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News and events:

Our happy birthday wishes to Verna Westgate on Tuesday. Verna will be 108 years young. Congratulations and may God bless you abundantly!

Tomorrow, March

14th, Holy Communion at St. Paul's Home, Bury at 3:00pm. All are welcome.

Our next Sunday services, March 20th, Palm/Passion Sunday Holy Eucharist with Canon Lynn 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 at 11:15am.

Tuesdays, including March 22, 9:00 – 10:00 am Lectio Divina at St George's, Lennoxville – **Lenten Reflection** Group. All are welcome for an hour of quiet reflection on the lectionary readings for Lent. We will use the method of Lectio Divina to listen for God's Word speaking in our lives. All materials are provided, no need to sign up. Any questions, please contact lynndillabough@gmail.com **Beginning Monday, April 4 to Monday, June 13, please note the change of time 7:00 - 8:00p.m.**

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 will leave from St George's Church, Lennoxville at 1:00 pm to 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) The more the merrier and the more economical so plan to join us.

Wednesday, April 6, 5:15-6:45 St Paul's, Bury - Messy Church. All families with children 12 and under are welcome for 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 lynndillabough@gmail.com See **More News & Events on page 4...**

Sentence: All I care for is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. See Philippians 3.10

Collect: Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him 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 Postulants for Ordination, for Carol Edgar, Adele Finlayson, Gabriel Kwenga, Sara Blair, Gene Ross and Joy Casron; 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 Central Newfoundland, for Bishop David Torreville; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong, Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island.

- In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle we pray for Christian faith communities in Myanmar and Thailand, for children in Myanmar, especially the child soldiers, orphans, refugees, and those forced into labour and prostitution; for those imprisoned unjustly and who endure spiritual and physical oppression; for women and girls and their protection from rape and forced labour; for ethnic groups to maintain their own rich heritage, languages and cultures; for the stateless Rohingyas from Rakhon State and other internally displaced people and refugees, so that they receive what they need: food, clothing, medicine, blankets, education and security; for those who deliver humanitarian aid and supplies, so that they will be blessed, protected and empowered in sharing God's love and hope; for families who have been separated; for Christians in Myanmar who undergo discrimination and forced reconversion to majority religions; for those struggling to rebuild their lives after the destruction of tsunamis and typhoons; for an end to corruption and crime, drug use and sex tourism, and for those suffering from AIDS.

- We pray for our families, friends, and communities; and we ask blessings for Verna Westgate on her birthday.

- We pray for all who are in danger and need: prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed, the sick and the suffering, especially for Joan Dougherty, Robert Coleman, The Ven. Robert Bryan, Dufferin Annesley, Eva Rider, Sandra Hurd, Maria Garcia, Orvil Anderson, and Teressa MacLeod.

- We pray for peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples. We pray that a ceasefire in Syria may become permanent. **Amen.**

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Sunday, April 3 - 2:00p.m. St Augustine's Church, Danville - Country Gospel Hour. Join with others from across the deanery as we hear scripture, pray, and listen to personal spiritual testimonies by guest speakers who reflect on the passage from scripture that has been most meaningful to them. Music is led by the Country Gospel band, "Dave and the Wranglers". Refreshments following the service are always a treat. If you would like tickets to this event (free but necessary so that we know how much food to provide) please contact lynndillabough@gmail.com

Reflection: con't from page 3... When Jesus says, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing"; "he makes himself one, not only with my *pain* but with my *sin*—because I myself and all of us ourselves, are *sometimes victims* of others and *sometimes torturers* of others and *sometimes both*, and when we recognize this we are, as Jesus says to the scribe, "not far from the kingdom." To know this is to do the work of Holy Week. Romantic readings of Jesus' passion keep us at a safe, neutral distance. The liturgy of the palms and the liturgy of the passion put us in the thick of things where we play many parts. They are clarifying roles: we see our duplicity *and* our honest striving; we know ourselves culpable *and* forgiven.

Liturgy of the Palms: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke...²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples,³⁰saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’”³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”³⁴They said, “The Lord needs it.”³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,³⁸saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.” *Luke 19:28-40*

Liturgy of the Passion: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah...⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? *Isaiah 50:4-9a*
A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians...⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2:5-11*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke...Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate.²They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.”³Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.”⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.”⁵But they were insistent and said, “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign.⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer.¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him.¹¹Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate.¹²That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people,¹⁴and said to them, “You brought me

this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him.¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death.¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”¹⁸Then they all shouted out together, “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”¹⁹(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!”²²A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.”²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed.²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted.²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. ²⁶As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus.²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.²⁹For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’³¹For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” ³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.³⁴Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing.³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,⁴⁵while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last.⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.”⁴⁸And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.⁴⁹But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. *Luke 23:1-49 (The Short Version)*

Reflection: The Sunday before Easter, churches follow “The Liturgy of the Palms” with “The Liturgy of the Passion.” This choice is made when a church won’t be holding Holy Week services or, when turnout is expected to be low on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Going from the high of Palm Sunday to the high of Easter is, to ‘cheat and be cheated’. The long narratives “*liturgies*” remind us that we are not innocent bystanders—we are implicated in the stories; we have “work” to do in them. We are the crowd along the streets of Jerusalem shouting, “Hosanna! Hosanna!” and we are the same mob on Good Friday screaming, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” As Fleming Rutledge noted, “the liturgy of Palm Sunday is set up to show you how you can say one thing one minute and its opposite the next. This is the nature of the sinful human being.” ...continued on bottom of page 4...

