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**News and events:**

**Our congratulations and best wishes for a happy anniversary** to John and Diana Veary on Wednesday and to Ed and Robyn Jacklin on Friday.

**Our next services on September 18<sup>th</sup> will be:** St. Paul's Bury at 9:30am Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist and St. Peter's Cookshire at 11:00am Holy Eucharist, The Ven. Dr. Edward Simonton presiding.

**Confirmation classes** will be starting in the fall. Please contact Ruth Charleau for more information at [grbtcharleau@gmail.com](mailto:grbtcharleau@gmail.com)

**Thursday, September 15, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm** - St George's Church, Lennoxville – The monthly soup lunch with a menu of three delicious soups, rolls and cheese, dessert, tea, coffee and juice. We would appreciate some assistance to set-up and serve the food. If you can help, please contact Ruth at [819 566-4937](tel:8195664937).

**Thursday, September 15, 7:30 pm** St. Anne's Church, 171 Principale South, Richmond., first MILITARY WHIST party of the season. Contact Marge at [819-826-2760](tel:8198262760) for reservations. Military Whist will be played in the following months on the second Thursday evenings.

**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.

**Saturday, September 24, 9:00 am Annual Fall Leaf. Sale** at Christ Church Hall, 545 Dufferin St, Stanstead. Food tables, craft tables, attic treasures, sewing etc. Join us for coffee, goodies and fellowship.

**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.

**Sunday, September 25, 4:00 pm** St George's Church, Lennoxville. Service of evensong.

**Sentence:** There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15.10

**Collect:** Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; 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 The Archdeacons of the Diocese, for The Ven. Dr. Edward Simonton, Deanery of St. Francis and The Ven. Pierre Voyer, Doyenné du St-Laurent.; 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 John Watton and the Diocese of Central Newfoundland. In the **Anglican Cycle** of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of Uganda, for The Most Revd Stanley Ntagali Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala and for the Assistant Bishop of Kampala, The Rt Revd Hannington Mutebi.

.- **In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** we pray for Christian faith communities in Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, and Serbia. We pray for new governments and guidance for leaders, for displaced persons and refugees, for an end to ethnic hatred and the establishment of human rights for all for women who were raped during the wars, for healing and renewal in the church, and unity through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, for those who mourn, for young people as they try to find a way forward.

- **We give thanks and pray for** our families, friends, and communities. We pray for Charlotte Anne Lefebvre being presented for Holy Baptism next Sunday and for her parents, Vanessa Savage and Bruno Lefebvre. We ask, O Lord, your blessings for John and Diana Veary and for Ed and Robyn Jacklin on their anniversaries.

- **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** the many troubled areas in our world and that there may be peace and justice for all. **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...** <sup>18</sup>My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. <sup>19</sup>Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?")<sup>20</sup>"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."<sup>21</sup>For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.<sup>22</sup>Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people! *Jeremiah 8:18-9:1*

**Psalm 79:1-9** (BAS page 811)

**A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy...** First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone,<sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.<sup>3</sup> This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,<sup>4</sup> who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.<sup>5</sup> For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,<sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time.<sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. *1 Timothy 2:1-7*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke...** Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.<sup>2</sup> So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'<sup>3</sup> Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.<sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'<sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'<sup>6</sup> He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'<sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'<sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.<sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.<sup>10</sup> "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.<sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?<sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?<sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." *Luke 16:1-13*

**Reflection:** Jesus reminds us over and over what our priorities must be. We have been saved by the blood of Christ. His saving grace is a gift outright. Baptism makes us Christians, but only if we live in his love. If we don't, we're really not Christians; we're just baptized pagans... masquerading as Christians. To be a Christian means to follow Christ. We must take up our cross and follow him, knowing that at the very least our faith will cost us time, treasure and convenience... knowing too that down the centuries it has cost countless Christians a steady stream of blood, sweat and tears.

To serve one Master, to carry the cross, means to put down the iPad, the five-iron and the remote. We need not throw them away. But we must understand that all the things the world values are potential distractions and we must treat them accordingly. We must know our priorities... loving God and neighbour... rejoicing always in the Lord... building his kingdom... serving the least among us... witnessing Christ's love in the world. We must develop habits of virtue, reflexes of holiness. We must leave no room for sin, filling our souls from the bottomless fount of God's grace. We must seal up the avenues of temptation and open our hearts to the countless opportunities for goodness. We must give and forgive: humbly serving one Master... Almighty God, in three divine persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In Christ, we know we always have instant, expert help only a prayer away. The Father who made us, the Son who saved us, the Holy Spirit who inhabits our every cell... God is with us always. His love is never rationed. He does not want us to fail. He wants us safely home with him. His advice is simple, direct and effective: In euphoric success, serve the Lord. In confusion, serve the Lord. In disappointment, serve the Lord. In failure after failure, serve the Lord. In despair, serve the Lord. That is the glory of serving our one Master. In God there is no confusion, no disappointment, no failure, no despair. There is only his love and all the gifts of his love... faith, hope, courage, wisdom, serenity. Our Master knows our limitations. He knows our potential. He gives us no quotas for prayer or good works. Our Master loves us unconditionally, in our sins and in our foolishness. We are the Master's masterpiece, the product of his love. He delights in us, asking only that our lives witness his love, praising the Father, following the Son, answering the Holy Spirit. Praising God is practical advice aimed at aligning our lives with our Master's purpose, steering us towards earthly serenity and eternal happiness. Paul tells us: "*We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.*" That's the kind of Master we have... never petty, ever patient, always loving.

**Chuckles: A terrific explosion occurs in a gunpowder factory,** and once all the mess has been cleared up, an inquiry begins. One of the few survivors is called in to make a statement. "Okay Simpson," says the investigator, "you were near the scene, what happened?"

"Well, it's like this... Old Charley Higgins was in the mixing room, and I saw him take a cigarette out of his pocket and light up."

"He was smoking in the mixing room?" the investigator said in stunned horror, "How long had he been with the company?"

"About 20 years, sir"

"20 years in the company and then he strikes a match in the mixing room! I'd have thought it would have been the last thing he'd have done."

"That it was, sir."

**A couple of New Jersey hunters are out in the woods** when one of them falls to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing and his eyes are rolled back in his head.

The other guy whips out his cell phone and calls the emergency services. He gasps to the operator: 'My friend is dead! What can I do?'

The operator, in a calm soothing voice says: 'Just take it easy. I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead.' There is a silence and then a gunshot is heard. The guy's voice comes back on the line. He says: 'OK, now what?'





