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News and events:

Welcome to St. Paul's Church Bury and our one-point parish service of Holy Eucharist and we thank The Revd. Canon Ron West and The Revd. Dr. Patricia Peacock for officiating.

Next Sunday, August 28th no local church services and no bulletin will be available.

It is the 150th Anniversary Celebration at 10:00 a.m. of St. George's Anglican Church, 32 ch. Magoon Point, Georgeville. A reception and lunch of sandwiches and squares will 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. All are welcome to attend and if you can help out with the lunch, please drop them off at Murray Memorial Hall before the church service.

Our next services on September 4th will be back to our regular times: St. Paul's Bury at 9:30am and St. Peter's Cookshire at 11:00am. Coadjutor Bishop Bruce Myers will be officiating at these services of Holy Eucharist in both churches. At 6:00pm St. John's Brookbury will have their last service of the season and celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving led by Jane Bishop.

Our best wishes for a happy birthday to Hazel Kerr tomorrow, Keith Rider and Craig Rider on Tuesday, Sheila Bellam on Wednesday, Mac Fraser on Thursday, and to Robert Hodge on Sept. 2nd.

Friday, Sept. 9, 10:00 am – 5pm and Saturday, Sept. 10, 10 am – 4 pm – Lennoxville Quilters Annual Show and Sale at St George's Church Hall, Lennoxville – Refreshments (muffins, cookies, coffee, tea and juice provided by St George's Evening ACW and Parish Guild. Admission is \$5.00.

Confirmation classes will be starting in the fall. Contact Ruth Charleau for more information at grbtcharleau@gmail.com See more News & Events page 4...

Sentence: I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me. John 14.6

Collect: Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives 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 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 the Parish of St. James', Trois-Rivières, for The Rev. Denis Gévy and Lay Reader Edward Vining; 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 Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson and the Diocese of Montréal. In **the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for The Anglican Church of South America, for The Most Revd Hector Zavala Muñoz Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Chile.

- In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle we pray for Christian faith communities in Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu. We pray for: the preservation of these island nations in the midst of global warming and rising sea levels, for those affected by earthquakes, volcanic activity and cyclones, for the rights of indigenous peoples throughout these islands, for an end to political unrest, violence and ethnic tensions, for an end to political corruption and crime, for those who are impoverished and hungry, those who are unable to find employment or to make a living, and those who are unable to attend school.

- **We give thanks for** our families, friends, and communities, and we ask blessings for Hazel Kerr, Keith Rider, Craig Rider, Sheila Bellam, Mac Fraser, and Robert Hodge 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, Sandra Hurd, Maria Garcia, Wanda Sylvester, Audrey Dougherty, Harris Nugent, and Erwin Watson.

- **We pray for** those who are facing huge losses from the flooding in Louisiana, for the people attending and the organizers and participants of the agricultural fairs happening now and over the upcoming weeks. 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).

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah... The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord:²“Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.”³So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel.⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.⁵Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁶“Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.⁷At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it,⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it.⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it,¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings. *Jeremiah 18:1-11*

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17 (BAS page 896)

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Philemon... Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker,²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus.⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty,⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me.¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel;¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever,¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. *Philemon 1-21*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke... ²⁵Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them,²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a

foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him,³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand?³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. *Luke 14:25-33*

Reflection: Given that at this point in his ministry, Jesus is beginning to sense the "all" that lies ahead for him personally (betrayal and denial by his closest companions, followed by false arrest, torture, and brutal execution), perhaps it is no wonder that his response to the large crowds is to challenge any hopes they may have for an easy entry to the messianic age. The way ahead will be hard, not magical.

The word "hate" (as used in the NRSV) is clearly being used in an exaggerated sense and not literally. The Good News Bible's "love me more" is better, but doesn't capture the sense of total commitment that the underlying Greek is saying.

These are hard sayings for us who are also trying to honour commitments we have made to spouses, children, parents and others. We are in no position to literally follow the itinerant Jesus, who, as far as we know, had no property of his own, no home, no wife, no children no job.

This saying is also hard because we live in a culture and climate where we are bombarded with goods and promises for wonderful benefits with no mention of - much less any expectation of - paying a cost for them. We are spending and living as though there is no cost, no downside, no long-term consequences.

So at a minimum these sayings of Jesus ought to cause us to reflect on how much the choices we have already made are costing us - and our planet; and to consider whether the costs of following Jesus might be a better investment. Indeed, the examples Jesus gives seem to invite this sort of sober, practical assessment. – The Rev. Dr. George Hermanson

Chuckles: By the time the sailor pulled into a little town every hotel room was taken. "You've got to have a room somewhere," he pleaded. "Or just a bed, I don't care where."

"Well, I do have a double room with one occupant - an Air Force guy," admitted the manager, "and he might be glad to split the cost. But to tell you the truth, he snores so loudly that people in adjoining rooms have complained in the past. I'm not sure it'd be worth it to you."

"No problem," the tired Navy man assured him. "I'll take it."

The next morning, the sailor came down to breakfast bright-eyed and bushy tailed. "How'd you sleep?" asked the manager. "Never better." The manager was impressed. "No problem with the other guy snoring?"

"Nope. I shut him up in no time," said the Navy guy.

"How'd you manage that?" asked the manager.

"He was already in bed, snoring away, when I came in the room," the sailor explained. "I went over, gave him a kiss on the cheek, and said, 'Goodnight beautiful,' ...and he sat up all night watching me."

A Drill Sergeant chewing out a new recruit asked: "Tell me stupid if one of your ears was shot off what would happen?"

"Well sir, I wouldn't hear as well."

"What if both your ears were shot off?"

"Well sir, I wouldn't be able to see."

"That is dumb. Why did you say that?"

"If both my ears were shot off, sir, My helmet would slide right down over my eyes!"

