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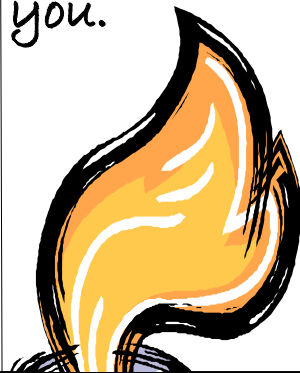


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I will not
leave you as
orphans;
I will come to
you.



Pentecost and After



Dear St.
George's,

We have again come to the feast of Pentecost in our church year. Pentecost is indeed a singular event. Some believe that it was the birthday of the church. But for all of us it marks the immersion of the church by Jesus into the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the specific descent of the THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY to enable the saved to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth; to live through us that same gospel; to enact among us all that Jesus accomplished at Calvary and His exit of the tomb.

This happening is of primary importance. It is mentioned in all four gospels. Further, it is the last promise that Jesus made to the apostles prior to His ascension

[Acts 1: 4 – 9].

Its value is underscored in the sensory phenomena which accompanied it. There was a wind noise of tornadic proportions. Flames appeared over all who sat in that venue. Languages which they had never studied poured from their lips to the amazement of bystanders who did understand them, resulting from this powerful infilling of the Spirit.

Luke who reports this also rivets us to the immediate fallout of these events. In answer to the scorn of the crowd who surmised that these people were ignorant Galileans (Hillbillies!) and no doubt drunk—Peter, with telling results, spoke to them by the power of the Spirit explaining what was occurring. Three thousand responded by confessing their faith in public baptism. “Exciting” hardly describes it. Our kids vocabulary is

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more apt. Awesome, Amazing, Humongous! Their phrases like “blew my mind” or “freaked out” would more adequately represent the reactions of the witnesses to these unique events

But St. George’s, beyond the significance of all this, the continuing effects of Pentecost are even more gripping. In its wake, the book of Acts informs us of its amazing intensity. What started as an outpouring of Divine Energy became a lifestyle narrated by Luke as this: [Acts 2: 41 -47]

1. They had a high degree of commitment to truth and association with the teaching meetings of the apostles.
2. They were hospitable. “Breaking bread” here is probably not the Eucharist but the simple sharing of meals.
3. They remained fervent in prayer.
4. Their powerful influence brought renewed reverence for God.
5. The apostles began to operate in the miraculous just as Jesus had predicted.
6. There was an astounding degree of unity, generosity, equality and sharing.
7. Their lifestyle was so appealing that God added to their number daily.

The rest of the book of Acts is an arresting record of how a people immersed in the Spirit’s power grew into a force to be reckoned with throughout the civilized world.

This was not however, life on a fleecy cloud eating creamed cheese and crackers. It was real power to confront real living that

resulted in real challenges. Complaints about discrimination, doctrinal deviations, disagreements among leaders and carnality, all surfaced. But these difficulties were overcome by God acting through Spirit-filled lives.

It is the prayer of our rector RD and also my prayer that St. George’s will again be immersed in that power; that we will give compelling witness to a dying world of the living Christ. We pray that the intense love and astounding ministry of the miraculous activity of the first Pentecost will be actualized in Burlington, Lowville, and their environs.

Lord of Pentecost, in your great mercy, grant to your people at St. George’s a visitation like, and indeed, surpassing the happenings in the days of your early disciples. We desperately need You in this desperate hour. Come, Sweet Spirit, in all your fullness that we “may be filled with all the fullness of G o d . ” A m e n ! H a l l e l u j a h !

Ken Bombay,

Pastoral Assistant

***THE THIRTY -NINE
ARTICLES***

**Ray David will explain these
important tenets of our faith.**

**Wednesday evenings,
June 2 and June 9,
in the Crossroads Chapel
From 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**

“You will receive power”

Gillian Fernie, Executive Administrator



Most of you know our new executive administrator, Gillian Fernie, because of her membership at St. George's for some years now with her family, her husband Michael, and her sons Thomas and Patrick. But did you know this: that Gillian rises at five in the morning to go to the gym to work out; she loves her dogs, Belle and Abby; she does tatting as a hobby and some crocheting; she plays the piano and is beginning to learn guitar; and she has always had a deep love of books.

Gillian was born in the south of England on an RAF base where her father was a pilot. She has one brother, Nicholas. When she was very young her parents divorced, so Gillian was raised by her grandparents in a coastal town in the north east corner of England, Hartlepool, famous for the legend of having hung as a spy, a monkey who had been washed ashore from a wrecked French ship.

Gillian lived with her grandparents from the age of two until she went to university in Manchester to study economics. She loved her grandparents very much and wanted to please them. It was for that reason that she started going to church. Her grandmother, though not a churchgoer herself, was very eager that Gillian be confirmed. This encouragement certainly initiated Gillian's spiritual journey.

While she was at university, a girl invited Gillian to a local pub; there she met Mike Fernie, her future husband. They fell in love and subsequently married. Mike was also a student, but on the other side of the country. His family was British, but his dad was with a company which had a contract for work in Sault Sainte Marie in Ontario, Canada. Therefore, Mike grew up in Canada and was only in England to go to university. From the first, Gillian understood that marriage to him meant moving to Canada. The young couple began their life in Canada on Maple Avenue in Burlington; two sons came along.

Gillian began attending the nearby Anglican church, St. Luke's, Burlington where both sons were baptized by Ralph Spence, then the rector. While Gillian was at St Luke's, it happened one year that Charlie Masters and Don George came on Wednesday nights in the Easter season to present a workshop under the Kairos program. Gillian was attracted by their deep intimacy with the Lord and with their knowledge of Scripture. She says that this stimulated a hunger in her for growth in the Lord.

In the same period, Gillian had a good friend, Janice Hamilton, who invited her to Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church. Gillian attended there for two years. She enjoyed the great worship and was blessed by the Bible study and by the

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women she met who actually knew Jesus.

However, Gillian missed the Anglican worship and decided to look for “Charlie’s church”. This was the beginning of her connection with St. George’s. As Gillian points out, there were people in place planted there by the Lord at every stage of Gillian’s life. She sees this same thing in God’s care and provision for her children. The youth team faithfully model how to pray and how to live your life for the Lord. People in the church family have always come alongside the Fernies to support them. She is very grateful!

When Gillian graduated from university, her first job was with Inland Revenue working as a “tax collector” in England. For three years she dealt daily with angry and upset people. When she moved to Canada, she was determined that this was not the field for her. Because of her love of books and reading, Gillian sought out publishing houses and went to work for one in Markham, commuting from Burlington. A couple of years later she went on to work for Wiley and worked in publication of college texts. At this time Gillian began learning computer literacy on the job and through night courses to keep pace with the changing needs in the field.

Because of her expertise, Gillian was later “head hunted” by a small Canadian company that specialized in case law. She loved the challenge of this work and the contacts with many lawyers and judges. In the course of time, the company was bought out by an American firm. This changed the company chemistry radically, and as well, changed the nature and content of her work from dealing in Canadian common law to American civil law. It was very stressful to move from a small efficient family company to the quagmire of a giant corporate structure where nothing seemed to get done. Gillian and her husband agreed that it was time for her to move on from the publishing field.

She took a three year diploma course in nutrition at the Canadian School of Natural Nutrition. This field proved to be not for Gillian. She could not be happy working in an area where the failure rate was 80%; she quickly found that most people do not even try to change their eating habits.

In January of 2010, Gillian again began earnestly searching for the right niche, but every door was slamming shut. When she heard that St. George’s was looking for an executive administrator, it seemed to her that the Lord had equipped her with the interests, experience, and skills for this position. She spoke to Ray David and “threw her hat in the ring”.

In April, the church announced her appointment. This is a very exciting time to come

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to this work. She is loving it although it is “baptism by fire” just now. The staff have been wonderful! Ray David has a long list of projects ready and waiting for her attention, for us at St. George’s, for ANiC, and also for the Anglican Church of North America. Her action list is up and running. This job is a perfect fit for Gillian, a gift from the Lord.

What is Gillian’s favorite Scripture? *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.”* [Jeremiah 29: 11 – 14,ESV] Certainly a wonderful word for Gillian herself, and also for us all in these days!

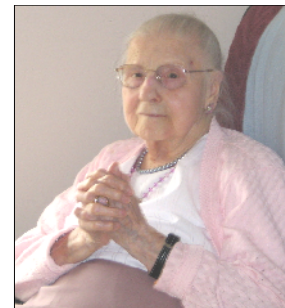
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To Our Parish Family of St. George's ANIC

Thank you for the cards, visits, and flowers received on the occasion of Mom’s / Helen Cornell's funeral.

She was a special lady and has received and given love in her parish family. God blessed her with 102 years of well-lived life. We were certainly blessed with "bonus years".

A week before she died, she was able to be in her wheelchair and commented several times on the fact that God had blessed her all her life with the gift of music. She was so very humbled to think that He had done that for her.



Special thanks go to Ray David, Charlie, and Peter for the funeral service they provided and to Donna for the bulletins. Also, a big thanks to the choir who led the singing. You have to know that Mom would be thrilled with it all!

Blessings and love to you all!

Kathy and Jim Powell and

all the Cornell family



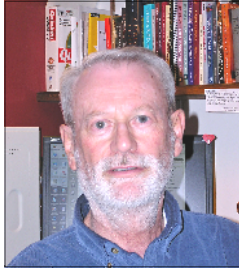
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The Fellowship of the Believers

[NB – this article leans very heavily on Dr. J. I. Packer’s book: “18 Words”.]

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” [Acts 2:42]



What is this *fellowship* that the believers devoted themselves to; and do I, do we, devote ourselves to it also? As Dr. Packer notes, the NEB translation of this passage brings more light on it: “They met constantly to hear the apostles teach, and to **share the common life**, to break bread, and to pray . . . *With one mind they kept up their daily attendance at the temple, and, with breaking bread in private houses, shared their meals with unaffected joy, as they praised God . . .*”

Here fellowship is equated to “the common life.” This is a much deeper sense of relationship than that which some Christians seem to settle for today. We do some very good things at St. George’s. We gather between services to talk and/or pray together with varying degrees of intensity; we gather in groups for ministry, study, and prayer; to hear speakers, to witness sports spectacles, attend concerts and games; or just to share meals and compare children or grandchildren, and so on. I say again, that these are very good things and we are right to enjoy them. The questions are: “Are these things, together or in part, the full gamut of fellowship?” and “If not, does it matter to us?”

Christian fellowship starts with our relationship with God: “. . . *indeed our fellowship is with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.*” [1 John 1:3b]. Because of what we *receive* from God, the gift of His Son’s life for our sins and the hope of bodily resurrection, what we *give* to the Father is worship. So the idea of fellowship is that it is a relationship of *giving* and *receiving*. The Son *gives* us a new commandment to love one another. As we *receive* this commandment, the second element of fellowship becomes clear. It is the relationship of giving and receiving of Spirit-directed gifts among one another.

In 1 John 1:3a John makes this even clearer. He writes: “*that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; . . .*” From these two scriptures we learn that Christian fellowship has a purpose, it is not just an end in itself. Its purpose is so that we may have fellowship with God. So fellowship is about the deepening of relationships with God, and among ourselves through giving and receiving. We give ourselves to God in worship and love and we receive the incomparable benefits of His love in return. As we turn towards our fellow Christians, our faces shining from our communion with the

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Trinity, we give ourselves to each other in loving ministry, service, and blessing.

We stand with each other in intercession for healing, in sharing, in testimony to God's goodness to us, in proclaiming the Kingdom to those who don't yet know God. Our proclamation of His love for the whole world will include acts of Christian service to those who need it most – the widows and orphans, the poor, the lonely, and those in prison: prisons of bars and of ungodly addictions, appetites, and spirits.

Thus the very good things that we do at St. George's are essential parts of fellowship, as are the worship and service that we offer to God and the ministries that we offer to each other. Our call is to embrace the whole concept of fellowship in our life together so that our understanding and praxis of fellowship will match the reality of what we do.

There are potential obstacles to our answers to this call. Dr. Packer identifies four things, at least. *Self-sufficiency* is actually a complete barrier to fellowship because the self-sufficient person cannot see or admit that he does depend on others for help of any kind, let alone spiritual help. That person will not admit to needing help from others through pride, guilt, or hypocrisy, and is not likely to give generously of themselves to others.

Other individuals may be prevented from giving and receiving the intimacy of true fellowship by their rigid adherence to *formality* in worship and personal interactions. It is difficult to be formal when sharing a deep spiritual need for ministry, and formality may win out over admission of need.

Dr. Packer identifies *bitterness/ root of bitterness* and *elitism or superiority* as other barriers to fellowship. Both these things separate us from each other. Bitterness breaks relationships, thus cutting off fellowship in parts of the body; and elitism creates cliques within the body, also cutting off others from fellowship with them. Exclusiveness is an ancient heresy (Gnosticism) and is satanic in origin.

Christians *need* fellowship; many Christians *lack* fellowship; and all Christians must *seek* fellowship. Only where true fellowship flourishes can God work miracles of renewal and revival; only then can we expect an outpouring of His gifts and a mighty river of incoming new believers instead the trickle we see today in the Church Catholic in the West.

So, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promises is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day coming." [Hebrews 10:23-25].

Keith Stodart



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WHY I THINK VBS IS IMPORTANT

1. Summer time is a special time and a special opportunity for children and youth. Their time and energy and even interest is relatively free. The result is a natural time to help them grow in their understanding and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. VBS provides this opportunity in a relaxed, fun atmosphere. There are several organizations that produce excellent age appropriate materials for this.

2. Usually activities in the church are divided into age appropriate groups with certain people designated to take the leadership. VBS becomes a multi-generational experience. There are many opportunities to participate/ help for every age group without 'experience' or 'training'. People with an interest in carpentry, registration, food/snacks, creating, playing games, gluing and cutting and colouring, keeping accounts, helping others, just enjoying kids, reading or telling stories, listening to memory work, etc., etc. are needed to make VBS kid friendly and successful. And don't forget singing! And acting out skits! Publicity! Etc.

3. AND now my main reason for knowing VBS is important... our 8 grandchildren! Summer after summer, our grandchildren would come and visit Gramma and Grandpa and go to VBS each morning. They really got to know us and their cousins because there would be 2, even 3 families represented in the sleepovers that resulted because of VBS. The best part was that we got to share in what they were learning at VBS. We could talk and they could talk, ask questions, pray together at bedtime. That rapport has continued even into their teens. I don't think that would have happened without VBS.

4. Finally, God doesn't take the summer off! It is good for everyone to have holidays, but to provide 'nothing' for those two special months in the summer seems neglectful. I know there is the Sunday school, but that is not the same as 5 mornings in a row with games, new and old friends, snacks, songs, stories and the love of Christ lived out in living colour.

YOU may not have 5 mornings to volunteer your help, but 2 mornings or 3 would be a great help. Maybe it is before VBS week in August that you can help. Every little bit helps! And we are praying that YOU won't regret being part of St. George's VBS!

Mary Krucker

VBS 2010

Purpose: To share Jesus with each child

Theme: Rain Forest

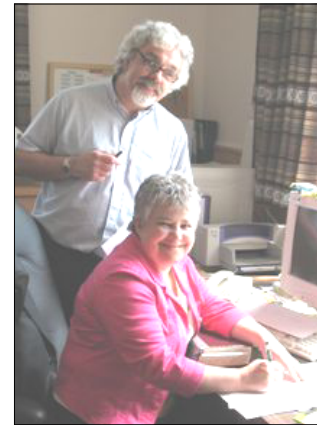
Dates: August 16th to 20th,
Monday to Friday

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Place: Crossroads

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Several St. George's parishioners went to St. John, New Brunswick to celebrate Catherine Bonham's graduation. Catherine and Gord Bonham are members of the St. George's family who went east to study at Taylor College, the training college of the Church Army, now known as Threshold.



Catherine has received a two year appointment to be pastor of community and family ministries at St. John Stone Church. She is thrilled and has such a heart for the ones to whom she ministers. In the picture, Catherine signs her contract at Stone Church with the pastor looking on.

Gord chose a one year college program and received a certificate. He volunteers in many programs with children who come from much brokenness. He too loves his work.



HELP FOR HAITI

On Sunday, January 24, following the devastating earthquake in Haiti, special offerings taken at both our morning services and at our evening service in Milton brought in \$2,776. Several organizations were suggested to the Reach Out Committee as a vehicle for getting these funds safely where they were most needed.

After prayerful investigation, the unanimous decision was to send St. George's contribution to Haiti through Health Partners International of Canada, to purchase Physicians Travel Packs. Each PTP costs \$540 and is filled with medicines donated by Canadian pharmaceutical companies. Air Canada flew PTP's to Haiti free of charge. HPIC works with Overseas Missionary Fellowship on the ground to get these medicines to their appropriate destination.

A letter from HPIC was received acknowledging our donation of February 19, 2010, with deep gratitude for our contribution for the people of Haiti. The Reach Out Committee wishes to thank all those who spontaneously supported this outreach project.



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Ascension

Forty days after Jesus' resurrection a startling, unique, and visible phenomenon took place near Bethany in Palestine. About 500 folks were gathered at the summons of our Lord. He repeated the information He gave them before Calvary, that He was going away; that after His departure, He would send the Holy Spirit whom He called the Paraclete. He would be Another of the same kind as Jesus, He would be like a coach, a personal trainer, a strengthener, to help them live as Jesus Himself had taught them. He further instructed them to remain in Jerusalem till the Spirit came. Then dramatically, He rose through the air till He was enveloped in a cloud, vanishing from their gaze.

There are rich blessings that come to us as we contemplate this scene:

1. Jesus' petition to the Father after re-entry into heaven was powerfully answered, and Pentecost happened.
2. The two heavenly beings who appeared immediately while the disciples were still staring at the sky reassured them that Jesus would return the same way He went up.
3. The author of Hebrews takes pains to explain that Christ's "unfinished" work in the glory world is now in progress:

-- that we have a High Priest who intercedes for us,

--that we can and should come before heaven's throne of grace and lay claim to our needs according to Jesus' fabulous provision,

-- that this office of our Saviour is continual and effective for all who believe.

4. St. Paul adds further encouraging information: that Christ has become sole mediator between humanity and God. We need no other route by-pass or short-cut for audience with God. Jesus already has the ear of the Father and by grace, we have direct access to Him [I Timothy 2: 5, 6].

5. And again in Philippians, St. Paul reminds us, that because of His obedient death for our sin, the Trinity has accorded Jesus, not just re-entry to heaven, but the highest place of authority [Phil. 2: 9 – 11]. To Him, all creation must bow as He places all enemies under His feet. What victory the ascension envisions!

6. The apostle John understood human frailty; he also understood the remedy. It centers around the fact that our ascended Lord sits at the right hand "of the Majesty on High."

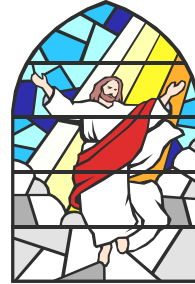
In his letter Jesus' loved disciple affirms: ". . . I am writing these things that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate (lawyer) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation (satisfaction) for our sins . . ." [I John 2: 1, 2, ESV]

Jesus remains as committed to you and to me where He sits in power as when He dwelt on earth in humility. Makes me want to shout!

We rejoice in hope! The ascended ONE will one day descend again, not in humiliation, but in honour. The words of a hymn that we sing each Advent encapsulate that beautiful vision.

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*Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ appears on earth again.*



But while we wait in anticipation with our eyes on the skies, let the further words penned by Charles Wesley incite us to lay hold of what is offered to us by our victorious Saviour.

1. *Arise, my soul, arise; shake off thy guilty fears.
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears.
Before the throne my Surety stands;
Before the throne my Surety stands;
My name is written on His hands.*
2. *He ever lives above for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for all our race,
His blood atoned for all our race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.*
3. *Five bleeding wounds He bears, Received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, They strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive" they cry;
"Forgive him, O forgive" they cry;
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die."*
4. *The Father hears Him pray, His dear Anointed One;
He cannot turn away the presence of His Son.
His Spirit answers to the blood,
His Spirit answers to the blood,
And tells me I am born of God.*
5. *My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear.
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And, "Father, Abba, Father," cry.*

Ken Bombay



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Church of the Messiah News

And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; Acts 2:17 [ESV]

As we approach Pentecost we have much to be thankful for. The Bible verse shows that the church is a diverse group of people: young, old, men, women, and children. God has called us to minister to all people and He has also provided us with everything we need to accomplish this. It was at Pentecost, fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead in victory over both sin and death, that God poured his Holy Spirit down upon all those frightened believers gathered in the upper room. It is through this gift of the Holy Spirit that God works in the lives of his children, gathering in the lost. Here in Norwich, God has gathered a community of believers that is also diverse and He has placed us here to reach all age groups and to spread the good news of Jesus.

The children have been such a blessing to us. As we spend time with them getting to know them, we recognize their hurts and pains. God is building a family here that cares for one another. It has been wonderful seeing the changes in these children over the past weeks and months. There have been many times when we have seen God's hand at work in their lives.



Chelsey came to us asking about prayer after witnessing us praying for one of our members. God opens these doors and it is up to us to use these opportunities. One of our members, Vicki, did a wonderful job explaining prayer to Chelsey and after that we prayed for her. I feel truly blessed as I witness God's love at work in all our members.

Our Bible studies are also going well as we continue to study 'Women who Achieve for God'. This study has been wonderful and we have learned a great deal over the past weeks. We now have two locations: one study group meets at Julie and Vic's house on Thursday afternoons; the other one meets at the Upper Deck on Wednesday evenings. Peter has been joining us on a monthly basis and we look

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Sunday School News

The Soup Wagon was full!! The children, along with their many friends at St. George's, collected 324 CANS OF SOUP for St. Matthews House. Thank you to everyone that shared this Spring Mission with us.



Welcome, little Vanessa, daughter of Laura and Shawn McLaughlin, newest addition to the church family.



Parents - Please take the time to identify any allergies your child might have with Angela Hunt. An updated list will be posted for all the Sunday School leaders. Thank you

Angela.



Cottage for rent

Lake of Bays, Muskoka,

lovely western exposure, 3 bedrooms, sleeps 6, well equipped, very safe sandy bottom, available June 26/27 to July 3/4, close to Huntsville, Dwight, Dorset. For inquiries please contact parishioner, Bruce Winter at 905-681-1068 or email: frosty7@sympatico.ca



Volunteers Needed

Please consider volunteering to serve on the Coffee Fellowship Team. No experience necessary.

What an easy way to help make newcomers and visitors feel welcome at St. George's.

We are especially in need of someone to volunteer during August and September when people are away on holiday. For more information please call Mary Gillard at 905-877-5875 or e-mail me at thegillards@bell.net



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forward to that. The Bible studies are growing; God has opened the flood gates. Also, our Saturday morning Sally Ann runs have provided us with opportunities to talk to town people and invite them to join us. Please pray that God will speak to their hearts, giving them a passion for his Holy Word.

We have been greatly blessed by the faithful shepherds that God has provided us. The Easter message of our Primate, Archbishop Bob



Duncan, was a breath of fresh air. And as part of ANiC, we praise and thank God for Bishop Don's

strong leadership and his godly messages. Bishop Charlie has also been a strong support for us and we look forward to his visit this Sunday,

Mother's Day. Charlie has a heart for the lost and many of us still remember the message from his last visit. Truly, ANiC has become more than a

lifeboat; it has become a home for the lost who do not know the Lord. What a joy to have shepherds who truly care for the flock.

These past days have been difficult for many as we try to digest all that has happened in regards to Rhonda Glenn. In the midst of everything, we see strong faith demonstrated by this family. Ray David continues to be a shepherd in the midst of his own pain. Rhonda stands firm in her love for the King. The body of Christ is drawing together in prayer and love. The Church of the Messiah is blessed to be a part of such a family. Our prayers are with the Glenn family and we will continue to pray without ceasing; trusting that we serve a mighty God and He is able.



Sheilagh Roloson

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Women's Conference

"let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious."

I Peter 3: 4



The 2010 conference, Disciples Making Disciples, was a wonderful success; more than 45 women attended. **Rosetta Del Monte** from the Navigators is a dynamic speaker. Her teaching on the marks of a disciple and what it is to disciple was very engaging and interactive. We were blessed by four testimonies from some very special ladies: Emily Rigo, Leah Culver, Margaret Willoughby and Mary Krucker. We learned that discipling and mentoring crosses over many generations and is an essential part of women's fellowship.

Karen Wilson



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St. George's Online



Bryan Hunt,
Worship and Media Pastor

April 28th marked the launch of the new St. George's website (www.stgeorgesonline.com). For the last several months I have been prayerfully working with the help of others on this new website. My goal was that it would represent and engage St. George's as a whole, not just a part. It is challenging to design something that will engage both teenagers and seniors, both the technologically "savvy" and the technologically "green"; but it was my desire that it would reach our whole church community. Out of this desire was birthed *St. George's Online - A community following Jesus*.

The Church as described in the Scriptures is the body of believers or followers of Jesus. Thus it was important to me that the website would represent the fact that church is about people, not an institution. The whole site revolves around people connecting to people, with Christ at the centre. As a leadership team, we have come to a realization that we need to connect people with the heart of the church from Monday to Saturday. Our Sunday services are wonderful, but true discipleship happens when people interact with each other during the week. We are called to live out our lives together as fellow disciples of Jesus and help one another along the journey. This is when the church becomes what it was meant to be. My prayer is that the website will help connect us with one another and will support our Christ-centred community. Face-to-face interaction is without a doubt the best form of connection, but the truth is that distance hinders us from interacting daily in this way. The goal of the website is not to replace the face-to-face community, but to support and enrich it.

The design of the site is very clean and straightforward. From the first page you can see the latest church news, upcoming events, community photos, and even listen or watch the latest sermon from our rector. If you delve a little deeper you will discover reams of information on our church, blog journals from Ray David and myself, updates on our mission

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partners and church plants, music, recommended reading lists and much more. You can also interact with all of this content, comment on Ray David's sermon from Sunday, ask questions, offer encouragement or ask for prayer. The possibilities are endless. I was talking to an older lady in our congregation and she excitedly said to me, "I can do this website, and if I can do it, anyone can!".

Even though the site has been live for only a week and a half, I believe that Lord has already used it mightily. We launched the site the day after the news of Rhonda's illness. Since that time there have been over 1.4 million hits on the site, which represents tens of thousands of visits. People from literally all over the world have been updated on Rhonda's condition and have offered up prayers to God for her healing and restoration. There have been hundreds of prayer comments on the site from people who have committed to pray and spread the news to their churches and prayer partners. God's timing is always perfect.

In the next week, we will be launching 'The Prayer Room', a place for people to pray together on the website. We have been praying and believing God for revival over the last year and we believe that it will be birthed out of prayer. The prayer room is a place where people can log on from their homes, workplaces, or literally anywhere in the world and pray together. Some may find praying together over a computer awkward at first, but God can bridge distances and I believe He will honour our commitment to prayer.

Over the next several weeks, there will be someone with a computer available after the Sunday services to walk you through the new website and answer any questions you have. I am also creating a tutorial video, which will in further detail explain and demonstrate the site. My prayer is that the website will connect us deeper as 'a community following Jesus' and bring glory to our Creator God. The success of the website is really up to you. Please visit the site often. Ray David and I will be updating it daily with new content. I pray that it will be a useful tool in the hands of the Maker.

Bryan Hunt



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The Thirty-Nine Articles

Have you been browsing recently through the Articles of Religion in the "pages 700+" of the Prayer Book and found some of them difficult to understand? Then THIS is for you!

On the first two Wednesday evenings in June, the 2nd and the 9th, Ray David is planning to demystify these Thirty-Nine Articles for us. From 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Crossroads Chapel, our rector will reveal all you ever wanted to know about these important tenets of our faith. Mark your calendar now; if possible read through the articles, and bring any questions you may have.

Pam Bales
Reach In

from St. Paul Anglican Bible Church

We have just returned from a 3-day Church Planting Coaching in Chantilly, Virginia. The training was, indeed, intensive and we now have 'homework' to do! Once we've worked through the initial homework and shared the results and plans with our little church family, we will have more to share with our brothers & sisters at St. George's.

In the meantime, please continue covering us in prayer as we follow our Lord on the next steps in our journey.

Zandra Pennylegion

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We need the Holy Spirit

Life-giver: It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. [John 6: 63]

Spirit of Adoption: For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. [Romans 8: 15,16]

Guarantee of our inheritance: In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. [Ephesians 1: 13, 14]

Giver of understanding: The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ. [I Corinthians 2: 14 -16]

Washer and renewer: He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior. [Titus 3:5, 6]

Intercessor: Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. [Romans 8: 26]

Gift-giver: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. [I Corinthians 12: 4 - 6]

Glorifier of Jesus: He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you [John 16: 14] [Scriptures from the ESV]

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John 14: 15—21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."