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News and events:

Last Sunday Canon Lynn announced that she will be leaving us and the Diocese of Quebec for a position with the Diocese of Ontario at St. Paul's Church in Brockville, ON. She has been with us for 6 years and we are sad to see her go but we wish her all the best in her new parish. When she arrived, there were 17 churches in her charge. With closings, she is now down to 8 churches but the territory remains the same to cover. In Brockville she will have the one church. She is so very deserving of this change and new opportunity. She will finish here on June 26 and begin in Brockville as of August 1st.

Congratulations and best wishes to you, Lynn.

Our best wishes for happy birthdays to Judy Statton and Lisa Cooper today, to Aedhan Lafond and Caleb Goddard tomorrow, and to Mike Goddard on Tuesday.

Next Sunday, May 1, Holy Eucharist in St. Paul's Bury at 9:30am and in St. Peter's Cookshire at 11:00am with Canon Lynn presiding.

Wednesday, May 4th, Messy Church in St. Paul's Church hall, Bury from 5:15-6:45pm. Please let us know if you can attend for planning of the supper meal at 819-239-6902 or lynn@dillabough@gmail.com. The story will be Jesus visiting with the woman at the well.

Sunday May 15th, Pentecost, we will be beginning our summer schedule of one-point parish services at 10:30am. It will be Holy Eucharist with Canon Lynn and followed by a pot-luck lunch.

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 by April 24th required. Please contact Kay Hartwell for information and to reserve your seat. (819 349-1971)

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Sentence: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. John 13.34

Collect: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

This week please pray for:

- **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 St. Clement's West, for St. Philip's, Kegaska, Christ Church, Harrington Harbour, St. Michael's, Chevery, St. Andrew's, La Tabatière, St. Clement's, Mutton Bay, and for The Reverend Gladys Morency, Chaplain; 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 the Diocese of Fredericton and for Bishop David Edwards. **In the Anglican Cycle** of Prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East & Bishop in Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa, for The Most Revd Dr Mouneer Hanna Anis, Archbishop.

- **In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** we pray for Christian faith communities in Djibouti and Somalia. We pray for the hundreds of thousands of Somali refugees all over the world, and refugees from Eritrea and Ethiopia who have fled to Djibouti, for those suffering from malnutrition and facing starvation, for those who have no clean water to drink, and who suffer with otherwise preventable diseases and infections

- **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 Judy Statton, Lisa Cooper, Aedhan Lafond, Caleb Goddard, and Mike Goddard 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, 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 hthomson@ubishops.ca

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).

A Reading from the Book of Acts...⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis,¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” *Acts 16:9-15*

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A Reading from the Revelation to John...¹⁰And in the spirit an angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life. ²²Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him;⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. *Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John...²³Jesus answered, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 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.²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. *John 14:23-29*

Reflection: There was a day when “your word is your bond” was one of the primary codes of our culture. Keeping our word sounds simple, but there are so many ways in which life in our world complicates things. Sometimes keeping our word is relatively easy—you make a promise to do something and you do it. But “keeping our word” goes beyond that. Integrity means living a life that is the same in private as it is in public.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives us another of the characteristics that are to define those who follow him: they keep his words (Jn. 14:23). Earlier in the chapter, he said it a little differently: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (Jn 14:15). That might sound strange to those of us who are used to the language of grace promising us freedom from the bondage of living by rules. But in Jesus’ day and time, “keeping” the commandments was a perfectly normal way of expressing a life of faithfulness to God. “Keeping” God’s word meant internalizing the teachings of *Torah* to the extent that they shaped every aspect of one’s daily life. It meant living in harmony with God’s truth and God’s justice, with God’s love and God’s mercy. We are often placed in situations where the “correct” answer is far from clear. That’s when the true test of “keeping” God’s word comes out. If we’ve really internalized the central principles of Scripture—principles like doing justly, and loving mercy, and walking humbly with God—then we can follow them as guideposts when we are uncertain. In our ever-changing world, we are going to be placed more and more into situations where we have to live somewhere between “all” or “nothing” when it comes to keeping God’s word. Jesus said that one of the ways we can demonstrate the new life of the resurrection is through the way we put his teachings into practice. When our love for Jesus truly defines who we are, then our lives will be a public display of what it means to keep God’s word.

Jesus promised the disciples that “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” (Jn. 14:26). With the Spirit’s help, we can live a life of keeping God’s ways, which means a life of fulfilling our promise to follow Jesus. When we keep our word in that way, then we can truly demonstrate a new and different way of living to the world around us. – Alan Brehm

Chuckles: A young lady visited a computer dating service and requested, "I'm looking for a spouse. Can you please help me to find a suitable one?"

The matchmaker said, "What exactly are you looking for?"

"Well, let me see. He needs to be good looking, polite, humorous, sporty, knowledgeable, good at singing and dancing. He needs to be willing to accompany me the whole day at home if I don't go out, be able to tell me interesting stories when I need a companion for conversation, and be silent when I want to rest."

The matchmaker entered the information into the computer and, in a matter of moments, handed the results to the woman.

The results read, "Buy a television."

A divorce lawyer died and arrived at the pearly gates. Saint Peter asked him "What have you done to merit entrance into Heaven?" The Lawyer thought a moment, then said, "A week ago, I gave a quarter to a homeless person on the street." Saint Peter asked Gabriel to check this out in the record book, and after a moment Gabriel affirmed that this was true.

Saint Peter said, "Well , that's fine, but it's not really quite enough to get you into Heaven." The Lawyer said, "Wait! Wait! There's more! Three years ago I also gave a homeless person a quarter." Saint Peter nodded to Gabriel, who after a moment nodded back, affirming this, too, had been verified.

Saint Peter then whispered to Gabriel, "Well, what do you suggest we do with this fellow?"

Gabriel gave the Lawyer a sidelong glance, then said to Saint Peter, "Let's give him back his 50 cents and tell him to go to H...."

