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Our Life Together

The Newsletter of the Parishioners of St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Grimsby, Ontario



"Rhythm and harmony find their way in the inward places of the soul." - Plato

Welcome to summer!

As a child, summer would roll on for what seemed like years!

And nowadays I can feel things are getting a little out of hand when I am thinking too much about September in early May!

As Hamlet once cried out in anguish: "...the time is out of joint.." If we are not careful, we, ourselves, can feel 'out of joint!'

Perhaps summer itself is an opportunity to heal this feeling. Why not commit yourself to enjoying deeply this summer which is now at hand?

May I suggest that prayer can play a role in this? How about taking time to be intentional about 'taking time'? Our prayer book is built on the rhythm of daily prayer. Our Muslim brothers and sisters take that time - five times a day!

When I say 'pray', I am talking about clearing the space within yourself to allow the Holy Spirit to pray in you. I am not talking about bringing an agenda with you to your prayer. I am talking about allowing the prayer of Jesus to 'speak' in your soul. This will be delicate and personal. And very real.



This approach to prayer can heal 'disjointed' time. Give it a try. And just maybe, that feeling of the child's endless summer will grace some splendid afternoon this summer!

Every summer blessing,

Max +

Rev. Max Woolaver

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"Hooked on Impressionism"

with material by Ruth Emerson

Yes the 2016 Parish Picnic will soon be here.

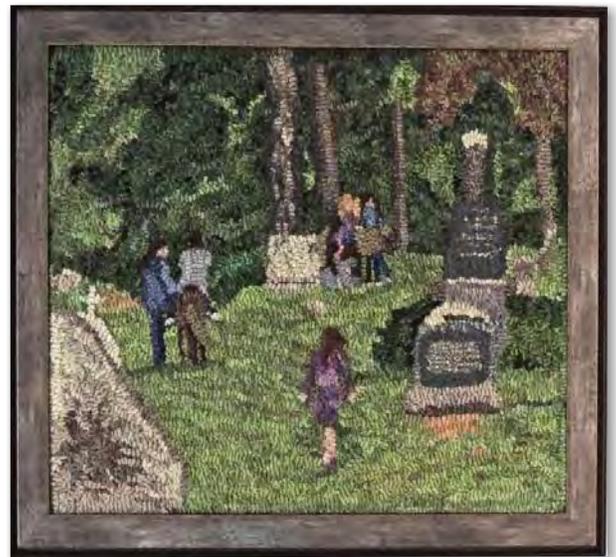
But just to show the vast pool of talent in our parish just take a look at what Ruth Emerson did with the photo taken at our 2014 picnic (below). Using the techniques developed by the old masters of "Impressionism" Ruth has deftly "hooked" the lovely piece shown (below right).

You the readers are privileged to see this, because Ruth will be unveiling it at the June Trent School of Rug Hooking at Trent University. And will be donating the finished piece to St Andrew's afterwards.

Bravo! Ruth.



Photo: Max Woolaver



From the Editor:

We are always accepting submissions for the next edition(s). The Editor reserves the right to publish and/or edit all submissions.

Please submit your articles, photos, and/or announcements to:
info@standrewsgrimsby.com

Please note that all submissions should be no longer than 1 page typed with or without photos (subject to clarity).

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Deadline for the 2016 Fall edition is September 11th

Outreach at St. Andrew's

Submitted by: Deacon Jean Ruttan-Yates

1. West Niagara Refugee Partnership (WNRP)

We have raised enough funds, to support a family of four. The WNR Partnership includes the churches of St. Albans Beamsville, St. John's Winona and St. Andrew's Grimsby as well as many individuals from the area. When we submitted our "Expression of interest letter" to the diocesan office we asked for a family who were in the greatest need.

The family coming to us could be Syrian but not necessarily so.

We have held a series of open planning meetings to date and we have received many offers for items such as:

- housing and furniture
- drivers for the family's transport needs
- teachers who teach ESL (English Second language) and if the family speaks only Arabic, we even have a translator!

The response from the churches and beyond has been wonderful.

2. Dinner for migrant workers

On May 29th the outreach committee and other parishioners hosted a dinner for the migrant workers. This was held at St. Albans, after the weekly Spanish church service. There could be as many as 80 to as few as 45 worshippers at each service, depending on how busy the greenhouses or farms are at the time. A meal and social time follows each service. It is something to experience. I have been part of this ministry since it began; we are now starting our third year.

3. FORT the resource programme for local teenagers

We are still working with FORT and I am at FORT on a weekly basis, I've been there for 11 years and I have seen many children and youth pass through those doors. Some of these youth are now working and some are in college or university.

4. The "Re-write" program

This is designed to get the stories of local children/youth write published. Currently FORT is holding a writing competition, open to all youth. It is our hope that some of these writings will also be included in the book.

5. Firefighter's Widows' Chaplaincy

On June 12th the day of our St. Andrew's picnic, I will be at the Toronto Fallen Firefighter's Memorial Service. So I wish the parish members and guests a happy time at the picnic.

6. GBF and St. Matthews

Our ministry continues with both. Judy Connor will update us with current projects upon her return.

7. Seniors Tea

Thanks to Judy we had a successful tea at the Parish Hall on 27th April, when the gentlemen of "The Reeds" harmonica group entertained our seniors as well as the Nursery children, who enjoyed dancing/prancing to the jolly numbers.

8. Friendly Visitors

Our friendly visitors program continues and Judy is always pleased to hear from volunteers who will help with friendly visits and telephone calls to sick, shut-in and/or hospitalized parishioners.

9. Care Bearers

Lesley Smith is our contact for this service to recently parishioners who are recently bereaved or in need of transportation to medical services. Again volunteer names are greatly appreciated.

Peace, Jean

Spring & Summer, a Time for Renewal

Submitted by: Sanjoy Acharya



A few short months ago we were slip-sliding along the road. We went to bed in the dark and woke up in the dark. We looked out of the window and saw the bare branches of the apple tree in our backyard stretching up like a witches broom from the sterile uniform white landscape, with not a green leaf in sight. Then in a blink of a few weeks, I looked out again yesterday and look what happened! Dark, green luscious grass, a lighter green mantle of leaves covering the apple tree and even the cedars along the fence appear to have a fresh green livery. Isn't it wonderful how the changing seasons work their magic every year? In turn the lovely bright beauty of the landscape seems to affect our mindset. Instead of thinking about our sniffles and achy joints, we start looking at the real estate ads in the local paper or we visit the local garden centres.

Last Wednesday I happened to be at the Parish Hall in the morning, when I was privileged to see another wondrous renewal. There were men in overalls disconnecting pipes and ladies with brush and dustpan sweeping away the dirt and cobwebs from behind the "grand old stove" in our parish hall kitchen. Then in the short space of time that it took for me to strike a few poses in Burt's yoga class, I looked in the kitchen again and Hey presto! It was as if Merlin had been in and waved his wand and there in all its shiny stainless glory stood our "new kitchen stove".

So when that offertory plate comes round next Sunday hum this happy tune ...

"Salaca doo la menthicka boo la bibbidi-bobbidi-boo

Put 'em together and what have you got?

bibbidi-bobbidi-boo

Salaca doo la ming menthicka boo leroo

But the thingamabob that does the job is

the twenty dollar bill ...that you put on the plate"

With acknowledgements to Walt Disney's "Cinderella"

N.B. Any excess monies raised will be redirected to our next St. Andrew's priority program. (At this time, the church steeple)



This item is an excerpt from one of the “greening tools” offered by our Niagara Diocese, brought to our attention by Michael Edwards our senior “greening” rep.

Best Practices for Meetings

Parishes are encouraged to undertake practices for their meetings that minimize their carbon footprint. With new technology (email, conference calls, online video conferencing) the frequency of some types of meetings can be greatly reduced. So we invite you to consider the following best practices for meetings.

Preparation

Most meetings require information of some sort to be distributed. Reduce the amount of paper handouts by distributing “soft” copies of documents and presentation materials. That is, make presentation handouts available on-line, or send them electronically upon request.

When needed, double-side handouts and print them on recycled-content paper and include a note identifying the percentage of recycled content used in the paper. Avoid bright, fluorescent coloured paper because it is more difficult to recycle.

Transportation adds significantly to the event's carbon footprint. Encourage carpooling for meeting participants, or schedule meetings “by Skype”.

Hospitality

If refreshments are included as part of your meeting, use reusable cups, plates and cutlery.

Serve beverages in pitchers, and offer bowls of sugar and a jug of milk/cream instead of the single servings. When making tea or coffee, heat only enough water as is needed to make the desired amount.

Use pitchers of water instead of single-use plastic water bottles (voted out by the Synod).

Meeting Space

If direction is needed, use reusable or recyclable signs to guide people to appropriate meeting rooms. Put green bins (where available), compost collection containers, and recycling bins in prime locations to collect waste during refreshment breaks, and to recycle handouts that will not be taken home by participants.

Turn lights and electrical equipment off when not needed and when your meeting is over.

Where possible, return the meeting room's thermostat to its not-in-use temperature setting before the conclusion of the meeting.



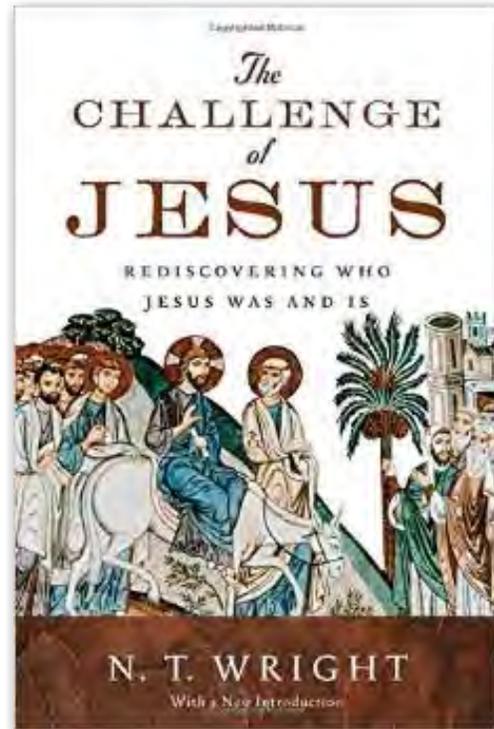
Book Review... The Challenge of Jesus

Submitted by: Allan Smith

N.T. Wright, the author, was formerly the bishop of Durham in England; and is a professor of New Testament at St. Andrew's University in Scotland. He recently spent a weekend at Huron College in London.

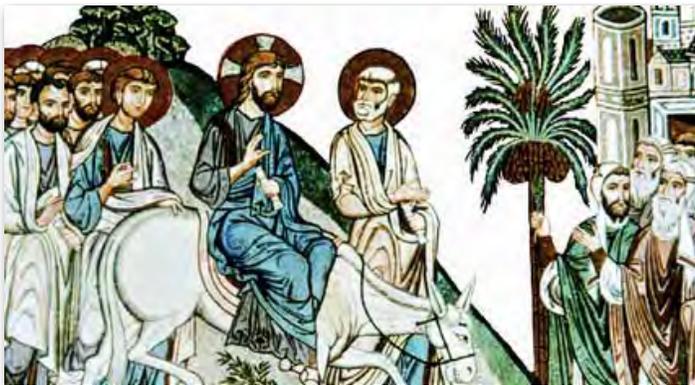
In the book, Wright brings us a discussion with a double edged challenge. The first is to grow in our understanding of the historical Jesus within the Palestinian world where he lived. The second is to follow Jesus more faithfully in the postmodern world of the 21st century.

N.T. Wright writes that one has to be interested in the history of the first century where Jesus was confronting various people about what God was doing --what the Gospels are themselves are trying to say. What was the unique achievement of Jesus with the Jews and what is our commission for the world in the light of what Jesus did for Israel of his day?



We find out there is something new to understand about Jesus. We have the Dead Sea scrolls, many Jewish texts, all kinds of archaeological finds and the people who Jesus interacted with. Many groups had their own agendas; the Romans had their empire, the Pharisees, the Qumran community, Herod, the chief priests, and the Herodian power elite. The first part of the book puts Jesus within 1st century Judaism. Did he regard the kingdom of God as present or future? Wright believes that the historical study of the Gospels must be done to energize the church in its mission to the world.

The second part of the book involves Jesus and did he think of himself as the Messiah. What did the 1st century Jews think of the role of the Messiah? Jesus' messianic Temple actions are surrounded by sayings amounting to riddles explaining the meaning of what has happened. Wright examines three in Mark 11:27-12:12, 35-37. Once we place Jesus in the Temple and see his actions there, we can



understand Jesus seeing himself carrying out a prophetic ministry to the Jews of his day. Jesus is summoning his hearers to a different way of being Israel. The task of Christians is to enact the symbols that speak of healing and forgiveness. N.T. Wright is reminded of St. Francis instructions to his followers: "preach the Gospel by all means and if necessary you could even use words".

Announcements

FREE for ALL SERVICE:

Sunday, June 26th, 5 p.m., Upper Hall, followed by potluck supper in lower Hall. For more info see Rev. Max.

EUCHRE:

Last Friday of every month. 7 - 10 p.m., \$5.00 per person includes snacks/refreshments & door prizes. For more info see Pat, Susan or Sheri.

BBQ for the women of St. Andrew's

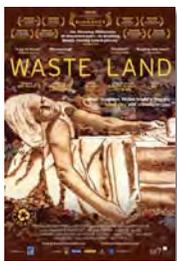
All women of St. Andrew's are invited to a BBQ at Lillie Haworth's house, 4 Deer Park Court at 6 pm on Tuesday, June 28th. Please bring a Lawn Chair and a salad or dessert for the Pot luck table. A basket will be passed to pay for meat and beverages. This is a fun social evening, please plan to join us.

2016 YOUTH MOVIE NIGHTS:

The Youth Movie nights are scheduled for once a month (except for July and August). Youth plan & prepare own dinner in Parish Hall kitchen for evening before settling down to watch movie. For more information, please see Peter Bromley.

2016 MOVIE & DINNER NIGHTS:

Please watch for this year's Movie & Dinner nights, scheduled for once a month including the summer months. All evenings are pot luck, please bring your favourite dish and a comfy chair to relax in during the show. Movie nights are free with a goodwill offering gladly accepted. Summer Movie Nights are Saturday, June 18th, July 23rd and August 20th. For more info, please see Rev. Max or Peter Bromley.



2016
movies
we've enjoyed!

FRIEND to FRIEND WANTED:

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For more info, please see Judy Connor (905 945 8350)

FOOD BANK:

Food for St. Matthew's House and the Grimsby Food Bank may be left in the basket by the Baptismal font or in the box in the Parish Hall lobby. This food is delivered monthly.

PRAYER SHAWL:

1:30 p.m., Tuesdays in the Fireside Room. For more info, please see Kit Dickenson.

WED. EVENING SERVICE & BIBLE STUDY:

7 p.m., every Wednesday in the Church. Bible Study follows the service in the Fireside Room.

MEN'S LUNCH:

12 p.m., 3rd Wednesday of every month in the Fireside Room. Please call Virginia by Monday previous to ensure correct number of lunches.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

10 a.m., Thursdays in the Fireside Room.

MEN'S BREAKFAST:

8 a.m., 2nd Saturday of every month at Bogey's Restaurant at the Casablanca Inn

GIFT CARDS:

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