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News and events:

Our Happy Birthday wishes to Stuart Coates on Wednesday.

Next Sunday, November 15th, services are at 9:30am in St. Paul's Bury (Sunday School available) and at 11:00am in St. Peter's Church hall, Cookshire with Canon Lynn officiating.

Saturday, November 21st. "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?" 12:00pm and 6:00pm. A fundraiser for the sponsoring of Syrian refugees. Contact lynn.dillabough@gmail.com if you have any questions. Our first dinner, on October 24th, raised \$1220.00, with many thanks to the generous guests who attended, and to Cranmer and Pauline Rutihinda for their wonderful hospitality. Let's see if we can repeat this with new groups.

Sunday, November 29th, Deanery Worship Service at 10:30am in St Paul's, Bury. The Revd Canon Dr. Patricia Peacock and The Revd Canon Ron West, will be co-presiding over the traditional BCP service of Holy Communion; and Mrs. Sandra Gallichon, the organist. There will be a pot-luck lunch downstairs in the hall following the service. Please designate your offering for your home church by using your usual offering envelope. **All open offerings will be contributed to the Deanery Refugee Fund.** All are welcome.

Also on November 29th it's the St Paul's Christmas Tea beginning at 2 pm at the Armoury in Bury. This is a fundraiser for St Paul's Rest Home of Bury with lots of opportunities for the purchase of unique and hand crafted Christmas gifts. Stay and visit (or help with the dishes) at the deanery service and then do all of your Christmas shopping across the road after lunch. You will have a good time, and it will feel good to have your shopping done before December.

December 6th Country Gospel Hour in Danville - 2pm. Join "Dave and the Wranglers" for country gospel and bluegrass music on a Christmas theme. The "messy church" children of Danville will be putting on a short play in place of the speakers this month, and Christmas cookies and other goodies will be served in the hall following the service. **All of the offerings collected at this service will be contributed to the Deanery Refugee Fund.** Please contact Lay Reader, Marilyn Mastine, for more information.

Sentence: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. *Matthew 5.3*

Collect: Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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 All Anglican Church Women, for Joan Gibb Diocesan ACW President, for ACW branches, Parish Guilds, Altar & Chancel Guilds and Little Helpers; 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 The Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, and for the Council of General Synod; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev'd Brighton Vitta Malasa of the Diocese of Upper Shire, Central Africa.

- In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle we pray for Christian faith communities in Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tomé and Principe. We pray for an end to violence and instability in the Republic of Congo; for all leaders, to use their power justly in service of all the people, and to refrain from corrupt practices; for an end to autocratic rule; for those involved in subsistence agriculture, that their crops may be plentiful and they have enough food to eat and clean water to drink; for women, who often bear the brunt of poverty and receive less education than men and fewer opportunities; for an end to deforestation and desertification, and for the sustainable and responsible use of natural resources and for the just sharing of these countries' natural resources, particularly oil, so that all the people may reap the benefits of what God has given and not just those in power, or international corporations.

- We pray for all soldiers, sailors, and airmen, past and present, those who offered and those who still offer their lives to protect our country and our freedom. We give thanks for their service here at home in times of need and for their service in other countries. Gracious God, we ask that you bless them, watch over them, and keep them safe.

- We pray for our families, friends, and communities; and we ask blessings for Stuart Coates on his birthday.

- 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.**

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel...⁴On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; ⁵but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb.⁶Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb.⁷So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat.⁸Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”⁹After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord.¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly.¹¹She made this vow: “O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”¹²As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth.¹³Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk.¹⁴So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.”¹⁵But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord.¹⁶Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.”¹⁷Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.”¹⁸And she said, “Let your servant find favour in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her.²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the Lord.” *1 Samuel 1:4-20*

1 Samuel 2:1-10 as Canticle... Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory.²“There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.³Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.⁴The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength.⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.⁶The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.⁷The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts.⁸He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honour. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s, and on them he has set the world.⁹“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail.¹⁰The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.”

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews...¹¹And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins.¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,”¹³and since then has been waiting

“until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.”¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,”¹⁷he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.)¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh),²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God,²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. *Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark...As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!”²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately,⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?”⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray.⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray.⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come.⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs. *Mark 13:1-8*

Chuckles: “**I never go to church,**” boasted a wandering member. “Perhaps you have noticed that pastor?”
 “Yes, I have noticed that,” said the pastor.
 “Well, the reason I don’t go is because there are so many hypocrites there.”
 “Oh, don’t let that keep you away,” replied the pastor with a smile. “There’s always room for one more.”

A two thousand member church was filled to overflowing capacity one Sunday morning. The preacher was ready to start the sermon when two men, dressed in long black coats and black hats entered thru the rear of the church.

One of the two men walked to the middle of the church while the other stayed at the back of the church. They both then reached under their coats and withdrew automatic weapons. The one in the middle announced, “Everyone willing to take a bullet for Jesus stay in your seats!” Naturally, the pews emptied, followed by the choir. The deacons ran out the door, followed by the choir director and the assistant pastor.

After a few moments, there were about twenty people left sitting in the church. The preacher was holding steady in the pulpit.

The men put their weapons away and said, gently, to the preacher, “All right, pastor, the hypocrites are gone now. You may begin the service.”

According to my best recollection, I don’t remember.

The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.



