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News and events:

We wish a very Happy Mother's Day to all mothers.

Our best wishes for happy birthdays to Dwayne Harrison and Linda Hoy today, Juanita Crowley tomorrow, and Douglas Bell on Friday.

Next Sunday May 15th, Pentecost, St. Paul's Bury at 10:30am. A special Intergenerational Parish Service for Pentecost. Holy Eucharist with Canon Lynn, followed by a pot-luck lunch. It's the closing of Sunday School for the summer. All are welcome.

Sunday, May 15th, 2:00 pm St Augustine's, Danville - **Country Gospel Hour.** Dave McBurney and band will be back with more country gospel music. Guest preachers: The Rev. Mead Baldwin, President of the United Conference of Montreal & Ottawa, and Violet Konrad, Lay Reader at St George's, Lennoxville. A buffet of red desserts will follow. For tickets (free but you need to reserve) please contact m.mastine@hotmail.com or lynn@dillabough@gmail.com

Confirmation Class - St John's Church, Waterville - Confirmation classes to begin at St. John's, Waterville. All who are interested please contact The Rev. Ruth Charleau at [819-835-0148](tel:819-835-0148) ASAP at so that she can plan the starting date and get material for everyone. 12 years old and up.

Saturday, May 14, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm - Murray Memorial Hall, Georgeville - The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Bishop will be speaking on "The Gospel in Four Directions and New Horizon for Canada." \$10 workshop fee. Lunch and coffee \$10. Registration required at [450 292-3555](tel:450-292-3555).

Wednesday, May 18 the UCW are having a salad luncheon at noon at the Sawyerville Community Center with a guest speaker. All women are invited to attend. No charge and no need to bring anything.

Sunday, May 22, 4:00 pm St George's Church, Lennoxville – Quarterly service of sung Evensong. Refreshments and time of fellowship to follow.

The Rt. Reverend Dennis Drainville will ordain to the diaconate, Isabel Joy Carson, on the Feast of Helena, Protector of Holy Places, Saturday, May 21 at 3pm in St-Paul's Anglican Church, Shigawake, the Greater Parish of Gaspé. **He will also ordain to the diaconate**, Carol Edgar and Adèle Finlayson, on the Feast Day of the Venerable Bede Priest, Monk of Jarrow, Wednesday, May 25 at 7 pm in St-John the Evangelist, Ottawa. **More News & Events on page 4...**

Sentence: *Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord, I am with you always, to the close of the age. Matthew 28.19,20*

Collect: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

- **We pray for God's people** throughout the world; for Dennis, our Bishop, Lynn, our Priest, Fred our Primate, and for all in leadership, both lay and ordained. Grant them the gifts of wisdom and courage as they lead the church. We pray for Coadjutor Bishop-elect, The Ven. Bruce Myers, who is being ordained this Thursday.

- **In our Diocesan Fellowship of prayer**, we pray for St. Clement's East, for St. Paul's, St. Paul's River; St. Peter's, Old Fort Bay; St. Augustine's, St. Augustine; and St. Christopher's, Bradore and for layreaders Mary Spingle and Dale Keats; for our Companion Dioceses of Moray Ross and Caithness in Scotland and Bishop Mark Strange, and for Bujumbura in Burundi and Bishop Eraste Bigirimana.

- **In the Provincial Prayer Cycle** we pray for our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz and the Council of General Synod. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for The Anglican Church of Korea, we pray for The Most Revd Paul Kim, Primate of the Anglican Church of Korea and Bishop of Seoul.

- **In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** we pray for Christian faith communities in Sudan, South Sudan, and Uganda. We pray for a just solution to the conflicts between the Sudan and South Sudan, for those divided by civil wars and violence between ethnic and religious groups, for an end to corruption in public offices, so that governments can better serve their people and public funds benefit the many and not just the few.

- **We give thanks for and ask blessings for all the mothers**, for our families, friends, and communities, and we ask blessings for Dwayne Harrison, Linda Hoy, Juanita Crowley, and Douglas Bell on their birthdays.

- **We pray that God may reveal the light of His presence** to the weak and the sick, that they may be comforted and strengthened, and we pray especially for Joan Dougherty, The Ven. Robert Bryan, Sandra Hurd, Maria Garcia, Wanda Sylvester, Audrey Dougherty, Erwin Watson, and Sheila Bellam.

- **We pray** for the people of Fort McMurray, Alberta who have been displaced by the wildfires and the loss of homes. We pray for peace and justice throughout the world. **Amen.**

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Saturday, June 4, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm - Lennoxville - The Skills of Healing: Care For Others, Care For Yourself. All are welcome. The morning focuses on care for others and some of the skills of listening and being present, some of the practicalities of visiting hospitals and nursing homes, particularly those with dementia, alzheimer's and other diseases that cause confusion. Following lunch, provided thanks to a grant from St Peter's, Sherbrooke, we will focus on caring for yourself. Caregivers can deplete themselves and need to learn skills of proper self-care, setting boundaries with difficult people, ways to alleviate depression and anxiety that can occur for caregivers. Workshops will be led by Canon Lynn Dillabough. No cost but donations welcome, to offset costs of future workshops. Please contact Canon Lynn Dillabough to register

June Messy Church will be held on **Tuesday**, June 7th in St. Paul's Church hall, Bury.

Sunday, June 26th, 2:30 - 4:00 pm St Augustine's, Danville - Going Away Party with Lynn Dillabough. Lynn would like to celebrate with all of the people with whom she has ministered for the past six years and is hosting a party to thank everyone before she leaves. Deanery Lay Readers Jane Bishop and Marilyn Mastine will co-preside over a short worship service followed by cake and ice cream in the church hall.

A Reading from the Book of Acts... When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'" *Acts 2:1-21*

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A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans...¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. *Romans 8:14-17*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John...⁸Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

(²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you.²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.) *John 14:8-17(25-27)*

Reflection: While the reading from Acts will no doubt take center stage on this celebration of Pentecost, nevertheless, this gospel reading from John challenges us to think about how it is that we come to believe. In fact, in this reading from Jesus' farewell sermon, His challenge to believe is made four times in only three verses. Jesus challenged his disciples, and challenges us, to believe in who He is, what He said, and what He did.

Philip turned to Jesus as they gathered around the table in the upper room that final night: "Show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Show us the Father he asks. Philip has walked with Jesus, sat at His feet listening to His teachings, and still he does not understand. Can we hear the frustration in Jesus' voice as He turns to his friend and student, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me?" The good news of the gospel is that, in knowing Jesus Christ, we have come to know God. In hearing the teachings of Jesus we have heard of God's love for us because Jesus is "in the Father and the Father is in me" (John 14:10). All that Jesus said, all that he did, he declares, are not his words or his works but are those of the "Father who dwells in me." Over and over again Jesus challenges us to believe that he is in the Father. And if we believe, he declares to us, not only will be also be able to do the same works that he did but "will do greater works than these" (John 14:12). But how are we able to believe? How are we able to do great works in the name of a person who was crucified, died? Christ is risen, but he has also ascended. He is no longer with us. How can we, who were not with Him, did not hear His teachings, did not see Him, believe? Well, we can believe through the power of the Advocate. The disciples, and we, are able to love and keep the commandments because of the Spirit, the Advocate sent by God. Jesus declared to them, and to us, that the Spirit of truth would be with us forever. The Advocate would help us to hear the words of Jesus even though He has gone to the Father. The Spirit fills all those who believe in Jesus. This is the good news of Pentecost.

Chuckles: A Sunday School helper was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children began discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster.

"No," said another, "he's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."

A little boy had just got home from Sunday School and mom was cooking lunch. "Mommy, is it true that before you're born you're just dust and after you die you go back to being dust?"

"That's right son, why?"

"Well that's what they said at church today."

"OK, well run up stairs and wash your hands, lunch will be ready in a few minutes."

About 10 minutes went by and she called out for him to come down. "I'll be there in a minute." As they were about to sit down at the table, the little boy asked again about being dust before being born and after you die. Once again mother said, yes. The little boy looked at her and said, "Then you better get up to my room pretty quick, because something under my bed is either coming or going!!"

