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News and events:

Our best wishes for a happy birthday to Nathan Sylvester today, Geraldine Murray on Tuesday, Muriel Watson, Brenda Lowe, and Ruby Pehlemann on Wednesday, George Komery and Gloria Belanger on Friday, and to Kay Hurd on Saturday. **Also our best wishes for a happy anniversary to** Robert and Norma Harrison on Saturday.

Tomorrow, July 11th at 3pm service at St. Paul's Rest Home Bury Holy Communion (RS).

Next Sunday, July 17th, our one-point parish service will be a Service of the Word in St. John's Church Brookbury at 10:30 am led by lay reader.

Sunday, July 17th Bury's Church Heritage Tour organized by the Bury Historical and Heritage Society from 10am-5pm. The churches and former church buildings (6) in the Municipality of Bury will be open to the general public to visit and see the interiors. St. John's Brookbury will be hosting our EDV parish service at 10:30am. The United Cultural Center will offer a Soup and Sandwich Lunch from 11am-1pm, a Book Exchange, and Exposition of Paintings of Dennis Palmer. The former Christ Church Canterbury will be having a Bilingual Ecumenical Celebration at 2pm. St. Paul's Bury is open for visitors and offering coffee and tea service. Churches will have Bell Ringing times throughout the day. Brochures are available listing all the places to visit and activities.

Also on July 17th there is the annual Hymn Sing at the Eaton Corner Museum at 2:00pm. and will be followed by lemonade and cookies. Admission is free and will not be longer than an hour but the wooden boxes, once used in the Congregational Church, will be passed for free-will donations which will be used for on-going expenses at the Museum. There is no need to bring chairs, church pews are provided.

Brookbury Community Centre card parties in the hall on Tuesdays, July 12th and 19th at 1:30pm. A lunch will be served. For more information call Brenda at 819-884-5984.

July 31st the 5th Sunday Deanery service will be in St. Barnabas Church, North Hatley at 10:30 am with The Ven. Richard Salt officiating. All local churches will be closed.

Also on July 31st at 2:00pm St. John's Cemetery Brookbury will have their annual Flower Service. All are welcome.

Sentence: The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life. *See John 6:63, 68*

Collect: Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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, Coadjutor Bishop Bruce, for all clergy, and for those 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 summer congregations, for St. James', Cacouna; St. George's, Métis Beach; St. Peter's on the Rock, Cap-à l'Aigle; St. Peter's, Little Gaspé; St. Paul's, Cumberland Mills; St. Bartholomew's, Rivière-du-Loup; St. Mark's, Acton Vale.. We pray for all staff and participants; 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 Anglican Cycle** of Prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines, for The Most Revd Renato Mag-Gay Abibico, Prime Bishop.

- **In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** we pray for Christian faith communities in Columbia, Ecuador and Venezuela .

- **We give thanks for** our families, friends, and communities, and we ask blessings for Nathan Sylvester, Geraldine Murray, Muriel Watson, Brenda Lowe, Ruby Pehlemann, George Komery, Gloria Belanger, and Kay Hurd on their birthdays, and for Robert and Norma Harrison 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** all who are on vacation; for all traveling; for an end to terrorism and gun violence; for all displaced by wildfires and floods; for those returning to Fort McMurray; for mercy, peace, and justice in the world. **Amen.**

Prayer for strength: Eternal God, you create us by your power and redeem us by your love. Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves today in love and service to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Burundi: For the beautiful but poor country of Burundi, we pray dear Lord. For the population living in fear and dread, afraid of the unknown and the uncertain, we ask for hope. For those fleeing in Burundi or abroad, we pray for safety, freedom from disease and famine and the security that they may return home. For those seeking the way of violence that they would instead seek reconciliation between all parties. For the surrounding countries that they may remain at peace, act justly and broker a just settlement. Enable an end to violence so that Burundi may become a beacon of peace rather than a place of fear and death. Strengthen your church to stand for the ways of justice and righteousness and to reach out in love to the suffering. We ask these things in the name of Him who carried all our human failings on the cross, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A Reading from the Book of Amos... This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit.

²He said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the Lord said to me, The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.³The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,” says the Lord God; “the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!”⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”⁷The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.⁸Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?⁹On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight.¹⁰I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. ¹¹The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.¹²They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it. *Amos 8:1-12*

Psalm 52 (BAS page 771)

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians...¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.²⁵I became its servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Colossians 1:15-28

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke...³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying.⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by

her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.”⁴¹But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.” *Luke 10:38-42*

Reflection: Martha's choice would be taken from her, for *her services would die with her*; Mary's *never*, being spiritual and eternal. Both were true-hearted disciples, but the one was absorbed in the higher, the other in the lower of two ways of honoring their common Lord. Yet neither despised, or would willingly neglect, the other's occupation. The one represents the *contemplative*, the other the *active* style of the Christian character. A Church full of Marys would perhaps be as great an evil as a Church full of Marthas. Both are needed, each to be the complement of the other. We do know that Jesus invites all of us who are worried and distracted by many things to sit and rest in his presence, to hear his words of grace and truth, to know that we are loved and valued as children of God, to be renewed in faith and strengthened for service.

Chuckles: Two guys and a union worker were fishing on a lake one day, when Jesus walked across the water and joined them in the boat. When the three astonished men had settled down enough to speak, the first guy asked humbly, "Jesus, I've suffered from back pain ever since I took shrapnel in the Vietnam war...could you help me?" "Of course, my son", Jesus said, and when he touched the man's back, he felt relief for the first time in years.

The second man, who wore very thick glasses and had a hard time reading and driving, asked if Jesus could do anything about his eyesight. Jesus smiled, removed the man's glasses and tossed them in the lake. When they hit the water, the man's eyes cleared and he could see everything distinctly. When Jesus turned to heal the union worker, the guy put his hands up and cried defensively, "Don't touch me! I'm on long term disability."

A big, burly man visited the pastor's home and asked to see the minister's wife, a woman well known for her charitable impulses.

"Madam," he said in a broken voice, "I wish to draw your attention to the terrible plight of a poor family in this district. The father is dead, the mother is too ill to work, and the nine children are starving. They are about to be turned into the cold, empty streets unless someone pays their rent, which amounts to \$400." "How terrible!" exclaimed the preacher's wife. "May I ask who you are?" The sympathetic visitor applied his handkerchief to his eyes. "I'm the landlord," he sobbed.

After a young couple brought their new baby home, the wife suggested that her husband should try his hand at changing diapers. "I'm busy," he said. "I'll do the next one." The next time came around and she asked again. The husband narrowed his eyes as he looked at his wife. "I didn't mean the next diaper. I meant the next baby."



