



Connections

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Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matt. 28: 19, 20

COMING SOON



Pentecost, June 9, is known as the birthday of the church, the day the apostles of Jesus received the Holy Spirit and became empowered to preach and teach and heal in His name.

Red, denoting flames of fire which descended on the apostles, is the Holy Spirit's colour, so we are all invited to wear red on June 9 to celebrate that world-changing event.

MANY CHOICES FOR OUR READERS

We appreciate the warm welcome this little publication has received. We are told that people enjoy getting current news twice a month and they like the information about other faiths being celebrated by our neighbours.

Christ Church is fortunate in having two other sources of information, each with a different focus. *The Parish Window*, which is printed quarterly, has in-depth articles and spiritual messages to deepen our faith. It has become an important part of their devotional life for many parishioners.

Our parish website, which you will find at (www.christchurchscarborough.com) carries all the information needed to make people not yet part of our parish family want to share the life-changing faith we cherish.

THANK
YOU

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY: *Viggy, Annet, Carol, Cathy, Barb, Dushy, Cheryl-Anne and her family, Anne, Joan, John, Corinne, Bill.*

The Deacon's Cupboard

For the past several years Christ Church has served our community in a variety of ways. One of the most appreciated is the distribution of food. Many



families find it hard to make sure their children enjoy healthy meals. The old saying

"too much month and not enough money" is very real for them, and the food provided by members of this parish helps to fill the gap.

Deacon Jacquie tells us that the arrival of summer brings new requests to the Deacon's Cupboard. With their youngsters out of school, parents will need snacks for them. Cereal bars, pop tarts, fruit cups and any other snack type food will be very welcome, and without school breakfast programs, more breakfast cereals will also be needed.



When you do your grocery shopping in the next few weeks, please tuck a few of these treats in your basket and bring them to church on Sunday, to be offered and blessed during the service. Your continued support is much appreciated by both parents and children.

**IT'S A PARTY — A SPRING
CLEANING PARTY,
AND YOU'RE INVITED!**

JUNE 8

**We'll be finished by noon
See David Baird for details**



IT HAPPENED IN JUNE

On June 2 our Jewish neighbours celebrate Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day), the end of the Six Day War in 1967, and thank God for making the traditional prayers of "Next year in Jerusalem" come true.

On June 5 the church honours Saint Boniface, an English cleric best known as the "apostle of Germany" for his role as a missionary to that country. Boniface moved in high church circles throughout his long and successful career as an educator, organizer and reformer. He was martyred by pagans, who killed him as he was reading the Bible to new Christians on Pentecost Sunday.



Boniface preaching

For the Jewish community, an old, biblically based day is commemorated on June 9. This is Shavuot, when Moses brought the Torah down from Mount Sinai to the Jewish people.



On June 6, 1844, a young merchant named George Williams and twelve coworkers established the Young Men's Christian Association "to improve the spiritual condition of young men in the drapery and other trades."



On June 8, 632, the Muslim prophet Mohammed, who founded Islam and wrote the Koran, died.

The Irish monk, Saint Columba, is remembered by the church on June 9. He was a powerful preacher and leader, who founded 30 monasteries in Ireland in 10 years. However, his forceful personality led to antagonism, so, exiled from Ireland, he and a



Iona Abbey today

small group went to a bleak island called Iona. Columba spent his last years at Iona in prayer, fasting

and teaching his monks to copy the scriptures. Over the centuries the learned monks of Iona produced countless elaborate carvings, manuscripts and Celtic crosses. Their greatest work was the exquisite *Book of Kells*, which dates from 800 AD. Saint Columba is still a beloved part of Irish tradition.

A third Christian from the early days of the church is Barnabas, whom we remember on June 11. All we know about Barnabas is from the New Testament. Barnabas was the one who persuaded the community to accept Paul as a disciple. He must have been well respected, because he and Paul travelled to many cities on behalf of the fledgling church, not without controversy. In fact, tradition says he was stoned to death about the year 61.



Barnabas

Softball season

The Scarborough Anglican Youth Ministry (SAYM) was created over 50 years ago to promote Christian fellowship among the youth of Anglican Churches in Scarborough, with softball as one of their activities. Other teams have joined, and now there are eight teams from several denominations.

The main three objectives remain unchanged, providing Christian fellowship, opportunities to meet new friends, and most of all, for all the players, officials, or spectators, providing fun! Christ Church is a proud partner in the SAYM ministry. Combining with St. Bede's parish to make a full team, we were the champions last season and hope to repeat this summer.

Spectators are always very welcome. Their cheers can make the difference in a tight game! All games are played on Tuesday nights at 7 pm (weather permitting). Here are the venues for this month:

June 4 and 11 Corvette Park
June 18 and 25 Warden Park



MESSAGES FROM THE UNITED NATIONS



**World Environment
Day**

June 5 is UN World Environment Day, focussing this year on air quality.

June 8 is World Oceans Day, when we are reminded of the masses of plastic clogging our water, killing whales and other sea life.

We don't need to look very far to know that climate change is real. Flooding on Toronto Island, dozens of tornadoes sweeping across the United States, wildfires in Alberta, below average temperatures here in Southern Ontario - all these indicators prove to us that we need to pay attention to the health of our planet, or we risk leaving a world in which our children and grandchildren will struggle to survive.



**World Oceans
Day**

INCLUDED IN THE CALENDAR

It is interesting to see that our church calendar lists June 4 as a day for Anglicans to commemorate John XXIII, Bishop of Rome and Pope to millions of Roman Catholics.

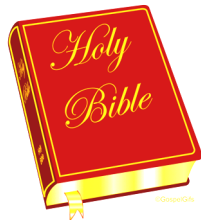
Why is this man especially honoured? He was 76 when elected, and was only expected to be a "transitional" pope. He had a varied and illustrious career, but nobody thought he would turn centuries of tradition upside down by calling Vatican 1, the first synod in the history of Rome, where he promoted ecumenical relations, freedom and dignity for all people. He was a breath of fresh air for the church.



John XXIII

When John XXIII died, a newspaper drawing of the earth shrouded in mourning, with the caption "A Death in the Family", expressed the feelings of Catholics and others alike.

In 2017 the Roman Catholic church canonized (made a saint) this well-loved man.



Scripture readings for June 2: Samuel 1, Chapter 1: 9-20; Samuel 1, Chapter 2: 1-10; Acts 1: 6-14

Readings for June 9: Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b; Roman 8: 14-17; John 14: 8-17 (25-27)

