



THE *Lamplighter*

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Summer Report from Vestry

- by Richard de Candole, People's Warden

Glory to God, whose power working in us...

*P*arish Council has approved our participation in the Manna Ministry bag lunch program which is co-ordinated by Church of the Ascension, French Creek. Led by Wendy de Candole, a team of sandwich makers will gather on a Saturday morning when it's our turn to prepare 50 lunches. We are one of half a dozen Oceanside Churches participating, and it is expected we will be taking our turn once every six weeks. The supplies will be purchased through cash donations from parishioners. They may be placed in the jar in the Narthex. Our first Saturday is June 17.

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We are exploring ways to maintain the church lawns, flower beds, shrubs and hedges in a cost-effective, less labour-intensive and environmentally-sustainable manner. This is primarily driven by the need to reduce the workload on the volunteer gardening group which meets monthly throughout the year and as much as twice weekly during the summer when hand watering is required. Kyle Slusar took over this spring from ProWest as our lawn-mowing contractor.

As part of implementing Living our Vision to Reconnect and Recommit, two new events have been proposed for the fall: 1) organizing a parish movie night possibly featuring the Bill Nighy movie Living; and 2) hosting a Flower Festival on Sept. 9 & 10, open to the public free of charge. Sue Smith has agreed to co-ordinate the Flower Festival with the assistance of the Flower Guild members.

The hiring in April of pianist Ron Klusmeier and conductor Lonnie Moddle to lead our music ministry has nearly doubled the annual allocation for music director. Ron and Lonnie have many years of experience revitalizing and growing congregations through music, and it is hoped the remaining deficit can be eliminated by attracting new parishioners and presenting fundraising concerts and other events.

One of the strategies adopted by Parish Council this spring to help reduce the deficit reflected in this year's operating budget was to establish a 10% Team. Parishioners are being invited to join the Team by increasing their weekly giving by 10%. The effect of this increase will be to boost envelope and PAR giving by \$15,000 and cut the deficit in half to about \$15,000.

To date more than 30 of the church's 110 envelope and PAR donors have joined the 10% Team. Please consider becoming part of this important initiative to stabilize our finances. Contact envelope secretary Ryan Geboers at geboersryan@gmail.com if you are a PAR weekly donor or include a note to him in your next weekly envelope.

... can do infinitely more than we could ask or imagine.

EDUCATION: MESSY CORNER

The best laid plans ...

Elizabeth was temporarily felled by CoVid in April so our Messy Church families did not meet in person, but rather received a Messy package. Our volunteers dropped off Easter packages for 30 children with the makings for stained glass windows and a coffee-filter multi-hued butterfly.

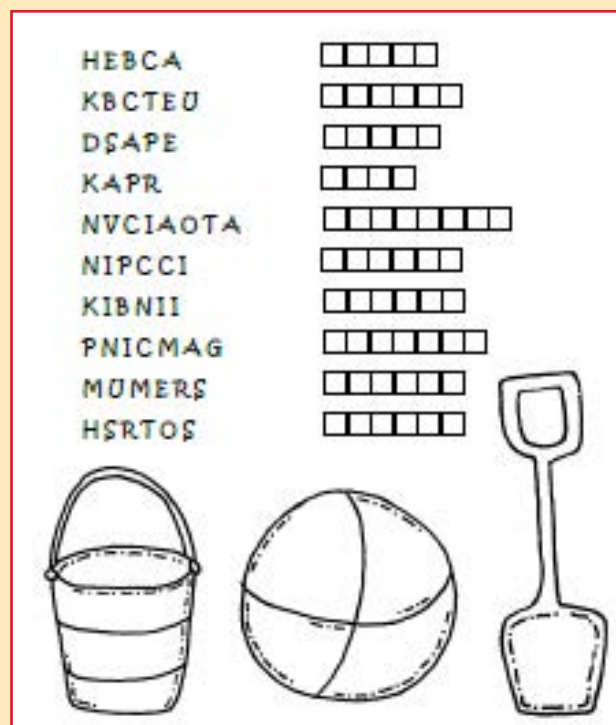


The fourth Saturday in May (the 27th) at 4 pm we'll gather to celebrate the church's birthday complete with balloons and a birthday cake, come and join us - all are welcome.

The families will be making "luminaries" hammering flame patterns into tin cans as Elizabeth tells the Pentecost story.

On June 24th at 4 pm we'll wrap up our Messy Church year with a picnic, games and delicious food. Come and have your face painted, or try your skills at flinging a marshmallow into Goliath's mouth ... using a plastic spoon as a sling shot. Share laughter, games, food, ice cream and communion together as we wish everyone a happy and safe summer - until we meet again in September.

Summer WORD SCRAMBLE!



ELIZABETH'S QUIRKS & QUARKS

*"How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach..."*

These words penned by Elizabeth Barrett Browning so many years ago can still move us to hear the cry of love and passion. As we, in the Christian Church, move into a new season of Pentecost, we are called to hear the cry of love and passion in God's world. Our ears and eyes and feet must move into a place where God calls us to serve and heal.

In my vocation as priest, I have the privilege to walk with many who journey to seek a life of service all to the glory of God. Take, for example, a gift that we received at the end of last year. One of our friends who has a passion, and profession, of photography donated four beautifully framed pictures of the local waterfall at Englishman River Falls. These were auctioned at the Christmas Bazaar and the funds have been used to allow ministry to continue. Elizabeth Fels has also gifted the church with photos that she has taken in order to bring beauty to our surroundings.

Another call came from Vera Brassel's son Peter, who found this beautiful 'Bishop's stool' amongst Vera's treasures. She phoned to say that she would love it if we could find a space for its use. Many years ago, a local artist made the stool for the visiting Bishop in Quebec, who would sit on it when he recounted stories to the children.

What about the gift of Prayer Shawls? We have several women, Dorothy and Diane to name but two, who knit shawls to be given to those who are sick or recovering from illness. Each stitch holds a prayer from the heart.

And then there is simple "presence" – just being there for someone, or holding space for someone who is looking for a safe place - to just be whom God has made us to be.

Music that rings out, with bells and voices and strings and piano... all these wonderful gifts can be counted as gifts that are given to glorify God. And how do we glorify God? Let us count the ways...

We also count our thanksgivings, for we are blessed with the beauty of creation all around us. We have a dedicated team of garden workers who maintain and care for our environment. The children of Messy Church will be planting some potatoes in the garden plot just outside the hall doors – so watch for our "fry-up" in the fall.

Here, at St Mark, we could continue to "count the ways" that God has blessed us with courage and commitment. In our Cottage meetings last spring, it was clear that we were being challenged to "Recommit" to our church and its ministry and also to "reconnect" with our church community and reach further into the Oceanside community. As we focus on all the gifts that are given, we commit

once again to uphold the ministry of worship and Christian fellowship and teaching.

I invite you, as we move into the summer season, to count the ways that God has moved through your lives, and how you might wish to respond through the ministry of the Parish of St Mark. How has God loved us? Let us count the ways.



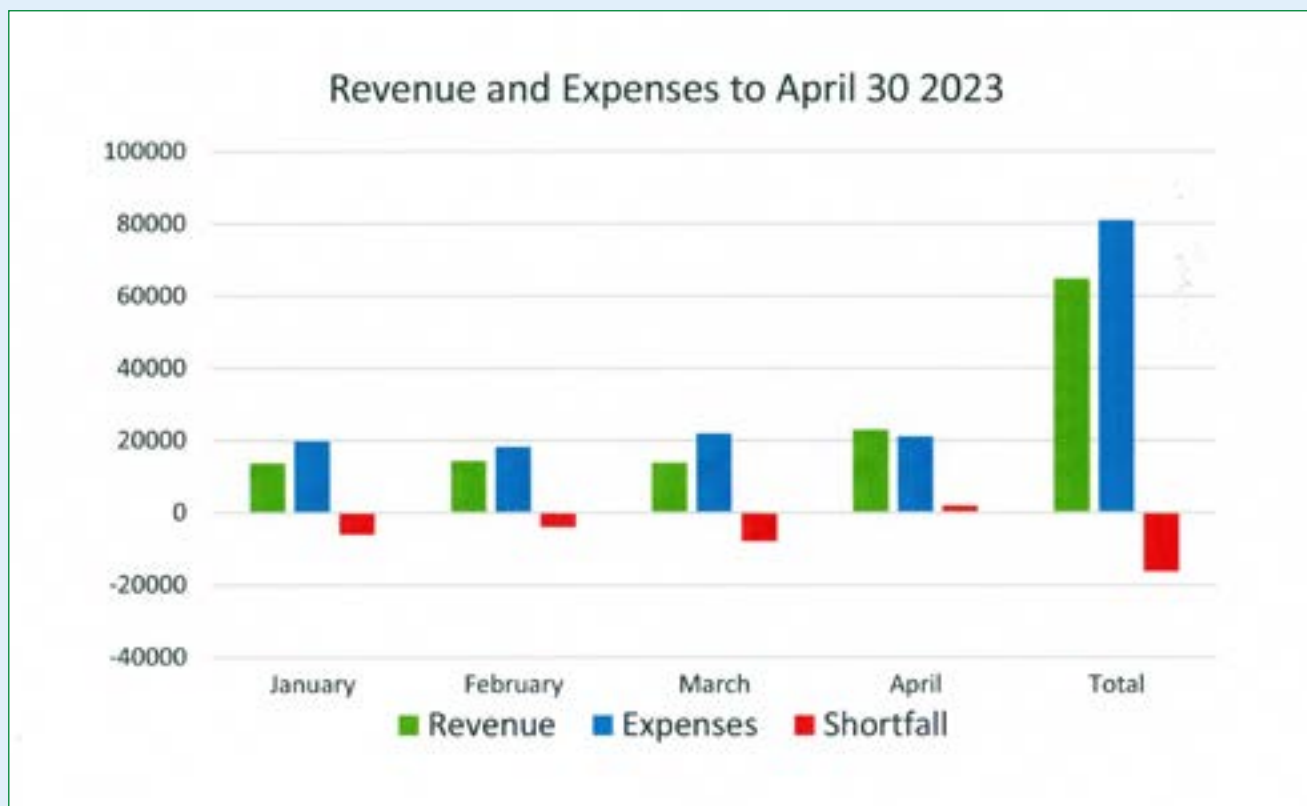
UPDATE FROM YOUR TREASURER

- by Wendy Carriere

At our special Vestry meeting last fall, many of you indicated that you were unaware of our current financial situation, and it became evident to me that I was not doing an adequate job of communicating our finances to the parish. Prior to Covid, we regularly posted a financial update on the bulletin board next to the kitchen (for easy viewing while waiting for coffee!). Covid put a stop to that for a couple of years but we have now begun to post a chart that shows our revenue and expenses (and shortfall) each month, and on a year-to-date basis. A copy of the chart is shown here. Please look these charts each month while getting your coffee (and treats!). Also, the Lamplighter now provides an excellent opportunity to communicate with all of you, so I will be putting something in each issue to keep you up-to-date.

At the end of April, we had a shortfall of revenue to expenses (deficit) of \$16,320. This deficit is slightly higher (by \$473) than what we had budgeted, but slightly lower (by \$888) than at this point last year.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at treasurer@stmarkqualicum.ca. If you have any questions about or changes to your offerings, please contact Ryan Geboers



MUSIC NOTES

- by Dave Hitchcock

As I noted in the last edition of *"The Lamplighter"* the Celtic heritage and traditions of the Scottish island of Iona has influenced the Christian community to the present day. The haunting *Kyrie* that we sang each Sunday during the season of Lent was a little jewel adorning the service. It not only has its roots in Celtic music, but also comes directly from the Iona Community and the pen of its best-known composer and activist, Rev. John Bell.

John has contributed several hymns to our *"Common Praise"* hymnal, and even more to the newer *"Sing a New Creation"*. Found among these hymns is the well-known and oft-sung *"Will You Come and Follow Me"* (#430) as well as one of my personal favourites, *"Before I Take the Body of My Lord"* (#610). Many of these hymns exemplify the sonority of the western isles.

The present-day Iona Community is to be found not just on Iona but throughout the world. Its basic tenets of social activism, a commitment to Jesus Christ, and living in a "right relationship with the whole of God's creation" (from the Iona Community website - iona.org.uk) would resonate with many if not most of Vancouver Island's Anglicans.



GUESS WHO?

This young lovely liked her pleated skirts... as a toddler and a teen!

Looking for photos for the next few issues of Lamplighter.. If you'd like to submit a photo of a younger you, please email Barb at bhgs54@gmail.com.

PARISHIONER PROFILE: RENÉ & WENDY CARRIERE

- by John Smith

*R*ené's first day in kindergarten in Port Arthur (now Thunder Bay) was pretty confusing. He was the only French speaking kid in the class, and he had been registered at the school with the name Francois (one of his names) when he only knew himself as René. The Carriere family was from the farming community of Val Rita near Kapuskasing, but later moved to Thunder Bay. With all these name complexities I'm sure you are as confused as René was his first day in kindergarten.

René left home when he was 17, without finishing High School. After a brief job in Port Arthur he went on a 4-month-long hitchhiking trip around Europe, visiting seven different countries – his French came in useful. Upon returning to Canada, René moved to Sault Ste. Marie (which everyone calls “The Soo”) and worked for a while as a pipeline inspector. But he soon found his niche at the Sault Ste. Marie General Hospital. He discovered that caring for patients was his purpose in life. He qualified as a certified nursing orderly, and over the years had positions in psychiatry, respiratory therapy, orthopedics, as a morgue attendant (!), then as an emergency technician, and later as a registered OR technician. During all this he met and married his first wife Marylyn, who worked at the same hospital, and they had a son, Jeromy.

Then, as René says, “I made the worst mistake of my life” – he went into Management (which required courses to get his Grade 12 equivalency). Marylyn also moved from nursing into a VP role at the hospital. They both regretted the loss

of direct interaction with and care for the patients. To make matters worse, the Ontario Government under Bill Harris started cost-cutting, one result of which was the merger of the General Hospital (run by the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception) with the Plummer Hospital (the “Protestant Hospital”) to form the Sault Area Hospital. René says the hospital's patient-centered spiritual culture was lost.

During all this, René began experiencing what became long-standing cardiac issues – he had his first heart attack and triple by-pass when he was 36, and has had 4 stents (so far). So in 2000, his doctor said “No more”, and as the ‘Freedom 55’ program was luckily well established, René retired at 55 with a good pension plan in place. Marylyn retired soon after, and they moved to London Ontario, where they attended St. John the Divine Anglican Church. But tragically they were destined not to enjoy a long retirement together as Marylyn died in 2006.

Wendy's family came from Edmonton, but moved to Victoria during WWII so that her father could join the Navy – he served on Corvettes in the Atlantic. When he was discharged at the end of the war, they remained in Victoria, where Wendy was born. Her father worked for the Wholesale Division of Hudson's Bay (did you know there was one?) which meant many moves, including Winnipeg, London, Toronto and Calgary, so Wendy was a bit like an army brat, attending several high schools. Wendy studied accountancy, and her first job was with Theatre Calgary. Wendy's first husband worked for Canada Trust, and when he was moved to Ottawa, she got a job with the Theatre section of the Canada Council which involved several trips across Canada.

Eventually Wendy and her first husband divorced, and Wendy went to the Ivey Business School in London Ontario where she obtained her MBA, after which she joined the management team of Lawson Mardon Packaging in Toronto, working in their finance and manufacturing divisions. This involved lots of travel, as the Company had 15 sites across North America and over 30 in Europe.

When Lawson Mardon asked Wendy to take a position in Chicago, she decided it was a life-changing opportunity. Her parents, living in London Ontario, were not in good health. Also, Wendy had kept contact with the Ivey Business School there. Because of her developed expertise in management and strategy skills, she moved to London and took the position of Executive Director of Ivey's Executive Development Programs.

At the same time, Wendy had a strong calling to ministry. While at the Ivey Business School she was also taking part-time classes in the Master of Divinity Program at Huron University College,



the Anglican college affiliated with the University of Western Ontario. As a result of discussions with the Dean, the Rev. John Chapman (later the Bishop of Ottawa), Wendy recognized that her calling was not to ordained ministry. Between the two of them, they developed a job description which used her administration and strategic planning gifts. She worked with Huron University College in the development of a leadership program for lay people, and taught the pastoral leadership course in the MDiv program. She also worked with the college to develop a new strategic plan, and was proud to be made an Honorary Fellow of the College. John Chapman called her 'God's little administrator'!

(As part of her search for what God was calling her to do, Wendy attended a summer program in theology at Christ Church College, Oxford in 2003, and dined in its dining hall. Despite its 400 years of history, all people could talk about was that it was the Hogwarts dining hall in the Harry Potter series!)

"So how did they meet?" I hear you impatiently mutter, dear reader. Well, René and Wendy were both in London, and were both attending the same church – St. John's. For a year after Marylyn's death René was in a blur, but then he noticed Wendy differently than he had before – "She was kind of cute." So, in the vernacular of the times, they began to "keep company", and were married in 2009. René asked Wendy where she would like to go for an extended honeymoon, and it came down to Paris (one of Wendy's favourite cities), or Vancouver Island. As René had never been further west than the Ontario-Manitoba border, Vancouver Island it was. They both fell in love with the Oceanside area, and without telling each other, began researching real estate online. Finally the truth was out. They found a home in Craig Bay Community, bought it in early 2010, moved in on June 2, 2010, and are there to this day.

So the next issue was, which church to attend in Oceanside. St. Mark's won out, mainly because both René and Wendy enjoy more traditional Anglican worship, and because there was a good choir. They both felt a similarity with what they had been used to at St. John's in London, both as to size and also the warmth

of the people. They both speak of the leadership role that a well-developed congregation takes in times of stress, such as during interim priesthoods, and of course during Covid. They point out that St. Mark's was well served by the wise decisions and choices of Bishop Logan McMenamie.

We all know how fortunate we are to have Wendy as our Parish Treasurer, but what some don't know is that Wendy has also served on several diocesan committees, both in Ontario and now on the Island. At St. Mark's Wendy has

also been the Envelope Secretary, and she is on the Diocesan Investment Committee and the Bethlehem Investment Group.

She is a life-long singer, having sung with the North York Youth Choir, (including when it sang with the Mendelssohn Choir and the Toronto Symphony), the Canadian Celtic Choir and Village Voices to name a few. She now sings with the Craig Bay Choristers ("If you live in Craig Bay – only if you live in Craig Bay – you can join, even if you can't sing!"). There's also a women's group, "Friends in Song", who do it just for fun. And she isn't slowing down yet – she is taking piano lessons with Trish Plumley!

As to René, he also loves music, with two extreme specialties – baroque music and Country

Western, both of which he will play until Wendy calls out – "Will you *please* turn that off!" His other love is his purebred Friesian mare, Eltje, who he boards in Coombs near Goats on the Roof. René rode Eltje until two years ago, but he still visits her – she is now 22. René's heart condition limits his activities – for example travel insurance is prohibitive – but an unexpected benefit is that, when forced to take time off work following his heart attack, René took up cooking, and he is now basically the cook in the house – "I'm not a chef, but I can cook!"

We are so fortunate that this engaging couple chose to come to Vancouver Island for their honeymoon, and then chose St. Mark's as their place of worship and service.



ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY FAIR

- by Sandy Morter



First held in July 1973, our Fair has become a summer fixture in Qualicum Beach. This event typically helps to bring thousands of visitors into the Oceanside area and is strongly supported by residents and local businesses. A member of the business community recently called it a valued tradition that must be continued, and a long-time resident said the Fair had been running for longer than she had been alive and she could not imagine a summer without it.

The goals are the same today as they were 50 years ago: to encourage fellowship, to create a visible presence in the community, and to raise funds for outreach.

This year we are planning to run a streamlined version of the Fair focused on approximately 80 commercial vendors along Veterans' Way, including two stalls run by St Mark's parishioners, specifically The Holy Rollers and the Book Nook. As in the past, we will be partnering with The Town of Qualicum Beach, The Gardens, The Royal Canadian Legion, The Knights of Columbus and Qualicum First Nation. Our relationship with these entities and the wide-ranging support they provide is critical to the success of our



Fair. Everything from delivering barricades to providing entertainment to painting childrens' faces to manning a BBQ to managing traffic flow, all ensure a safe and fun time for everyone.

We will also be welcoming back local sponsors who, over the years have loyally supported us with both material and financial assistance; as well, we will be actively seeking novel sources of sponsorship. This is a new activity we are trying out this year as a way of emphasizing our third goal – outreach.

Did you know, 90% of all funds raised by the Fair go directly back into our community? It's true.

Did you pick up the reference to 50 years? Our Fair has been a Qualicum Beach fixture for half a century and this demands some recognition. This year, to celebrate this milestone, we have designed and will be selling t-shirts that anyone would be proud to wear. They will not only celebrate our volunteers but also be a unique souvenir for all our fair-goers.

Of course, none of this happens without the assistance of you, St. Mark's parishioners.

VOLUNTEERING: THE FAIR IS 50 YEARS YOUNG!

WAYS TO VOLUNTEER AT THE FAIR!

DONATE TO BOOK SALE!



For those of you with libraries overflowing with books you will **never read again**, help is on the way!

The St. Mark's Fair on July 22 includes a book stall. Bring your unwanted books to the church and look for the St. Mark's Fair Books sign in the hall. No dictionaries or other such stuff, please – you know what they are.

If you need to arrange for pick up, talk to or contact John Smith –

250-594-3750 or

johngsmith@shaw.ca

St. Mark's
COMMUNITY FAIR
50!
YEARS
1973-
2023

JOIN THE HOLY ROLLERS

The Holy Rollers' pies have been a big part of the Fair, or Flea Market as it used to be called, for many years. It's a great excuse

for parishioners (note no gender bias) to get together and have some fun. This year we will probably have three baking days in June/July so watch the bulletin for dates and sign-up sheets.



You don't need to be a baker to participate. If you can mix fruit and sugar and tell good jokes, you're in. If you have a faithful Kitchen Aid mixer, I'll give you ingredients to whip up some pastry to freeze until baking day.

Last but certainly not least, if you have any rhubarb in your garden please freeze some and save it for pies, and any spare apples or berries from last year will be much appreciated.

Interested? Talk to Gill Connor gillconnor1259@gmail.com



FROM THE ARCHIVES

- by John Smith

*Photo credit:
Qualicum Beach Museum
St. Mark's 1928*

Between 1926 and 1951, the churches of the spread-out Parish consisted of St. Mark's, St. Anne's Church, French Creek, and St. Mary's Church, Errington, with services also held in Bowser. Morning and evening services were alternated between St. Mark's and St. Anne's, with evensong in the afternoon at St. Mary's. From 1947 to 1951 the Rev. Pattison served Qualicum Beach, French Creek, Parksville and Errington with additional services in Bowser. Something had to be done!

So, in 1951, when Reverend Henry Best came to Qualicum Beach, he found that, in addition to the three churches, services were also being held regularly in the Parish Hall, Parksville, a home in Hilliers, the school at Little Qualicum, and a home in Bowser! You would think that Rev. Best was run off his feet! It's not a surprise that the Bishop tasked him with working towards a division of the Parish. This was accomplished in 1952. Shortly after, the few remaining church people in Hilliers decided to come to worship at St. Mark's, and not long after, the people of Little Qualicum followed suit. St. Mark's continued to hold services in the Bowser area, first in a house, then in a room at the Casa del Mar Hotel. After that, a new school building was built there, so St. Mark's obtained the use of the old school building. Bowser had an active church group, so, in addition to weekly services, Rev. Best often took religious and educational films there for mid-week gatherings. Busy, busy, busy!



FROM THE KITCHEN

Here's a favourite recipe from Susan Pecho for a tasty way to garnish simple pasta. Mmmmmm...

SUMMER PESTO

Ingredients:

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| 4 cups | packed fresh basil
(or arugula or young radish tops) |
| ¼ cup | pine nuts toasted
(or almonds or walnuts) |
| 1 | clove of garlic |
| ½ teaspoon | kosher salt |
| 1/3 cup | extra virgin olive oil
(or avocado or canola oil) |
| ½ cup | finely grated parmesan cheese (or pecorino or feta cheese) |

Directions:

Pulse the basil, nuts, garlic and salt in a food processor or blender until finely chopped.

Add the olive oil and blend on pulse till emulsified.

Add cheese

Store in a glass jar for four days or freeze.

Serve over any hot al dente pasta. Add more cheese!



Enjoy

AROUND THE PARISH

- by Sue Smith and friends

Here's the latest news from several of our parishioners. We're always glad to hear from you, keeping us connected and closer together. Many thanks for your contributions!

In February and early March, **Nina and Tony Antoniuk** enjoyed three weeks in Kihei on the leeward side of the beautiful Island of Maui, staying in Tony's time share right across the street from #1 Beach. It's a fabulous location, within walking distance of amenities and restaurants. They spent most days walking on the beautiful beaches and in the lovely warm water; sitting on the beach in the morning with a good book; enjoying the views and the people; and sight-seeing in the afternoons.

Maui received weather alerts every day as the islands of Oahu, Kauai and the Big Island of Hawaii were experiencing torrential rains, floods, landslides and even snow (on the Big Island) and very high winds nearly every day. But, luckily, throughout their stay Nina and Tony had fine weather with lovely trade winds and temperatures averaging 83 degrees. Sadly, they found that Maui has not recovered from Covid, with many businesses still closed and a lot of stores in malls sitting empty. Even Bubba Gump, their favourite restaurant in Lahaina, had gone out of business. On the day they left, they saw some large turtles on the beach and watched surfers on the high waves. It was a very relaxing, delightful holiday filled with good weather, good books, good food and, most of all, each other!

Nancy Gallagher is happy she's become part of St. Mark's church family after Zooming services during the Covid shut down. As born and raised "B.C.ers", she and her husband finally made it back after following her husband's mechanical engineering jobs east.



This included 20 years in New Hampshire, USA where St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Londonderry was their beloved church home. Nancy was especially thankful for the enthusiastic welcome when their grandson Killian Ryder Di Venosa was baptised here at St. Mark last summer. As a newly retired Pharmacist, she's interested in seeing where this new road takes her. (Editor's note: that was right into the Alto section in St. Mark's Choir!)

Ana Brune has moved!! After several years in North Qualicum, she has re-located to Emerald Estates in Parksville. Not only does she have housekeeping at her new place, she also has dinner served!!! We wish her all the best in her new home.



As an action for Earth Day, **St. Mark's Outreach Committee** circulated a letter to QB's Mayor and Council, encouraging them to move forward with their strategic focus of mitigating climate change. The letter asked that Council:

- i. update reporting on fossil fuel emissions in our community so that we could begin to reduce them; and
- ii. develop a plan to achieve zero emissions by 2030.

The letter was also circulated at St. Stephen's Church. Between the two congregations, over 80 letters were sent to Council. The Committee plans to continue working together with St. Stephen on climate action.

AROUND THE PARISH

Men's Club Plant and Bake Sale

St. Mark's Men's Club Plant & Bake Sale was a huge success!! Held on a scorching hot Saturday, visitors and parishioners alike took some respite in the slightly cooler temperatures in the church hall, purchasing both tasty baking and plants, and sharing some social time. Many thanks to all who contributed their time and talents in preparing items for sale; and a big Thank You to all who worked on the day and those who supported the sale. Proceeds from the sale were over \$1800.



AROUND THE PARISH

Congratulations to **Jack Wreggit** whose 90th birthday we celebrated at church on April 30/23. A chorus of “Happy Birthday” was sung at the beginning of the service, and it was followed during coffee time with delicious strawberry shortcake baked by Jennifer Roberts. Many of his family attended and friends in our congregation had stories to share with him.



NEWS FROM THE

It is the custom in the Anglican Church of Canada, that the Bishop presents a “charge” to the leadership of the Diocese at the opening worship of Synod. This past May, our Bishop Anna spoke words of challenge and hope. In her charge, she said these words:

If you’ve heard me preach or teach in the last while, you’ve no doubt heard a variation of the only sermon I’m giving these days. It goes like this. The future is not going to look like the past. At this point I usually stop and ask people, how does that make you feel, to hear your bishop say that to you? Are you sad, anxious, excited, afraid, uncertain, hopeful, curious, skeptical? All of the above? None of the above?

It probably depends a little bit what the past looked like for you. If you are a slave in Egypt, or a survivor of residential schools, a church leader telling you that the future is not going to look like the past might sound like good news. But if you are a priest in Solomon’s temple, or a priest who remembers the days of confirmation classes with 35 young people, this might sound like bad news. If you are the poor, you might be looking forward to being filled with good things. But if you are the rich, you might be worried about being turned empty away. But the future, the future is not going to look like the past. And, the future is bright.

Like our Bishop Anna ... we have great hope in God’s working through us here at St Mark as we continue to build the Kingdom of God each sharing the gifts we have been given.

AROUND THE PARISH

Holy Week at St. Mark's

Holy Week & Beyond were celebrated at St. Mark's Church with joy. Palm Sunday saw the procession with palms at the 10:00am service, the first for our new music leaders Ron Klusmeier and Lonnie Moddle, with our choir being augmented with singers from St. Anne & St. Edmund.

Following the service, a soup lunch was served, organized by the Outreach Committee and hosted by Ros & Simon Burn and members of the Outreach team. A video presentation was shown and delicious soups were served, all in support of raising funds to be sent through PWRDF for people suffering from years of drought in Marsabit County in northern Kenya. A total of \$2100 was raised.



AROUND THE PARISH



We welcomed Dean Emerita, Ansley Tucker, for Monday and Tuesday Evensong and teaching based on Messiah. Both services were very well attended. Then came the marathon for our own rector, Elizabeth, beginning with services on Wednesday and Maundy Thursday evenings; Good Friday; Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday with the Lighting of the New Fire and Eucharist; and finally Easter Sunday's services when, at 10:00am, we were delighted to see the return of the Handbell Choir!

During coffee time, children and others from the parish prepared the beautiful Easter cross to stand on the grass area outside St. Mark's to celebrate the Good News of Easter with the community.

And if that wasn't enough, an Easter luncheon for our Seniors was held after the mid-week eucharist on the following Wednesday. Whew!! It was amazing! Thank you, Elizabeth, Deacon Lynn, readers, intercessors, music directors and members of the choir for your leadership throughout Holy Week and beyond.

Photo credit to René Carriere for the choir photos



In Memoriam

A connection with the Church of St. Mark reaches beyond the parish, whether through family or within our community.

In this issue of Lamplighter, we wish to honour the memory of those who are dear to us and have 'gone before.'

We remember, with our prayers...

Mary Van Patter (née Stewart),
mother of Wendy de Candole
December 30, 1928 - November 27, 2022 in
Collingwood, Ontario.

Janet Holt (née de Candole),
sister of Richard de Candole
February 5, 1935 - May 20, 2023 in Toronto,
Ontario.

We celebrate and commemorate the lives of

Amy Laura Murphy, mother
of Dan Murphy (neighbour
across-the-street from St. Mark)
August 7, 1928 -
September 27, 2022.

and **Christian Johnsen**, son
of Dan Murphy's wife, Carol -
October 28, 1979 -
November 29, 2021



*Our Rector, the Venerable Elizabeth,
officiated at the Murphy burials at the
Qualicum Cemetery on May 24.*

*May they rest in peace and
rise in glory.*

ANSWER TO **GUESS WHO** from page 8: Sue Smith



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