

Darcy Gray, Courtney Wickware, Marissa Wickware, Taylor Edmondson, Casey Edmondson, Niki Hutchinson, Jaron van der Bank, David Bryan, Jonathan Bryan, Brennah Pennell, Alexis Leroux, Ryan Leroux, Deanna Hurford, Joseph Dimovski, Danielle Dimovski, Terry Noble.

In confirmation one strengthens their faith by making their own baptismal commitment made for them by parents and/or sponsors for those who were baptized before they could speak for themselves. The laying on of hands is a sign or symbol of the spirit.



## **Ash Wednesday: The Imposition of Ashes –February 25th/09**

**12:10 pm: Noon hour service with Holy Eucharist.**

**7:00 pm. Evening Choral Service with Holy Eucharist and All Saints' choir**

**Imposition of Ashes at both. Luncheon Reception**

Ash collected from the immolation (burning) of old Palm crosses are used in this ancient rite. The use of ash reminds us of the people of Nineveh who used ash as a sign of repentance and turning back to God.

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent and call us into special observance and

and a time of preparation through fasting, alms giving and self denial.

The imposition of ashes by making the sign of the cross on the forehead also reminds us of our mortality and that we should always be deeply conscious of God's gift of this life.

*We are but dust and to dust we shall return.*

## **Shrove Tuesday: Pancake Supper: February 24th/09**

**5 pm to 6: 30 pm.**

**Upper Parish Hall**

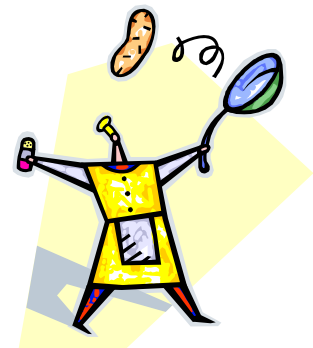
**Cost:**

**Adults- \$5.00**

**Children- \$2.50 (under 5 free)**

Please join us for this time of fellowship that marks the last big celebration before the penitential season of Lent begins.

Our men will work their magic once again in the kitchen as we sit down to enjoy a meal of hot pancakes and sausage.



## Annual Meeting of the Church Vestry– Sunday, March 1st.

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1. 12:00 noon: following the 10:30 am service
2. Lunch provided by the ACW
3. Meeting to follow
4. Parish Vision for 2009
5. Diocesan Call to Poverty Awareness
6. Review the year past
7. Accept 2009 budget
8. Elect and Appoint parish officers.
9. Plans for 09 Anniversary Celebrations
10. Parish Directory Project
11. Capital Campaign Plans
12. Acknowledgments
13. All Welcome
14. We will finish on time !

Suggested items for the agenda must be submitted in advance (Feb. 15th/09) in order to be considered by parish officers for inclusion on the agenda of this meeting.

Such suggestions may be referred by parish officers to another appropriate forum other than the annual vestry meeting to be considered at another time if deemed more suitable as a way of considering or resolving a particular issue.

We cannot include items on the agenda of our annual vestry meeting for which we have had insufficient notice.

## Wednesday Lenten Noon Hour Speaker and Lunch 12:10 to 12:50

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1. Join us for our regular Wednesday mid-week service.
2. A different Anglican clergy person from the Peterborough Deanery will be our speaker each week.
3. A Simple Lunch of Soup and Bun will follow each service
4. All will be completed in the noon hour.
5. Watch your Sunday bulletin announcements for

a schedule of guest clergy and their speaking dates.



## Instructed Service of Holy Eucharist– Sunday, Feb. 15th, 10:30 am

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**Ever wonder why we do what we do in our services of worship? What does it all mean?**

Join us for an instructed service of Holy Eucharist.

**Why:** To better understand our services of worship

**Who:** Everyone. Those preparing for confirmation and their families and sponsors might find this particularly helpful.

**When–** During our regular Sunday service of worship on Feb. 15th.

**How–** Written and verbal com-

mentary will accompany each part of the liturgy. Don't worry, no sermon that Sunday.

**What- Topics include the following:** Collects, Intercession, Liturgy of Word, Eucharist, Acclamation, Canticle, Gradual, proclamation, (you get the idea)

## From Jesus To Christ: Jesus of Nazareth becomes the Christ

Please join us for this highly acclaimed PBS video series. This presentation has assembled an incredible array of contemporary biblical scholars from leading universities who share their view of the historic Jesus in a very watchable presentation that helps us to better understand the events, culture and geography that influenced Jesus who becomes the Christ.

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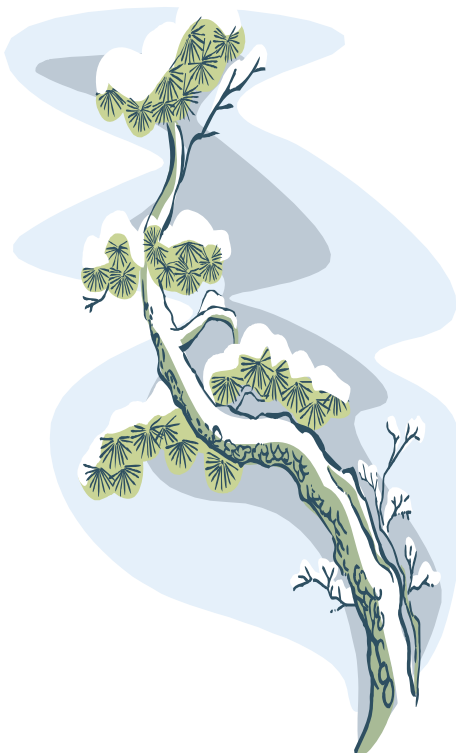
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1. From Jesus to Christ: Monday Nights in Lent Video Series
2. Dates: March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th.
3. Time: 7 pm to 8 pm
4. Where: Wilson Lounge, lower parish hall
5. Please indicate your interest by signing the registration sheet in the bulletin board by the office hallway entrance.
6. Supplementary reading materials will be provided along with opportunity for discussion.



1. Share the Experience of our Journey to Israel:
2. What: A picture and verbal presentation sharing our parish tour of the Holy Land.
3. When: Wednesday, March 4th.
4. Time: 7-9 pm
5. Where: All Saints' Church, Upper Parish Hall
6. Hosts: The Reverend Bill Gray and other All Saints' pilgrims.