

## The Day of Pentecost

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### News and events:

**Our best wishes for a happy birthday** to Dorothy Ross on Tuesday and to anyone celebrating a birthday this week.

**Our congratulations to Canon Ron West** celebrating his 30th year of ordination on the Feast of Pentecost..

**Next Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> Trinity Sunday, St. John's Church Brookbury at 10:30am.** Parish Service of the Word led by Layreader Linda Hoy. All are welcome.

**St. John's Church will hold its annual Vestry meeting following the service at about 11:30am.**

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm** St Augustine's, Danville - **Country Gospel Hour.** Guest preachers: The Rev. Mead Baldwin, President of the United Conference of Montreal & Ottawa, and Edouard Lebeau, Lay Reader at St George's, Lennoxville. A buffet of red desserts will follow.

**Confirmation Class** - Confirmation classes to begin in the fall. All who are interested please contact The Rev. Ruth Charleau at [819-835-0148](tel:819-835-0148) ASAP at so that she can plan the starting date and get material for everyone. 12 years old and up. (Likely to be at AGRHS after classes so students may take advantage of late buses home.)

**Wednesday, May 18 the UCW are having a salad luncheon at noon** at the Sawyerville Community Center with a guest speaker. All women are invited to attend. No charge and no need to bring anything.

**Saturday, May 21, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm and Sunday, May 22, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Annual Plant Sale** to benefit St. Paul's, Sydenham Place will be at the home of Marilyn Mastine, 275 Route 255 North, Danville. Perennials, tomatoes, cucumbers, etc.

**Saturday, May 21, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm St. George's, Ayer's Cliff – Yard Sale** at the church, 1002 Main Street. Much good stuff and some furniture.

**Sunday, May 22, 4:00 pm** St George's Church, Lennoxville – Quarterly service of sung Evensong. Refreshments and time of fellowship to follow.

**Messy Church** will be held on **Tuesday**, June 7<sup>th</sup> in St. Paul's Church hall, Bury.

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**Sentence:** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.

**Collect:** Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

May 15, 2016

This week please pray for:

- **We pray for God's people** throughout the world; for Bishop Dennis, Bishop Bruce, Canon Lynn, for all in leadership, both lay and ordained. Grant them the gifts of wisdom and courage as they lead the church. We pray for Isabel Joy Carson, Carol Edgar, and Adèle Finlayson being ordained to the diaconate this month.

- **In our Diocesan Fellowship of prayer**, we pray for St. Peter's, Stoneham and Christ Church, Valcartier, for The Very Reverend Christian Schreiner, and for St. Paul's, St. Malachie, and the Venerable Garth Bulmer; 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 Prayer Cycle** we pray for the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, for Archbishop Colin Johnson and the Provincial Council. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia, for The Most Revd David Vunagi Archbishop of Melanesia and Bishop of Central Melanesia.

- **In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** we pray for Christian faith communities in Kenya and Tanzania.

- **We give thanks for** our families, friends, and communities, and we ask blessings for Dorothy Ross 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, Erwin Watson, and Sheila Bellam.

- **We pray** for the people of Fort McMurray, Alberta who have been displaced by the wildfires and the loss of homes. We pray for peace and justice throughout the world. **Amen.**

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**Fort McMurray Fire Relief** - St. Barnabas Church in North Hatley is receiving financial donations for the victims of Fort McMurray's massive fires. All donations will be doubled by the federal government as well as the Albertan government. St. Barnabas Church will match the first \$1,000 in donations to result in \$6,000 to aid families and individuals. \$1,000 + \$1,000 (St. Barnabas) + \$2,000 (Federal Gov't) + \$2,000 (Alberta Gov't) = \$6,000! Checks should be made out to St. Barnabas Anglican Church, (640 Sherbrooke Road, North Hatley, QC, J0B 2C0) Attention: Fort McMurray. Thank you!

**Saturday, June 4, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm - Lennoxville - The Skills of Healing: Care For Others, Care For Yourself. All are welcome.** The morning care for others, skills of listening, some practicalities of visiting hospitals and nursing homes, particularly with dementia, alzheimer's and other diseases causing confusion. Following lunch caring for yourself. Caregivers need to learn skills of proper self-care. Led by Canon Lynn. No cost but donations welcome. Please contact Canon Lynn to register

**Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 - 4:00 pm St Augustine's, Danville - Going Away Party with Lynn Dillabough.** Lynn would like to celebrate with all of the people with whom she has ministered for the past six years and is hosting a party to thank everyone before she leaves. Deanery Lay Readers Jane Bishop and Marilyn Mastine will co-preside over a short worship service followed by cake and ice cream in the church hall.

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**A Reading from the Book of Proverbs...** Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? <sup>2</sup>On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; <sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: <sup>4</sup>"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. <sup>22</sup>The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. <sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. <sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. <sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— <sup>26</sup>when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. <sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup>when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, <sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, <sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race. *Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31*

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**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans...** Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:1-5*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John...** Jesus said, <sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. *John 16:12-15*

**Reflection:** This Sunday, Trinity Sunday, features several texts that weave together a faith-inspiring tapestry. **Proverbs 8:22-31** portrays the Wisdom of God active at Creation. It describes the activity of Personified Wisdom, a figure that arose in the imaginations of the sages of Israel, probably in the tumultuous post-exilic period, as a way of expressing God's guidance of the community. Wisdom (*hokmah* in Hebrew, *sophia* in Greek) has been, at varying times in Scripture and in church history, identified with both the Son and the Holy Spirit. Personified Wisdom, whether we identify her with Jesus or the Holy Spirit, delights in the human race and in all of God's creation and is present and active with God in the process. **Romans 5:1-5** reveals that the Holy Spirit is the means by which God's love is poured into our hearts to comfort and strengthen us in times of hopelessness and trial. In **John 16:12-15** we meet the Holy Spirit who, Jesus promises, is going to guide us into all truth, conveying the presence and influence of Jesus in the absence of his physical presence. We are encouraged to remember and to call on the power of One in Three and Three in One in any and every situation, no matter how good or bad. We read *The Three Little Pigs, Three Billy Goats Gruff, Goldilocks and the Three Bears* before we eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner, with a knife, fork, and spoon. We play rock, paper, scissors, and we enter into life lock,

stock, and barrel. We live a hop, skip, and a jump from snap, crackle, and pop. Our journey of life has a beginning, a middle, and an end. On the journey we encounter lights that may be red, yellow, or green. We say, "Ready, Set, Go!" and "Just do it!" The poet Robert Frost said, "In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: 'It goes on.'" And since "it goes on," we have lived to face another day. Let's call on the Power of Three as we live this day: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer; the power that created us in the first place, that redeemed us in the second place, and that, in the third place, guides us each moment by the in-pouring of the love of God into our thirsty hearts. So let us call on the Power of the Three-in-One and One-in-Three. – Alyce M. McKenzie

**Prayer for the residents of Fort McMurray:** We pray for all who are fleeing the fires that they may travel in safety; for those who will receive them in emergency shelters; for those who, against all odds given the unusually high seasonal temperatures and high winds, are battling the blaze and attempting to curtail its reach; for all the firefighters, police and emergency service workers. These are exhausting days for them; for all who face the loss of their homes, businesses, and livelihoods; for all who are trying to protect City Hall and other public service buildings with an eye to the huge task of rebuilding the city in time. Let us continue to hold Fort McMurray in prayer, as we as a Church and a nation respond to this unfolding crisis. *"For all who are in danger, For all whose work is to protect and serve, We pray to you, Lord"*

**Chuckles: An elderly gentleman** limped into the doctor's office and said, "Doctor, my knee hurts so bad, I can hardly walk!"

The doctor slowly eyed him from head to toe, paused and then said, "Sir, how old are you?"

"I'm 98," the man announced proudly.

The doctor just sighed, and looked at him again. Finally he said, "Sir, I'm sorry. I mean, just look at you. You are almost one hundred years old, and you're complaining that your knee hurts? Well, what did you expect?"

The old man said, "Well, my other knee is 98 years old too, and it doesn't hurt!"

**An airline pilot with poor eyesight** had passed his periodic vision exams by memorizing the eye charts beforehand. When his doctor used a new chart, the pilot proceeded to recite the old chart and the doctor realized that she'd been hoodwinked. The pilot proved to be nearly as blind as a bat. The doctor asks, "How is it that someone with your eyesight can manage to pilot a plane? I mean, how do you taxi the plane out to the runway?"

"Well," says the pilot, "It's really not very hard. You just have to follow the instructions of the ground controller over the radio. Besides that, the landmarks have all become quite familiar to me over the years."

"I can understand that," replies the doctor. "But what about the take-off?"

"Again, a simple procedure. I just aim the plane down the runway, go to full throttle, pull back on the stick, and off we go!"

"But once you're aloft?"

"Oh, everything's fully automated these days. The flight computer knows our destination, and all I have to do is hit the autopilot and the plane pretty much flies itself."

"But I still don't see how you land!"

"Oh, that's the easiest part of all. I use the airport's radio beacon to get us on the proper glide path. Then I just throttle down and wait for the co-pilot to yell, 'AIEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!!!' Then I pull the nose up, and the plane lands just fine!"





