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News and events:

Welcome to St. John's Church Brookbury and to our morning worship service.

Next Sunday, August 21st, our one-point parish service will be Holy Eucharist at 10:30am in St. Paul's Church, Bury with The Revd. Canon Ron West and The Revd. Dr. Patricia Peacock officiating.

Our best wishes for a happy birthday to Mary Smyth on Friday.

Our congratulations and best wishes for a happy anniversary to Durwood and Belva Dougherty tomorrow.

2017 is a special year for two of our churches. St. Peter's Cookshire will celebrate their 150th anniversary and St. John's Brookbury will celebrate their 175th. We must soon choose a date(s) and plan how we wish to plan for them. We are open to ideas and dates.

Sunday afternoon of August 14th from 1-5 pm is OLD FASHIONED DAY at the Eaton Corner Museum. See demonstrations and displays of heritage crafts and skills. Watch and talk with expert local craftspeople who still know how to do everything from quilting, embroidery and lace making to basket making, candle making, timber frame construction, and more. Old Time Music provided by Jan Graham and Ronnie Haseltine, horse and wagon rides, tea and homemade scones. Admission \$10, children under 12 free. Parking available on Laberee Road. For more information call Serena Wintle at [819-875-5210](tel:819-875-5210). Please join us for a taste of yesteryear. Visit us on Facebook, or at www.eatoncorner.ca

Also Sunday, August 14, 4:00 pm – Barbeque Supper - St Barnabas' Church, North Hatley – Barbeque supper at the rectory. Bishop Bruce will be joining us for a time of good fellowship and great food. BYOB and a goodwill offering to help cover the costs. Everyone is welcome. **See more News & Events page 4...**

Sentence: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. John 10.27

Collect: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Bishop Dennis, Coadjutor Bishop Bruce, for all clergy, and for those 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. George's, Drummondville and for The Rt. Reverend Dennis Drainville, rector. We pray for all staff and participants; 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 Cycle of Prayer** we pray for The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, for Archbishop Colin Johnson and the Provincial Council. In **the Anglican Cycle** of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

- **In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** we pray for Christian faith communities in Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia.

- **We give thanks** for our families, friends, and communities, and we ask blessings for Mary Smyth on her birthday, and for Durwood & Belva Dougherty on their anniversary.

- **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, Sandra Hurd, Maria Garcia, Wanda Sylvester, Audrey Dougherty, Harris Nugent, and Erwin Watson.

- **We pray for** mercy, peace, and justice in the world. **Amen.**

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Wednesday, August 24, 7:00 pm – Scottish Settlers Reunion Ceilidh. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. 256 Queen Street, Lennoxville. Gaelic and Scots songs, country music, reading and stories with: Margaret Bennett – well-known Scottish folklorist, and musician. Norman – accomplished Scottish weaver from Vermont. Skip Gorman – popular country singer. Free admission – donations encouraged. 256 Queen Street, Lennoxville, [819-569-3100](tel:819-569-3100) / [819-346-2638](tel:819-346-2638).

150th Anniversary Celebration – Georgeville - On **Sunday, August 28 at 10:00 a.m.** at St. George's Anglican Church, 32 ch. Magoon Point, Georgeville. Reception to follow at Murray Memorial Hall, 4680 ch. Georgeville, Georgeville. The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada will be the celebrant and guest preacher. The mission and outreach goal for this anniversary is to support the PWRDF to purchase Solar Medical Suitcases. All are welcome! For more information please call: The Ven. Dean E. Ross 819-563-8013.

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah...⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.”⁷But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you,⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth.¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.” *Jeremiah 1:4-10*

Psalm 71:1-6 (BAS page 795)

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews...¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest,¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.”²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”)²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.”²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire. *Hebrews 12:18-29*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke...¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.”¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.”¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?”¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing. *Luke 13:10-17*

Reflection: In our Gospel lesson for today, Jesus breaks a major rule for keeping the Sabbath: he healed someone who was not in any imminent danger. And as you can tell from the synagogue leader’s response, this was something one just didn’t do. But notice that when the leader objects, he doesn’t say anything

directly to or about Jesus. Rather he rebukes the woman: “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day”. And yet the story doesn’t indicate that she came to the synagogue on that day to be cured. She came for the same reason she always came: to worship God.

This episode isn’t the only time the Gospels report Jesus clashing with the Jewish authorities over the Sabbath. Time after time, rather than following their restrictions, he honoured God on the Sabbath by putting into practice God’s mercy and compassion in the lives of people who were suffering and in need. And they always accused him of dishonouring God by violating the Sabbath. In response, he tried to point out the hypocrisy of their obsession with rules. In this case he reminded them that they would free their livestock for feeding and watering on the Sabbath, but they refused human beings the chance to be free from their suffering. He insisted that practicing mercy and compassion were not only permitted on the day set aside to honour God, in fact they were positively required. – Alan Brehm

Chuckles: A husband was trying to prove to his wife that women talk more than men. He showed her a study which indicated that men use about 10,000 words a day and women use about 20,000 words a day. His wife thought about this for a while. She then told her husband that women have to use twice as many words as men because they have to repeat everything they say. Her husband looked stunned. Then he said, “What?”

One night at the dinner table, the wife commented, "When we were first married, you took the small piece of steak and gave me the larger. Now you take the large one and leave me the smaller; You don't love me any more..." "Nonsense, darling," replied the husband, "you just cook better now."

A journalist had done a story on gender roles in Kuwait several years before the Gulf War, and she noted then that women customarily walked about 10 feet behind their husbands. She returned to Kuwait recently and observed that the men now walked several yards behind their wives. She approached one of the women for an explanation. "This is marvelous," said the journalist. "What enabled the women to achieve this reversal of roles?" Replied the Kuwaiti woman: "Land mines!"

A priest and a nun are on their way back home from a trip when their car breaks down. They are unable to get it fixed, so they decide to spend the night in a hotel. The only hotel in the town has only one room available.

Priest: Sister, I don't think the Lord would have a problem, under the circumstances, if we spent the night together in this one room. I'll sleep on the lounge and you have the bed.

Nun: I think that would be okay.

They prepare for bed and each one takes their agreed place in the room. Ten minutes later...

Nun: Father, I'm terribly cold.

Priest: Okay, I'll get you a blanket. (He does) Ten minutes later...

Nun: Father, I'm still terribly cold.

Priest: Okay Sister, I'll get you another blanket. (He does) Ten minutes later...

Nun: Father, I'm still terribly cold. I don't think the Lord would mind if we acted as man and wife just for this one night.

Priest: You're probably right so... get up and get your own blanket.

