

Easter
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ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH,
PETERBOROUGH, ON

Easter NEWSLETTER

Who's listening to You ?

We cannot, not tell our story. In the sharing of our life's events both small and large we often discover the themes of life's truths.

Our assumption is that God is up to something in our lives. We have experiences of God's spirit to share. We can often hear in the story of another themes and significance that the storyteller cannot hear for themselves.

Listening and feedback is a valuable gift therefore to give to another.

We have talked often of late about our desire as a parish to develop a new mission strategy. This desire is in part the recognition that we need to better connect our faith and ministry with the neighbourhoods in which we live and with the neighbourhood where our faith community gathers.

What is God up to in our neighbourhood communities ?? The answer resides in listening to our community.

But before we can do that we need to listen to each other. In the parish interviews and surveys conducted thus far we find that people are anxious to share

their stories. We have a spiritual hunger to share what matters most to us regarding our faith and church.

In the months to come this conversation is going to be expanded to eventually involve all parish members possible.

Change in parish mission strategy involves different stages of learning.

The first stage requires increased awareness through educational events and conversation. For example our parish guiding team has attended workshops where we receive coaching and guidance.

More conversations take place in worship through sermons, prayer and church meetings which involve increasing this awareness.

We are not doing this alone. 8 other diocesan congregations are on a parallel journey and the clergy and guiding teams will continue to meet with

each other in support and learning groups, coached by trained coaches.

Learning involves increased listening through continued surveys, interviews and listening groups.

Another stage of learning will involve evaluation of what we are hearing in terms of our missional readiness.

Learning includes using this information to experiment with a few carefully chosen and small strategies that result from these conversations. To find out what works, what doesn't and what resonates with our members and neighbourhoods.

Who is listening to you? God is. We are listening to one another. The goal is to achieve mutual commitment and understanding of what is the Mission of God for our lives.

Finally it is most important to listen to God through regular biblical reflection and prayer. There will be increased need to return to basics. To listen to God through prayer, bible reading and reflection and sharing of the faith that is in us.

Holy Week Services

Palm/Passion Sunday: April 17 -Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem



His kingdom is not of this world.

Our church school reenacts His triumphant entry into Jerusalem waving branches of palm and proclaiming “Hosanna!”.

The congregational reading of the passion demonstrates the terrible events that His return to Jerusalem and His challenge to the authorities sets in motion.

8:30 & 10:30 am

WEEKDAY SERVICES:

Monday, Tuesday Wednesday

April 18, 19 20: 12:10 pm. Holy Eucharist



Maundy Thursday: April 21st The Upper Room 10:00 am & 7:30 pm
The Lord’s Supper, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Maundy Thursday



Jesus gathers with his friends in the upper room where he shares a meal that He will transform into a symbol by which to remember His passion and resurrection. He gives meaning to His coming sacrifice by washing their feet and providing them a symbol of servant ministry.

His coming betrayal is also acknowledged on this occasion.

As darkness descends we remove from our sanctuary symbols of Christ victory in preparation for our journey to the Cross.

Good Friday:

April 22nd

Stations of the Cross

For Families
and Children

A Rock Band Passion

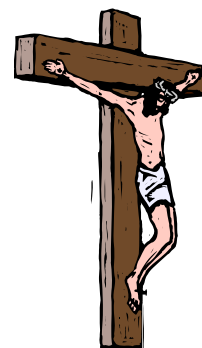
Parish Hall

10:00 am

Choral Service

The Lord’s Passion

11:00 am



Easter Vigil, First Communion & Baptism: Sat. April 23rd -7:00 pm

The darkness of Good Friday is shattered by this service of light as we light the new Easter fire and the Paschal Candle is brought into the sanctuary.

We recount examples of God's mighty acts of salvation that prefigure and include Jesus.

Our Eucharistic thanksgiving completes our celebrations.

As a sign of the new life the resurrection conveys we will welcome new members into the congregation of Christ through the sacrament of Baptism and those receiving their first communion.

Those wishing Baptism or first communion on this occasion should con-

tact the Rector.



Easter Sunday April 24th 8:30 & 10:30 am Christ is Risen ! Alleluia !

Choral Eucharist and Brass Ensemble at 10:30 am. Chocolate eggs for kids



First Communion Preparation

This is of interest to families who would like an opportunity for their young children to be either introduced or better prepared to receive communion. Your children would benefit from our communion preparation program entitled "Life in the Eucharist". It included a preparation book for parents and a communion service companion booklet for children.

Please contact the rector or the church office if interest to arrange a time to meet to receive and to be introduced to this material.

For those for whom it would be appropriate your child's "First Communion" (since using this educational material for becoming better prepared for communion) will be offered at the Easter Sunday Service on April 24th.



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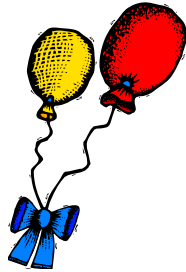
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Baptism Sunday May 1st
Please contact the church
office or speak to the clergy
for inquiries about Baptism



Order your Easter Eggs from All Saints' ACW !!!!
Call 742-0042 Mon to Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon to place your order

Our annual vestry meeting approved a budget increase of 3 % for ministry.

Please ensure to maintain and if possible increase your donations to regular donations in order to continue to support the ministry of our church

Enclosed please find your Easter envelope for enabling you to make your special gift to the church at this season. Please return on or about Easter Sunday. Thank you for supporting the ministry of your parish church.

Happy Easter from All Saints' Clergy and Wardens