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News and events:

The flowers in St. Peter's Church today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Grace Darker by her daughters.

This evening at 6:00pm is the last service of the season in St. John's Church Brookbury. It will be a Harvest Celebration.

Our next services on September 11th will be: St. Paul's Bury at 9:30am and St. Peter's Cookshire at 11:00am led by Layreaders.

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. Please contact Ruth Charleau for more information at grbtcharleau@gmail.com

Thursday, September 15, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm - St George's Church, Lennoxville – The monthly soup lunch will be starting again in September with a menu of three delicious soups, rolls and cheese, delectable dessert, tea, coffee and juice. We would appreciate some assistance to set-up and serve the food. If you would like to help, please contact Ruth at [819 566-4937](tel:8195664937). (It is a lot of fun so join us in the kitchen!)

Saturday, September 17, 5:00 pm - St. Barnabas Church, Milby, will hold a Harvest Supper at Ives Hill Community Hall, 370 Ch Ives Hill, Compton. Cost: \$13 for Adults, \$6 for children 12 and under. Menu: ham, scalloped potatoes, squash, baked beans, salads, homemade rolls & dessert. Info: [819-837-2261](tel:8198372261)

Saturday, September 24, 8 am till noon - St Anne's Church, Richmond. Rummage sale. Bargains galore, bag sales, too.

Saturday, September 24, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm - An invitation is extended to the Deanery for a Grounds Clean-up day for St. George's Rectory in Lennoxville. Lunch and a list of chores will be provided. Please come with work gloves, rakes, and a cheerful smile! Cancelled only if pouring rain.

Sentence: Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes. *Psalm 119.135*

Collect: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; 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 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. Mark's Chapel at Bishop's University & Champlain Regional College, for The Ven. Heather Thomson, and Lay Readers Tom Matthews and Garry Retzleff; 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 Geoffrey Peddle and the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador. In the **Anglican Cycle** of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania, for The Most Revd Jacob Erasto Chimeledya Archbishop of Tanzania & Bishop of Mpwapwa.

- **In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** we pray for Christian faith communities in Czech Republic, Poland, and Slovakia. We pray for the poor and the elderly, who bear the brunt of economic reforms, for the unemployed, and all who suffer the loss of state social services, for victims of anti-semitism, and ethnic, gender, and social intolerance in the midst of rising nationalism and the search for identity, for the environment, especially where it is heavily polluted, and for renewal of the church in the midst of both growing freedom and growing secularization.

- **We give thanks and pray for** our families, friends, and communities. We pray for Charlotte Anne Lefebvre being presented for Holy Baptism on September 18th and for her parents, Vanessa Savage and Bruno Lefebvre.

- **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, Linda Sylvester, and Erwin Watson.

- **We pray for** all who are traveling on this Labour Day weekend that they may reach their destinations safely. We pray for the many troubled areas in our world and that there may be peace and justice for all. **Amen.**

Prayer: God of power and justice, like Jeremiah you weep over those who wander from you, turn aside to other gods, and enter into chaos and destruction.

By your tears and through your mercy, teach us your ways and write them on our hearts so that we may follow faithfully the path you show us. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Diocese of Quebec: Loving God, fill us with your Spirit that we may live out with greater faithfulness your call to shine with Christ's light in acts of praise and reconciling love. Make us bearers of the Good News, ministers of your grace, and faithful stewards of your Church and Kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah...¹¹At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse —¹²a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. ²²“For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.”²³I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.²⁴I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.²⁵I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled.²⁶I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger.²⁷For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.²⁸Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back. *Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28*

Psalm 14 (BAS page 717)

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy...¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost.¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen. *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke...Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus.²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”³So he told them this parable:⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” *Luke 15:1-10*

Reflection: These parables follow teachings on discipleship (14:25-35), and the parables are Jesus’ response to grumbling by the religious leaders about Jesus’ indiscriminate welcome to “sinners.” The examples -- a pair consisting of a male shepherd and a female with her dowry coins -- are people with limited resources. The sheep is a precious resource for which the shepherd would be responsible to the owner if it should be found missing, and the coin part of the limited personal wealth of the poor woman who is keeping her own house or working for another. (Such dowry coins were the only “insurance,” should the woman find herself

without her husband as a widow or divorcee.)

Leaving aside the “reasonable” point (at least from the point of view of people for whom the missing sheep was simply one among many) that leaving the other sheep to fend for themselves while he searched for the missing one was irresponsible, the contagious joy expressed in exactly parallel terms when the lost items were found makes clear their value. In the same extravagant way, the religious leaders are meant to understand that God rejoices when a sinner is welcomed back into the community.

Chuckles: The basketball coach stormed into the university president's office and demanded a raise right then and there. "Please," protested the college President, "you already make more than the entire History department."

"Yeah, maybe so, but you don't know what I have to put up with," the coach blustered. "Look."

He went out into the hall and grabbed a jock who was jogging down the hallway. "Run over to my office and see if I'm there," he ordered.

Twenty minutes later the jock returned, sweaty and out of breath.

"You're not there, sir," he reported.

"Oh, I see what you mean," conceded the President, scratching his head. "I would have just phoned."

A college senior took his new girlfriend to a football game. They found seats in the crowded stadium and were watching the action. A substitute player was put into the game and as he was running onto the field to take his position, the boy said to his girlfriend, "Take a good look at that fellow. I expect him to be our best man next year."

His girlfriend snuggled closer to him and said, "That's the strangest way I ever heard of for a boy to propose to a girl. But, regardless of how you said it, I accept!"

On vacation, a man and his wife check into a hotel. The husband wants to have a snack at the restaurant, but his wife is extremely tired so she decides to go on up to their room to rest.

She lies down on the bed... just then, a train passes by very close to the window and shakes the room so hard she's thrown out of the bed.

Thinking this must be a freak occurrence, she lies down once more. But just a few minutes later a train again shakes the room so violently, she's pitched to the floor.

Exasperated, she calls the front desk and asks for the manager who says he'll be right up.

The manager is skeptical but the wife insists the story is true.

"Look... lie here on the bed -- you'll be thrown right to the floor!" So he lies down next to the wife.

Just then the husband walks in. He takes one look at the manager lying in bed with his wife and yells, "Hey! What are you doing in here!?"

The manager calmly replies, "Would you believe I'm waiting for a train?"

Church Sign Bloopers...

The Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the church help.

A song fest was hell at the Methodist church last Wednesday.

