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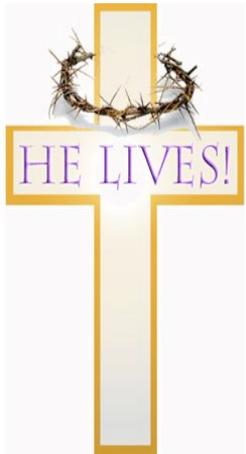
EASTER 2019

He
is
Risen
Alleluia!



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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR PAM



I write on April 7, 2019, the 5th Sunday in Lent. As I lay on a beach here in Cuba on this sunny Sunday, even though it is beautiful, I miss worshipping with you. I am quiet and reflective on this day of rest. As I look heaven-ward I notice the palm branches above me dancing in the wind, which is strong today. And I wonder. What was it like for Jesus over 2000 years ago as he entered into Jerusalem? Palm branches, such as I see, were laid before him – a sort of red carpet for a VIP. Matthew 2, tells us, "When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Blessed is the one that comes in the name of the Lord.

It is before 11a.m. Perhaps you are saying these words of honour and remembrance in the Eucharist right at this very moment. The crowds also honoured him as he entered into Jerusalem. But such a short time later he was rejected; betrayed by Judas, abandoned by his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane and denied by Peter three times. And the crowds – were there some who, seeing Jesus would not overthrow the Romans as they wished, take back their cry of honour, their accolades, replacing the cry with "crucify him"?

Palm fronds. Palm leaves are also made into crosses the Saturday before Palm Sunday, and, then, as we enter into this holy time of Passion week, I

invite you to gather to honour Jesus. Although, back then, the crowds did not know it, Jesus is to be honoured even more for going to the cross. From Rev. 5:12 "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!" The cross is our way through all that binds us, all that keeps us in brokenness and sin. And what is to be our response to God for his deliverance through our Red seas? Freedom, joy, and praise! For the resurrection tells us that Jesus is alive and offers life to us. We are to honour Jesus with our very lives and offer the hope of the cross to others.

We are to be like the Israelites coming out of exile and going back to their homeland.

As Isaiah 55:12 says "For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands".

We are to be like palm branches, dancing in the wind of God's spirit.

Your Priest and Pastor Pam

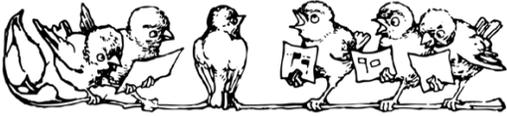
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Looking Ahead

"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"



SPRING SONG

by
Iris Hesselden

The wind is fresh and blowing still,
And snow lies on the distant hill,
But see those branches, once so bare,
They've small green touches here
and there.

So many shoots are growing strong
And soon we'll hear the blackbird's
song;
The tiny snowdrops play their part
And raise a spring song in my heart.

Today I saw a patch of blue
As now and then the sun broke
through.
The birds are busy, no more rest –
They seek the safest place to nest.

We saw the first lambs of the year
And daffodils will now appear,
So go, cold winter, please depart.
For I've a spring song in my heart.

Submitted by:
Deacon Canon Jacquie Bouthéon
Diocese of Toronto



LENTEN STUDY PROGRAM/REFLECTION 2019

We took a small book, "Lenten And Easter Wisdom From Henri Nouwen", a well known contemporary spiritual writer, and offered it as a Lenten study resource to parish members. The response was overwhelming. Pastor Pam had to scramble to find enough copies. Twenty-one folks signed up, and were divided into two groups; one group met after the 10 o'clock service on Sunday, and the other shared a soup supper and discussion early Tuesday evening.

The study format was based on two principles –personal self-discipline for 'daily' study, and weekly sharing ideas, insights, questions and issues with the group. Nouwen's book was ideally suited to this format since it was broken into two pages for each day, containing a reflection from Nouwen, a Bible quotation, a prayer and Lenten action. The weekly get-together for sharing focused on the seven days from the previous week. Discussions were lively, informative, spirit building, interspersed with warm laughter. The real challenge for most of us was to find the self-discipline to study the resource book one-day-at-a-time, and not do the daily readings all in one sitting.

To personal growth in faith was added the delight of parish members sharing their faith in fellowship as a community of believers.

Father Roy

"Knowing that each day is a new day, and a gift of time, you don't need to experience a dire event to enjoy and be grateful for the gift of time." Abby Willowroot

I was introduced to the Spiritual and Religious Care department at the Scarborough General hospital by Rev Sonia when I returned to Christ Church from my near death illness. This department presents a multi-faith worship service every Wednesday. One of their themes in 2016 was "A LIFE LIVES ON". This was from a poem, part of which is quoted above, and how appropriate for me.

I am ever grateful for the gift of more time. I thought my time was over, my days complete, then a miracle came and my time was extended.

Choices await my wise use of this precious time, may I ever be grateful for the time and use it well, aware that each new day is a gift to be treasured, each new experience is an unexpected blessing; may I use them carefully, wisely and well, using part of my time to love, laugh and feel joy.

I have new chances to expand my awareness, to grow my spirit in compassion and understanding. Bless this day, this hour, this minute, and this moment.

I am ever grateful for the gift of time.

Jeanette Khan

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM FATHER ROY

After his suffering, he presented himself alive to them by many and convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the Kingdom of God.
Acts 1: 3

I have met many people, some of them practicing Christians, who accept the Bible's description of the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. These same Christian people do not accept his resurrection. They doubt the truth of the event, because it's against the natural order. There were skeptics 2000 years ago and there are skeptics today.

On the other hand, there are a large number of the world's critical scholars, historians, archeologists, Christians and non-Christians, who agree that the following facts can be accepted as 'knowledgeable history':

- Jesus did die on the cross – he was not just unconscious.
- He was buried in a sealed tomb – with guards posted outside.
- His death resulted in his followers hiding in fear for their lives.
- A few days later the tomb was open and the body was not there.
- The body of Jesus was never found.
- The authorities searched for his body to no avail.



- The accusation that the disciples stole the body was never proved.
- No shrine was ever erected as a remembrance of his death.
- On nine different occasions, plus others not recorded, his disciples experienced what they believed were appearances of the risen Lord.
- Experts say that these appearances, to individuals and groups, were too similar to be visions or hallucinations.
- The disciples no longer hid in fright, but boldly proclaimed his resurrection, and some of them died for their beliefs.
- After the resurrection, the disciples had the power to heal and many miracles were recorded as happening because of them.
- The Christian church came into existence and Sunday became their special day of celebration, not the Jewish Sabbath.

- Two of the known skeptics, James the brother of Jesus, and Paul, a persecutor of Christians, had appearances of Jesus, and became leaders in the early church.

The scholars' conclusion - the resurrection of Jesus, in a transformed but recognizable body - is the only logical explanation for these historical facts.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!



SPREADING THE WORD

Following the recent launch at Christ Church of Fr. Roy's book ***Inspirations from Life***, several people have asked about the Anglican Worship Resources Society (AWRS), the organization which will receive all royalties from the sale of the book. AWRS is dear to Roy's heart, because as a volunteer director of the Society for many years, he has seen the importance of its work for parishes with limited income. AWRS has been in existence for over 120 years, first under its former name of the Anglican Bible and Prayer Book Society, and later as the Anglican Worship Resources Society to reflect the broader worship needs of congregations. In addition to bibles, prayer books, hymn books and other books of all kinds used in worship, AWRS now assists in the purchase of tapes, translations into Inuit and Aboriginal languages, a midi and even a sound system.



The Society usually shares in the cost of such worship materials by providing up to 50% of the price when the bishop agrees that the need in a parish justifies such assistance. AWRS is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions from dioceses, parishes, church organizations, and individuals. With budget restrictions forcing all dioceses, parishes and other groups across Canada to make hard choices about where to spend their money, AWRS cannot count on the level of support from these sources that it once did.



Fr. Roy's creative decision to assign all the royalties from his book to AWRS will help overcome this shortfall and allow the Society to continue its ministry to less affluent parishes. The Anglican Worship Resources Society is a registered Canadian charitable organization, issuing receipts for income tax purposes. The Board of Directors is composed of clergy and lay members who meet quarterly to agree on which requests can be approved from their dwindling reserves.

Inspirations from Life is a labour of love for Fr. Roy. Its prime purpose is to tell the story of faith to as many people as possible, and any help he can give to AWRS by its distribution will achieve the same goal through their work. And as people in 25 congregations where he has shared his stories of life in Jesus' name agree, it's a "good read", simply told and true to everyday life.

Audrey Shepherd

SOME FUN FOR THE YOUNG &
THE YOUNG AT HEART.
ENJOY!

Word List

basket	Easter	roll
bunny	egg	dye
candy	fun	color
chocolate	hunt	



BRZEASTERFBD
AIUNBCAVODSY
SGYCHOCOLATE
KERANLAGLSRB
EGGMXONFBKOU
THUNTRDIYDBE
OLBUNNYTFUNA



JUSTICE OR MERCY?

A woman. Her sin. A crowd.

This is what Jesus is presented with in John 8. As Jesus is teaching at the Temple, the Pharisees bring a woman accused of adultery in front of the crowd in an attempt to set a trap for him, a moral dilemma. Will Jesus show justice and uphold the Law of Moses according to which the woman should be stoned, or will he show mercy and let the woman go, angering the crowd and defying the Law as a result?

Although situations in our lives rarely call us to make decisions as dire as life or death, they often prompt us to ask the question, "Will we be just or merciful?" A friend breaks a promise. A loved one finishes the last cookie we had been saving for ourselves. A colleague begins to slack off. What do we do? Do we lecture them on what is right/wrong or do we readily forgive even when they are in the wrong? Giving them a lecture every time can lead to strained relationships. Being too merciful can lead to the disintegration of trust and moral code. So what do we do?

We find our answer if we take a look back at Jesus as he confronts the woman, her sin, and the crowd. Instead of judging the woman, Jesus turns the judgment towards the crowd, prompting them to judge themselves when he says, "Let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" (John 8:7 NLT). And one-by-one, the crowd thins. What a

perfect response! Jesus doesn't choose between justice or mercy: he chooses both. Jesus shows justice (he never tells the crowd not to throw the stones) and he shows mercy (he forgives the woman and tells her to sin no more), all the while teaching the crowd to turn their judgments inwards.

Next time we find ourselves in a situation where we are oh-so-ready to judge another person under the guise of upholding justice, where our fingers are tightly wrapped around the "stone" as we take aim, let us remember Jesus's response. Let us be merciful and instead of being too quick to point out the speck in another's eye, let us focus on getting rid of the log in our own (Matthew 7:5).

R. Luther



SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

On May 14, the combined Christ Church and St. Bede's team will start the defense of their Scarborough Anglican Youth Movement (SAYM) softball championship from last year. The season consists of 14 games on Tuesday nights at parks in Scarborough, with a concluding tournament on Sept. 7. Everyone age 13 and over is welcome.

For more information see <http://www.saymsoftball.com/> or contact Bill Wilkins.



SING OUT YOUR PRAISE!

Heart Wide Open

My heart before You
I know You see me as I am
I'm met with kindness
That knows no end

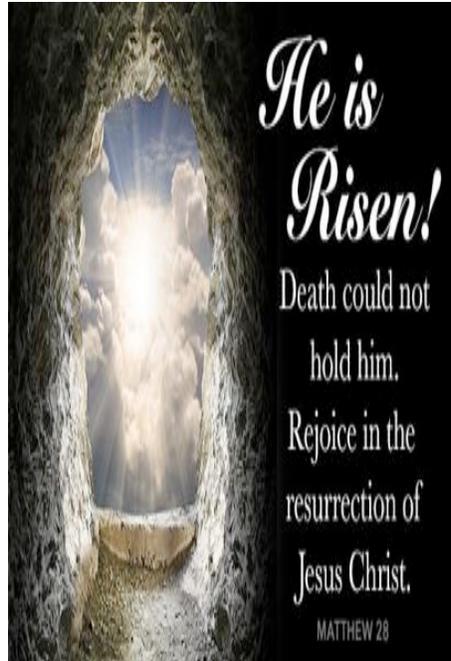
You pull me closer
Oh, there is freedom all around
Here in Your presence
My walls come down
My walls come down

[Chorus]
So I'm gonna worship
With my heart wide open
I don't wanna miss a thing
'Cause You take what was broken
And make it new
I'm gonna trust You
With my heart, with my heart
wide open

Your love is constant
You are disarming every fear
My soul awakens
I know You're here
You're always here

I'm getting lost in Your presence
I'm seeing glimpses of heaven
Oh, I could stay here forever
With my heart, with my heart
wide open
I'm getting lost in Your presence
I'm seeing glimpses of heaven
Oh, I could stay here forever
With my heart, with my heart
wide open.

Mack Brock



Easter is a time of love,
A time of grief and pain
undone,
So we may know the power of
The love that lives in
everyone.
Each love we feel, each love
we know,
Redeems what would to
darkness go.

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The Cross Was His Own

They borrowed a bed to lay His
head
When Christ the Lord came
down;
They borrowed the ass in the
mountain pass
For Him to ride to town;
But the crown He wore
And the cross He bore

Were His own.
The Cross was His own.

He borrowed the bread when
the crowd He fed
On the grassy mountain side;
He borrowed the dish of broken
fish
With which He satisfied;
But the crown He wore
And the cross He bore
Were His own.
The Cross was His own.

He borrowed the ship in which
to sit
To teach the multitude;
He borrowed the nest in which
to rest,
He had never a home so rude;
But the crown He wore
And the cross He bore
Were His own.
The Cross was His own.

He borrowed a room on the
way to the tomb
The Passover lamb to eat;
They borrowed the cave; for
Him a grave;
They borrowed the winding
sheet.
But the crown He wore
And the cross He bore
Were His own.
The Cross was His own.

The thorns on His head were
worn in my stead,
For me the Saviour died.
For guilt of my sin the nails
drove in
When Him they crucified;
But the crown He wore
And the cross He bore
Were His own—
My Cross He owned.

Author Unknown



Tuesday, April 16 - 9:30a.m.
Wednesday, April 17 - 12 noon

Station of the Cross directed by Fr. Roy

Thursday April 18 – Maundy Thursday - 7pm
Holy Eucharist, Foot-washing, Stripping of the Altar

Friday April 19 - Good Friday,
Stations of the Cross - **9:30a.m.** (led by Fr. Roy)
Followed by service - **10am**
Service for Families - **1p.m.**



8:30 a.m. Quiet, traditional celebration of the Resurrection with Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. – Joyous, musical celebration of our Risen Lord with Holy Communion



MILESTONES

If you or any of your loved ones have had a birthday, an anniversary, or any other reason to celebrate since the last issue of the newsletter, here's to wishing you



We welcome and uphold in prayer the newly confirmed –

Juliet Mazumder
Elma Mallick

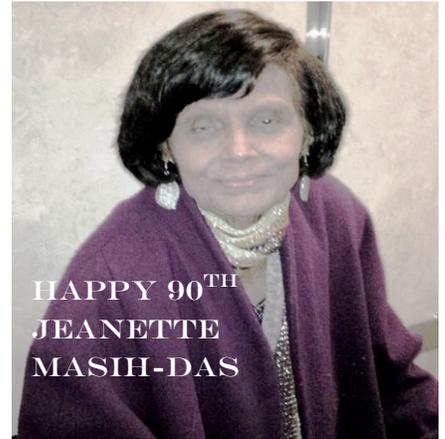


Obituaries:

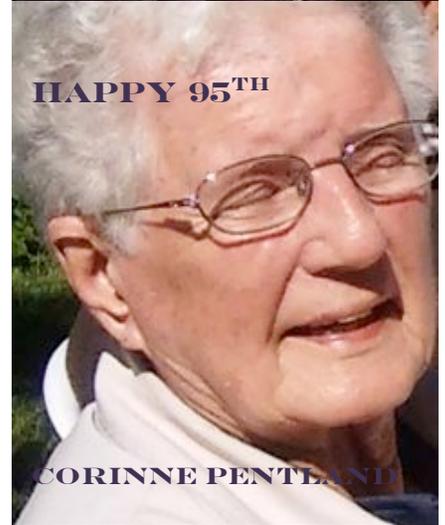
We extend our condolence to and pray for the families of:

Roger Cole
Samuel Grierson
Phyllis Harvey
Augustus James

We give thanks to God for their lives and witness among us.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

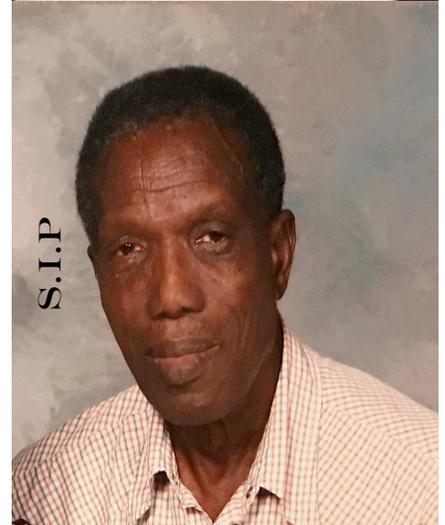


HAPPY 90TH
JEANETTE
MASIH-DAS



HAPPY 95TH

CORINNE PENTLAND



S.I.P

THE FUNDRAISING
COMMITTEE
PRESENTS

INTERNATIONAL TALENT NIGHT



Saturday, April 27th, 2019
In the Upper Hall

Price: \$25.00

Dinner: 6:00pm

Dress casual

Music by popular DJ

Come and enjoy a

A great dinner,
entertainment and dancing.

Bring your family and friends

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The Annual Flea Market, Rummage, & Bake Sale

May 4, 2019

9:30a.m – 1:00p.m

We welcome your donations
of usable clothing, appliances
and other items. Please
speak to Jo-Anne Linton or
Shirley Rigby regarding drop-
off times.



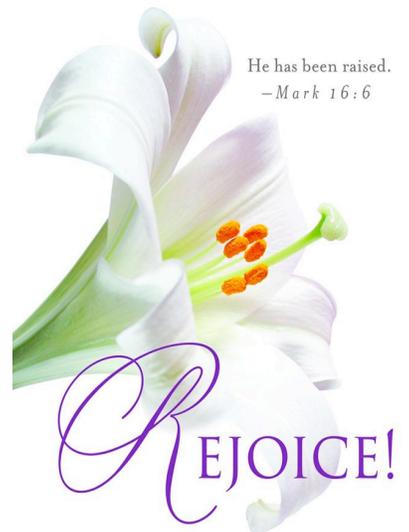
Getting to Know Your 2019 Wardens/ Duty Structure

**Brian Carr – Rector's
Warden:** -Rentals, Updating
Licences

**Eleanor Lorde – People's
Warden:** - Hospitality,
Human Resources

**David Baird - Deputy
Warden:** Property and
Maintenance

Ian Campbell- Treasurer:
Government and other
forms/compliance



He has been raised.
-Mark 16:6



JUST A THOUGHT...

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We have journeyed through mini Lent (Advent) into the joyous season of Christmas; then through the Lenten period of forty days which ends with Easter. We may have fasted, prayed for renewal of heart and spirit, and/or for a deeper relationship with the Lord.

What now...back to the past to await another season of penance and forgiveness?

Larry Gilick S.J writes: ***Lent is not a kind of halftime chat within which we scold and criticize ourselves enough so that we can feel badly enough for forty days and Easter is then a religious relief. We can slip then back into the game of life.***

Fact 1...God who loves us knows how much we want to be perfect, and he also knows how weak we are and prone to revert to the very things we promised to give up.

Fact 2...Lent is a perfect reminder of the difficulties we face in life. No matter our status or our beliefs, there are mountaintops and valleys; days of sunshine and days of storm; and rainbows after the storms just like Easter follows Good Friday.

Let us then not forget those prayers we prayed during Lent but continue to

ask God daily to examine our hearts and help us to flush out all that hinders growth in our relationships, first and most importantly with Him, and with one another.

Mindful that God **is** Compassion and God **is** Mercy, may we continue to reflect, as often as we can, on the scriptures we read during Lent. May He grant us spirits of compassion, love, and gratitude in our walk with Him.

Thanks to all our contributors to this edition of the Parish Window.



HAPPY EASTER!

Hyacinth

