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### News and events:

**May we wish to all the fathers a very happy Father's Day.**

**Today is our last service with Canon Lynn in EDV.** Lynn, we thank you for your much-to-short 6 years here with us and we wish you a good vacation and all the best in your new parish of St. Paul's Brockville.

**Remember that next Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30 - 4:00 pm** at St Augustine's, Danville (73 rue du Carmel) is the - Going Away Party with Lynn Dillabough. - Going Away Party & Celebration of Ministry With Lynn Dillabough. This short worship service will be followed by cake and ice cream. There is no need to bring anything or to confirm your attendance. Please just come and enjoy a last time together before Lynn moves the next day.

**Our best wishes for a happy birthday to** Mary McBurney on Thursday, Robert Coleman on Friday, and Durwood Dougherty, Mavis Dougherty, and Marc Audit on Saturday.

**Our congratulations and best wishes for a happy 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary to** Erwin and Muriel Watson on Tuesday.

**Next Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, our one-point parish service will be a Service of the Word in St. Peter's Church Cookshire** at 10:30 am led by lay reader Linda Hoy.

**Last Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> there was** the semi-annual meeting of the Deanery New Ministry Model churches in St. George's Church hall Lennoxville at 6:30pm with some 20+ attending. (Some people were absent due to being on their way to the Gaspé for the ACW Biennial Meeting.) We were told that a new person should likely be hired before or by January 1<sup>st</sup> to replace the opening left by Canon Lynn. The retired Ven. Richard Salt and Coadjutor-Bishop Bruce Myers will be helping to fill the void and officiating at some Holy Eucharist services. The Deanery Worship Team will be meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup> and a schedule will be completed to cover the time from July to next January. Our July services will remain as listed on the schedule we already have.

**Sentence:** My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. *John 10.27*

**Collect:** O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. **Amen.**

- **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 The Parish of Quebec, The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, for The Very Rev. Christian Schreiner, Rector of Quebec and Dean of the Cathedral and Lay Reader Alex Roberts; 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 Western Newfoundland and for The Rt. Rev. Percy Coffin. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for The Church of North India (United), for The Most Revd Pradeep Samantaroy, Moderator of CNI & Bishop of Amritsar.

- **In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** we pray for Christian faith communities in Brazil. We pray for the indigenous peoples who have lived on the land for thousands of years, but whose ways of life have been threatened or ended in the name of development and greed, for the hundreds of thousands of children who are forced to live and work on the streets; that they may know Your gentle touch and love, for an end to political violence, torture and brutality by police and others who are charged with the well-being and safety of the people, for landless peasants who struggle to make a life for themselves and their children and for respect for human rights, so that no one can deny others their basic liberty with impunity.

- **We give thanks for** our families, friends, and communities, and we ask blessings for all the fathers, and for Mary McBurney, Robert Coleman, Durwood Dougherty, Mavis Dougherty, and Marc Audit on their birthdays and for Erwin and Muriel Watson on their anniversary.

- **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 an end to gun violence.** We pray for those grieving and those injured in the shooting in Orlando. We pray for peace and justice in the world. **Amen.**

**Prayer:** Loving God, we thank you for the love and care that our fathers give to us. Guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. Help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle all situations in a loving way. Watch over them and keep them safe. For our fathers who are now at rest with You, we thank you for the time we had them with us and for the happy memories we still have. Bless all the fathers in the world. This we ask in Jesus' name. **Amen**

**Chuckle:** A four-year-old boy was eating an apple in the back seat of the car, when he asked, "Daddy, why is my apple turning brown?" "Because," his dad explained, "after you ate the skin off, the meat of the apple came into contact with the air, which caused it to oxidise, thus changing the molecular structure and turning it into a different color." There was a long silence. Then the son asked softly, "Daddy, are you talking to me?"

**A Reading from the First Book of Kings...** Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.<sup>2</sup> Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.<sup>7</sup> Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.<sup>8</sup> Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. <sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."<sup>10</sup> He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."<sup>11</sup> As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.<sup>12</sup> Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.<sup>13</sup> He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.<sup>14</sup> He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over. *2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14*

**Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20** (BAS page 804)

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians...** For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. <sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.<sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."<sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.<sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.<sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.<sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness,<sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions,<sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.<sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.<sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. *Galatians 5:1, 13-25*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke...**<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.<sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him;<sup>53</sup> but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.<sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"<sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them.<sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village. <sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."<sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."<sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me

go and bury my father."<sup>60</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."<sup>61</sup> Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home."<sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." *Luke 9:51-62*

**Reflection:** I think our Gospel lesson for today has a lot to say about our expectations regarding what the decision to follow Christ means for us. It's a story about three would-be disciples who encountered Jesus. The first volunteered, saying "I will follow you wherever you go." Sounds like the ideal candidate. But Jesus seems to be aware that he doesn't fully know what "I will follow you wherever you go" means. It means "not having a place to lay your head," like Jesus. It would appear that he had some kind of expectation of a payoff for following Jesus, and Jesus rather bluntly confronts him with the truth that his expectation is unrealistic at best.

The second would-be disciple is one whom Jesus invited to follow him. But he asked Jesus to first be allowed to bury his father. It would seem to be a reasonable request. In that day and time, the obligation to see to the proper burial of parents was part of fulfilling the commandment to "honour your father and mother. But Jesus responded in a way that seems quite harsh. He said, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Although there is significant debate about what Jesus meant, it would seem clear that the commitment to the seek first God's Kingdom that is inherent in the decision to follow Jesus outweighs all other priorities. The third also volunteered to follow Jesus, but asked permission to first go and say farewell to his family. Again it seems a reasonable request. Even Elijah allowed Elisha to say good-bye to his parents when he chose him to be his disciple while he was plowing his field (1 Kings 19:19-21). But Jesus will have nothing of the sort. Echoing the incident with Elisha, he says, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." The message of this unusual story is that following Jesus means the Kingdom of God takes priority over everything else in your life. Following Jesus means giving yourself away without thought of reward or recognition. It means serving the purposes of compassion, justice, peace, and freedom simply because it's the right thing to do, not for any payoff. – Alan Brehm

**Chuckle: I bet you don't know what day this is",** said the wife to her husband as he made his way out the front door. The husband was perplexed, but was always a quick thinker: "Of course I do, my dear. How could I forget?" With that, he turned and rushed out the door on his way to play golf.

At 10 AM, the doorbell rang and when the woman opened the door, she was handed a box containing a dozen long stemmed red roses.

At 1 PM, a foil wrapped, two pound box of her favourite chocolates arrived. Later, a boutique delivered a designer dress. The woman couldn't wait for her husband to come home.

The husband was smug when he returned from playing golf, satisfied that he had recovered what could have been a very bad situation.

His wife was indeed surprised: "All these gifts. First the flowers, then the chocolates and then the dress!" she exclaimed, "I've never had a more wonderful Father's Day in my life!"





