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News and events:

Our Happy Birthday wishes to anyone celebrating this week. (If you would like to have your birthday, or anniversary, acknowledged please call Jane at 819-887-6802 and leave your name and the day and month.)

Next Sunday, November 1st, service at 9:30am in St. Paul's Bury (Sunday School available) and at **11:00am in St. Peter's Church hall, Cookshire.** (I believe that we are to turn our clocks back one hour on Nov. 1st at 2am or at bedtime, Oct. 31st.)

Canon Lynn will have "office hours" every Monday night from 5:30 - 7:30pm at the 108 Restaurant in Birchtown. "Prayer and Poutine". Please feel free to drop by for a chat.

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

Homiletics for Lay Readers – on October 28th, November 4th, and December 2nd from 9:00 - 11:30am (location TBA) **Canon Lynn is offering this as a follow-up to "The Courage to Preach" offered in 2011.** All current preachers are invited to hone our skills and to learn more about the art of homiletics. Please sign up by contacting Lynn at lynndillabough@gmail.com

Rummage Sale St. George's, Lennoxville - Thursday, October 29, 10a.m - 5p.m., Friday, Oct. 30, 10a.m. - 5p.m. and **BAG SALE** on October 31, from 8:30a.m. - noon.

Saturday, November 7th a meeting of all the Deanery churches which are members of the team ministry model 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. See **More News & Events** on pg 4

Sentence: Our Saviour Jesus Christ has abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. *2 Timothy 1.10*

Collect: Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Gifts: God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

This week please pray for:

- 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. We pray for The Reverend Nicholas Forte to be ordained into the priesthood on November 15th.

- In our Diocesan Fellowship of prayer, we pray for the Diocesan Staff, Executive Director Marie-Sol Gaudreau, Executive Archdeacon The Ven. Garth Bulmer, Executive Assistant Sherry Knox, Property Manager & Archivist James Sweeney and Bookkeepers Emma Earle and Marie-Eve Landry; 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 Bishop David Edwards and the Diocese of Fredericton; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev'd John Hiromichi Kato of the Diocese of Tohoku, Japan, and The Rt Revd Andrew Yoshimichi Ohata, of the Diocese of Tokyo.

- In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle we pray for Christian faith communities in The Indian Ocean islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, and Maldives. We pray for an awakening of the churches' leadership in the political arena, that their eyes and ears be opened to the cries of the people and that their hearts be wise to discern what makes for peace with justice; for Interfaith dialogue and cooperation; for those living along coastal lines, that they may be protected from the devastation of annual typhoons and hurricanes, and those living in arid places that they may be saved from drought and famine.

- We pray for our families, friends, and communities; we pray for healing and comfort all who are sick or suffering in any way, especially for Joan Dougherty and Robert Coleman.

- We pray for a world of peace and justice for all. **Amen.**

Prayer for Synod: Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the upcoming 84th Quebec Diocesan Synod for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honour and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

More News & Events: Ordination notice: I, Dennis Drainville, by divine permission, Lord Bishop of Quebec, herewith give notice that I intend to ordain to the office of Priest in the Church of God, the Reverend Nicholas Andrew Forte, incumbent of the parishes of New Carlisle and Chaleur Bay, on November 15, 2015, the twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost, in the Church of St Andrew, New Carlisle, Quebec, at 2 pm in the afternoon. The liturgical colour is white. All clergy and lay readers are invited to robe.

The next Messy Church is on Wed., Nov. 4th St. Paul's Bury from 5:15 – 6:45pm. The story will be Joseph and his brothers. Families will be creating a one-of-a-kind coat for Joseph and hearing about forgiveness and healing. Please register with Canon Lynn to know numbers for dinner. Dinner is provided free of charge.

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon... But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect. *Solomon 3:1-9*

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A Reading from the The Book of Revelation... Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. *Revelation 21:1-6a*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John...³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."³⁵ Jesus began to weep.³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." *John 11:32-44*

Short reflection: *Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' – John 11:40* This Sunday (Nov. 1) is the day the Christian church sets aside to honour all of the everyday saints, remembering their lives and faithful witness. It is a day of celebration and remembering, a time of reflection and thanksgiving. This is the day where tears and belief co-mingle to yield hope in the grace and glory of God. Death shadows our days on this earth, and humans have long struggled to make sense of time, existence, and purpose. For the ancients, life was cyclical, a great wheel with death as its hub, affording the individual no option. Even Roman poet Marcus Manilius supposedly said "We begin to die as soon as we

are born, and the end is linked to the beginning."

Against this darkly matter-of-fact view of life stands the contrasting and hopeful biblical notion of time. All Saints Day gives us an excellent opportunity to honour the journey and to tell the stories of those who have lived the faith and influenced our own discipleship. Through the word, song, prayer, and meal, we place ourselves in the great narrative of God's loving and constant interaction with humankind. We celebrate that this life is not the end of the story. Our lives are not merely a rotation of some great wheel, but rather a slice of eternity and a glimpse the glory of God.

The limits of our human vision and the reality of our finitude bring the tears. Thankfully, the tears will not last. Time goes on and by faith we place ourselves in the story of the faithful, in the great narrative of salvation that promises a day when the "Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines" and will "swallow up death forever" (Isaiah 25:6, 8a). Then God will wipe away those tears and rejoicing will replace them. And as John of Patmos sees in his vision of hope and glory, God will dwell among mortals, again wiping those tears and removing pain and mourning. Death will no longer cast its shadow, and all things will be new (see Revelation 21:1-6). -Sharron R. Blezard

Chuckles: Two morons are trying to measure a telephone pole. They keep trying to climb it and keep sliding down. Along comes this really big, muscle-bound shmuck and says, "Hey, what are you guys doing?"

The two idiots say, "We're trying to measure the height of this pole."

The shmuck wraps his arms around the pole, pulls it out of the ground, lays it down and measures it. Then he picks it up, puts it back in the ground, says "40 feet" and walks away.

The first moron says to the other, "What a stupid fellow - we wanted the height, not the length."

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 up 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, then he goes and strikes a match in the mixing room, I'd have thought it would have been the last thing he'd have ever done."

"It was, sir."

A high school teacher was giving a true/false test. He was strolling up and down the aisles surveying the students at work. He came upon one student who was flipping a coin, then writing.

Teacher: What are you doing?

Student: Getting the answers to the test. The teacher shook his head and walked on. A little while later, when everyone was finished with the test, the teacher noticed the student was again flipping the coin.

Teacher: Now what are you doing?

Student: I'm checking the answers.

