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News and events:

Our happy birthday wishes to Jackie Harper tomorrow and to Lloyd Lancaster on Wednesday.

Holy Week services: Maundy Thursday, March 24th at 7 pm St. George's Lennoxville

Friday March 25th St. Luke's Church Magog will be the host parish for Magog's Annual Ecumenical Procession of the Cross commencing at St. Paul's United Church at 9:30 a.m., processing to l'Église St-Patrice with service at 10 a.m. and terminating at St. Luke's with service at 10:30. Also at St. Luke's there will be a time of fellowship in the parish hall with refreshments.

St George's Church, Lennoxville and St Mark's Chapel, Bishop's University both at 11:00 am

Easter Vigil March 26th at 10 pm St. George's Lennoxville

Easter Sunday, March 27th, Holy Communion with Reserve Sacrament in St. Paul's Church, Bury at 9:30am with Sunday School available, and in St. Peter's Cookshire at 11:00am Holy Communion (BCP) with the Rev. Dr. Patricia Peacock and the Rev. Canon Ronald West presiding.

Tuesday, March 22, 9:00 – 9:50 am Lectio Divina at St George's, Lennoxville. All are welcome for an hour of quiet reflection on the lectionary readings for Lent. We use the method of Lectio Divina to listen for God's Word speaking in our lives. 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 day and time 7:00 - 8:00p.m.**

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...**

Collect: Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Parish of Baie Comeau, for the Church of St. Andrew & St. George, and for Canon Stephen Kohner, Lay Incumbent; 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 Western Newfoundland, for Archbishop Percy Coffin; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the peace of Jerusalem & the Middle East, and for The Rt Revd Suheil Dawani; All glory, laud and honour, To Thee, Redeemer, King, To Whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

- In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle we pray for Christian faith communities in Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. We give thanks for those who help to clear landmines, for caregivers for those who have lost limbs, for Cambodian Christians who are returning home after years in exile, preaching the gospel and starting new churches, for those who work for peace among communities and inter-religious harmony.

- We give thanks for the anticipated spring equinox; 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 Jackie Harper and Lloyd Lancaster on their birthdays.

- 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 Teresa MacLeod.

- We pray for International Water Day (March 22); for peace in the world that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples. **Amen.**

More News & Events con't from page 1... 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

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 24th in St. Paul's Bury we ask your prayers for the candidate, Colleena Cooper, and for her parents, Angela and Bobby Cooper.

Sentence: Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. *Philippians 2.8-9*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah...¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.²³They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well.²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord. *Isaiah 65:17-25*

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A Reading from the Book of Acts...³⁴Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality,³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” *Acts 10:34-43*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John... Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.¹⁵Jesus said to her,

“Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her. *John 20:1-18*

Reflection: It took the friends of Jesus a while to understand that his missing body did not represent theft or desecration, but the end of death. When they finally understood the Scripture “that he must rise from the dead,” it was because they had experienced Easter, witnessed Christ risen from the dead. Their experience of the risen Lord, interpreted through Jesus’ teachings and life, led them to one conclusion: He was not in the tomb because Jesus had been raised up by God from death to life.

Peter speaks of Jesus appearing “to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead,” with the charge to go and tell others of what they had witnessed and experienced. It was the transformative experience for the first disciples—Mary Magdalene, Peter, the beloved disciple and all the others—because it reoriented not just their understanding of who Jesus was but of who God was and how God acts in human history. Death is not the end of God’s power or of our lives. Through Jesus, who was raised from the dead, we, too, “have been raised with Christ.” Our lives are no longer lived in the shadow or fear of death, for death has been conquered and life reigns eternal. This must be the fearless reorientation of our lives: to live in the life of Christ, raised to new life, and not in the fear of death. God is not the God of the dead; God is the God of the living. And in Christ’s resurrection, God reveals the retreat of death and the victory of life.

Chuckle: Mary Poppins was traveling home, but due to worsening weather, she decided to stop at a hotel for the night. She approached the receptionist and arranged for a room for the night.

"Is the restaurant open still?" inquired Mary.

"Sorry, no," came the reply, "but room service is available all night. Would you care to select something from this menu?"

Mary said, "Hmm, I would like cauliflower cheese please."

"Certainly, madam," he replied.

"And can I have breakfast in bed?" asked Mary politely.

The receptionist nodded and smiled.

"In that case, I would love a couple of poached eggs, please," Mary mused.

After confirming the order, Mary signed in and went up to her room for the night.

The next morning Mary came down early to check out. The same guy was still on the desk.

"Morning, madam. Sleep well?"

"Yes, thank you," Mary replied.

"Was the food to your liking?"

"Well, I have to say the cauliflower cheese was exceptional, I don't think I have had better. Shame about the eggs, though....they really weren't that nice at all," replied Mary.

"Oh...well, perhaps you could contribute your thoughts to our Guest Comments Book. We are always looking to improve our service and would value your opinion," said the receptionist.

"OK, I will...thanks!" replied Mary....who checked out, then scribbled a comment into the book.

Curious, the receptionist picked up the book to see the comment Mary had written.

He read, "Supercauliflowercheesebuteggswerequiteatrocious!"

