

ALL SAINTS CANDLE – SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017
Shining a Light on What's Happening in Our Parish

OUR MISSION - To be a family of worshipping Christians, dedicated to Christian Education, Spiritual Growth, Pastoral Care, Outreach and Fellowship.

OUR BISHOP WRITES: **MY STEADY ANGLICAN FAITH:** My childhood was shaped by what I call a “steady Anglican faith.” There was nothing terribly emotional or evangelical about it – it was just ... well ... solid. In fact, I grew up in an age when the phrase, “as solid as the Church” was often dropped into conversations. The Anglican Church was part of my life and for most of that life it seemed to be a pretty steadfast institution. Worship, growing up, was always from the Book of Common Prayer, frequently led by a Layreader, and the familiarity and beauty of the language was always a safe place for me. It still is.

Confirmation came and I remember both the classes and the event. It was a time when most every Anglican young person in the community was Confirmed when they came of age and many of my classmates at school were also part of my Confirmation class. Being an Anglican was simply part of my identity. It still is.

I guess I was around 15 when one night I found myself alone at home watching Billy Graham in one of his televised services from a stadium somewhere in the US. The place was packed. His style of preaching caught me instantly. It was different from what I was used to. There were more stories and illustrations. It was also more personal and Billy Graham implied that maybe there were some people out there who did not know who Jesus was or who did know but had not accepted him as their Savior. He said the time had come to make a decision. And then he invited everyone in the stadium to come forward and make a personal commitment to Jesus. The hymn, “Just as I am,” played as they did so. And then Billy Graham looked fully into the camera and it seemed as if he was talking only to me. In his pastoral, mature and loving way he asked me to invite Jesus into my heart. I remember his words, “Invite Him and he'll come.”

And I did. And He did.

I'm not sure anything really changed about me that night. The path I was on was pretty well set by then. But I do remember the moment as a reaffirmation of that path. In a sense, the steady Anglican faith I had been given became mine in a new way. Biblical scholar Tom Wright, in his book, *Jesus and the Victory of God* states that Jesus did two things in his ministry: he proclaimed God's promised kingdom, and then he invited people to come forward and become part of it. His challenge was not simply an intellectual one, "Do you agree?" Rather, he pushed his listeners toward making a commitment. And he issued that invitation by meeting people right where they were.

That's what Billy Graham did for me that night so long ago. I am grateful for my steady Anglican faith and I am sure I would still possess it even if I had not encountered Billy Graham as a 15 year old. But I admit that he certainly nudged me to make a commitment that was mine and mine alone.

Sometimes I feel this old Anglican Church needs to do a better job of helping our people make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ. Knowing about Jesus and truly knowing Jesus are two vastly different things. Our steady Anglican faith can sometimes make us reluctant to make that individual promise to Him, which changes us forever.

This Lent, whether you are a “cradle-Anglican” like me, or someone who entered the church along the way, or someone who isn't really sure where you belong, invite Jesus into your heart once again ... or for the first time. “Invite Him and he'll come.” I did. And He did. You might even ask Jesus to make some changes in your life, in your heart, in your relationships. He can do that too.

I would love to hear from you if you say that prayer. And if you don't want to pray alone, find someone to pray with you. I can recommend to you some fine Anglican clergy I know. Or you can even call me and I'll pray with you, over the telephone or in person. That's how important that prayer is for me. And for you.

With my every blessing, **Bishop Geoff** geoffpeddle48@gmail.com or 576-6697

EASTER MEMORIAL BOOKLET - Anyone wishing to have a loved one remembered in our Easter Memorial Booklet, please have the memorial with donation into the office no later than April 12th.

LENT AT ALL SAINTS - The theme of our Lenten program is, 'A Way Through the Wilderness.' We pray as the Israelites were formed by the lessons of the wilderness, we may find formation through our Lenten journey. If you wish to purchase a copy of the book, 'A Way Through the Wilderness', please contact the parish office. Our studies will be held in our Chapel 7:30pm on the evenings of March 20 & 27, and April 3 & 10

HOLY WEEK AT ALL SAINTS - The theme for our Holy Week services will be 'To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.' Like the old hymn, "I love to tell the story", we will concentrate on the final week of Jesus' life. We plan to involve many of our congregation in our retelling this timeless story and do encourage each member of the parish to avail themselves of an opportunity to join in worship.

- **PALM Sunday, APRIL 9TH, AT 9:40 AM**, we begin our worship service with a procession, leaving Sobey's Parking lot. We encourage the congregation to either meet us there or plan to follow the cross towards our church or to meet us along the way. We will have palm fronds for people to carry.
- **HOLY MONDAY, AT 7:00 PM**, the ladies of the ACW will lead the congregation in the service of Tenebrae. Tenebrae is perhaps the most reflective of all Christian services, deeply somber and thought provoking.
- **HOLY TUESDAY, AT 7:00 PM**, the Officers and Members of our CLB will lead in a service of worship.
- **HOLY WEDNESDAY, AT 7:00 PM**, the Men's Service Club will lead in a service of Compline while the Sons of Thunder will provide the music for this service
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY, AT 6:00 PM**, the Tea Room will host a Seder Meal in the Lower Hall. Throughout the meal we learn the origins of our Communion service and what transpired at the Last Supper
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY, AT 7:00 PM**, we will have Holy Eucharist service, commemorating the institution of the Lord's Supper, including a symbolic washing of feet, washing of hands and the stripping of the Altar. All members of the Altar Guild are asked to be present to assist in the stripping of the Altar.
- **GOOD FRIDAY**, OUR SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT **12 NOON**.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY TAKEOUT COLD PLATES are scheduled for April 21st & 22nd. Get your orders in early.

ALL SAINTS TEA ROOM COMMUNITY LUNCHEON - All are welcome to come and join us for food, fun, and fellowship. Our menu this week is soup, rolls and crackers, Dessert, Tea & Coffee. The only cost is your time and friendly company.

FOOD BANK - Please do not forget your local Food Bank. Items needed include teabags, rice, granola bars, tin tomatoes, Kraft Dinner, luncheon meats, tin soups, Chef Boyardee, tin milk, Side Kicks, dry soup mix, tin fruit, crackers, tin noodles, sugar, jam, Cheez Whiz, peanut butter, Mr. Noodles & cream soups. Financial contributions are also gratefully accepted. Contact Mary Butler, our Food Bank representative.

VISITATION IS IMPORTANT TO US AND TO YOU - Unfortunately, sometimes we are unaware of your situation, and if you would like a home visit from your Clergy, please let us know. Also, if you know of anyone in the hospital, please let us know by calling the office at 834-4501. Remember, if you don't inform us, we have no way of knowing you or a loved one is in hospital.

LIBRARY - We have a library for our clients at the Food Bank that provides children's and adult books. I am looking for gently used books for this library. If anyone would like to donate books, it will be greatly appreciated. Contact Mary Butler, our Food Bank representative.

Living Well With Advanced Cancer: Are you living with cancer? Eastern Health invites you to attend an 8-week interactive support group designed to help those living with advanced cancer to reconnect with and sustain meaning in their lives. Co-facilitated by the Social Work Department of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre and the Pastoral Care and Ethics Department of Eastern Health, this program will start May 8th and will meet on Monday's from 2-4 p.m. until June 26th at the Botanical Garden Field Centre, 306 Mount Scio Road (weeks 2, 3 and 7 will meet Tuesday afternoon). For more information or to register please contact Paul Grimes at 777-7611 or Bill Haynes at 777-7990.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Boys and Girls, Moms and Dads. Get your passports ready because the VBS flight is preparing for the "*Passport for Peru*" our VBS for 2017. The dates are set for June 26th-30th, with our closing on Sunday July 2nd. This will be the most exciting week of the summer because VBS is a week filled with stories, music, games, crafts, videos, laughter, and very tasty snacks loaded with fellowship and fun. What is VBS? Ask any child in our church community and his or her eyes will light up. It is a week for Vacation Bible School. It is a week of fun learning about God and what he means to our lives, and about Jesus and his promises of everlasting life, and our connections with them and to each other. We often have 75-90+ children ages 3-12 years, from 9:00-12:00 Monday-Friday. VBS has been a part of All Saints for over 30 years. We have a very dedicated and faithful group of leaders who look forward each year to be a part of the fun, and in many cases, to learn from the children. If you would like to share in all this excitement, let us know at the office at 834-4501 or Helen at 834-3325, you will have a very rewarding week, and want to come back next year for sure. There will be a VBS meeting on Sunday, March 26th at 2:00pm in the Parish Hall for all leaders and anyone who is interested in becoming a leader.

Please remember our Confirmands as they confirm their faith, before our Bishop, this evening at 6:30 at All Saints.

MEMORIAMS - CAPITAL PROJECTS

- **George Peach** (remembering his death on March 19th) & **Evelyn Peach** (remembering her birthday on March 23rd) by: Roger & Janice
- **Michelle Bursey** (remembering her birthday, March 27th) by: Mom-Dorothy Davis

MEMORIAMS

- **Minnie Snow** by: Boyd & Betty Morgan
- **Minnie Snow** by: Bay Roberts Cousins

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26TH - APRIL 1ST

08:30 am - Holy Eucharist BCP

10:00 am - Holy Eucharist BAS

6:30 pm – Confirmation BAS

Liturgical Planner: Carol

Servers: Simon S. & Denene Walsh

Sides Persons: Team 2

Greeters: Dave & Barb Butler

Choir Practice: Thursday evening at 2:00pm

Eucharistic Assistant: Graham

Eucharistic Assistant: Lilly P, Gerry F, Barb T.

Warden: Percy Percy G.

Prayers of the People: Enid H.

Counting Team: Team 8

Sound Technician: Jerry Farrell

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Pastoral/Spiritual Care is available to all who enter an Eastern Health facility. To avail of this ministry of the church, upon admission, you (or your next of kin) will be asked if you would like to receive pastoral care. If you answer 'yes' and state your denomination you will be added to the list of patients to be visited by the chaplain and/or pastoral visitor. If you answer 'no' your choice will be respected and you will not receive a pastoral visit. Should you later change your mind please advise the nurse or the Pastoral Care office at 777-6959. Chaplains are bound by the Protection of Information Act. Chaplains can only advise your parish clergy of your admission with your consent.

For the past three years the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Salvation Army and United Church denominations have worked together to provide a First Call Chaplain for afterhours calls (5pm-7am) at the Health Sciences, Miller Centre, St. Clare's and Waterford Hospitals. The chaplain on call will respond and can make contact with the denominational chaplain if requested or needed. The denominational chaplain will continue to visit during regular daytime hours.