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**News and events:**

**Our happy birthday wishes** to Shelley Chapman tomorrow and to Brandon Coates on Saturday. **Our congratulations and best wishes for a happy anniversary** to Roscoe and Gladys Morrison on Friday. **Sunday, April 17th**, annual Spring Brunch at the Bulwer Community Centre, from 11 am to 2 pm. A delicious buffet of homemade pancakes, maple syrup, eggs, sausages, baked beans, and sweets. Jan Graham will entertain us at the piano. Bring the family. Cost: \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. Proceeds support the Eaton Corner Museum.

**April 10, Third Sunday of Easter, Liturgy of the Word** with Layreaders in St. Paul's Church, Bury at 9:30am with Sunday School available, and in St. Peter's Cookshire at 11:00am.

**Lectio Divina - Monday, April 4 to Monday, June 13, from 7:00 - 8:00p.m.** at St George's, Lennoxville. All are welcome for an hour of quiet reflection on the lectionary readings. We use the method of Lectio Divina to listen for God's Word speaking in our lives. No need to sign up.

**Episcopal Ordination of the Ven. Bruce Myers, Coadjutor Bishop-Elect:** The Deanery is organizing a bus to transport people to the Cathedral for the episcopal ordination on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. A bus leaving from St George's Church, Lennoxville at 1:00 pm will allow time for supper before the service. There is a reception so the return trip will be late in the evening. The cost will depend on the number of participants. Reservations and pre-payment required. Please contact Kay Hartwell for information and to reserve your seat. [\(819 349-1971\)](tel:8193491971)

**Wednesday, April 6, 5:15-6:45 St Paul's, Bury - Messy Church.** Families with children 12 and under are welcome to this time of learning and worship. Parents (or grandparents) attend along with their children as we learn about our faith and enjoy a good meal. Storytelling, crafts, worship and dinner with materials and food all provided. We do collect a freewill offering during worship. This month we are learning about resurrection and hope. If you would like to attend, or would like more information about the program, please contact [lynn@dillabough@gmail.com](mailto:lynn@dillabough@gmail.com)

**Saturday, April 9, 1:00 – 5:00 pm - Opening to the Spirit Afternoon** Writing Retreat at St Paul's United Church in Magog. Join the authors of the weekly Opening to the Spirit column (Fridays Sherbrooke Record) for an afternoon of writing and sharing. Voluntary \$10 donation to cover cost of a journal and refreshments. Contact [lynn@dillabough@gmail.com](mailto:lynn@dillabough@gmail.com) for more info and to register. See **More News & Events on page 4...**

**Sentence:** Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. *John 20.29*  
**Collect:** Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, 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, Coadjutor Bishop-elect Bruce, 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.

- In our Diocesan Fellowship of prayer, we pray for the Church of the Advent, Sherbrooke, for The Ven. Dean Ross and Lay Readers: Thomas Barton, Gregory Barton, Gene Ross, and William Lyon ; 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 Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean, for The Most Revd Ian Gerald James Ernest, Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of Mauritius.

- In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle we pray for Christian faith communities in Brunei, Malaysia, and Singapore.

- We give thanks to God for those preparing for baptism, especially for baby, Colleena Cooper and her parents, Angela and Bobby Cooper. We pray for our families, friends, and communities; and we ask God's blessings for Shelley Chapman and Brandon Coates on their birthdays and for Roscoe and Gladys Morrison on their anniversary.

- 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, Dufferin Annesley, Eva Rider, Sandra Hurd, Maria Garcia, Orvil Anderson, Teresa MacLeod, Wanda Sylvester, Audrey Dougherty, and Sheila Bellam.

- We pray that there may be peace and justice for all in the world. **Amen.**

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**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 ASAP so that she can plan the starting date and get material for everyone. 12 years old and up.

**Baptism on April 24<sup>th</sup>** in St. Paul's Bury we ask your prayers for the candidate, Colleena Cooper, and for her parents, Angela and Bobby Cooper.

**Sunday, April 10, 3:00 p.m. St Mark's Chapel,** Bishop's University – Les Amis de l'Orgue de l'Estrie. is holding an concert with organists Leslie Young and Jean-Yves Saint-Pierre who will play a program including works by Liederbuch, Bonelli, Gabrieli, Pasquini and Bach. Tickets available at the door. Regular admission 10\$. Parking is free on the campus on Sunday.

**Tuesday, April 12, 11:00 a.m. Christ Church, Eustis** – The church which was moved to the Quebec Lodge property will be deconsecrated by the Archdeacon. Everyone is welcome. **Saturday,**

**April 16,8 a.m. – Noon St Anne's Church,** Richmond – Spring Rummage Sale, 8 am \$3.00 bag sale / 10 am \$5.00 box sale.

**Saturday, May 7, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Bishop's University - **The BU/CRC Refugee Student Sponsorship Committee** will be holding their annual large Garage Sale in the W.B. Scott arena (old arena). Donations gratefully accepted from April 4 until May 4 and can be dropped off at the arena lobby from 8 am to 8 pm (including Sat. and Sun.). Please note we cannot accept tires, mattresses, TVs and very old computer monitors. Thank you for your donations, and we hope to see you at the sale on May 7, 2016. For further information please contact Heather Thomson at 819-822-9600 ext. 2718 or [rhthomson@ubishops.ca](mailto:rhthomson@ubishops.ca)

## Readings for Third Sunday of Easter

April 10, 2016 (Year C)

**A Reading from the Book of Acts...** Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest<sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.<sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"<sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.<sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."<sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.<sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.<sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord."<sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,<sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."<sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;<sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name."<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."<sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."<sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,<sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,<sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God.") *Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)*

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**A Reading from the Revelation to John...**<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,<sup>12</sup> singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!"<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!"<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped. *Revelation 5:11-14*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John...** After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.<sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.<sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.<sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No."<sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.<sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea.<sup>8</sup> But the other disciples

came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."<sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.<sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.<sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.<sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."<sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."<sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.<sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go."<sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me." *John 21:1-19*

**Reflection:** I think there's a lesson in this unusual conversation between Jesus and Peter. I think we are likely to view those who serve on the mission field as the ones who really love God. But in so doing, we discount our ability to do anything significant for God. Jesus told Peter that his love for Jesus was to be channeled through the simple act of tending the flock. And we're all called to "tend sheep." Nothing spectacular. Just a simple task, yet one that will take all the love we have to give. Tending the flock is not just a pastor's calling. It's a calling that belongs to all of us. And in a very real sense, the "flock" that we're called to tend is not limited to the members and friends of our congregation. The "flock" we're called to tend consists of the world of people around us. The people we meet in our daily lives are the "sheep" we're called to tend. And we tend them just like any shepherd tends sheep--we care for them, we value them, and we try to help meet their basic needs. It's a simple task, yet it's one that will take all the love we have to give. I think this is one of the most important ways in which we can share our experience of new life through faith in Jesus Christ. But in order to do that, we may have to change our outlook toward the people we come in contact with every day. Rather than being suspicious or defensive, we may have to try to see them as "sheep without a shepherd" so that we can have compassion for them as Jesus did. It is only then that we can really share the love we have for Jesus.- Alan Brehm

**Chuckle:** Frustrated that their two boys had developed foul mouths from being around kids at school, the father told his wife, "If I used words like our sons, my father would whip me with a belt. I believe that is the only thing that will work with these boys." Desperate, the mother said, "O.K., we will try that first thing Monday morning." On Monday morning the first boy came down the stairs for breakfast. He sat down and the mother asked him what he wanted for breakfast. The boy said, "I guess I want those "blinkety-blank" cornflakes. Without a word, the Father grabbed him and whipped him good with a belt. The second boy having witnessed the event from the top of the stairs responded when his Father asked what he wanted for breakfast, "I don't know, but I sure don't want any of those "blinkety-blank" cornflakes."



