



Parish of the Lower Laurentians Newsletter - September 2015 – Vol. 2

A Message from Rev'd Nick Pang:



Did you get outside much this summer? Did you enjoy the lakes, and the sunshine, and maybe even the odd thunderstorm? Did you manage to find a slower pace, enjoy the taste of ice cream or smell the freshly mown grass? Summer in Canada is a gorgeous time, but there's always something a little bit nostalgic about its final days.

I guess part of it harkens back to those childhood days when that feeling of summer freedom started to give way to stiff new shoes and school supply lists. It's hard, at this time of year, not to feel a little bit forlorn, even if we are excited about the brilliant colours of Autumn and the freshly fallen snow of winter. I think there's always a piece of us that wants the summer kingdom to last, happily ever after.

Sometimes it's helpful to look at our emotions in one moment as a mirror of what happens in the rest of our lives, and nostalgia is a big emotion for the church in North America. In the big picture sense, something is ending: a belief in the normalcy of Christianity. It's no longer obvious or expected that people would go to church or support the church and I think we're struggling in many ways to figure out what our role in society is now.

The one thing that we can hold on to is that we are all people of the Holy Spirit, the one whom Jesus called both Comforter and Advocate. The one constant in our lives, the foundation of who we are, is the Spirit who hovered over the waters of Creation, who spoke through thunderstorms, who sets the leaves ablaze in the Autumn, and who settles down upon us in the soft falling snow of wintertime. The Holy Spirit is the promise of God to be there with us in both the summers and the winters of our lives, both individually and collectively.

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Service Schedule

Sept. 6

St. Aidan's – 11 am - HC
St. Paul's – 7 pm – HC

Oct. 4

St. Aidan's - 11 am – HC



Bishop Mary Gibson will be visiting **Holy Trinity, Ste. Agathe** on **Oct. 4th at 9 am** to celebrate the Eucharist and stay for coffee afterwards.

Sept. 13

Christ Church – 11 am MP
Holy Trinity – 11 am – HC
Holy Trinity – 7:30 pm – Classical Music

Oct. 11

Christ Church – 11 am –HC
Holy Trinity – 11 am – MP
St. Paul's –4 pm – HC
Holy Trinity– 7:30 pm – Classical Music

Sept. 20

St. Aidan's – 11 am – MP

Oct. 18

St. Aidan's – 11am - MP

Sept. 27

Christ Church – 11 am – HC
JOINT PARISH SERVICE
Holy Trinity– 7:30 pm – Classical Music

Oct. 25

Holy Trinity – 11 am - HC
Holy Trinity– 7:30 pm – Classical Music

A Look at Our Local Cemeteries

As congregation members, we become stewards of these sacred grounds. As families, we want the cemetery where our loved ones are buried to look lovingly tended. A debt of gratitude is owed to those who volunteer their time and provide funds to ensure the respectful maintenance of our local cemeteries.

Most of us rarely, if ever, think of the challenges facing our cemeteries. Do we have any idea what it takes or how much it costs just to keep the grounds looking cared for? Often a fee is charged for “perpetual care” at the time of purchase of the burial plot, but what does that mean and how can it possibly cover both maintenance and repairs (that will likely be necessary) into perpetuity?

So what is happening in the PLL’s four cemeteries? We will have a quick overview here and go into more depth in future editions.

At **St. Paul’s, Dunany**, The “Little Red Church” and its peaceful country cemetery have been loved and cared for over the years by the members of St-Paul’s congregation (generations of members dating back to 1878) and the caring people of the Dunany community at large. A few years ago, we were blessed with a number of people from the community taking a renewed interest in our church and cemetery. Special thanks to Dr. Louis Lapierre for his generous contribution to the church and cemetery. Sincere gratitude also goes to the many people from the Dunany Community and beyond for their tireless efforts in beautifying our country cemetery. Special thanks to Sheryl Caron for her loving care of the gardens.

St. Aidan’s, Louisa founded the Louisa Cemetery Committee as a charitable organization in 2003, with the help of Rev. Peter Asbil. Prior to this it was also run separate from but connected to the church, giving a report at St. Aidan’s annual Vestry Meeting. This is a multi-denominational cemetery. Up until 2015, there was a work day on the first Saturday in May, with all of the committee and some other people with family or friends in the cemetery. Now there is a person doing the clean-up, but if anything major needs to be done, a work day is organized. The annual meeting is held in the second week of May.

Christ Church, Mille Isles, along with Presbyterian Church in Mille Isles, have formed a Cemetery Board which looks after three local Protestant cemeteries – one at Christ Church, one at the Presbyterian Church and thirdly a Methodist cemetery at the corner of chemin Mille Isles and Route 329. The same group of volunteers that form the board also look after the maintenance of the three cemeteries. The dedication of such volunteers is priceless.

Holy Trinity, Lakefield’s cemetery has suffered a lot of vandalism over the years. Finances have been tight and human resources few. However, recently a lot of time and energy has been directed at mapping and photographing each stone, clearing away the encroaching shrubs and cleaning stones, thanks to a new and active pairing of Louise Johnston and Jim Kyle who form the Cemetery Committee. Others also volunteers help with some of the tasks. A great deal of repair work remains to be done, but it is a priority and the journey has begun in earnest. A book listing all those buried in this cemetery, along with any available information, will be produced.

Upcoming Events

Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Lakefield



Sept. 26th at 8 pm
Katie Moore

For **tickets** call: Linda Cass-Jones – 450-562-9620
Jim Kyle - 514-347-1788
Hugh Mitchell – 450-562-9249

\$20 pre-sale/\$25 at the door. Children under 12 free

Benefit Dinner for Christmas Baskets

The Municipality of the Township of Gore and Holy Trinity Church will hold their annual Christmas basket fundraising dinner on Saturday, October 3rd 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Dunany Country Club, 2053 Dunany road, Wentworth. Steak dinner and dance. \$35 per person. Reservations are a must. Please call Mr. or Mrs. Manconi at (450) 562-3397



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Linda 450-562-9620