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News and events:

Our happy birthday wishes to Gladys Ross on Thursday, Lillian Statton and Gladys Morrison on Saturday.

Next Sunday services, January 24th. **Service of the Word** in St. Paul's Church hall, Bury at 9:30am with Sunday School available, and St. Peter's Cookshire in the hall of Trinity United Church (just up the hill) at 11:15am led by Layreaders.

5th Sunday, January 31st Deanery service at 10:30am in St. George's Lennoxville. There will be no services in our local churches.

Lectio Divina on Tuesdays from 9 to 9:55 a.m. in the Upper Room at St George's Church, Lennoxville. This is an open group for anyone who would like to enter holy silence and listen for God speaking in your life.

January 17 – 24, 2016 Week of Christian Unity - Ecumenical Bible Study / Partage biblique, Saturday, January 16 at 4 pm at Plymouth Trinity Church (380, rue Dufferin, Sherbrooke) Musical Festival / Chorale oecuménique et festive. Sunday, January 17 at 2:30 pm at Paroisse Notre-Dame de Protection (2050, rue Galt Est, Sherbrooke) Christian Unity Service / Célébration de prière pour l'unité chrétienne. Sunday, **January 24 at 2 pm at St. George's Anglican Church** (84, rue Queen, Lennoxville)

Thursday, January 21st St George's Church Hall, Lennoxville – **Third Thursday soup lunch.** Your choice of three homemade soups, dessert, buns, cheese, tea, coffee and juice. Donations in support of the Deanery Refugee Fund welcomed.

Wednesday, February 3rd, 5:15 - 6:45pm St Paul's Church, Bury - Messy Church. Our theme will be the baptism of Jesus with story-telling, crafts, worship, and dinner provided. All families with children are welcome, but please let us know if you are attending so that we know how many places to set at the table and how much food to prepare. For more information about Messy Church, please contact lynn@dillabough@gmail.com **See more on page 4...**

Sentence: Jesus manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him. *John 2.11*

Collect: Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; 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, 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 Parish of Chaleur Bay, for St. James', Port Daniel and St. Paul's, Shigawake, for The Rev. Nicholas Forte and Lay Readers Melda Doucet, Lorna Duguay, Margaret Ann Mauger, and Isabel Joy Carson. We pray for our Companion Dioceses of Moray Ross and Caithness in Scotland and Bishop Mark Strange, and Bujumbura in Burundi and Bishop Eraste Bigirimana.

- In the Provincial Prayer Cycle, we pray for Bishop Dennis Drainville and Bishop Coadjutor-Elect Bruce Myers of the Diocese of Québec; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Most Revd Paul Shishir Sarker Moderator, Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Dhaka.

- In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle we pray for Christian faith communities in Cyprus, Greece and Turkey. We pray for peace and the healing of entrenched hatred between Greeks and Turks; for comfort for those who grieve and strength for those who work for justice; for survivors of earthquakes and those who assist in bringing long-term relief; for refugees who seek shelter and the possibility of new life; for all who face discrimination as minorities and for an end to the division of Cyprus.

- We pray for our families, friends, and communities; and we ask blessings for Gladys Ross, Lillian Statton, and Gladys Morrison on their birthdays.

- We pray for healing and comfort all who are sick or suffering in any way, especially for Joan Dougherty, Robert Coleman, The Ven. Robert Bryan, and Dufferin Annesley.

- We pray for the Syrian refugees arriving to make a new home in Canada; we pray for a world of peace and justice for all. **Amen.**

More News & Events...

Sunday January 24th, 1:30 - 4:00pm St Anne's, Richmond - "The Walking Christians" Youth Group. All high school aged youth are welcome to attend. Please contact lynn@dillabough@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday, February 13th, 11:30am - 1:00pm Valentine Luncheon at St Anne's, Richmond. Come and celebrate Valentine's Day with our annual luncheon. \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. There will be a bazaar table as well as door prizes and a raffle. We would love to see you!

Every Tuesday - Wales Home, Richmond -Bible Study on the book of Luke from 1:30 – 2:30. All are welcome to this bible study in the 4th floor living room at the Wales Home. All materials are provided. Just bring a bible. We now have several people attending who are not residents of the home, so please feel free to join us any time. It may be a good opportunity to visit friends while you are there. Sometimes transportation from Lennoxville can be provided. Please contact lynn@dillabough@gmail.com if you would like a drive or any other information.

A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah... All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel.² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month.³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.⁶ Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

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A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians...¹² Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.¹⁵ If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body.²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect;²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member,²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. *1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke...¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the

scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." *Luke 4:14-21*

Short Reflections: "There are many members, yet one body." Paul reminds us that we are all members of the one body of Christ, baptized by the Holy Spirit. Paul emphasizes harmony for a diverse community. He exhorts the people to strive for the greater gifts those that sustain the congregation – the way of love. At the beginning of the gospel passage, Jesus has just returned from his baptism in the Jordan and 40 days in the wilderness. The Holy Spirit remains with him as he begins to teach in the synagogues in Galilee. Luke portrays Jesus as a faithful Jew who customarily goes to the synagogue on the Sabbath. He has been invited to read from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and to comment. According to Jewish custom of the time, one stood to read scripture and sat down to teach. Luke sympathizes with Judaism, for him, the ideal follower of Jesus is one who behaves in a manner that allows harmony with the Jewish community. Luke emphasizes the theological concept that Jesus has been sent to fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah – that there is continuity between ancient Israel and the Christian story. The inclusion of the passage from Isaiah also announces Jesus' pastoral mission to the poor, the sick, and the oppressed.

Chuckles: A golfer is in a competitive match with a friend, who is ahead by a couple of strokes. The golfer says to himself, "I'd give anything to sink this next putt." A stranger walks up to him and whispers, "Would you give up a fourth of your sex life?" The golfer thinks the man is crazy and that his answer will be meaningless but also that perhaps this is a good omen and will put him in the right frame of mind to make the difficult putt and says, "OK." and sinks the putt. Two holes later he mumbles to himself, "Boy, if I could only get an eagle on this hole." The same stranger moves to his side and says, "Would it be worth another fourth of your sex life?" The golfer shrugs and says, "Sure." And he makes an eagle. Down to the final hole and the golfer needs yet another eagle to win. Though he says nothing, the stranger moves to his side and says, "Would you be willing to give up the rest of your sex life to win this match?" The golfer says, "Certainly." and makes the eagle. As the golfer walks to the club house, the stranger walks alongside and says, "You know, I've really not been fair with you because you don't know who I am. I'm the devil and from now on you will have no sex life." "Nice to meet you," says the golfer. "My name is Father O'Malley."

A father wanted to read the paper, but was being bothered by his little daughter, Susie. Finally, he took a sheet out of his magazine, on which was printed the map of the world. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Susie, and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together." After a few minutes, Susie returned and handed him the map correctly fitted together. The father was very surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly. "Oh", she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got Jesus in His place, then the world came out all right."



