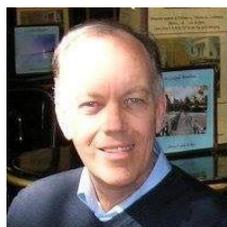




## Parish of the Lower Laurentians Newsletter – August 2016 – Vol. 7

### A Parting Message from Archdeacon Ralph Leavitt



I can remember way back in about 1973 I received my first Pension statement, having worked for a full year. It told me my “normal” retirement date would be 2014. When I saw that, I laughed, I had never even seen dates in the new millennium. It could have been 2314 as far as I was concerned! However, in my young mind I

imagined having a pension and not having to work... wow, a paradise! Tempus fugit! Here we are in 2016. I am about to find out if retirement is a paradise! One thing no one ever told me was that making up your mind to retire is a stressful decision. I am a very lucky person because I love my “job” and I love the people I work with. So why leave? Well, I have been working 44 years straight, and now that I have 3 grandchildren, they change everything. I am blessed by the fact that all my grandchildren and children live in Montreal, and I feel it is time to see them more. So back to the city Deborah and I will go. Luckily we will still have our family cottage in Morin Heights, so we will still be connected to the Laurentians. And I hope in the not too distant future I will be on the list of retired Clergy in the Laurentian Regional Ministry.

I am very proud of what we have all accomplished together establishing the Laurentian Regional Ministry. It is the first of the Regional Ministries in our Diocese, and now several other Regions are following our lead. Keep up your good work.

Nick and I have been a very good team together. I have very much appreciated his thoughtful and heartfelt approach to birthing a strong Regional ministry. As I think of the future, I know that the Lord has already picked out the next Priest to be with Nick and you, so now it is your task to discern who that is. God bless you in that work.

Thank you for your faithfulness and your love. God bless you.  
Ralph+

**LAURENTIAN DEANERY  
CHURCH  
FAMILY  
PICNIC**

**CAMP WEREDALE - 1300 CH. WEREDALE, ST. HIPPOLYTE**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH**

Come anytime after noon. Service at 3pm.  
Bishop Mary will be there, confirmation  
Farewell to Archdeacon Ralph.  
Beaches and lake available.  
Pot Luck BBQ/Picnic to follow.  
(Individual churches will be coordinating the Pot Luck  
All churches in the Laurentian Deanery are invited  
Some churches may cancel services that day. Not all.  
More information will be forthcoming

**So many reasons to attend –  
Come and join us!!**

### Service Schedule

#### August 7

St. Aidan's – 11 am – MP  
St. Paul's – 4 pm – HC (Archdeacon Ralph)

#### August 14

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

#### August 21

St. Aidan's – 11 am – HC  
St. Paul's – 4 pm – HC

#### August 28 - See notice above

Camp Weredale – noon...  
Holy Trinity – 7:30 pm –  
Classical Music

#### Sept. 4

St. Aidan's – 11 am HC  
St. Paul's – 4 pm – HC

#### Sept. 11

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

#### Sept. 18

St. Aidan's – 11 am – HC

#### Sept. 25

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

#### October 2

St. Aidan's – 11 am – MP

**HC = Holy Communion, MP = Morning Prayer, EP = Evening Prayer**

## Change, Change, Change...

Ecclesiastes 3 heralds the many twists and turns in life, assuring us that there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heaven:

- a time to come and a time to go,
- a time to rejoice and a time to grieve,
- a time to enjoy and a time to remember,
- a time to look back and a time to look forward.



A few short years ago we embraced the changes that came with the formation of the Parish of the Lower Laurentians and have continued to live and grow together in service to God. New challenges and new experiences presented themselves as we became part of the Laurentian Regional Ministry. We had faith, we trusted God's plan for us and are moving forward with a spirit of generosity.

A little more than a year ago, we celebrated the arrival of the Reverend Nicholas Pang. It was a time of joyful expectation and we can now say that we truly enjoy and value his presence among us.

We find ourselves in a time of change once again with the retirement of Archdeacon Ralph Leavitt. So, we embark on the next phase of our faith journey – trusting that God will, in His time, reveal to us the person He has chosen to accompany us for the next while.

For the PLL, the moment for Archdeacon Ralph to come into our midst was such a short time ago and now it is time for him to leave. We rejoiced at his coming and we grieve his departure, but we wish him and Deborah much happiness in retirement. We have enjoyed his deep faith, his wisdom, leadership, kindness and compassion and will remember him fondly. We hope that he will become part of the team of retired priests who preach in our little churches from time to time.

Looking back, we know how blessed we have been by his presence during this time of transition. Looking forward, we trust that God will bless us, and Nick, once more with a wise and wonderful choice to shepherd us through the next phase of change. Thanks be to God.

### Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Lakefield

September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8 pm



CR5 Bluegrass, from Ontario, perform a mix of contemporary & old time bluegrass, classic country, folk, pop, bluegrass gospel and original material. Divergent musical tastes varying from blues to jazz to country to rock & roll, as well as traditional bluegrass, can be heard in the unique "bluegrassified" sound that this group brings to its performances. The current group consists of founding members Dan Potter and Barry Garvin, Christine Smith, Dan Buch and Jim Bossert. While primarily focusing on bluegrass music, CR5 Bluegrass are known to add some old country, folk, pop, old time, gospel and original material to their concerts– all with a contemporary bluegrass twist. Anything goes with this talented ensemble!

For **tickets** call: Linda Cass-Jones – 450-562-9620  
\$20 pre-sale/\$25 at the door.

### Contact Information:

**Priest:** From September 1<sup>st</sup> until further notice:

The Reverend Nicholas Pang: 450-562- 2917  
Priest and Regional Dean

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You may contact Archdeacon Ralph at  
1-819-326-2146 until the end of August 2016

**For funerals, weddings and baptisms:**

Contact Revd. Pang or one of our Lay  
Readers: Gail, Hugh or Wendy

**Lay Readers in the PLL:**

Gail Turnbull: 450-533-4914

Hugh Mitchell: 450-562-9249

Wendy Crooks: 450-562-6381

**Parish Wardens:**

Joan Hudson –Rector's: 450 432-7572

Rob Percy –People's: 450 562-2700

If someone needs support, contact **Wendy**  
and she will arrange for a visit.