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News and events:

Our best wishes for happy birthdays to Caroline Coates and Olivia Sylvester on Tuesday. **sincere condolences** to the family of the late Eva Rider, especially to Craig, Keith and Charlene.

Today is the 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 at the piano. Bring the family. Cost: \$12 for adults and \$6 children 5 years and up/children under 5 years eat free. Proceeds to support the Eaton Corner Museum.

Next Sunday, April 24, Baptism and Holy Eucharist in St. Paul's Bury at 9:30am with The Rev. Ruth Charleau presiding. We ask your prayers for the candidate, Colleena Cooper, and her parents, Angela and Bobby Cooper. A **Service of the Word** led by Layreader in St. Peter's Cookshire at 11:00am.

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.

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 5th 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. Reservations and pre-payment required. Please contact Kay Hartwell for information and to reserve your seat. [\(819 349-1971\)](tel:8193491971)

Saturday, May 14, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm - Murray Memorial Hall, Georgeville - The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald, the 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:4502923555).

Thursday, April 21st, 11:30 - 1:00 pm St George's Church Hall, Lennoxville - last **Third Thursday Soup Lunch** of the season. Four delicious homemade soups: Cream of Tomato; Chicken, Lemon and Coconut; Corn Chowder; Beer and Cheese. Cornmeal Muffins and Lemon Squares for dessert. Tea and Coffee. No charge but donations would be gratefully accepted. We will be back in the Fall.

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Sentence: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me. *John 10.14*

Collect: O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 upcoming annual General Meeting of Church Society, and we pray for the Border Ministry, for All Saints, Hereford QC, St. Stephen's, Colebrook, NH and St. Paul's, Canaan VT, for The Rev. Rose Howe and The Rev. Robert Lee; 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 Anglican Communion in Japan, for The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu, Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido.

- **In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** we pray for Christian faith communities in Japan, North Korea, South Korea and Taiwan. We pray for an end to political unrest, border disputes and nuclear weapons, for greater protection of human rights and a decrease in political corruption, for those still rebuilding their lives after powerful earthquakes and nuclear devastation.

- **We pray for the faithful departed**, Eva Rider. Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon her. Amen. We pray for Craig, Keith and Charlene, and all the loved ones that they may find comfort and strength in our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

- **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 blessings for Caroline Coates and Olivia Sylvester 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, Dufferin Annesley, Sandra Hurd, Maria Garcia, Teressa MacLeod, Wanda Sylvester, Audrey Dougherty, Erwin Watson, and Sheila Bellam.

- **We pray for** the victims of the earthquake in southern Japan, for an end of violence, for suicide bombers to stop killing themselves and others. We pray that there may be peace and justice for all in the world. **Amen.**

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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.

Date change: Saturday, June 4, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm - Lennoxville - The Skills of Healing: Care For Others, Care For Yourself. All are welcome to attend as we are all, hopefully, caring for each other and would like to improve our abilities to do this. You do not need to be an official member of the Deanery Pastoral Ministry Team.

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). For further information please contact Heather Thomson at 819-822-9600 ext. 2718 or orhthomson@ubishops.ca

Spring Walk-a-Thon for the Deanery Refugee Fund and PWRDF - Members of the 3rd year Education for Ministry group are walking to raise money for the deanery refugee fund and PWRDF. Sponsors choose the recipient. This walk-a-thon is a little different, in that it takes place all spring. Walkers set their target number of hours they will walk between March 20 - June 20 and ask for donations per hour. Please contact the walker of your choice to make a pledge: Jane Bishop, Ruth Charleau, Lynn Dillabough, Joan Drinkwater, Sandra Gallichon, Lorna Gordon, or Violet Konrad. They will explain their walking goals.

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A Reading from the Book of Acts... Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God.² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him,³ saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?”⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying,⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air.⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’⁸ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house.¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter;’¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?”¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.” *Acts 11:1-18*

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A Reading from the Revelation to John... Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.” *Revelation 21:1-6*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John...³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” *John 13:31-35*

Reflection: In the gospel lesson, Jesus told the Apostles that the defining mark of their life as his disciples was to be their love for one another. He told them, “Just as I have loved you, you also should love one

another” (Jn. 13:34). He had in mind a very specific kind of love. In fact, he demonstrated that love for them earlier when he washed their feet. It was a kind of love that was so different from what they expected that Peter insisted, “You will never wash my feet” (Jn. 13:8). It was the quality of love that God shared with Jesus. It was the quality of love that Jesus had shown to them. And it was the quality of love that Jesus commanded them to show one another.

It is the willingness to humble ourselves to do for one another what we would not normally do. It is the decision to give ourselves away for the sake of one another. It is the commitment that our lives are to be lived not just for ourselves, but for the benefit of one another. It is a love that is incredibly difficult. It is the ultimate “tough love.” The love that Jesus modeled is a love that is willing to do whatever it takes to meet the needs of one another. It is a love that leads us to make sacrifices for one another, even when it is unconventional, or inconvenient, or even uncomfortable. The love that Jesus commanded has always been tough love. This is one of the most important ways that we can bear witness to our new life through faith in Jesus Christ. In our day and time, Christians are divided by race, divided by class, divided by politics, divided by dogma. All of these divisions contradict what Jesus said should be our defining trait: “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (Jn. 13:35). Because we come from different perspectives and backgrounds, the kind of love Jesus commanded us to show one another is tough. It takes all that we have to give. But in a world that seems increasingly lacking in love, it seems that maintaining this tough love for one another is the most important way that we can demonstrate the new life of our risen Lord. – Alan Brehm

Chuckles: Technology... Not so long ago....

An application was for employment

A program was a TV show

A cursor used profanity

A keyboard was a piano!

Memory was something that you lost with age.

A CD was a bank account

Compress was something you did to garbage not to a file.

And if you unzipped anything in public you'd be in jail for awhile!

'Log on' was adding wood to a fire.

Hard drive was a long trip on the road.

A mouse pad was where a mouse lived.

And a backup happened to your commode!

Cut - you did with a pocket knife.

Paste you did with glue.

A web was a spider's home.

And a virus was the flu!

I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper.

And the memory in my head.

I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash but when it happens they wish they were dead!

The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.



