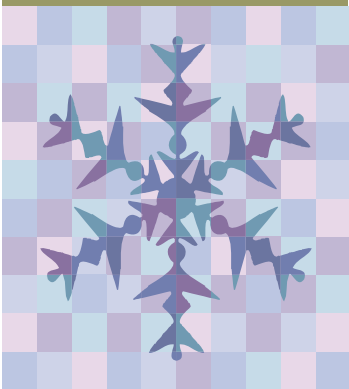


Winter Mailing

February, 2010



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PETERBOROUGH

Lenten News

A Bridge to Somewhere

There is a famous bridge in Honduras. It is not famous because it is a grand technological achievement, although it is. It is not famous because it was a gift of generosity from Japan, even though it was. Nor is it noteworthy simply because it is splendid in appearance. Rather it is significant because the river it was intended to cross no longer runs under it. In a devastating Caribbean hurricane, the river moved. And now it is the bridge to no where.

We live in the great and magnificent legacy of inherited churches. There is much strength that remains in who we are. But for many churches the river has moved and we can no longer assume people will use our bridge to God.

In this day and age of mixed economy churches it is also important to be missional churches. Our faith needs to be outward looking as well as inward living.

Fresh Expressions is a name being given to those opportunities

that are being discovered where we can recognize where God is active in the lives of people outside the church.

Fresh expressions is about finding ways to better connect and to be active with those not already involved in church.

Please join our Lenten Study "Mission Possible" described elsewhere in this newsletter. Let us discover together the ways in which we can be the missional church.

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 7th/10

Following the 10:30 am service of worship

Lunch provided.

All welcome.

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CONFIRMATION: All Saints Sunday: November 7 /10 ; 10:30 am, at All Saints' Church, Peterborough. CELEBRANT & SERMON: Bishop Linda Nicholls –Bishop of Trent-Durham, Diocese of Toronto

This is advance notice that Bishop Linda will be presiding at the apostolic “laying on of hands” for those presenting themselves for confirmation.

Those desiring confirmation are asked to contact Father Bill or the church office as soon as possible in order to express your interest and discuss opportunities for preparation.

Please pray for those to be confirmed.

In confirmation one strengthens their faith by making renewing their baptismal vows.

The laying on of hands is a sign or symbol of our strengthening in God’s spirit.

This is a wonderful opportunity for adult and adolescent alike to learn the fundamentals and cornerstones of our faith by way of confirmation preparation.

Dates and times of meetings to be announced.



Ash Wednesday: The Imposition of Ashes –February 17th/10

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 16th/10

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 7th/10

1. 12:00 noon: following the 10:30 am service
2. Lunch provided by the ACW
3. Meeting to follow
4. Parish Events for 2010
5. Haitian Relief & PWRDF
6. Review the year past
7. Accept 2010 budget
8. Elect and Appoint parish officers.
9. Proposal for Heating System Installation and Financing in 2010
10. Capital Campaign Review
11. Acknowledgments
12. All Welcome

Suggested items for the agenda must be submitted in advance (Feb. 15th/10) 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 Ecumenical Speaker and Lunch 12:10 to 12:50

1. Join us for our regular Wednesday mid-week service.
2. A different ecumenical clergy person from the Peterborough community 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.



World Day of Prayer Service: Friday, March 5th, 2 pm at All Saints Church.

Ecumenical and inter-denominational service involving participants from a variety of community and neighbouring churches celebrating Christian unity.

Coordinator: The Reverend Suzanne McMillan, Deacon.

Speaker: Marion Saunders

Special Guest: The Right Reverend Bishop Linda Nicholls

Music : Duet with Bishop Linda Nicholls and Father Bill Gray accompanied by Canon Dr. Giles Bryant.

Theme: “Let everything that has breath praise God”.

Service written by the women of Cameroon, Africa.



Meditation on the Passion

A Service of Readings Motets and Hymns

All Saints' Choir - Sunday March 21st, 4:00 pm.

The Canon Dr. Giles Bryant, Organist and Choir Director

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We shall have our customary afternoon Passiontide service on the Fifth Sunday in Lent. This year it will take the form of a service of readings, motets and hymns, all of which reflect on the story of the Passion of our lord Jesus Christ. We welcome Marion Fry as our reader of poetry and prose from the 16th to th 19th centuries, Please come and join us for this beautiful and reflective service to start our observation of Passiontide.

Mission Possible Study Program

Only 5 Mondays In Lent—7pm to 8:30 pm

February 22, Mar. 1,8,15,29.

Wilson Lounge in lower parish hall.

All Welcome-Sign Sheet on bulletin board

We are on the
Web-Look us
up.

Mission Possible Weekly Topics

1. **Monday, Feb. 22nd, "What is God's Mission ?"**
2. **Monday Mar. 1st, "What is the Mission of Jesus?"**
3. **Monday Mar. 8th, "How do we see how God at work in people's lives?"**
4. **Monday Mar. 15th, "God is at work in the world."**
5. **Monday, Mar. 29th, God's Mission awaits us if we choose to accept it. .**

**MISSION:
IMPOSSIBLE**

Mission Possible:

The Diocese of Toronto seeks to become shaped for mission and faithful to God's call to serve all in a post-Christendom context. This Mission Possible course has been provided as a resource to parishes to help people begin to think about who God is, what is the mission of God and how does church need to be shaped to respond to that call. I strongly commend the program to you as it has been developed by Jenny and Stephen, both of whom know what it means to serve in inherited churches that seek to be shaped for mission. My hope is that this course will begin a fruitful and lasting conversation on what it means to be missional in your own context.

Yours faithfully,
The Most Reverend Colin R.
Johnson
Archbishop of Toronto
Metropolitan of Ontario

Please join us for a lively and informative visual presentation and discussion.