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News and events:

Our best wishes for a happy birthday to Carrie Powers on Friday.

Our next services on October 2nd will be Holy Eucharist: St. Paul's Bury at 9:30am and St. Peter's Cookshire at 11:00am with The Ven. Richard Salt officiating. **Sunday, October 2, at 2:00 pm Country Gospel Hour** at St. Augustine's Church, Danville. Guest speaker is Bishop Bruce Myers and the music is being played by Dave McBurney and friends. Apple and pumpkin pie will be served in the hall after.

Confirmation classes will be starting Tuesday, October 4th. Please contact Ruth Charleau for info grbtcharleau@gmail.com Classes will be after school at AGRHS. Please meet in the center office.

Original paintings by well-known local artist Denis Palmer will be on display and for sale during the month of September at the Eaton Corner Museum. On October 15 and 16 the public is invited to attend a "closing reception" where they can view the artwork and meet the artist, at the Museum's Foss House.

Cancelled: September 25, 4:00 pm St George's Church, Lennoxville. **Service of Evensong** followed by a wine and cheese reception.

Continuing today from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm is the **Garage Sale** at Trinity United Church, Cookshire. Bag Sale will be Sunday, Oct. 2 from 11 - 2. Fill a bag with items of your choice for \$5.00.

Sunday, October 2, 1:00 – 4:00pm - St Anne's Church, Richmond - The Walking Christians Youth Group. All youth are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Archer at [819-398-5256](tel:819-398-5256), revenge_lives@hotmail.com or you can Facebook.

Please mark November 20th, Christ the King Sunday, on your calendar. There will be only one service in St. Paul's Church, Bury at 10:00am followed by a potluck lunch and a meeting of St. John's Brookbury, St. Peter's, Cookshire, and St. Paul's, Bury. It will be an opportunity to discuss together, with Archdeacon Simonton, any concerns we may have about scheduling, etc. Dates in 2017 have been set for St. Peter's to celebrate its 150th Anniversary on April 30th and St. John's Brookbury its 175th Anniversary on July 30th. These are 5th Sundays and will be Deanery services. See **More News and events on bottom of page 4...**

Sentence: You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. *2 Corinthians 8.9*

Collect: Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; 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 St. George's, Lennoxville and St. Barnabas', Milby, for Incumbent The Ven. Dr. Edward Simonton and layreaders Robert Hall, Sylvain Fontaine, Kathleen Hartwell, Lorna Gordon Tomlin, Violet Konrad, Edouard Lebeau, Gabriel Kwenga, and Roy Stinson; 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 Mark McDonald, National Indigenous Bishop and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples. In the **Anglican Cycle** of Prayer, we pray for The Church in Wales and for The Most Revd Dr. Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Llandaff.

- **In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** we pray for Christian faith communities in Belarus, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine. We pray for guidance, as these nations work to reconfigure political and economic structures, for compassion and integrity for all peoples in these nations with such diverse ethnic histories, for those who suffer from alcoholism, HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and other life-threatening diseases, for the large numbers of people who now live in poverty and are unemployed, for revitalization of the churches after decades of official atheism, for those in Belarus and Ukraine who suffer from the continued effects of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, and for those who struggle for democracy and truthfulness in the media.

- **We give thanks and pray for** our families, friends, and communities. We pray for the newly baptized, Charlotte Anne Lefebvre and Maika Teresa McIver, and for their parents. We ask blessings for Carrie Powers on her birthday.

- **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, Erwin Watson, and Robert Coleman.

- **We pray for** the many troubled areas in our world and that there may be peace and justice for all. **Amen.**

More News and events: Saturday, October 8, 5:00 – 7:00pm - St George's Church, Lennoxville – Please join His Eminence Archbishop Elia Bahi Patriarchal Vicariate of Canada and the Right Reverend Bruce Myers OGS Coajutor Bishop of Quebec for a short service of Thanksgiving followed by a party celebrating the relationship between the Syrian Orthodox community of the Eastern Townships and the Anglican Deanery of St Francis. St Ephrem's Syrian Orthodox Church will provide Syrian cuisine for the party at St George's Anglican Church, Lennoxville. This is an opportunity to show our Christian solidarity with one another in the Body of Christ, especially in our times of deepest need. There will be presentations on the work of resettling Syrian and Iraqi refugees in Canada, and Sherbrooke, in particular.

A Reading from the Book of Lamentations... How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal.²She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies.³Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.⁴The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.⁵Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe.⁶From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer. *Lamentations 1:1-6*

Lamentations 3:19-26 AS Canticle OR **Psalms 137** (BAS page 895)

¹⁹The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! ²⁰My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. ²¹But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.²⁴“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”²⁵The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. *Lamentations 3:19-26*

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy... Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands;⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God,⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher,¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. *2 Timothy 1:1-14*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke...⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at

the table’?”⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’?”⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’” *Luke 17:5-10*

Reflection: This is another one of those confusing, even troubling, gospels. The disciples make what seems like a perfectly reasonable request: *Give us more faith!* On its face Christ’s response is something between a challenge and a put-down. He tells them: *If your faith were the size of a mustard seed*, you would already have all the power you need to perform tremendous feats. The operative word here is: *If*. By definition *If* makes every subsequent statement conditional. It questions whether they have even the smallest measure of faith. However, an alternate translation of the original First-Century Greek puts Christ’s remarks into a very different light. In addition to *If* the Greek word “ei” was also commonly translated as “since.” And what a difference a single word can make. Instead of scolding the disciples for a total lack of faith, this construction recognizes that the disciples’ faith, while miniscule, could still be very powerful... if only they would use it. And to mix parables, Jesus tells us earlier in Luke 13, that faith like a tiny mustard seed has the potential to flower full-blown into the kingdom of God.

Jesus has called the disciples and they have followed. Jesus is telling them to trust him, not to doubt, not to ask for more proof. That is Christ’s message to us. We are here for one reason... to be an active witness to Christ’s love in the world; loving God; loving neighbour. Jesus tells us we were meant to grow in faith, to show it, and to share it. – David Sellery

Chuckle: A woman was at work when she received a phone call that her daughter was very sick with a fever. She left her work and stopped by the pharmacy to get some medication. She got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys in the car. She didn't know what to do, so she called home and told the baby sitter what had happened. The baby sitter told her that the fever was getting worse. She said, "You might find a coat hanger and use that to open the door."

The woman looked around and found an old rusty coat hanger that had been thrown down on the ground, possibly by someone else who at some time or other had locked their keys in their car. Then she looked at the hanger and said, "I don't know how to use this."

So she bowed her head and asked God to send her some help. Within five minutes an old rusty car pulled up, with a dirty, greasy, bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag on his head. The woman thought, "This is what you sent to help me?" But, she was desperate, so she was also very thankful.

The man got out of his car and asked her if he could help. She said, "Yes, my daughter is very sick. I stopped to get her some medication and I locked my keys in my car. I must get home to her. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said, "Sure". He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was opened. She hugged the man and through her tears she said, "Thank You So Much! You are a very nice man."

The man replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison today. I was in prison for car theft and have only been out for about an hour."

The woman hugged the man again and with sobbing tears cried out loud, "Oh, Thank you God! You even sent me a Professional!"

