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News and events:

Our Happy Birthday wishes to Belva Dougherty today and to Helen Matthews tomorrow.

Later today from 4:00-7:00pm there's a Harvest Supper at the Bulwer Community Center on Jordan Hill Rd. It's a fundraiser for the Community Center. Menu: baked ham, baked potatoes, turnip, peas, coleslaw, homemade rolls, assorted pies and beverages. Admission charged.

Next Sunday, November 22nd, services are at 9:30am in St. Paul's Bury (Sunday School available) and at 11:00am in St. Peter's Church hall, Cookshire led by Lay readers.

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.

Sunday, November 29th, Deanery Worship Service at 10:30am in St Paul's, Bury. The Rev'd Canon Dr. Patricia Peacock and The Rev'd 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 from 2:00 – 4:00 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.

Saturday, November 28th, St. George's, Lennoxville Christmas Tea and Bazaar from 1:30-4:30pm. See **More News and events** on page 4

Sentence: Watch at all times, praying that you may stand before the Son of man. *Luke 21.36*

Collect: Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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.**

- 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 Officers of Synod: The Right Rev. Dennis Drainville, Mr. Michael Boden, Treasurer; Me David Blair, Chancellor; Me Malcolm McLeod, Vice-Chancellor; Mr. James Sweeney, Registrar; and Canon Stephen Kohner, Secretary ; 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 Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, for Archbishop Colin Johnson and the Provincial Council; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev'd Orlando Guerrero of The Episcopal Church of Venezuela.

- In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle we pray for Christian faith communities in Cameroon, Central African Republic, and Equatorial Guinea. We pray for political stability and freedom for the people in these countries; for those suffering from HIV and AIDS, and those who lack adequate health care; for those living at a subsistence level, and those who lack clean water and enough food; for monkeys and other animals that are threatened with extinction due to the destruction of their habitat.

- We pray for our families, friends, and communities; and we ask blessings for Belva Dougherty and Helen Matthews on their birthdays.

- 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.**

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Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, Messy Church in Bury 5:15 - 6:45pm. The theme this month will be stories of Moses. Families will create a 'parting of the sea' diorama to take home, as well as a book with several stories about Moses. We will learn about exile and return, slavery and freedom, fear and courage. Please register with Canon Lynn so we know how many places to set for dinner.

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 Marilyn Mastine at m.mastine@hotmail.com for more information.

Readings The Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ (Proper 34) Nov. 22nd, 2015 (Year B)

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel...Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:²The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue.³The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God,⁴is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.⁵Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?⁶But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand;⁷to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot. *2 Samuel 23:1-7*

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A Reading from the Revelation to John...Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. *Revelation 1:4a-8*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John...³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’³⁴Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’³⁵Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’³⁶Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’³⁷Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’ *John 18:33-37*

A Short reflection: The most frequent command of the Bible is “to be not afraid!” It is the first thing angels say when they arrive with the divine, demanding messages they have been charged to deliver. Joseph says it to his brothers in forgiving them, Moses says it to the Israelites, God says it to Joshua and numerous times to Jeremiah, Isaiah sings to God that he will not be afraid. Jesus says it the most to his disciples and to those he heals.

This is the final Sunday in the Christian year, next Sunday we begin a new year. (Year C in the Revised Common Lectionary.) Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent.

The good news is that Jesus, the Christ, has fixed the future – a future of cruciform love – and that future is coming, here. It is Christ coming (as opposed to our going) to judge the living and the dead, to establish once and for all God’s intentions for the Creation. In the text from John for Reign of Christ Sunday, Pilate breezes in to the Praetorium, possibly Herod’s sumptuous palace, summoning and questioning Jesus.

There is talk of kings and kingdoms – the juxtaposition of Pilate’s and Jesus’ definitions of these crackling

in the air. It is little wonder that when Jesus speaks of truth, it goes soaring over Pilate’s head. Jesus states to Pilate that his mission to the world is to “testify to the truth.” God’s faithfulness in Christ is trustworthy and deserving of our hearing. As disciples we are called to listen to the voice of truth – the One who shows us a Way we could never have imagined on our own. – Janice Love

Chuckles: A local United Way office realized that it had never received a donation from the town's most successful lawyer. The person in charge of contributions called him to persuade him to contribute.

"Our research shows that out of a yearly income of at least \$500,000, you give not a penny to charity.

Wouldn't you like to give back to the community in some way?"

The lawyer mulled this over for a moment and replied, "First, did your research also show that my mother is dying after a long illness, and has medical bills that are several times her annual income?"

Embarrassed, the United Way rep mumbled, "Um...no."

"--or that my brother, a disabled veteran, is blind and confined to a wheelchair?"

The stricken United Way rep began to stammer out an apology but was interrupted by the lawyer's voice rising in indignation, "--or that my sister's husband died in a traffic accident, leaving her penniless with three children?!"

The humiliated United Way rep, completely beaten, said simply, "I had no idea..."

On a roll, the lawyer cut him off once again: "--so if I don't give any money to them, why should I give any to you?!?"

A Bible Quiz:

Q: How can you make God laugh?

A: Tell Him your plans for the future.

Q: Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A: Noah - he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q: Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh's daughter - she went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q: What kind of man was Boaz before he got married?

A: Ruth-less.

Q: What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A: Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury.

A: David's Triumph was heard throughout the land.

A: Honda... because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q: Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A: Samson - he brought the house down.

Q: What is one of the first things that Adam and Eve did after they were kicked out?

A: They really raised Cain.

