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News and events:

We are back to our regular worship service times of 9:30am in St. Paul's Church, Bury and 11:00am in St. Peter's Church, Cookshire. September 13th services will be led by layreaders.

LENNOXVILLE QUILTERS ANNUAL QUILT SHOW & SALE at St. George's on Friday, Sept. 11th from 10 am – 5 pm and Saturday, Sept. 12th from 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is \$5.00. Refreshments provided by St. George's Evening ACW and Parish Guild

Saturday, September 26th the Closing and Deconsecration service for Christ Church, Canterbury time is 11:00am. There will be a lunch following the service, place to be determined.

Sunday, September 27th there is a Deanery Evensong in St. George's Church Lennoxville at 4:00pm.

Messy Church for families with young children is expected to begin the first Wednesday of October. Please register with Canon Lynn to help with the planning of supper. It will be held in St. Paul's hall in Bury.

Another **Gospel Hour** is being planned for Sunday, October 4th at St. Augustine's Church in Danville. More details later.

There will be a meeting of all the Deanery churches which are members of the team ministry model on one of the first two Saturdays of November, at St George's Church in Lennoxville from 10:00 to 12:00. This will be an information and discussion meeting with an opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions. Treasurers and wardens are expected to attend, but the meeting is open to all interested members of the Deanery.

The Electoral Synod for a Coadjutor Bishop and the 84th Ordinary Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Quebec has been summoned for Thursday evening, Nov. 26th through Sunday noon Nov. 29th to be held at the Campus Notre-Dame-De-Foy, Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures, QC

Sentence: Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people. *Matthew 4.23*

Collect: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

This week please pray for:

- We pray for all people; for Dennis, our Bishop, Lynn, our Priest, for all who are in leadership, both lay and ordained. Grant them the gifts of wisdom and courage as they lead the church. We pray for discernment as we continue to seek to know what God's mission is for us in the Diocese of Quebec and that God will guide us in our search for a new Shepherd to lead us in the years ahead.

- In our Diocesan Fellowship of prayer, we pray for Bishop's University & Champlain Regional College, for St. Mark's Chapel, The Ven. Heather Thomson and Lay Readers Tom Matthews and Garry Retzleff; we pray for our Companion Dioceses, The Diocese of Moray Ross and Caithness in Scotland and Bishop Mark Strange, and the Diocese of Bujumbura in Burundi and Bishop Eraste Bigirimana.

- In the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, we pray for Bishop Geoffrey Peddle and the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt Revd Samuel Pervaiz of the Diocese of Sialkot, Pakistan.

- In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle we pray for Christian faith communities in Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia. We pray for new governments and guidance for leaders, for displaced persons and refugees, for an end to ethnic hatred and the establishment of human rights for all, for women who were raped during the wars, for healing and renewal in the church, and unity through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, for those who mourn and for young people as they try to find a way forward.

- We pray for our families, friends, and communities; for the students, teachers, bus drivers, and all the staff of schools and universities as they begin a new year.

- We ask, O Lord, for your comfort and healing for all who are sick and suffering in any way, and for their families, remembering especially: Joan Dougherty, Earl Lancaster, and Gordie Coates.

- We pray for creation saying, "God of many blessings, since the beginning of creation you have bestowed on the world countless gifts and treasures that reveal your love for humankind. Through your Spirit grant us the wisdom to recognize our gifts, the faith to accept them, and the courage to use them to continue to share your love in the world."

- We pray for the refugee crisis in Europe; we pray for a world of peace and justice for all. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Diocese of Quebec: Loving God, fill us with your Spirit that we may live out with greater faithfulness your call to shine with Christ's light in acts of praise and reconciling love. Make us bearers of the Good News, ministers of your grace, and faithful stewards of your Church and Kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs...²⁰Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. ²¹At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: ²²“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? ²³Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. ²⁴Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, ²⁵and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, ²⁶I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, ²⁷when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. ²⁸Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. ²⁹Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, ³⁰would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, ³¹therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. ³²For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; ³³but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.” *Proverbs 1:20-33*

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A Reading from the Letter of James...Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species,⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh. *James 3:1-12*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark...²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.”³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and

forfeit their life?³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” *Mark 8:27-38*

Prayer: Pope Francis who initiated *The World Day of Prayer for the Care for Creation* has been joined by church and faith leaders around the world. The day is meant to be celebrated with the participation of the entire People of God: priests, ministers, lay men and women wherever faithful people live and gather. Pope Francis hopes that this day will afford the faithful; “a significant occasion for prayer, reflection, conversion and the adoption of appropriate lifestyles.” Seeking eyes of faith that recognize your triumph of new creation all around us, we raise our prayers to God. We pray... 1. For the Church, may the mystery of God invite us to contemplate more fully his profound love for our world
2. For our elected officials, that they may be mindful of the value and dignity of the least of our brothers and sisters, especially the poor, the elderly, and the unborn.
3. For a greater respect for the earth, that the nations may unite to protect our world and preserve it.
4. For our stewardship of the earth, may we recognize and appreciate the gift of creation, and take good care of our earthly resources.
5. For the earth, may we revere creation as God’s handiwork, treating all living creatures with respect and striving for Spirit-led stewardship of our material resources.
6. For all people working to care for animals and wildlife, may God bless them in their work to preserve the diversity of God’s creation.
7. For the virtue of hope for all humankind, may God’s kingdom come and usher in a new order of creation, free of the limits of sin and death, we pray: Lord God, look with mercy on your people. Forgive the sins we have committed against the beauty of your creation, and teach us to reverence your presence in every human person. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Chuckles: A high school teacher was giving a true/false test. He was strolling up and down the aisles surveying the students at work. He came upon one student who was flipping a coin, then writing.

Teacher: What are you doing?

Student: Getting the answers to the test. The teacher shook his head and walked on. A little while later, when everyone was finished with the test, the teacher noticed the student was again flipping the coin.

Teacher: Now what are you doing?

Student: I'm checking the answers.

A man speeding down the freeway is stopped by a police car and has to pull over. "Do you realize you were doing 80 m.p.h. in a 60 m.p.h. zone, sir?" asks the policeman.

"That's impossible, sir, I never break the speed limit," replies the driver.

The driver's wife butts in and says, "Yes, you do, I'm always telling you to keep your speed down."

The policeman says, "I also noticed, sir, that you didn't have your seat belt on. You put it on as I was walking over to your car."

"That is not true, sir; I always wear my seat belt," replies the driver.

"No, you don't, I'm always telling you to put your seat belt on," says the driver's wife.

"Stupid woman," the driver explodes, "can't you, just for once, keep that big trap of yours shut?"

The policeman is shocked by how the driver is speaking to his wife, so he asks, "Does he often speak to you like this, madam?"

"Oh, no, officer," she says, "only when he's drunk."

