

Easter

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ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH,
PETERBOROUGH, ON

Easter NEWSLETTER

Passionate Spirituality

After years of discussion, thought, planning, proposals and fund raising we will finally replace our aged heating system this year. At a cost of approximately \$300,000.00 this is a major undertaking. At the heart of this installation will be a new hot water boiler and heat delivery system.

It has been gratifying to witness the financial support for this project among our members especially during difficult economic times.

At the time of writing our cornerstone campaign has received pledges of approximately \$526,000.00 and cash donations of approximately \$200,000.00. On the strength of these pledges we made a decision at the annual vestry meeting to arrange bridge financing of approximately \$100,000.00 so that the installation can proceed this spring. What a achievement to celebrate !!!

A reminder that we still require approximately \$23,000.00 in pledges in order to reach our cornerstone campaign goal of \$550,000.00 in order that we might proceed in the future with necessary roof replacement and tower/stone work.

This achievement is made all the more remarkable by the fact that a new boiler is not exactly a visible achievement. It resides in the basement where no one will see it. But we all know the necessity of this fire in our basement to keep us warm and protect our beautiful church against the ravages of winter freezing and extreme climate.

In this same way our church depends on its' members having a "fire in their belly" in order to be successful. This is sometimes referred to as having a passionate spirituality .

Passionate spirituality does not necessarily refer to a style of faith that is physically charismatic or demonstrative. It does not need to be understood as referring to waiving hands in the air or falling down on the floor.

Rather, for Anglicans, it can simply mean the ability to be able to define one's faith and the ability to share it.

Do you have a fire in your belly for your faith?

Is it expressed by regular and personal reading of the bible and other related faith materials? Do you pray?

Do you understand what it means for you to be a disciple of Jesus?

Are you able to articulate the faith that is in you to others?

Are you willing to sacrifice and give of yourself for your faith?

This all refers to the fire that exists within that often others do not readily see.

But the heat from that fire within has the ability to be of benefit to others if we have the willingness and courage to share this fire of faith.

To succeed All Saints' will be required to do more than simply install a new heating system this year. We will also be given opportunity to share the fire in our belly, our passionate spirituality, the faith that lies within each of us and longs to find expression in our church, our homes and our lives.

Holy Week Services

Palm/Passion Sunday: March 28 -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

March 29,30,31: 12:10 pm. Holy Eucharist



Maundy Thursday: April 1st 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 2nd

Stations of the Cross

Children and Family
Service:
Parish Hall
10:00 am

Choral Service
The Lord’s Passion
11:00 am



Easter Vigil, First Communion & Baptism: Sat. April 03 -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 contact the Rector.

Guest Soloist: Chelsey Gray



Easter Sunday April 04 8:30 & 10:30 am Christ is Risen ! Alleluia !

~~First Communion Preparation~~ Communion Preparation at 10:30 am. Chocolate eggs for kids



We are currently making appointments to have pictures taken for a Directory. This is the Centennial edition and we hope everyone makes an appointment so the Directory will be complete. Every family that has a picture taken will be given a free Directory. A photographer will be here (in the Wilson Lounge) during April 21-25, April 30, and May 1-2. Only one appointment is required. Pictures will be taken, then you will view them during the same appointment. You do not have to pay anything to have your picture taken and there is no expense to the Church. If you choose to, you can purchase or order pictures when you view them. If you have any questions, please call Mabel Mosher at 742-7384. 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 includes 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 Vigil service on Saturday evening, April 3rd, at 7 pm.



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**Look for us
On the Web**

Highlights of the Annual meeting of the Church Vestry held on Sunday, March 7th, 2010.

- Our meeting was well attended by about 90 members.
- Graham Hart, Betty Hubble, Helen Shea, Vi Wilkinson, Mabel Mosher and Paul Heath were recognized among others for their contributions to the parish.
- A delicious lunch was served by the ACW
- A successful financial year in 09 including Cornerstone Campaign pledges exceeding \$500,000.00.
- Successful program year in 09 including centenary celebrations with guest speakers, a centennial parish pictorial directory, a homecoming weekend, banquet and concert.
- A decision to proceed with the installation and financing of the new heating system in 2010.
- Significant Faithworks contribution celebrated.

Choral Meditaton on the Passion— Sun. March 21-4 pm

with All Saints' Choir. Narrated by Marion Fry

Our thanks to the ACW for their hard work and Easter Egg Creations.
Order your Easter Eggs from All Saints' ACW !!!!
Call 742-0042 Mon to Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon to place your order

Our vestry report indicates that the success of our cornerstone campaign has had some effect on reduced donations to our operating budget.

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

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