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### News and events:

**The members of St. John's Church, Brookbury** had their annual vestry meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup> after the parish worship service. The same officers will continue in 2016: Robert Coleman reappointed as Incumbent's Warden, Lynda Coates re-elected as People's Warden, and Brenda Lowe reappointed as Treasurer. Everyone is extremely pleased that the painting of their church building has been completed. All the members, and their extended family members, deserve huge credit for their generous volunteer work in seeing the project begun and finally done. They thank everyone who gave financial support for the cost of the paint and materials, to all who gave of their time to help, and with extra special gratitude extended to Mike Goddard and his son, 16 year old Caleb Goddard, who worked alongside his father to see the job finished on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Such a job would not be possible without everyone working together. Congratulations to all!

**Our best wishes for a happy birthday to** Richard Coates on Wednesday and to Earl Lancaster on Saturday.

**Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am** St Paul's Rest Home, Bury - Service of Holy Communion. Lynn Dillabough and Jane Bishop will preside at this short service of healing and prayer. All are welcome to come and join us, especially if you have a friend or relative who lives at the home.

**Next Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, our one-point parish service will be in St. Paul's Church Bury** a Service of the Word at 10:30 am led by Serena Wintle and Jane Bishop.

**Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm in St George's Church Hall, Lennoxville – Semi-annual meeting of the Deanery New Ministry Model churches.** Layreaders, wardens and treasurers should attend, but all members are invited to participate. Discussion will focus on the churches in the new model, but members of all of the deanery churches are welcome to attend.

**Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Messy Church in St. Paul's Bury from 5:15 - 6:45 pm** All families with children 12 and under are invited to this year-end celebration. Our story, worship, and craft will focus on Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well and drinking the living water. Supper is provided. Please contact [lynn@dillabough@gmail.com](mailto:lynn@dillabough@gmail.com) to let us know if you are coming. **More News & Events on page 4...**

**Sentence:** A great prophet has arisen among us! God has visited his people! *Luke 7.16*

**Collect:** O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**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.

- **In our Diocesan** Fellowship of prayer, we pray for our Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz and for General Synod in July, for General Synod members, the Council of General Synod committees and staff; 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 Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador and for Bishop Geoffrey Peddle. **In the Anglican Cycle** of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar, for The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon

- **In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** we pray for Christian faith communities in Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, and Swaziland. We pray for continued healing and rebuilding of these nations that have been torn apart on the basis of race, for women and children who continue to bear the brunt of poverty and are vulnerable to domestic violence, for parents who see their children die of disease and malnutrition, and children who see their parents die of AIDS.

- **We give thanks for** our families, friends, and communities, and we ask blessings for Richard Coates and Earl Lancaster on their birthdays.

- **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, and Erwin Watson.

- **We pray** for peace and justice throughout the world. **Amen.**

### More News & Events con't from page 1...

**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.

**Bury United Cultural Center – Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, Military Whist** at 2pm and on **Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm at home with Terry Howell and friends.** A musical concert that all will enjoy. Entrance for a free-will donation.

**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.

**A Reading from the First Book of Kings...** Later the following events took place: Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of King Ahab of Samaria.<sup>2</sup> And Ahab said to Naboth, "Give me your vineyard, so that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house; I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money."<sup>3</sup> But Naboth said to Ahab, "The Lord forbid that I should give you my ancestral inheritance."<sup>4</sup> Ahab went home resentful and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him; for he had said, "I will not give you my ancestral inheritance." He lay down on his bed, turned away his face, and would not eat.<sup>5</sup> His wife Jezebel came to him and said, "Why are you so depressed that you will not eat?"<sup>6</sup> He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard for it'; but he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'"<sup>7</sup> His wife Jezebel said to him, "Do you now govern Israel? Get up, eat some food, and be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."<sup>8</sup> So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal; she sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who lived with Naboth in his city.<sup>9</sup> She wrote in the letters, "Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth at the head of the assembly; <sup>10</sup>seat two scoundrels opposite him, and have them bring a charge against him, saying, 'You have cursed God and the king.' Then take him out, and stone him to death."

(<sup>11</sup>The men of his city, the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. Just as it was written in the letters that she had sent to them,<sup>12</sup> they proclaimed a fast and seated Naboth at the head of the assembly.<sup>13</sup> The two scoundrels came in and sat opposite him; and the scoundrels brought a charge against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." So they took him outside the city, and stoned him to death.<sup>14</sup> Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned; he is dead.")

<sup>15</sup>As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, "Go, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead."<sup>16</sup> As soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab set out to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.<sup>17</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying:<sup>18</sup> "Go down to meet King Ahab of Israel, who rules in Samaria; he is now in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession.<sup>19</sup> You shall say to him, 'Thus says the Lord: Have you killed, and also taken possession?' You shall say to him, 'Thus says the Lord: In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth, dogs will also lick up your blood.'"<sup>20</sup> Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, O my enemy?" He answered, "I have found you. Because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the Lord, <sup>21</sup>I will bring disaster on you. *1 Kings 21:1-10(11-14), 15-21a*

### Psalm 5:1-8 (BAS page 708)

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians...**<sup>15</sup> We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup>yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law.<sup>17</sup> But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not!<sup>18</sup> But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor.<sup>19</sup> For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; <sup>20</sup>and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I

live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.<sup>21</sup> I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing. *Galatians 2:15-21*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke...**<sup>36</sup> One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table.<sup>37</sup> And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment.<sup>38</sup> She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.<sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner."<sup>40</sup> Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak."<sup>41</sup> "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.<sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?"<sup>43</sup> Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly."<sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair.<sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet.<sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.<sup>47</sup> Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."<sup>48</sup> Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."<sup>49</sup> But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"<sup>50</sup> And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

**8** Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him,<sup>2</sup> as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,<sup>3</sup> and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources. *Luke 7:36--8:3*

**Reflection:** Two people encounter Jesus. One comes out of profound gratitude for the gift of acceptance and she is so grateful for God's loving acceptance and forgiveness that she cannot control her tears. It seems clear that she's practicing her faith because her heart has been radically changed. The other brings Jesus into his home to demonstrate his religious superiority to the man everyone is talking about. It would seem that he practices his faith to make himself look good in the eyes of his peers. He seems stuck in the mindset that his "righteousness" means that he deserves God's favour. We've read the stories about Pharisees and sinners in the Gospels so long that we make another assumption: the woman's sins were forgiven, but the Pharisee's were not. But that's not what Jesus said. He said the one who was forgiven little loves little. Jesus offers forgiveness to Simon as well but Simon will have to undergo a change of heart before he can even be aware of his sins. We have to realize that we all practice our faith from a variety of mixed motives. While we tend to identify with the "sinners", if we're honest with ourselves we have to admit that we all have some of the "Pharisee" in us as well. We have that part of us that practices our faith because it makes us feel good about ourselves. Jesus offers us all forgiveness whether we're more "sinners" or "Pharisees." The experience of God's unconditional love comes when we recognize that we're both sinners and Pharisees. Alan Brehm

**Chuckle: A man died and went to hell.** As he passed sulfurous pits and shrieking sinners, he saw his former attorney snuggling with a beautiful woman. "That's not fair!" he cried, "I have to roast for all eternity and that lawyer gets to spend it with a beautiful woman!" The devil barked, "Shut up! Who are you to question that woman's punishment?"





