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### News and events:

**Our best wishes for a happy birthday to** Susan Sylvester on Thursday, Robert Harrison and Leonard Bell on Friday, and to Franklin Evans on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**St. John's Church will hold its annual Vestry meeting following the service at about 11:30am** today.

**This afternoon at 4:00 pm** a sung Evensong in **St George's Church**, Lennoxville. Celebrating Her Majesty the Queen. The general public is cordially invited to a sung Evensong for an official Canadian commemoration of Her Majesty the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. A party featuring refreshments, a draw and a fraternal gathering will follow. Both the event and the parking are free for anyone attending. For any additional information, please contact Marc Nadeau at [\(819\) 933-1984](tel:8199331984) or at the following email address: [marc.nadeau.74@gmail.com](mailto:marc.nadeau.74@gmail.com)

**Next Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday deanery Eucharist in St. Anne's Church, Richmond beginning at 10:30am.** It will be followed by a pot-luck lunch and time of fellowship. It will be the last day of the Diocesan Youth Retreat and the youth will be involved in leading the worship service.

**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, Ecumenical Eucharist beginning at 11:30am in Memorial Park, Bury.** It will be followed by a picnic. There will be a canteen available and there will be free ice cream for the children. At 1:30pm there will be an address by an historian which will be followed from 2:00 – 3:30pm with a Rhythm & Blues Jazz Concert. All are welcome. In case of rain, the events will be moved inside at the Community Center. **St. Peter's Church, Cookshire will be holding a Service of the Word at 10:30am on June 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Confirmation Class** - Confirmation classes to begin in the fall. All who are interested please contact The Rev. Ruth Charleau at [819-835-0148](tel:8198350148) ASAP at so that she can plan the starting date and get material for everyone. 12 years old and up. (Likely to be at AGRHS after classes so students may take advantage of late buses home.)

**Messy Church** will be held on **Tuesday**, June 7<sup>th</sup> in St. Paul's Church hall, Bury.

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**Sentence:** Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. Isaiah 6.3

**Collect:** Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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. We pray for Isabel Joy Carson, Carol Edgar, and Adèle Finlayson being ordained to the diaconate this month.  
- **In our Diocesan Fellowship of prayer**, we pray for St. Michael, Sillery, for The Venerable Garth Bulmer and Lay Reader Erin Clarke; 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 Montréal and for Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico, for The Most Revd Francisco Moreno Presiding Bishop of La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico & Bishop of Northern Mexico.  
- **In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** we pray for Christian faith communities in Malawi and Zambia..

- **We give thanks for** our families, friends, and communities, and we ask blessings for Susan Sylvester, Robert Harrison, Leonard Bell, and Franklin Evans 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, Erwin Watson, and Sheila Bellam.

- **We pray for the people of Fort McMurray, Alberta** who have been displaced by the wildfires and the loss of homes. We pray for peace and justice throughout the world. **Amen.**

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**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.

**Many of you may not know that the mayor of Fort McMurray is a Danville girl** and a big supporter of St Augustine's Anglican Church. The Parish Guild are planning to send money in June (currently close to \$5,000) to support the re-building effort. If you would like to contribute to this fund, with our Deanery of St Francis connection, please contact Eleanor Brock at [819-839-1265](tel:8198391265) for more information.

**Saturday, June 4, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm - Lennoxville - The Skills of Healing: Care For Others, Care For Yourself. All are welcome.** The morning care for others, skills of listening, some practicalities of visiting hospitals and nursing homes, particularly with dementia, alzheimer's and other diseases causing confusion. Following lunch caring for yourself. Caregivers need to learn skills of proper self-care. Led by Canon Lynn. No cost but donations welcome. Please contact Canon Lynn to register

**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...** <sup>8</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”<sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.”<sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”<sup>12</sup>But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”<sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.”<sup>14</sup>For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.”<sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days.<sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

(<sup>17</sup>After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.<sup>18</sup>She then said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!”<sup>19</sup>But he said to her, “Give me your son.” He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed.<sup>20</sup>He cried out to the Lord, “O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?”<sup>21</sup>Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, “O Lord my God, let this child’s life come into him again.”<sup>22</sup>The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived.<sup>23</sup>Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, “See, your son is alive.”<sup>24</sup>So the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.”) *1 Kings 17:8-16(17-24)*

### Psalm 146 (BAS page 905)

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! <sup>2</sup>I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. <sup>3</sup>Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. <sup>4</sup>When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. <sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, <sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; <sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup>the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup>The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. <sup>10</sup>The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians...** <sup>11</sup>For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; <sup>12</sup>for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup>You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it.<sup>14</sup>I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors.<sup>15</sup>But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased<sup>16</sup>to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not

confer with any human being,<sup>17</sup>nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.<sup>18</sup>Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days;<sup>19</sup>but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord’s brother.<sup>20</sup>In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!<sup>21</sup>Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia,<sup>22</sup>and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ;<sup>23</sup>they only heard it said, “The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.”<sup>24</sup>And they glorified God because of me. *Galatians 1:11-24*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke...** <sup>11</sup>Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him.<sup>12</sup>As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother’s only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town.<sup>13</sup>When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, “Do not weep.”<sup>14</sup>Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, rise!”<sup>15</sup>The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.<sup>16</sup>Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen among us!” and “God has looked favourably on his people!”<sup>17</sup>This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country. *Luke 7:11-17*

**Reflection:** The Gospels are full of the miracles of Jesus and yet I dare say that Jesus never worked a miracle in response to the demand for him to prove himself. He worked miracles in response to human need. And in many cases, as in our lesson for today, the Gospels state plainly that Jesus acted out of his compassion for those who were in need. In this case it was a widow whose only son had just died--which meant she would probably be reduced to begging if she survived at all. But Jesus intervened in a way that looks a lot like what the Psalmist said about the way God operates in our world. In fact, one of the primary purposes of Jesus’ miracles was to demonstrate that God is indeed at work among us with the kind of compassion and mercy the Psalmist describes.

The only real answer to the question, “who can you believe in?” is the same one it has always been: the God who is utterly faithful. Let’s be clear: trusting God doesn’t mean that we can predict what the outcome will be, or that we will get exactly what we want exactly when we want it. But we can trust God to be at work in our lives for our best interest. In our lesson for today the Psalmist has a lot to say about the character of God and what God is up to in this world. And Jesus, by his acts of compassion, goes about demonstrating that God is indeed doing just what the ancient Scriptures said: working in all our lives for his good purposes, to bring peace, and wholeness, and joy, and new life. So the next time you find yourself in between a rock and a hard place, and you wonder who you can turn to, I think you can trust that this God is someone we can all believe in. – Alan Brehm

**Chuckles: What's the difference between a dead skunk in the road and a dead lawyer in the middle of the road?**

- There are skid marks in front of the skunk.

**A man walked into a lawyer's office** and inquired about the lawyer's rates.

"\$50.00 for three questions", replied the lawyer.

"Isn't that awfully steep?" asked the man.

"Yes," the lawyer replied, "and what was your third question?"





