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Alleluía!
The LORD
Is risen,
indeed!

CROWNING PROOF



"[The resurrection of Jesus] is the seal and headstone of the great work of re-

demption, which He came to do. It is the crowning proof that He has paid the debt which He undertook to pay on our behalf, won the battle which He fought to deliver us from hell, and is accepted as our Surety and our Substitute by our Father in heaven. Had He never come forth from the prison of the grave, how could we ever have been sure that our ransom had been paid in full? (1 Cor 15:7) Had He never risen from His conflict with the last enemy, how could we have felt confident, that He has overcome death, and him that had the power of death, that is the devil (Heb 2:14) But thanks be to God, we are

not left in doubt. The Lord Jesus really rose again for our justification." J. C. Ryle, Expository Thoughts on the Gospels. 1856.

John Charles Ryle was introduced to many in our Lenten By George. He was one of my heroes. Known as a vigorous preacher, his biblical ministry has been a blessing to many. His writing encourages preachers to this day.

When commenting on Easter, Ryle used these words: seal, crowning proof, Surety and Substitute.

More than a moment in time, Jesus' resurrection is loaded with meaning for the Christian. When God works the miracle of faith and belief in your heart, your response to the empty tomb is repentance and joy. Jesus' triumph over the

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grave seals your redemption.
Easter is not a season of doubt and questioning, but of faith and certainty.

When Jesus rose from the grave, God vindicated Him. The Christian looks at Jesus' resurrection and is assured that Christ REALLY accomplished salvation on the cross. That is why Ryle calls the resurrection of Jesus the "crowning proof that He has paid the debt which He undertook to pay on our behalf". In Jesus' victory over the grave we see a strong Saviour, one who has defeated the final enemy. He has accomplished what He set out to do - defeat of sin, hell, death and the devil. In so doing, he set us free to be a people Holy to God. Jesus, the one who defeated sin and death is the one we trust as our Saviour, Redeemer and Friend. No more doubt!

I pray that this Easter season will bring you confidence and certainty that your salvation has been sealed by the death and resurrection of Jesus. I pray also that your heart will be so gripped by God that you will repent, accepting your guilt as a sinner and admiring God's saving grace.

In the midst of a world of uncertainty one fact is immutable – Jesus died for your sins and rose victorious from the grave to release you from the power of death.

Christ is risen in deed! Ray David Glenn

Alleluía! Alleluía! Alleluía!

The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the Victor's triumph won; O let the song of praise be sung. Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,

And Jesus hath his foes dispersed; Let shouts of praise and joy outburst. Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell The bars from heaven's high portals fell,

Let songs of praise his triumph tell! Alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again, Glorious in majesty to reign; O let us swell the joyful strain. Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,

From death's dread sting thy servants free, that we may live, and sing to Thee. Alleluía!

Translated from 17 th century Latin By Rev. F. Pott 1859

ENTER IN!









ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA (ACNA)

invites you to

Holy Saturday Choral Evensong April 11th, 2009 at 4:00pm At the Crossroads Centre 1295 North Service Road, Burlington, Ontario

Please join us at this glorious time in the church year as we celebrate the death and Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

This service is planned to manifest our "Common Cause" unity under the umbrella of the Anglican Church of North America. Participating will be ten southern Ontario congregations from the:

Anglican Coalition in Canada: St. Barnabas, Waterford; St. Patrick's, Bradford.

Anglican Network in Canada: Church of the Messiah, Norwich; Good Shepherd, St. Catharines; St. Chad's, Toronto; St. George's, Lowville; St. Hilda's, Oakville; St. Peter's, Hamilton.

Reformed Episcopal Church: St. George's, Hamilton; St. James, Kitchener.

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YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP

St. Bede's, Kinosota (Manitoba) is the destination for the St. George's Youth Mission trip scheduled for August 3-7, 2009. St. Bede's is an ANiC church on Lake Manitoba, two and a half hours from Winnipeg.

Our young people will be living in the St. Bede's community and will be assisting with the Vacation Bible School ministering to the First Nations. They will have time for prayer, fellowship, and recreation, and a unique opportunity for personal growth.

Bishop Malcolm and Reverend Jona Weitzel have warmly welcomed us. St. Bede's will provide housing and meals. We are responsible for plane fare (\$300-\$600 round trip each).

Parents and youth, be sure to contact Scott Walker about this exciting opportunity.

Fundraising plans are now in full swing. You can help. To volunteer your assistance, you can contact Angela Hunt (Friends of St. George's) at: ahunt@sympatico.ca

PROFILE OF ST. BEDE'S Rev. Jona Weitzel, Priest

- Parish established in 1842, one of oldest in Manitoba
- Close-knit, largely Metis community
- Many par ishioners go to the cities for work
- Voted to join ANiC on Oct 15, 2008
- Average Sunday attendance of 25
- St. Bede's has a well-attended Sunday School and an annual Vacation Bible School which attracts up to 45 children.

KEY FOCUS FOR THIS YEAR

- Live with Christ as our focus, guide and counselor.
- Reach out to those in need with Christ's love.
- Develop a youth-led service with youth-led worship music.
- Organize monthly potlucks and family fun nights.

TRUSTING GOD FOR

• All things great and small We give them all to Him.



Rev. Jona Weitzel



ENTER IN!

CHRISTIANITY 101

Beginning **Wednesday, April 29**, 7:30 – 9:30 p. m. For 5 weeks

Week 1: WHO IS GOD?

Week 2: WHAT IS SCRIPTURE AND WHY SHOULD I READ IT?

Week 3: **PRAYER, AS JESUS TAUGHT**

Week 4: WORSHIP, WHAT IS IT?

Week 5: THE CHURCH

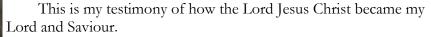
Come and bring your friends.

Register by contacting the church office at stgeorgesanglicanchurch@bellnet.ca

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I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS



First a small insight into my background. I was born in Germany, the older of two children. My parents did not walk with the Lord. Yet, my parents sent us to Sunday school every week. My great grand parents were Christians. I know without a shadow of a doubt that their prayer for us was not in vain. God honoured those prayers, I believe, and my heart was softened many years ago. Every

summer vacation I was thrilled to visit my great aunt and my great grandmother many kilometers away from my home town. Entering their house, I knew that Jesus lived there. I could feel His presence; the house was filled with His peace.

At the age of fourteen, I was confirmed in the Lutheran Church. Shortly after my confirmation, my family immigrated to Canada and took up residence in Milton. There was no more church or Sunday school in my life. Yet, I always believed in God and said the Lord's Prayer every night. At 14 ½ years of age, it was very difficult to come to this country, not knowing a word of English. Also, leaving my friends and relatives behind back in Germany made a real void. But I quickly grew to love this new country and adapt to its customs. Yes, I became a Canadian teenager with much sin and no desire or thought of the Lord.

In 1971, I applied to become a flight attendant with Air Canada. I was hired and graduated in Montreal. Flying home to Toronto after graduation, I met my husband-to-be, Phil, at 35000 feet, and we were married a year later at a Lutheran church in Oakville. That was 38 years ago. But the Lord had no place in our lives; we were on our way to a godless marriage.

I always knew that something was missing . . . But what was it? Then something happened on a flight to Calgary in 1974. I met two flight attendants; their faces were not ordinary faces; no, theirs were shining. They had something I didn't have, but I wanted it. "What is it with you girls, how come you are so happy?" I asked. "We are both Christians" they answered. I just laughed and responded: "Sure, sure, aren't we all?" Libby perked up and said: "No, we are not all Christians. Unless you are born again, you cannot enter the Kingdom of God." [John 3: 3]. I had never heard such nonsense. After all, I went to Sunday school, was confirmed, and I said the Lord's Prayer every night. What was Libby talking about?

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Libby asked a simple question. "Rose, if we would crash today, and you stood in front of a Holy God, would He let you into His Kingdom"? I had done things that were not of God. I knew it was called sin. So I said to her: "To be honest, I don't know if God would accept me." She didn't give up, and said: "Wouldn't you want to be sure?" "Look, how can anyone be sure to enter the Kingdom of God?" was my response. She continued, saying, "You must ask Jesus to forgive your sins and come into your heart. Be born again!" I had gone to church, was confirmed, but NO ONE had ever explained to me that Jesus wanted to forgive my sins and be part of my life.

That night, in Calgary, I asked the Lord to give me what Libby had. I wanted Him to be part of my life! "Anyone who calls on the Lord shall be saved!" [Acts 2:21] That included me! I didn't sleep all night. In the morning, getting ready for my flight home, I could feel good and evil fighting over the decision I had made. The Evil One would say: "Why would you become a Christian now? You have everything . . . a great job . . . a husband and many friends . . . you have lots of time to make a decision for God . . . even on your deathbed . . ." I dismissed those thoughts and said within my self. "No, I will keep the commitment I made last night." "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." [James 4: 7]

I went down to the lobby and handed the taxi driver my suitcase. I looked into his eyes and wondered if he was a Christian. In my heart I thought, "Rosie, you are so silly, thinking that the cab driver would be a follower of Christ." Well the Lord had a miracle in store for me. The drive to the airport was quite amazing. The other flight attendant in the car started talking about God and how she had lost her faith in God. I didn't know how to answer her for I was a brand new babe in Christ. The cab driver heard the conversation, turned around and said to my total surprise, "Girls, if you need spiritual guidance, I AM A BAPTIST MINISTER!"

Oh, the Lord really had heard my prayer the night before, and I was born into the family of God. For within hours of my decision to follow Him, I was able to recognize a brother in Christ . . . everything seemed so new . . . "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come." [2 Corinthians 5:17] My walk with the Lord had begun. I had found something so pure and so new that my husband and family couldn't understand. But the Lord was faithful to me and reminded me often. "I will never leave you or forsake you; I will always be with you." [Hebrews 13: 5] The first Bible verse that I learned was John 3: 16: For God so loved the world(me, Rosie), that He gave His only begotten Son, that if I believed in Him, I would never perish but have everlasting life.

The Lord's gracious hand was on me, and He has helped me grow; even (Continued on page 8)



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during my flights there were passengers who gave me spiritual encouragement and hope.

I attended a large church all by myself for 21 years. One day Jesus answered a prayer close to my heart. My husband, Phil, decided to follow the Lord in 1998. We felt led to St. George's Anglican Church. We have been blessed there.

At the conclusion of my testimony, I would like everyone to remember the verse that meant everything to me and changed my life, "You must be born again!" Ask Jesus into your heart. Remember Romans 3:23 "We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Jesus is the perfect sacrifice and He is waiting to change your heart too. It will be a new adventure to walk with Him every day. He will not disappoint you. Amen.

Rose Robertson



Beautiful Bookmarks

Our children have been busy making beautiful bookmarks for our church family to bring awareness of our children's library that opened in March. The books are available for reading in church or to take home and enjoy.

Donations of loose change and toonies would be wonderful to help add some age-appropriate books for our special S/K and grade ones who love to read.

Thank you in advance for helping us with this important work for our children.



CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH NEWS

Romans 1:16: I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first the Jew, then for the gentile.



As we enter into Holy week and the celebration of Jesus' victory over death, we would like to introduce ourselves. The Church of the Messiah is a church plant established through St.George's Anglican Church (Lowville). We are members of ANIC and we meet at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday at *The Upper Deck* in Norwich, Ontario (south of Woodstock on 59 half way to Simcoe).

Our journey has been a long one much like the Israelites in the exodus. The Israelites spent forty years in the wilderness before they entered the Promised Land. As Anglicans, we saw the need to move away from the Anglican Church of Canada and so our journey began. We have also spent

time in the wilderness as God prepared us to plant His church. While there have been days of great testing, there have also been days of great joy. One of those days of celebration occurred on December 24, 2008 when we were recognized as a church plant. On February 1, 2009, we began meeting on Sunday mornings at the Upper Deck in Norwich.

While we continue to meet in Norwich each week we would also like to extend an invitation to each of you to come and join us. As a church plant of St.George's Anglican Church, we have been very blessed to be provided with the services of the Rev'd. Peter Parent. Peter is with us the first and the third Sunday of every month, and the fifth if that happens. He has been a real asset to us and brings strong teaching of God's Holy Word. These Sundays also provide us the opportunity to celebrate Holy Eucharist in the Book of Common Prayer.

The second and fourth Sunday of each month we worship God with the Service of Morning Prayer, also BCP. While we are a small congregation we also have a Sunday school. After our service there is a time of fellowship and coffee. We also meet every Wednesday evening for Bible Study; during Lent we have been working through GAFCON's *The Way of the Cross.* And a special treat: On **Sunday April 26, 2009**, Holy Eucharist will be celebrated with our Bishop Don Harvey.

As the body of Christ we also spend some time together in prayer. We serve a God that hears and answers prayers and we would love to pray for you and with you.

Romans 12:12: Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Yours in Christ, Sheilagh Roloson The Church of the Messiah



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from the Tinker family

Dear Friends,

God has opened a door for the Tinker family and we have decided to walk through it! About five months ago, I received a call from a friend at St. George's (Margaret) who wanted to share something with me. She had a call from another parishioner who had heard about a church in Brantford that was looking for a new minister. She said that Paul had been on her heart while thinking of this church and their needs. Not knowing us well, she shared this with Margaret, who in turn told me. Paul and I looked up the church on the internet. As we read the website, we both felt a sense of excitement. As we read their mission statement, we felt this was a door that God was potentially opening for us.

"At Farringdon we are a caring, welcoming community of faith:

Our Head and Cornerstone is Christ; Our Beliefs and Worship are focused on the Trinity; We affirm the inspiration & authority of the Bible, & We believe and practice traditional Christian values."

After several interviews over the past five months, on Saturday night, we were invited to a "meet & greet" where we were introduced to over 120 people. We attended Farringdon's church service yesterday where Paul completed the final stage of the interview process - the "call to preach". After this, there was a community vote and, thank God, there was an overwhelming YES from the congregation. We are so excited about this opportunity. We have tried to be faithful to the ministry that God has called us to do and we both feel that being part of Farringdon Church will allow us to do just that.

The kids are warming to the idea of moving. During the "meet & greet" on Saturday about 12 other children came out to meet them. We listed our house three weeks ago and had a firm offer within the first 48 hours. Now we just need to find a new house; otherwise, we may end up living with my mom & dad come July (ha ha).

I have to say, the idea of leaving St. George's has left me with mixed emotions. While I am excited about the idea of finally being able to go to church as a family and finally starting a new chapter in our lives, I am saddened to leave St. George's. You guys have held us up in prayer, cared for us and encouraged us over the past six years. As we drove to Brantford on Sunday morning, I had such an overwhelming feeling of love and support. We knew so many folks were praying for us. You, as a church family, have nurtured and fed my children and me at a time we desperately needed it, and for that I will be eternally grateful. We are only going down the road a bit and I know we will continue to visit our church family at St. George's.

May God richly bless you all!

With Love, Kelly, Paul, Madison, Jackson, Grace & Matthew

WOMEN OF ST. GEORGE'S Mark your calendars

Saturday, May 2: A luncheon at Crossroads with speaker Michelle Walker.



Weekend May 29- 31: The annual women's retreat at Crieff Hills with speaker, the Ven. Desiree Stedman



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

The Coffee Fellowship Team welcomes our new members Roger and Annette Harris. If you would like to help with this very important ministry please speak to a team member or call Mary Gillard (905-877-5875). We especially need help over the summer months when some of our members will be away. If you can help out on a short term basis we would appreciate that also.

APPRECIATION

To all our dear friends in St. George's Church family:

Joan and I are deeply grateful for your faithful prayer support of our ministry and especially during my recent illness while ministering in the eastern Arctic. You would have heard, I am sure, that my un-diagnosed illness cut short our Arctic Ministry. Recovery is slow, but, I am feeling better with the passing of every day and, hopefully, will be able to resume ministry in the very near future.

Thank you for remembering us so faithfully in prayer, and for your many encouraging notes and phone calls.

With our love in Christ,

Marney and Joan



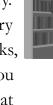
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OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

We are planning to rebuild our church library. As we have no budget for this, we would very much appreciate donations of Christian books, fiction or non-fiction, to get us started. If you have anything to donate please seek me out at church or drop me a line at gfernie@cogeco.ca.

Thank you very much for your support.



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Gillian Fernie

ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE

From two of the Adopt-A-Family St Matthew's House Christmas Program families come the following "thank-you" notes.

"I want to say thanks for your kind heart. You made me and my daughter happy - we appreciate. God bless you and give you all the best things you need along this year. This was Therez and Juliett"

"Thank you for help my family. God bless you. Paul"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Scott Walker will be admitted to the priesthood on June 28th, at the Crossroads Centre. Bishop Harvey will officiate.

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Healthy Views I Can Work on Developing as I Age:

- The time will come when I will be able to devote more time to what God has for me to do. Am I praying and preparing for what that might be?
- I want to use my time to build on something that will outlast me.
- I have had a life of meeting challenges head-on; I don't have to be protected from life
- I want to continue to grow in faith and to be curious about life.
- I want God's direction for working and praying.
- My faith plus God's leading equals changed lives.
- In the Bible when God wanted to bring about change, it was often the elderly who were blessed with the task. Will I be equipped and ready?
- "Small deaths" happen throughout life (jobs, health, etc) and with God's help I
 can face my future
- Learning about death and eternal life can give me a whole new outlook on life as I begin to prepare to be with my heavenly Father some day

Remember:

- God's grace is operative through both young and old.
- "Born again" can happen at any age.
- Older folks can receive the Holy Spirit and its fruit too.
- Older folks may need assistance to relate and to contribute, but their contributions are necessary within the body of the church.

Kathy Powell Seniors' Pastoral Resource





A DAY OF GLORY IS COMING!

A day of glory is coming because Jesus rose from the dead. Think of it! Everything changed for us in that glorious event. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life;" and He is.

Without Jesus' resurrection there could be no glorious day, no inheritance of eternal life for us. Without Jesus we are dead, people "of the dust". As the apostle Paul tells us: "flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable." [I Corinthians 15: 50] For us, flesh and blood, people of death, Jesus' death and resurrection changed everything.

It is a mystery! It will happen in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. We will be changed. The dead will be raised imperishable. Death is "swallowed up in victory". This victory is not from us; "thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ". [I Corinthians 15: 51 – 55]

It is a wonderful inheritance of glory, this "living hope", this inheritance that Jesus has secured for us through His death and His glorious resurrection. It is for us who are "born again" to this living hope in Christ. It is a sure thing! It can never spoil or fade. It is kept for us. The apostle Peter says that we are guarded by God's power for this salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. God's power is mighty, and it is His power that keeps us and it is His power that keeps this inheritance for us. It is none of our doing at all! His great mercy gives us this gift! He never takes it back! We should never allow ourselves a moment of doubt or insecurity. This is a sure thing! [I Peter 1: 3-5]

But, what will our inheritance be like? We are waiting to see. The apostle Paul says that "the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God [Romans 8: 19]." Paul says, "hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see we wait for it with patience" [Romans 8: 24, 25]. And John also says, "what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is [I John 3: 2]."

But, does it make sense to hope for something you have not seen and no one else on earth has seen? Could there be any place that we have not seen? It is said that the reaction of one of the first astronauts who traveled into space was that there is no God up there. That is just hard-headed unbelieving atheism. In fact, to fly for the first time, after just a few moments of dull, murky, bumpy grey, to burst forth suddenly into a panorama of beauty, light and brilliant blue, with fluffy white clouds – this should bring forth faith. That God has created a place of such beauty, right

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next door to us, even though we might go through our whole life and never see it; this should evoke worshipful faith. Of course it makes sense! There IS a salvation! It is already prepared! It is "ready to be revealed in the last time".

It makes sense to set our full hope there in this "living hope", to place everything that we know and have there, to trust ourselves to the sure mercy of God and to the saving power of Christ. A day of glory is coming! It is ours through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour!

Mary Ann Masters

Hola from Guatemala

My time here is coming to an end; I return home April 27th. I miss my St. George's family as we head into Semana Santa or Holy Week. I have found that there is a beautiful Christian community in my city, An-



tigua. I have been attending two churches: Viva y Fe and Cambino. At both churches the people are so friendly. I love the hearts of these people and the strong sense of community.

The Lord has provided me with many opportunities to be a witness to the people here in my own community and as I travel around the country learning about agriculture and mining as part of my semester abroad for my International Development degree.

I want to thank you for your prayers and support over the past few months. Your prayers have been, and still are, being felt tremendously as I go through my daily life and learn to live in a new culture and community. These past months God has been pushing me to live out of my comfort zone and to rely fully on Him. It has been a change in both my physical and spiritual routine. Knowing that I have the prayer support of my church community has made me much more confident.

When I return to Canada, I will work for a few months, and then, in August, I feel God is calling me to be one of a group of twelve students from Campus Ministries who will be working with a community in the impoverished region of Batula, Kenya.

Thank you for all your prayers and support. I look forward to seeing you soon,

Leah Culver



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St. George's Anglican Church,
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Glory to Jesus!

Glory to Jesus! Rísen, conquering Son; endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where the body lay.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb! Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth: death has lost its sting.

Now more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life; life is nought without Thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe us through Jordan to thy home above.

Edmond Louis Budry, 1854—1932 Tr. Richard Birch Hoyle 1875—1939