



The Parish Window

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CHRIST CHURCH SCARBOROUGH VILLAGE

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PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR



The Candle of the Presence and Holy Week

A sanctuary lamp, everlasting light or eternal flame is a light that shines before the altar of sanctuaries in many Jewish places of worship. This idea comes from Exodus 27:20-2 where God told Moses that a lamp filled with the pure oil should perpetually burn in the tabernacle. This has taken on different meanings in each of the religions that have adopted it. Anglican churches often have at least one lamp continually burning before the aumbry, which is usually a small locked safe connected to a wall in the sanctuary that contains the Blessed Sacrament - the consecrated bread from the Eucharist. It is reserved so that Holy Communion can be taken to the sick or shut-ins at short notice. It also contains Holy Oil that is used at baptisms and for the Sacrament of Anointing. This Candle of the Presence is a sign that the Blessed Sacrament is stored here.

How does this relate to Lent and Holy Week? On Maundy Thursday we strip the altar, cover the crosses and even extinguish the Candle of the Presence near the aumbry. It looks bleak. Holy Week - we remember it as a bleak time for Jesus. Ever faithful to the Father, even though he wanted the cup of death to be taken from him, he chose, for our sake, the cup - which would be the cup of salvation. For us. His very life was extinguished for us. His life offered to us. Offered to us generously on the cross; to the whole world, regardless that we are underserving...made of dust. It is, in fact, because we are made of dust that we need God's breath of life, so badly.

The darkness in the sanctuary which we face on Thursday and Friday, IS stark. Even into Saturday, when all is silent with the weight of the finality of death in the air. But in the darkness God is still at work. The God of light is bringing light into the deepest darkness. Into death itself. The love of God breaks through. Always, always, steadfastly loving. God who is always at work, maybe especially when we do not think He is - this is

our God! Silent, holy, powerful, blessed God. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world. Christ is Risen from the dead! The Lord is Risen.

I praise God for his everlasting presence. Yes, we put out the Candle of the Presence, but God is still at work. I pray that we would have eyes to see God at work in our lives personally, shining light in our darkness, but that we would also know Him to be at work in our world. That we would be advocates for those walking in the shadow of death. Raising our lit candles to show that we care about those who suffer injustice. We care that many are killed by violence or face racism, poverty and homelessness. For we are called to be lights just as Jesus came to redeem the darkness. And the darkness will never overcome us.

1 John 1:5 "This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all."

Your Priest and Pastor
Pam

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Looking Ahead

"Ever faithful to the Father, even though he wanted the cup of death to be taken from him, he chose, for our sake, the cup - which would be the cup of salvation."

"The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed.... it is the smallest of seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs."

Matthew 13: 31-32

We decided we needed a couple of plants at the top of the driveway of our home in Florida. After considerable searching, we settled on two fairly large terracotta pots, each with a beautiful plant. They stood about twelve inches high and had large, shiny, dark green leaves. They looked great! With regular watering, they had grown to about twenty inches when we went back up north,

Seven months later, as snowbird returnees, we drove up to the house and were astounded to find both the pots with huge cracks in them. Fortunately, they were held together by long strips of duct tape, courtesy of my good neighbor across the street. During our absence, the plants had grown to over three feet, with many extra branches and roots so big and prolific that they had split the pots wide open. When we removed the tape, the pots ended up in

pieces, but each plant had a solid ball of roots and soil. They were still quite healthy.

I dug deep holes on either side of the driveway and replanted them. They continued to grow and were nearly five feet tall by the end of the winter. Even with regular pruning by a gardener we hired for the summer, by the time we returned they had to be transplanted again. This time they were located away from the driveway because the roots had begun to heave up the corners of the asphalt. Today they are still healthy and stand ten feet high and are full of branches.

When I remember this experience, what mostly comes to mind is the fact that as the plant grew and had to be replanted, the solid ball of roots and soil also continued to increase in size. Faith is like that. The more we are open to the Holy Spirit, the greater is our capacity to grow into the person God created us to be. And the more we grow in faith, the greater is the solid ball of our trust and love for the Lord, and for those around us. New shoots are constantly springing forth that make us better able to listen to God and accept his guidance and commandments with delight.

I found out later that my two plants were a form of rubber tree.

Shalom! May God's richest blessings be yours.



Fr. Roy



And The Cock Crowed...

Our rooster crows at break of day,
A shrill and strident call.
He has no thought for lie-a-beds –
His crowing wakes us all.
Our rooster heralds break of day,
Ten thousand others too.
A lusty chorus in the dawn,
Their cock-a-doodle do.
When roosters crow at break of day
I wonder – do they know
The solemn part one had to play
In Easter long ago?

May Hill

Deacon Canon Jacquie Boutheon



Ideal vs. Actual Self

Deep in the crevices of my imagination, lives the person I long to be, an ideal self. This person is clothed with humility, kindness, a grateful heart, mercy, gentleness, patience, compassion, and a sense of justice.

However, when I reel myself back to reality, I come to terms with who I really am, my actual self. This person is far from the ideal, often falls prey to worldly desires, is selfish, easy to anger, and often feels fearful.

On some days, it feels like I will never become the person I want to be. For each step forward, I take two steps back. It can be easy to lose hope, but the words of Biblical figures that felt the same way, offer some much-needed momentum. For instance, in his letter to the Romans, Paul expresses the following sentiments:

I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway...there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. Oh, what a miserable person I am!
(Romans 7: 18-24, NLT)

Knowing that Paul experienced similar conflicts when he came to terms with his sinful nature makes me feel reassured that I am not alone. But what are we to do next? How do we become free of this war waging in our minds? Paul provides an answer:

*'Who will free me from this life that is dominated by **sin and death?** Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 7:24-25, NLT).*

What a wonderful reminder (especially at Easter) that Jesus frees us from our sin and death! Rather than constantly falling prey to our sins, we have the opportunity to work on improving ourselves.

My actual self is a work-in-progress. It is like a piece of clay constantly being molded by God (Isaiah 64:8). Even when attempts at self-improvement seem hopeless, we must remind ourselves that we are all still works-in-progress, regardless of age! Through our life experiences, God is constantly shaping us into the people we were meant to be.

Ritika Luther

SING OUT YOUR PRAISE!

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, All fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives



THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

PRESENTS

INTERNATIONAL TALENT NIGHT



Saturday, April 28th, 2018
At

Christ Church Anglican Church

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

For Tickets:

Joan Lewis 416-438-4399,

Leonora Benjamin: 905-837-5186

Shirley Rigby: 416-261-5143

Church: 416-261-4169





You are welcome to do the **Stations of the Cross** during office hours (Tues. 9:30-1, Wed. 9:30-1, Thurs. 1-5), or by appointment.

The **Ministry of Reconciliation** (confession) is available, by appointment, particularly on Good Friday between 9:30 and 10:15.

Consider fasting in some way on Good Friday, in preparation for Easter.

Monday, March 26th, 9:30
Eucharist in the Fellowship Room

Tuesday, March 27th - 9:30a.m.
Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 28th - 9:30a.m.
Eucharist in the Fellowship Room

Thursday, March 29th, Maundy Thursday- 6:30p.m.
Seder Supper, Foot-washing, Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar

March 30th, Good Friday -
Self-guided Stations of the Cross, 9:30, Meditative service, 10:30 followed by Silent Communion for those who wish it.

April 1: **EASTER SUNDAY**

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

Easter egg hunt following the service!



BAPTISM



On April 15th and August 5th we will be having baptisms. Please join us to welcome the new members. If you, or anyone you know is looking to be baptized, please contact Pastor Pam at the church office 416-261-4169.



In our prayers this Eastertide, let us remember:-

our church
those to be baptised
the sick and the shut-ins
all families who are grieving at this time.



MILESTONES

If you or any of your loved ones have celebrated a birthday or an anniversary since the last issue of the newsletter



Rejuvenate in One Eight (18)

Capital Campaign

Our campaign to raise funds to undertake badly needed rejuvenation of our church buildings and grounds was launched in January. Thanks to everyone who has responded so far with donations and pledges towards our goal of raising \$176,000 over the next three years. To date \$124,530 has been pledged, with \$15,950 received. We are grateful for your generous response.

We expect that within the next couple of months we will have received sufficient funds to begin implementing the first year projects. As a result, the property committee is being asked to form sub groups to firm up detailed plans to do the following projects:

- Replacing the furnaces
- Implement radiator improvements in the church
- Repointing exterior brickwork
- Implementing sidewalk and walkway improvements
- Redecorating the front entrance and offices

Our hope is that these projects will be completed by the fall.

If you have not yet made a pledge, we would invite you to consider contributing to the campaign. Brochures and pledge forms are available from the sidespersons or by contacting the church office at 416-261-4169. With your help, we can get it done! Note: Your giving for our regular operating expenses is vitally important. While we want the capital campaign to be a success, we do not want to have regular offering diverted to the capital campaign. We understand completely if you are not able to make an additional contribution, your regular offering is very important to us.

The Wardens



COMMUNITY GARDEN

We are planning to establish a community garden for the parish this Spring, mainly so that we can grow some fresh food items to offer our Deacon's Cupboard clients this summer. Last week, we met with the Scarborough Village Community Garden group (<https://www.facebook.com/svcg101/>) and they have offered us some planting space in their raised beds in Fred Johnson Park. We look forward to getting started with this project, and hope to meet together soon for planning, after Easter. If you enjoy gardening or would like to learn more about it, or if you just like being outdoors, please join us. We welcome your input. Please call or send an email message to the church office if you are interested.

Ellen Cunningham



OUR ECO CORNER

In this edition of CCSV's Parish Window, we are launching "Our Eco Corner!" In the Words of Archbishop Desmond TuTu "The destruction of our earth's environment is the human rights challenge of our times".....

Through our actions and faith, let us rise up to the challenge.

In "Our Eco Corner", we will share information on what we, and many Anglicans around the world are doing as responsible stewards of God's creation, to save this beautiful planet for this and many generations to come.

Yes, we are embarking on a journey that is old, but at the same time, it is, young, new and critical for all of us. Living as conscious citizens of this community, province, country and world is our god given purpose and it is paramount to our success!

We encourage each of you to share your ideas with us on how you, your family and friends work towards limiting and eliminating your carbon footprint. Over the next few weeks, Querida will be interviewing members randomly for your feedback, so be ready.

In preparing for this feature, I learnt so much about being a steward of this great gift.

There are many Anglican Churches that have implemented Eco programs in their churches and

communities. It is fascinating to see what is happening globally.

Here at Christ Church Scarborough Village we are playing our part by using ecofriendly light bulbs, energy saving stoves, fridges, placing waste in its correct place, composting, recycling and garbage sorting.

For our Coffee Hour we are committed to reducing and eventually eliminating the use of plastic forks, knives, cups, styrofoam and paper plates and other non-biodegradable items.

It may seem like a tall order, but we CAN DO IT! In France, the use of plastic forks, knives, plates and bags are all banned. If it is not biodegradable, it is not used.

In some environmentally friendly restaurants the use of plastic straws and coffee lids are banned. Plastics eventually get into our oceans and destroy our marine life and eventually returns to us in the fish that we eat. Rethink how you use and dispose of plastics. We will write about this in future articles.

Some of the amazing things I read can be found on line. I encourage you to check them out:

The Diocese of Toronto –
Creation Matters
Anglican Communion
Environment Network
I am a Green Anglican –
greenanglicans.org
- (carbon fast for lent and fast for creation)

Their Aims

To Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

To encourage Anglicans to support sustainable environmental practices as individuals and in the life of their communities.

To provide information about policies embraced by synods, councils and commissions, especially by the Instruments of Communion

To support local initiatives by providing information about ideas and best practices developed around the Anglican Communion

To share information about resources and initiatives that may be of value to Anglicans everywhere

To provide an opportunity for interested Anglicans to meet both as a formal network, and informally via electronic media

See you on Earth Day, April 22nd 2018, in the upper Parish Hall!

**Jo-Anne Linton
Querida Linton**



JUST A THOUGHT...

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staff or committee member.

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THE CROSS... How do you explain it;
what does it mean for you.

For me,.. many things.

It is that which makes us not crushed
when we are afflicted in every way;
not driven to despair when perplexed;
not forsaken when we are persecuted;
not destroyed when we are struck
down; always carrying in the body
the death of Jesus, so that the life of
Jesus may also be made visible in our
bodies. **(2 Cor. 4)**

The cross is love. **For God so loved
the world...**

It is in the words of Housefires:

***This love is an everyday kind of
love***

Every morning I'm in it

***This love is an everyday kind of
love***

Every evening I'm in it

***This love doesn't leave me all
alone and it never forgets its own.
This love won't leave me 'cause
my past is bad***

***Oh and this love lifts me up above
the waves***

***I don't need to be overwhelmed
Oh and it raises me upon a rock
So my feet can finally stand on
ground***

***This love never leaves you to
walk a road alone
Oh His voice calls out above the
noise***

***This love doesn't care if you
don't think you can cut it.
Oh he takes you in and He lifts
you up***

***And He gives you faith
So you can lift your head
and you can run real fast
and you can feel his joy
This love, this love***



The Cross is
.....(Fill in the blank)
EVERYTHING.

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

HAPPY EASTER!

Hyacinth

