



THE PEWS REPORT

"To Unify & Inform"

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JOURNEYING THIS ROAD TOGETHER

By Rev. Kyle Wagner, Rector

"Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." - Colossians 3:13

Dear Friends in Christ,

The other day when I picked my son up from daycare, he told me that his good friend had said to him "I don't want to be your friend any more." He was hurt by this comment. But of course, this is the banter of four-year olds, and the next day they were the best of friends. I think moments like these, highlight how we as adults sometimes approach our friendships and our communities. Some days we struggle to see eye to eye, and other times we share a kinship that cannot be broken.

This year for Lent, we as a community will explore the theme of Reconciliation. I am encouraging all of us to engage in this process, for peace comes through reconciliation. In all that we do: be it worship (through word, sacrament, prayer, and song), during the week, and in our daily lives, we are called to reflect on those "things that we have done and left undone." This theme is not meant to be a disheartening reflection, but a time for honesty and liberation. None of us are perfect and, therefore, we must turn to Christ during this Holy Season. Our reflection will be private and collective—reflecting the body of Christ.

Reconciliation has been defined as:

(Gr. *katallage*, Lat. *reconciliatio*, "a bringing together again") Bringing together parties who are estranged. It is a key image of the salvation accomplished by Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection (2 Cor. 5:16-21). Christians are to be reconciled with God and with others (Matt. 5:23-24). Whereas, forgiveness is different for it is (Gr. *aphesis*, "letting go") pardoning or remitting an offense. It restores a good relationship with God, others, or the self after sin or alienation.

To ground our thinking and journey, I have chosen the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2019 Lenten Book entitled *Reconciliation*, by Muthuraj Swamy. Archbishop Welby in the Foreword writes:



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Reconciliation is the Gospel. It is at the very heart of the entire story of God and his people.... God has been working ceaselessly to mend, to heal, and to reconcile. The whole story of God, throughout scripture, is one of reconciliation, of bringing people, families, and even nations back together and back to God. It is not an easy story. It is not sugar-coated or romantic. Reconciliation is hard work: it's long-winded, often puzzling and never risk-free. It always walks hand-in-hand with truth, justice, and sacrifice.

Our conversations over the course of Lent will be in relation to the world, both locally and globally. How do we reconcile the destruction of the earth—the land, sea, and sky? How do we engage in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's '94 calls to action' which calls for indigenous and non-indigenous Canadians to come together to help repair the harm caused by residential schools? How do we mend relationships in our own parish? We all need to engage these questions, and I encourage us to have these conversations with one another, privately or corporately.

My friends, as we journey together this Season of Lent—a time of reflection, fasting, almsgiving and renewal, we will encounter a story that leads us from the crowds on Palm Sunday, to a sacred path that brings us to the Cross, and finally to the sorrow of Good Friday. In the hope of the Resurrection, let us be mindful of our relationship with Jesus Christ, and our connections to another.

It is my prayer that we love another, as we are loved by God. In Christ, Rev. Kyle+

Are you or your loved one sick and in need of a visit? Did you know that the clergy and members of our Pastoral Visitors Committee do not own a crystal ball? If you would like a visit or contact with a member of the clergy, please contact the parish office. Also, if you do not indicate your faith as "Anglican" upon admittance to a hospital, there is no way for clergy



to know you are being treated. Best to play it safe and contact the parish office!

“Continuing Education: Grief and Pastoral Care Ministry”

PASTORAL VISITOR

By The Rev. Bonnie Baird

Continuing education is an important part of staying current and going deeper into ministry. That certainly is true of visiting people. In late February, I attended a course on Living Beyond Cancer, hosted on the Victoria General campus, to help people better understand the aftereffects of surviving cancer: physical, emotional, mental, spiritual.

Pastor David Maginley, a chaplain who works at the VG, spoke that day. He has written a book I would highly recommend to all cancer survivors, their families, and anyone visiting them (that includes all you who are their friends). It's called: *Beyond Surviving: Cancer and Your Spiritual Journey*. It's available from Amazon.

It's filled with stories about people undergoing treatment, some dying, some surviving, including his own personal journey with cancer.

He speaks about cancer potentially being a doorway into a deeper life. Here are two short extracts:

“...and then they share their story, some family member who overcame, or worse, ‘succumbed’ to the disease. Though you feel their disconnection, you hold your tongue. You know, though that it's not the same. It's never the same. All experiences are individual experiences, and woundedness is holy ground. The least others can do is take off their shoes.” (p. 88)

“Grief is not something to be fixed: it is something to be processed. There's no use minimizing it or protecting the patient, though that may be the family's instinct...In confronting the hard work of truly wrestling with oblivion—the end of all that was and is known—what patients truly desire is a companion in the journey, not an assurance of the arrival.” (p. 89)

Another workshop is being held at Christ Church on April 6th from 9:30-1 pm on MAID (medical assistance in dying). Cost is \$5 which includes lunch. It's called A

Good Death? A potential role for “medical assistance in dying”. The Rev. Dr. Cathy Simpson will be conducting it. You do need to pre-register (902-464-7539: Lorraine). How wonderful to be a part of a faith community that takes continuing education seriously and makes such opportunities available to everyone! I’m planning on attending.

Yours in Christ, Bonnie.

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“Learning Together”

PASTORAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Submitted by Carolyn Chenhall

MAID Workshop April 6, 2019 Christ Church, Dartmouth

A Good Death: A potential role for “medical assistance in dying” (MAID)?

This informal session will consider the following questions:

- What do we mean by “a good death”?
- What is MAID?
- From a legal perspective - who qualifies and how; the issue of “capacity”; issues still under investigation
- From an ethical perspective – bioethics principles; issues of suicide, euthanasia, and others
- From a spiritual perspective – how might a Christian lens change the discussion?
- From a clinical perspective – where does MAID fit within a spectrum of care that includes palliative care and hospice?

There will be time for questions and discussion related to any or all of these topics.



“Glory to God!”**ROOTED TO REJOICE**

An occasional contribution by Gail Teixeira

To God be the Glory! That is why I sing, that is how I wake up, how I “walk with Him, and talk with Him” [hymn “In the Garden” - I walk in the garden alone | When the dew is still on the roses]. That is what Grampie and Grammie did to pour into me as a little wee thing, growing up. Those loving Christian people, my grandparents, were not



musicians; but they communicated such fervent faith in God’s power through The Holy Word that the gifts of music came naturally and freely. Along the New Orleans levee, I would walk 50 - 60 minutes each way to go to church as a little person in the summer heat. I was a church goer, early. And when I was at church, I heard the Word and I sang God’s praise. I was a participant, and that was my role.

Within a music group, someone needs to take on the role of leadership: selecting worship materials, collaborating with the rest of the worship team, guiding the rehearsals, holding space with God as the group presents. As a youth, that wasn’t my role. I wasn’t the leader; I was gladly a participant. Now, as an adult, I have had opportunity to ebb and flow in many roles, including as a child of God who is called to worship as one of God’s people in daily prayer and praise. So why choose Christ Church as part of the music ministry of active performance through song or instrument or other worship arts?

The activities we pursue are more than making a living, providing for family, contributing to the common good around us. We can move in active faith, knowing that each life we touch will feel the connection we have to God’s mercy and glory in our life. Those pursuits go far beyond working “for” someone. It took the children of Israel more than forty years of wandering in the desert (an incomplete, confused sense of God’s purpose and love for them) to realize that they were already free, that it was time to walk across the dry land of the Red Sea, to cross over.

I’ve chosen to worship with the Christ Church community because I feel God’s calling, I feel God actively urging me

to cross over into a worship that touches the heart, that moves the Spirit. This music making is about praise and thanksgiving to God; it is not personal glory. Glory to God!

Our Christian family includes so many, and the music ministry family loves all of you: thank you for your prayers, and most of all, thank you for praising with us, to God’s glory, as we play and sing.

Our blessed Mother, Mary brought Jesus to our human view; and she graciously accepted Joseph as the head of her human family. We musicians and those who worship accept, with gladness, our role in music ministry. No one higher than another, no one more gifted but all called to use the gift of music to bring us to a place that allows us to feel and receive new insights through prayer.

Our Music Ministry is a gift to you throughout the church year, but especially in the season of Lent and Easter. At this time, we let harmony, text, and tone color move our hearts to accept the moving of God’s message within us. The Christ Church choir and instrumental selections encourage us to push past the doubt, the disbelief of “you want me to consider _____ “ and to face our longings and hurts with the cooling balm that starts and supports the healing process. The music selections may challenge us outside of the expected melodies and music styles for Lent. But that is the point: our time of reconciliation consists of moments of being shaken outside of our comfort zone. Join with us. Embrace the harmony and fresh vision offered by our inter-generational, new, and seasoned music makers. Let God be in your heart and in your understanding in this Lenten season: that is our highest calling for music ministry.

“On the Interesting Nature of Singing Together!”**MUSIC MINISTRY**

By John Bogardus, Music Director

As we wander from winter to spring, through our season of Lent with our focus on reconciliation, we’ve been thinking a lot about why we sing (or don’t sing) in church.

Singing, making music, with one’s voice, or simply the voice is often referred to as the most emotionally taxing of the instruments. The phrase, “Of course it’s exhausting, it’s you, not an external keyboard or instrument, it’s within you!”, can often be heard coming from the studios and vocal teachers and coaches. It is difficult. Trying to

find the right pitch, being unsure of whether or not you're singing the right thing. Not to mention if you've been one of the unfortunate many over the years who have been told, "You're not very good, you should probably try something else" or "You don't have a very good voice, not as good as so-and-so" or any of the other various things that it seems most people have been told about their singing voice over the years. All of which seems very mean to say to another person.

Yet, despite this discouragement, despite the pressures of the world around us, everyone sings. You can sing. Every parent hums to their child. Even the most tone deaf amongst us hums along with the radio or sings in the shower when we're "sure" no one's listening. Just for the record, it's pretty darn hard to be tone deaf. If you were tone deaf you'd never be able to drive a standard by listening to the rev of the engine.

There are two stories that are told about the history of singing Christ Church. One, that talks about a massive children's choir, the beloved folk choir, the time all the choirs got together and sang the Rutter Requiem, family, friends and singing at parties, musicals, joyous singing at services, the list goes on. And the second, where only those who were the singers sang, where choirs and services closed themselves off from each other, where half the congregation never really sang anyways, where there was never enough time to really do it well anyways.

What is true and what we remember to be true are not always the same, especially amongst big groups of people. Often the truth is lying somewhere in between, never quite clear to anyone, but always pulling on everyone's heartstrings. All of this is driven by our worst/best/fairweather friend nostalgia. Helping us to remember our

happiest moments, being deeply moved by the music we all share, and helping us to glaze over the things that were hard or that hurt us. Or for some of us, the complete reverse.



Christ Church Choir

Singing together is difficult. Emotionally it puts us out, vulnerable, for the world to see amongst our friends, families, and even those we might not get along with. I think the hardest part in sharing in liturgy is knowing what to do when and knowing how to do it. For many of us growing up, we were taught the Lord's prayer by our parents, our Sunday school teachers, and many many other supportive members of our communities. As we grow older, we learn how to pray for ourselves. Rarely are we given such support learning how to

sing, or sing at church.

Learning is hard. Starting is even harder. The one thing that I know works, I've seen it hundreds of times. To start ,all you have to do is open your mouth and try. Singing wrong notes is okay. Singing loudly and out of tune is okay. That is how we learn.

The choir is here to be your guide. Sing along with them the same way you would sing along with the radio. Heck, join the choir and learn from scratch. All are welcome, especially beginners.

Over the years, I've watched people walk in off the street, having never sung before and within a few months of rehearsals under their belt did their first concert performance. People from all walks of life. People just like you.

Just as with with our instructed Eucharist, educational pieces of the recent funerals and various other things you've seen over the last year concerning education around our Liturgy,

over the next few months you will start to notice some



Christmas Hampers preparation!

educational pieces concerning the shared music in our Liturgy.

All we have to do is open our mouths, and start singing.

Peace of Christ, John David Bogardus, Music Director

“Loving our Neighbours”

FOOD AND CLOTHING MINISTRY

By Gerrylin Tutty

2018 has been a successful year at Christ Church Food Bank, if you can call having to operate a Food Bank successful. It is very sad to think that there are so many people in our community below the poverty level and depend on visits to Food Banks. However, when I use the word successful what I mean is how successful our Food Bank operates. Why is it successful? We have so many compassionate and dependable volunteers who successfully donate their time to help operate and keep our Food Bank running smoothly. We are successful in having received so many thoughtful donations of financial help, food and clothing items from our dependable parishioners. We are successful when on a weekly basis we receive donations from businesses in our community such as Tim Horton's and Little Caesar Pizza. We are successful because our community sees the need and steps up to the plate. We are successful because we see a need and have a facility and the support required to help those less fortunate. Thank you.

To put things in perspective for 2018, Feed Nova Scotia sent to Christ Church Food Bank 26,844 Kgs of Food. This does not take into account the food donated directly to us by our generous parishioners. We served 408 households and 649 individuals.

We are presently trying to encourage our clients to use cloth bags to pick up their groceries as we try to cut back on our use of plastics. Some of our clients are very good at bringing in their cloth bags weekly. However, some we will probably never be able to change. Many people in poverty don't know their living arrangements from day to day; mental health and mobility issues are huge struggles. The least of their worries is storing a cloth bag

week to week, let alone remembering to bring it on Thursday morning. Climate change and environmental issues are the least of their worries; they are just trying to survive day to day. Unfortunately for us if the municipality bans single use plastic bags it will greatly impact the Food Banks and thus those in poverty. Unfortunately one solution does not fit all and it always seems people in poverty are impacted the most. So we continue to encourage cloth bag education and use as well as supplying cloth bags to clients when available.

Food Bank is in need of clean cloth bags, as well as clean plastic bags. Please check that the plastic bags are hole free and clean of grocery slips and onion peels. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you, and God Bless.



“Being Good Stewards of our Resources”

WHAT DOES IT COST TO RUN THE CHRIST CHURCH CAMPUS (THE CHURCH & HALL)

Submitted by Richard Derible & Marg Seaman

Christ Church, located in the centre of an active and exciting community, has played an important role in Downtown Dartmouth for decades and is poised to continue that role going forward as an important part of a revitalized downtown core. With this reality as a backdrop, the Christ Church Property Committee has committed to supporting the ongoing and always important visioning work for the Christ Church Community.

As a first step the Property Committee completed a process to determine the actual cost of operating the two buildings (church and hall) in which the majority of the activities occur in support of the great variety of things that we do that gives Christ Church a special and important role in the vitality and vibrancy of Downtown Dartmouth.

Before starting the process, we knew that we had a particular interest in the actual costs to keep the Hall running on the day to day.

This is what we learned!

In 2017, it cost **\$91,357** to operate the church and the hall.

This cost included physical plant expenses (including heat and power) and the portion of the Sexton's and Parish Administrator's salary that represents their time spent on running the two buildings – things like cleaning, basic maintenance and scheduling rentals (i.e. the Sexton and Parish Administrator have other responsibilities not associated with the operation of the church and the hall). This cost does not include long term maintenance costs – just the day to day operation of the two buildings.

Church **\$44,872**
 Hall **\$46,485** → **\$91,357**

Other facts (based on 2017):

The hall generated approximately **\$25,000** in rental income (the church does not typically generate rental income).

It cost **\$60/day*** to operate the **hall** after expenses were paid and the rental income was deducted.

It cost **\$123/day*** to operate the **church**.

Operating the hall represented **7%** of the total budget for Christ Church.

There are **5040** rental hours available (8:00 am to 10:00 pm) in the CE Room, the Upper Hall, and the Lower Hall. This translates to between **10,000** to **12,000** total rental hours available to the community (counting all three spaces and taking into consideration times when the spaces would not be available to the community).



In 2017 the available spaces in the hall were booked for **1320** hours, representing **11% of the total** rentable hours available (this figure has been consistent over the past 5 years).

Considerations:

Increasing rentals in the hall by **3 hours/day** in either one of the CE Room, the Upper Hall or the Lower Hall would reduce the overall operating costs of the hall to **\$0.00**.

Increasing the average rent from **\$19/hour to \$36/hour** would reduce the overall operating costs of the hall to **\$0.00**.

Doubling the current average rental hours would generate approximately **\$27,000** in new revenue.

**These amounts do not include potential long-term capital projects – just the day to day to operation of the buildings.*

“Of thoughts shared of you”

A POEM (IN REMEMBRANCE OF STELLA WARNELL)

By Joan Halsey (Lay Reader, member of Anglican Church Women)

The day of the funeral
 I sat in the Pew
 And I listened intently
 Of thoughts shared of you.

Your kindness, your laughter,
 Love given and received
 So many stories,
 And so many tears

My thoughts took flight as I sat there,
 Remembering your Spiritual side,
 Your love of the Lord,
 Inspired us all,
 To worship Him more,
 As we serve Him

Christ Church will miss her,
 Especially her Crew,
 Of the Ethel F. Stevens,
 We'll always love you. Amen

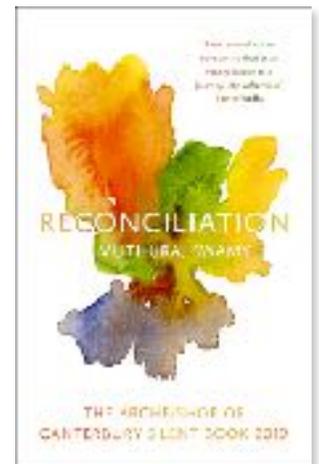
“The Road to Reconciliation”

PARISH LENTEN BOOK FOR 2019

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2019: Reconciliation by Muthuraj Swamy

Global in scope, but homing in on the role ordinary people play in conflict and division, Reconciliation enables Christians to engage confidently in a ministry bequeathed to us by Christ himself.

The book issues a vibrant call to the church to support and strengthen relationships amongst church members; to cross borders to build connections with different denominations, and to maintain open attitudes towards our neighbours from other religions and ideologies.



Forty biblically-based meditations introduce topics such as Impediments to reconciliation, risking the self, humility and self-criticism, radical openness to the other and peace with justice. Questions for reflection are included, making Reconciliation suitable for use at weekly gatherings or for everyday devotion during Lent.

'A thoroughly biblical guide to reconciliation - its passions and problems, its complexity and utter cruciality. Dr. Swamy offers new angles on old stories, prophetic messages, and a gospel wisdom on becoming people of peace.'

-PROFESSOR DAVID F. FORD, University of Cambridge

“Building Leaders Together”

NEW SUMMER STUDENT AT CHRIST CHURCH

My name is Debbie Fice, and I have just completed my second year of a five year journey towards my Masters of Divinity degree (and hopefully priestly ordination) at the Atlantic School of Theology. I was brought up in the Anglican Church, my husband and I were married 30 years ago, in May, in the Anglican Church in Wolfville, NS. Our 24 year old son, Aric, is still living at home with us and our two cats. I am a long time member of the Mothers' Union, I love to read, do needlework and garden and am involved in both Regional and Diocesan Councils. I am extremely excited to be spending the summer with you, and thank you from the bottom of my heart for this opportunity to learn alongside all of you for this period of time.



“Fresh Expressions: The Church in the World.”

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Typically we meet the First Wednesday of every month at various pubs around Dartmouth. Contact the office if you have questions, and upcoming gatherings will be advertised in our Sunday bulletin or on our parish facebook page.



TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- April 9th: The Resurrection: Really?
- May 1st: Social Justice and the Church
- June 5th: Interfaith Dialogue: Talking to our Neighbour.

“With Love and Care”

ALTAR GUILD NOTICES

EASTER 2019 MEMORIALS The Christ Church Altar Guild is now accepting donations for Easter Memorials. Cheques are payable to Christ Church Altar Guild and please include your envelope number with your donation. The deadline is April 7, 2019 to ensure inclusion in the Easter Bulletin.

“You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me.”

RECTOR'S READERS

Submitted by Mary-Lee Page

A multi-generational group of people with different life experiences and points of view; reading both fiction and non fiction books that cover many writing styles and focuses; each person honouring and respecting the others' opinions; smiling and friendly faces; sober thoughts on some of society's tragedies and failings; laughter and a feeling of belonging; these are some of the things that make Rector's Readers such a pleasure to attend.

Rev. Kyle guides the discussions at our monthly meetings. We are grateful to him for creating such a safe and caring environment for us to share and learn from each other.

Agape Supper & Holy Communion Holy Week: April 16th at 6:00 pm

The word *Agape* is one of the Greek words for love: in this case, the sort of unconditional, selfless love that we seek to live out in the pattern of Christ. It expresses the *koinonia* (community, sharing, fellowship) enjoyed by the family of Christ. This feast is a time to gather around a table spread with a simple meal consisting of soup,

bread, cheese, olives, etc. Scripture readings and prayers are said during the meal, with Holy Communion shared at the end of supper.

The Agape Feast can be traced back to the early Christians who met regularly for food and fellowship



before or after the Eucharist. If you plan on attending this wonderful event, RSVP is required by April 14th, by phoning the church office, or email: christchurch@christchurchdartmouth.com If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Kyle. This event takes place in the lower hall (61 Dundas Street)

LOOKING FOR SOUP MAKERS for the Agape Supper mentioned below. Candace Vieira has the recipe. If you can help, please contact Candace at cvieira@sutherlandwatt.ca or 902-430-6118

LENT: IS THIS YOUR OPPORTUNITY?

The season of Lent is a gift intended especially for those who are turning to the way of Christ in some new way.

It may be that your Christian faith has only been a family tradition – until now. If this is the moment for you or your household to become intentional about following the way of Christ, Lent is for you.

It may be that your faith has been a private affair – until now. If you are ready to make common cause with other disciples of Jesus, Lent is for you.

It may be that Christ has always seemed a distant figure to you – until now. If this is the moment for you to deepen your relationship with Christ, Lent is for you.

If you would like to know how to take advantage of this opportunity, please talk to someone on our Spiritual



Development committee or Rev. Kyle who will help you in plotting your own course through Lent.

And remember that we all walk the path together.



April 14th PALM SUNDAY: Service of Reconciliation (One Parish Service, 10:00am)

This service begins with Jesus’ entry into the Holy City of Jerusalem. Those who are able, process outside and inside the church. We listen to the Passion Gospel that records Christ being condemned before his friends and family. Thus, begins Holy Week at Christ Church.

- **April 15th Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) at 7:00 p.m.**
- **April 16th Agape Supper and Holy Communion at 6:00 p.m. (Lower Hall)**
- **April 17th Tenebrae Service with full choir at 7:00 p.m.**

The word “tenebrae” comes from the Latin meaning “darkness.” The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian tradition that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus’ burial. This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus’ death and of hopelessness in the world without God.

April 18th MAUNDY THURSDAY at 7:00 p.m.

“This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room. This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples’ feet, giving us an example

that we should do to others as he has done to us” (BAS, p. 304). On the eve of Thursday at Christ Church, we begin the Pascal Triduum or the Three Great Days. At our Maundy Thursday service, we listen to John’s Gospel and how Jesus washed his disciples’ feet. In an act of servant-

hood, the clergy will wash the feet of those who wish to come forward. With Homily.

April 19th GOOD FRIDAY

10:30 a.m. Dartmouth Ecumenical Service at Grace United Church. (70 King St, Dartmouth, NS B2Y 4R3). Come to this community service as we Christians reflect on what it means to be community as we grieve the loss of our Lord.

Christ Church Good Friday Service is at 1:00pm. Our worship commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. A time of prayer and reflection on the scriptures. Come and reflect on the Cross and what Jesus' death means for you and the world.

April 20th THE EASTER VIGIL with Holy Baptism at 7:00 p.m.

On Easter Eve, parishioners who are able, will meet for the Lighting and Blessing of the New Easter Fire. The Pascal Candle will be lit. As the Pascal Candle is brought forth into the darkened church, we note Christ's resurrection in our midst. We also gather together to renew our baptismal vows as we welcome new members into God's family.

April 21st EASTER SUNDAY

5:50 a.m. Easter Morning Service: In the early hours, well before the light of dawn. When the events of Good Friday and the bleak grip of Holy Saturday continue to cast a shadow over the small hours of Sunday morning, something is about to happen. That something is unimaginable and virtually incomprehensible. At 5:50 a.m., we will gather on the grounds of Christ Church to renew our baptismal vows, to hear the ancient promises of hope and salvation. We will process and sing. Then we will enter into the drama that is at the center of our faith, that extraordinary Easter Sunday morning event that changes the world. On Easter morning at our traditional worship times, we gather to give thanks for the risen Lord! The tomb is empty! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! A potluck in the lower hall follows this service.

8:00 a.m. (Traditional Book of Common Prayer)

10:00 a.m. (Book of Alternative Services) with full choir

HERITAGE OAK COLUMBARIUM & MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Perpetual Care Committee reminds everyone that niches are available for sale in our Heritage Oak Columbarium should you wish to inquire as part of your estate planning.

Pre-planning provides peace of mind and can relieve decision-making at a difficult time. There are also many financial



advantages to purchasing a niche; NO HST is charged. An income tax receipt is issued for that portion of the cost over \$750.00. There are no opening and closing fees. A brass plaque, engraved is also provided. Interest free payment plans are available. If you wish to view the columbarium, please contact us at the number below. Remember Heritage Oak Columbarium and Memorial Garden, a peaceful and historical setting for remembrance in a secure building containing a small chapel. PHONE: 902-466-2443 www.HeritageOak.ca

The Sacraments of the Church



On Holy Saturday, we will welcome the following people into our beloved church as they receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism. April 20th The Great Vigil with Holy Baptism will take place at 7pm. We welcome: *Sadie Mae Michele Sanderson, Jaxon Ronald Conley, Haley Amber Slaunwhite, Ethan Joseph Miguens, Owen Dos Reis Miguens, Alyse Judy Janet Trenholm, Daniel Paul Conrad, Scarlett Marie Borgal.* Please keep the candidates and their families in prayer at this Holy time.

The Sacraments of the Church

Confirmation: Interested in exploring the church and the wider world? Want to know more about Anglicanism and confirm your baptism? If you are of age 15 or older and are interested in discovering more about faith, spirituality, and how Christians live, please contact the parish office 902-466-4270.

“Academic Research: Religion and Politics”

DOCTORATE OF MINISTRY DEGREE

Submitted by The Rev. Kyle Wagner, Rector

Part of our ministry covenant together under Spiritual and Personal Wellbeing states:

I commit myself to continued education, particularly as I work towards completing a Doctorate of Ministry degree, seeking the support of the parish as I undertake the endeavour. ...We the Laity, covenant to support the Rector's continued education by intentionally encouraging him to develop his academic achievement, supporting him in his pursuit of his Doctorate of Ministry.



As you may know, I am currently working on my Doctor of Ministry degree through the Toronto School of Theology at the University of Toronto. My area of interest is the nature of religion and politics in your life, specifically from an Anglican perspective. You are invited to participate in this study because you potentially identify yourself as an Anglican and Christian, and you are a regular member of the Christ Church, Dartmouth community. For my thesis project I wish to engage in conversation and discover how Anglicans approach the nature of religion, their faith, and politics (how they



The Rev. Dr. Jody Clarke, baptizing Charlie Wagner

engage the world).

The project involves answering a detailed questionnaire/survey, and an interview conducted by me. Throughout the process I will ask that you provide honest responses, opinions, comments, reflections, and ask questions for clarification. There is no “correct” or “incorrect” answer. I merely wish to gain a better understanding of your experience as an Anglican today, and to understand the nature of how people explore the areas of political engagement and Christian realism. It is hoped that because of this research a greater understanding of how Anglicans engage the world will be discovered.

The results of the interview will be recorded using a digital audio recording device and they will be transcribed to create a data set for analysis. The data collected from your questionnaire/survey and interview is anonymous. This means that all your responses to both the questionnaire and during the interview will be kept confidential. Any use of your comments which I may quote from in my research will not be attributed to you personally. As such, if data is published, your name will not appear in any related research. Upon the conclusion of the research all digital and paper documents will be destroyed physically. No records will be kept.

There is minimal personal risk involved in this study. There are no costs to you for participating in the study. Your consent means that you are an unpaid volunteer and there will be no remuneration. If, for any reason you choose to withdraw from this research there is no penalty. If you choose to participate, there are no rewards or negative consequences, either implicit or explicit. The views you express are your own, and you can withdraw during any point in the process as you wish.

This research project is being overseen by the University of Toronto Office of Research Ethics. If

you have any questions you may contact them at any time about your rights as a participant. This governing body can be contacted by email at ethics.review@utoronto.ca or by telephone at 1-416-946-3273.

My Thesis Supervisor is Dr. David Neelands, Emeritus Dean of Divinity, Trinity College, at the University of Toronto. Dr. Neelands can also be contacted if you have any questions or concerns. His contact information is listed below.

If you find that you require any pastoral support because of the nature of this research project, I will arrange for a disinterested third party to be available should you wish to receive confidential pastoral support (Chaplain). This person is a qualified provider of pastoral care and is not directly involved in the Christ Church, Dartmouth community.

“Opening our doors”

NEW EDITOR OF THE ANGLICAN JOURNAL MAKES CHRIST CHURCH HIS HOME BASE

Submitted by The Rev. Kyle Wagner, Rector

Some of you may receive the *Anglican Journal* and the *Diocesan Times*. The Journal is our national newspaper and it features articles and commentary on the life of our beloved church. If you do not receive the Journal you really should as it is vital to our ministry as Anglicans and Christians. If you would like to receive you can visit: <https://generalsynod.formstack.com/forms/ajsubs>



Recently the newly appointed editor of *The Journal* Matthew Townsend who lives in Dartmouth asked if we had any free office space so he could work from a church setting. Matthew's role includes lots of travel, but while home in Nova Scotia he thought Christ Church made great sense in having a home base. After talking with the

property committee and our parish wardens we were able to find room so that Matthew can work. I think it was great that Matthew thought of Christ Church, and it speaks to our support of the Anglican Journal and the church in Canada and the world. The press release for Matthew's appointment is as follows:

“Church House welcomes new editorial supervisor”

BY GENERAL SYNOD COMMUNICATIONS ON MARCH 19, 2019

Matthew Townsend has been appointed as the Supervisor, Editorial, with the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada.

Matthew will be providing the Anglican Journal with day-to-day leadership until December 31, 2019.

He has worked in editorial, journalistic, and web development roles with a variety of organizations, including the The Living Church, the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, NY, and the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida. He is a member of Episcopal Communicators and has consulted with a variety of ecumenical organizations, including Atlantic School of Theology, the Presbyterian Endowment Network, and the Associated Church Press.

Originally from Florida, Matthew has a degree in magazine journalism from the University of South Florida and has taken courses from Trinity College, Toronto, and the M.K. Gandhi Institute in Nonviolence, Rochester. He is an active parishioner at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Halifax.

The General Synod looks forward to Matthew's involvement with the Anglican Journal during a period of re-visioning. <https://www.anglican.ca/news/church-house-welcomes-new-editorial-supervisor/30023906/>

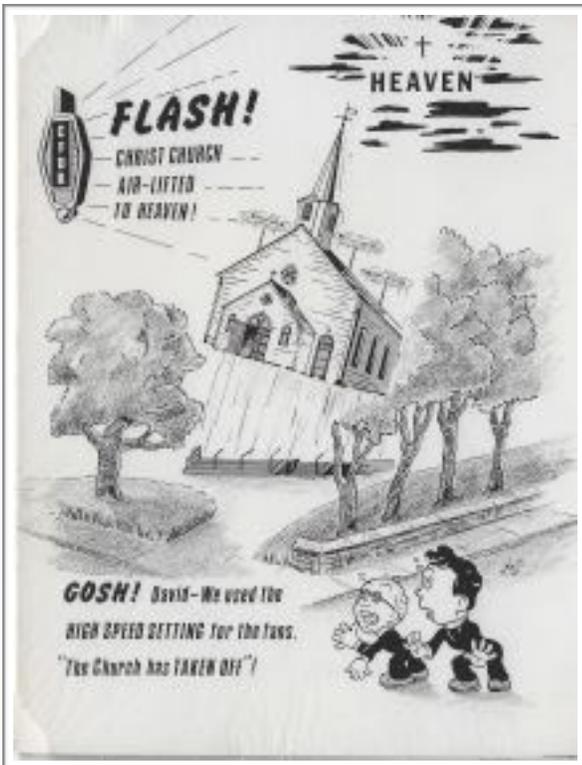


Carolyn Chenhall, Rev. Kyle, Dr. Julie and their son Elijah just before cutting the cake!

“A Blast from the Past!”

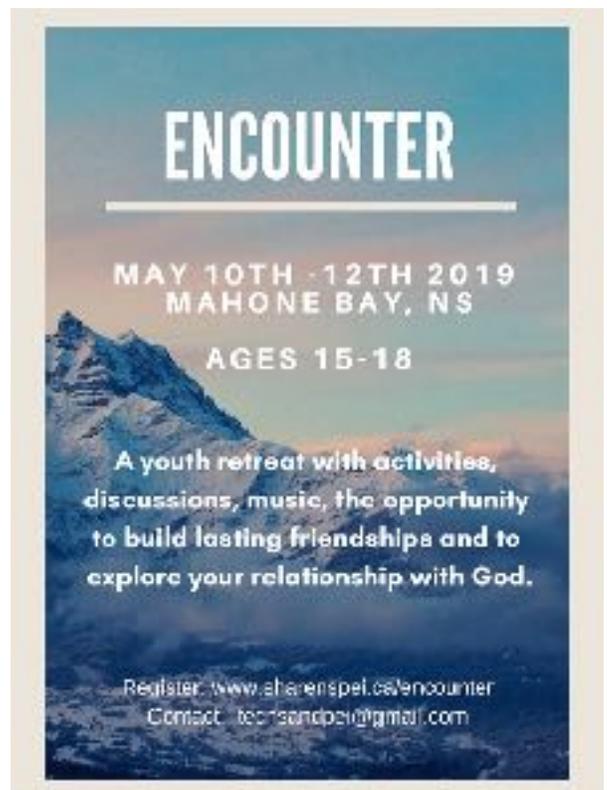
IMAGES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Submitted through your Christ Church Historical Committee



Politics and Religion: The Faith of God's People, The Social Gospel, and Anglican Interpretation

You are being invited to participate in a research study about the nature of religion and politics in your life. Are you interested in global and local affairs? Do you vote? Do you see your faith and your engagement in the secular world linked? If you are interested in exploring these questions, contact our parish Rector, Rev. Kyle Wagner through email: kyle.wagner@mail.utoronto.ca. Rev. Kyle is conducting research for his Doctorate of Ministry Degree at the University of Toronto, Toronto School of Theology. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Kyle. Participation in this study is completely voluntary. You can choose whether to be in this study or not, and can withdraw at anytime.



“Our Prayer for the Church”

Members of Christ Church were invited to our Wednesday morning bible study as we examined the Heartbeat of the Church document.

As a lead up to General Synod 2019 in Vancouver, which Rev. Kyle will be attending as a Clergy Delegate, the “Heartbeat of the Church” reflection piece encourages



Anglican’s to speak from the heart about their faith: where the holy is experienced in our lives, what moves us to pray, and what makes our hearts lift—or ache.

Here is our prayer:

Living God, we pray for our church, for people of all ages and backgrounds, that we may feel your grace, and that we may have open hearts and minds, that all our works will bear much fruit in the building up of your kingdom. We pray that the church and the world maybe moved by the Holy Spirit, that we may love one another, encourage one another, as we seek peace, reconciliation and justice for all creation, we ask this through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.



Children creating our advent banner during Children’s Time.



St. Nicholas sharing the Gospel story to those gathered on Christmas Eve



Reign of Christ Sunday: beginning to make our advent banner



Your new executive for 2019: Rev. Kyle, Christine Hoehne, Jim Graham, Captain Steve Smith, John Gallant (outgoing Parish Warden)



April 6th Medical Assistance in Dying Workshop. Brought to you by your Pastoral Ministry Committee with The Rev. Dr. Cathy Simpson as facilitator. 9:30-12:30pm with lunch provided. Registration begins at 9:00am.

April 7th, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Lenten Book Reflection: "Reconciliation" by Muthuraj Swamy with lunch in the lower hall

April 8th Theology on Tap at Pilot's Pub. 10 Atlantic St, Dartmouth, NS B2Y 4M8 Our topic is "The Resurrection"

April 9th Lenten Worship 7:00pm Holy Communion (BAS) Rev. Kyle Wagner

April 10th, 7:00 p.m. (parish office) *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho (HarperOne, 2014)

April 14th PALM SUNDAY and Service of Reconciliation 10:00 a.m. (One Parish Service): Liturgy from the Church of England with Holy Communion) Also Viewing of the film *Dead Man Walking* in the Lower Hall, 2:00pm

April 15th Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) at 7:00 p.m.

April 16th Agape Supper and Holy Communion at 6:00 p.m. (Lower Hall)

April 17th Tenebrae Service with full choir at 7:00 p.m.

April 18th MAUNDY THURSDAY at 7:00 p.m.

April 19th GOOD FRIDAY: 10:30 a.m.

Dartmouth Ecumenical Service at Grace United Church (70 King St, Dartmouth, NS B2Y 4R3).

1:00pm Good Friday Service at Christ Church.

April 20th THE EASTER VIGIL with Holy Baptism at 7:00 pm

April 21st EASTER SUNDAY

5:50 a.m. Easter Morning Service followed by potluck in the Lower Church Hall.

8:00 a.m. (Traditional Book of Common Prayer)

10:00 a.m. (Book of Alternative Services) with full choir



Grace Smith (server), Rev. Kyle, Archbishop Ron Cutler, & Vanessa Turner (Lay Reader) during the Bishop's advent visit to the parish



Alexander Campbell learning music theory. Alexander is a music student here at Christ Church and grandson to Christine Hoehne

About *The Pews Report*. *The Pews Report* is published four times a year. Parishioners are encouraged to submit news and articles to christchurch@christchurchdartmouth.com

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Some of those in attendance at our Annual General Meeting February 24th

Change can be scary,
but you know what's scarier?
Allowing Fear to stop you
from Growing, Evolving
and Progressing.

- Mandy Hale -

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT Our mission at Christ Church is to be a welcoming Christian community committed to enabling each other to grow through worship, spiritual fellowship and service, following the example of Christ.

We are an inclusive church welcoming everyone. We are an affirming church, and we offer a warm welcome to people of all walks of life. This is a safe space for everyone as we are all created in the image of God. We gratefully acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

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