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News and events:

Our Happy Birthday wishes to Randy Chapman and Russell Coates on Wednesday and to Kelly Lowe on Friday.

This afternoon there's a Gospel Hour, with a Harvest theme, at 2:00pm in St. Augustine's Church, Danville. Refreshments (pumpkin and apple pie) will follow the service.

This Wednesday, October 7th Messy Church for families with children begins on a monthly basis.

Please register with Canon Lynn at 819-239-6902 for the planning of the meal and how many places to set for dinner. Place: St. Paul's Church hall in Bury from 5:15 to 6:45pm.

Next Sunday, October 11th, services at 9:30am in St. Paul's Church, Bury and at 11:00am in St. Peter's Church hall, Cookshire.

Starting in October: Canon Lynn will have "office hours" every Monday night from 5:30 - 7:30 at the 108 Restaurant in Birchton. Tongue in cheek, we are calling it "Prayer and Poutine". Please feel free to drop by to say hello and have a chat. (Thanksgiving Monday the restaurant is closed, but all other Mondays she will be there.)

Lectio Divina every Tuesday morning from 9:00 - 9:55 am in the Upper Room at St George's, Lennoxville, beginning in October. All are welcome to this gentle service of meditation on the Word. Be prepared for holy silence and an encounter with God. Led by Canon Lynn.

Saturday, October 17th, the annual Fall Ham and Scalloped Potato Dinner from 4pm to 6pm at the Church of the Advent, 473 Bowen St.S., Sherbrooke. All are welcome to a home cooked meal of ham, potatoes, baked beans, salads, rolls, tea, coffee, and desserts.

It's the 40th Anniversary of the Evening ACW of St. George's Lennoxville. The group will be celebrating its anniversary on Sunday, October 4 at the 11 a.m. service. Several members will be inducted as Life Members. The congregation is invited to a reception following the service. There will be a display of ACW memorabilia in the Main hall where punch will be served prior to a hot buffet in the lower hall.

Sentence: *If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.* 1 John 4.12

Collect: Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; 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 Dennis, our Bishop, for Lynn, our Priest, and for all who are in leadership, both lay and ordained. Grant them the gifts of wisdom and courage as they lead the church. We pray that God will guide us in our search for a new Shepherd to lead us in the years ahead.

- In our Diocesan Fellowship of prayer, we pray for The Wales Home Chapel, St. Paul's, Sydenham and for The Rev. Canon Lynn Dillabough; we pray for our Companion Dioceses, The Diocese of Moray Ross and Caithness in Scotland and Bishop Mark Strange, and the Diocese of Bujumbura in Burundi and Bishop Eraste Bigirimana.

- In the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, we pray for Archbishop Percy Coffin and the Provincial Council; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt Revd Dr. Festus Yeboah-Asuamah of the Diocese of Sunyani, Ghana, West Africa.

- In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle we pray for Christian faith communities in Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. We pray for an end to violence in Afghanistan, and the ability of tribal ethnic leaders to govern their country with peace and justice; for those, especially in Afghanistan, still affected by war, violence, landmines and drought, along with those who have lost their homes and become refugees; for stability and justice for the countries of the former Soviet Union, as they continue to create new forms of government and life; for the land, air and water that have been damaged by human abuse; for good relations between Muslims and Christians and for an end to oppression in many of these countries.

- We pray for our families, friends, and communities; we ask blessings for Randy Chapman, Russell Coates, and Kelly Lowe on their birthdays.

- We ask, O Lord, for your comfort and healing for all who are sick and suffering in any way, and for their families, remembering especially: Joan Dougherty and Robert Coleman.

- We pray for the refugee crisis in Europe; we pray for a world of peace and justice for all. **Amen.**

More News & Events:

There will be a meeting of all the Deanery churches which are members of the team ministry model on **Saturday, November 7th** at St George's Church in Lennoxville from 10:00 to 12:00. This will be an information and discussion meeting with an opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions. Treasurers and wardens are expected to attend, but the meeting is open to all interested members of the Deanery.

Used Book Sale, October 22, 23 and 24 Benefits the Bishop's University/Champlain RC Refugee Student Sponsorship Committee. The sale will take place at The Lennoxville United Church, 6 Church Street on the following days: Thursday, October 22 from 4 – 8 p.m.; Friday, October 23 from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday, October 24 from 9 a.m. – noon with a \$3 bag sale from noon – 1 p.m. All proceeds go to supporting sponsored refugee students.

A Reading from the Book of Joel...²¹Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things!²²Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.²³O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.²⁵I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. *Joel 2:21-27*

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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,²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour,⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time.⁷For 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.⁸I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument. *1 Timothy 2:1-8*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew...²⁴“No one 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. ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.³⁴“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today. *Matthew 6:24-34*

Thanksgiving Thoughts: "Things great have small beginnings. Every downpour is just a raindrop; every fire is just a spark; every harvest is just a seed; every journey is just a step because without that step there will be no journey; without that raindrop there can be no shower; without that seed there can be no harvest." William Wilberforce

In the beginning there was nothing, and out of nothing you fashioned a universe so vast, so unimaginable that we can only sigh with amazement when we stare upwards on a star-lit night. And within this universe you positioned the earth and populated it, provided for it and designed for it to be a place of beauty. Creator God: **Thank you**

In the beginning there was just potential; the seed within the packet, soil’s nutrients, sunshine’s warmth, rain clouds gathering. And within the tiny seed all that is our daily bread encoded, primed and ready should it be planted and allowed to grow. Creator God: **Thank you**

In the beginning there was humankind, placed within your garden, made steward, gardener and caretaker of this place of beauty, given responsibilities and the capacity to enjoy. And yet among the seeds we have sown have been weeds and crops of our own choosing, which have not shown fruit or have spread and choked the earth. Creator God: **Forgive us**

Myung Lee reminds us of an old Korean proverb. "If you plant a bean, then you will harvest only beans, not grapes or strawberries." God gave us new life through Jesus Christ and planted special seeds of forgiveness and love in our hearts. What fruit will we bear in our daily lives?"

Chuckle: God created the donkey and told him: you will work tireless from sun up to sun down, carrying heavy bags on your back, you'll eat grass, you will not have intelligence and you will live 50 years. You will be a DONKEY!

The donkey answered: I'll be a donkey, but living 50 years is too much, give me only 20 years. And God gave him 20 years.

God created the dog and told him: You will look after the man's house, you will be his best friend, you will eat whatever they give you and you will live 25 years. You will be a DOG!

The dog answered: God, living 25 years is too much, give only 10. God gave him 10 years.

God created the monkey and told him: You will jump from branch to branch, you will do silly things, you will be amusing and you will live 20 years.

The monkey answered: God, living 20 years is too much, give me only 10 years. And God agreed.

Finally, God created man, and told him: You will be Man, the only rational being on this earth, you will use your intelligence to control other animals, you will dominate the world and you will live for 20 years.

The man answered: God, I'll be man, but living 20 years is not enough, why don't you give me the 30 years that the donkey refused, the 20 years that the dog did not want and the 10 years that the monkey refused.

That was what God did, and since then, Men live 20 years like a man, then he enters adulthood and spends 30 years like a donkey, working and carrying the load on his back, then when his children leave home, spends 15 years like a dog, looking after the house and eating whatever is given to him, then he gets into retirement, and spends 10 years like a monkey, jumping from house to house or from children to children, doing silly things to amuse the grandchildren.

Almost everywhere is walking distance, if you have the time.

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

