



THE PARISH WINDOW

EASTER



Ponderings From Pastor Pam

“It is about God first calling Israel to be His so that they would have a loving relationship with God. It is about God’s love for people everywhere called to follow God’s ways and to be a light to the nations. . .”

Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. *Matthew 20:18*

We have here Jesus foretelling what is to come in such a small, innocent sentence. However, we know the weighty results of what will take place. In this verse we hear in such sparing terms where Jesus ministry is headed – not only in literal terms, to Jerusalem, but also in spiritual terms – Passion, death, resurrection.

In these next days we will recall a great true-story, that will take place in such a short space of time; one week. It starts with Palm Sunday with many people crying out to honour Jesus: the donkey-riding, itinerant preacher and healer. They want to crown Jesus king and watch him overthrow the Romans. They are tired of being downtrodden and cry out for a king, as the Israelites did so long ago and then were given Saul.

You see this story is not just about the week ahead. It is not just the Easter story. It is actually a long story. One that goes far back in history and tells of God’s passionate love for a people that He created. It is about God first calling Israel to be His so that they would have a loving relationship with God. It is about God’s love for people everywhere called to follow God’s ways and to be a light to the nations.

The story is about brokenness. It is about Israel not holding up their end of the commitment, breaking their promise to be true to God, and to His covenant He entered into with them. It is a story about jealousy and desire. A story of God’s people wanting what the nations had: a physical king. Wanting something other than relationship with the Living God. Thankfully, it is also about God’s steadfast love (hesed) forgiving them. Calling them back, over and over.

The story is about God coming as a baby; joining us in our

vulnerability, to show that love, to be that love. It is about faithful Jesus, who showed us what it looks like to trust our heavenly Father and made a way for us to be true to God once again. Jesus is that way. Accepting the mystery of the cross is that way.

As you enter into this tremendous week, be mindful that it is part of a bigger story. God is calling you to be a part of this powerful story of love. How will we together accept the offer of relationship of the Living God which he invites us into? Are we open to being changed by His-story? What will this mean for our day-to-day lives and for the lives of those in our midst.

I invite you to join in the story at one or all of the services listed on page 5.

If you would like to make your confession during holy week, particularly on Good Friday, please make an appointment with me.

**Your Priest & Pastor
Pam**

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LIFE'S A JOURNEY

Life is like a journey on a train...with stations...with changes of routes and with accidents!

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of our life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize that they vacated their seats!

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers...requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery to everyone is: *"We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So we must live in the best way—love, forgive, and offer the best who we are."*

It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty—we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

Submitted by: Beverly Baird

VOICES:

Prayer of the Clenched Fist

As I look at these fists, O Lord, I see something of myself, holding on to my fears and concerns, shutting out others. Shutting you out, also, God.

In fact, when someone would get into my world, I feel like striking out against them with this clenched fist; but as I feel the tightness in my knuckles, the pain in my arms, and my fingernails digging into the palms of my hands, I realize that this kind of living is destroying me. But knowing that You care for me, and love me as I am, I am somehow free to begin to open my hands. And so, I open them slowly. I release unto You those selfish concerns and cares, that guilt and pride, that anger and resentment.

Thank you for the freedom and relaxation of the open hand.

I realize now that I cannot strike out against those who get into my world;

I can only help them; so fill these hands with your love.

Give them visions of what they could be; of what they could do for others.

And now I am concerned for the needs, concerns and hurts of others, and in my mind's eye, I place all of these upon my hands; in intercession I lift these hands high above my head and present these needs, concerns and hurts to you.

Realizing that I am not alone, but that there are other hands, I reach out and clasp the hands of the persons on my left and on my right.

Looking at them, I give thanks for them; and I pray with and for them and for myself.

Lord, shape us together as the body of Christ. **Amen.**

Submitted by: Leonora Benjamin

BEING PRODIGAL

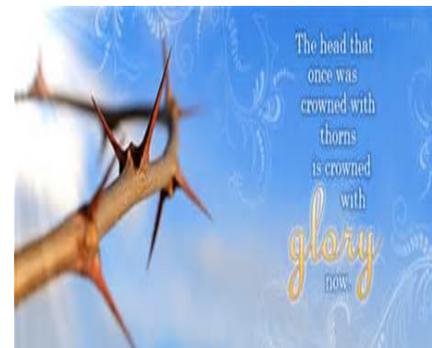
THE SETTING IS THE FATHER'S KINGDOM.

The father is our God, we are given our share of our father's kingdom: grace, mercy, blessings, etc.

Off we go into the world, and we squander all we have been given even our morals. Soon we have nothing, and the world has nothing to give us; so we lend out ourselves to do the best we can with other peoples help, but find this is getting us no place. So we decide to swallow our pride and return to our father where we know we will be provided for, even if we no longer enjoy the status we had before. When we are almost there, we are greeted by our father, and we are given a most lavish welcome.

Luke writes, there is more joy in heaven for one sinner who repents than the 99 other righteous ones. What a celebration when we return to our father being truly repentant.

Jeanette Khan



Voices:

A Homily Worth Reading and Re-reading

One of the really interesting things about John's gospel is that it contains, in a way the other gospels do not, a number of recurring secondary characters, and, even more, he shows us how some of these characters move through time and change through time – an unusual literary strategy for his time, when character tended to be treated as a fixed and unchangeable thing, almost a doom; a way of thinking not wholly absent from us now. And of these characters, Nicodemus may be the most interesting. He comes at first by night, not wanting to be seen, not willing to take that risk, and yet intrigued. He asks questions, apparently on behalf of a group of people who didn't come with him; he shows some sign of thinking about the answers, at least enough to be confused by them; but the hope which is offered is too strange, too extravagant. A person cannot begin again, he says. Too much has led to this point. We are stuck here now; doomed by who we are. And at some point he leaves, back into the darkness. Nicodemus is apparently not capable of the instant, dramatic, almost catastrophic turn which some of the disciples make. It looks, maybe, like a story of failure. But if we keep reading, and read with attention, we're given another story, another range of possibilities.

He took that first, hidden risk of coming at night with his questions, and if he could not hope, he could at least offer his inability to hope, articulate at least that much. And now, at this later and

darker point in the story, as the priests and Pharisees begin to form an alliance against Jesus, Nicodemus speaks up, argues against them in his careful, measured way, points out that their own law demands a fair hearing, not a backroom conspiracy. It may not seem to be a very strong stand, a small anxious reminder of due process. He is not clearly placing himself on one side or another, not now; he is not decisive or bold or obviously heroic. But he is doing something extremely difficult; he is breaking away from the group mind. He speaks now not on behalf of a group but against a group, and a powerful group which responds to him with an implied threat to cast him out, to make him one of their victims. Once again, he does not seem to take a dramatic step, he seems to let himself be silenced; but he has moved that much further away from settled power, further into the desert of possibility.

And then we see him once more, almost at the very end. Joseph of Arimathea, described as a secret disciple, comes and requests Jesus' body from Pilate, and takes it away for burial. And there is someone with him when he lays the body down, and it is Nicodemus, bearing with him myrrh and aloes, a huge quantity. Still not quite public, still careful, and for all we know still more or less hopeless – nevertheless he has come, and he and Joseph carry out the ritual which the public disciples could not, pay their homage to this tortured outcast body as if it were what mattered the most, place themselves once and for all outside the values of their privileged group, even if only in darkness

We do not know where Nicodemus

ended up after that, what he heard of the resurrection, what he believed then, what – perhaps most crucially – he did with the rest of his life. It would be entirely too novelistic of me to speculate. But I am reminded of the final stanza of Eliot's 'Ash Wednesday', when the narrator, who began "Because I do not hope," returns with a slightly different sentence. "Although I do not hope to turn," he says. "Although I do not hope." And that hopeless voice, one of those, like Nicodemus perhaps, who are "terrified and cannot surrender," still finds itself praying. Still finds that hope, even joy, cannot be wholly extinguished.

For it is never too late, and we are never too frightened, or too slow, or too compromised, for God to come to us. For our slightest turn towards love and truth to be received, (For God so loved the world). Loved, loves, us all: the reckless and the careful, the dangerous and the deliberate, the mad hurtful idealists and the hopeless time-servers and all of us in between. It is not easy – quickly or slowly, we must turn away from much of what we have known, from our old safeties and our old allegiances, and towards that tortured and triumphant body lifted up in self-giving. That body which calls us to our own fulfillment as adopted children, born into a new life of unpredictable risk and vulnerable care. Each in our own ways, and even if we have no hope for it, may we begin to turn.

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SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRIES

First in a series of articles about the origins and work of various ministries of CCSV

DEACON'S CUPBOARD

The Deacon's Cupboard was "born" fourteen years ago, in the winter of 2001-2002 when Rev. Keith Byer was our Interim priest-in-charge. He became concerned that some members of the parish were missing at the service, usually towards the end of the month. When he visited them to find out more, he discovered that by the third week of the month money was getting thin, food was short, and they were embarrassed to come to church when they had nothing left to put in the collection plate.

After reassuring them that they could still come to church even without being able to bring any money, Father Keith came right back and looked for space where a Deacon's Cupboard pantry could be set up. This turned out to be the office on the

kitchen landing (one of the coldest places in the church, so perfect for food storage). He then explained why he was starting this ministry, and invited the congregation to contribute food and/or money for food.

The original plan was to take care of our own people, and they remain our first priority. However, as the economy worsened residents of the shelters and apartments around us – and not a few homeless or transient

people – started coming to the church to ask for food or money.

This became a serious interruption in the priest's and the secretary's work when they had to answer the door and give out food, so regular "business hours" were set up on Thursday mornings, with volunteers from the congregation staffing the Deacon's Cupboard. As we are not linked in to Daily Bread, Second Harvest or any other similar organization, we designated ourselves an emergency food bank and gradually instituted some structure around frequency of visits (once a month as a rule, although we do make exceptions). These restrictions have never applied to members of Christ Church.

We continue to rely on the generosity of you, our fellow parishioners, and the occasional donation from one or more of the groups who use our space. When Father Roy was with us in 2015 he aroused such enthusiasm about the Deacon's Cupboard that he had to go out and buy us more helves!

Detra Powell is our "quarter mistress", buying wherever she can get the biggest bang for the buck (and getting incredible mileage out of Walmart's price-matching policy) in a way that leaves me speechless! She also picks up the day-old bread from Cliffside Bakery each week and sees

that whatever is left goes to the shelters. Several groups of ladies come each Thursday morning to open up and serve our clients: Donna Campbell, Margaret Bovell, Eleanor Lorde, Tammy Durdle, Margaret Clarke, Joyce Lorenz, Ann Rice and Anna Mary Keen.

On occasion when we have stock that is nearing its expiry date, and sometimes when there is too much day-old bread, we take it to the nearby Red Cross drop-in centre, which offers a hot lunch every weekday, and can cook up things like Kraft Dinner which is nearly outdated. In many cases, they are serving the same clients as our Deacon's Cupboard.

We thank you all for your continued strong support, in both cash and food. We would like to think that a day may come when the Deacon's Cupboard is no longer needed – hey, we can dream, no?

Deacon Jacquie Boutheton and the Outreach Committee

**The church
has left
the building.**



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Service Schedule



March 20
Palm Sunday
8:30a.m & 10a.m

March 24
Maundy Thursday
Commemorating the Last Supper:
Seder Supper with Holy Communion
Washing of Feet
The Stripping of the Altar
6:30p.m.

March 25
Good Friday
9:00a.m Self-directed Stations
of the Cross
10 a.m. Service

March 26
Easter Vigil
6:00p.m

March 27
Easter Day
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

Mark these dates!

The Fundraising Committee
of CCSV
Invites you To It's
INTERNATIONAL TALENT NIGHT
Saturday, April 30th, 2016
In the Upper Hall
Come and enjoy a
A great dinner, great
entertainment and dancing
Bring your family and friends

Price: Adults \$25.00
Dinner 6.00 pm
Dress: casual
Door Prizes Dancing

**May 7 – Flea Market &
Rummage Sale 9am – 1pm**



ESTER.
BEAUTY WAKES THE
LAND TO A SONG OF
JOY AND PRAISE,
SPRING FLOWERS
BLOOM ON EVERY HAND.
MAY THEY WREATHEN
FUTURE DAYS!

YOUR HEALTH AND WELLNESS

At the request of the Reverend Pam the Health and Wellness committee has been revived by Lystra Walters and Vivien van Gulick. The purpose of the committee is to promote health and wellness among parish members and ultimately among the community surrounding Christ Church.

The first meeting was attended by five other parishioners who have shown interest in promoting health and wellness and many topics were brought forward. The committee intends to have four sessions each year during the coffee hour following the service and plans to invite various speakers to address the many subjects that have to do with our physical and mental well-being. There will also be opportunities to have your blood pressure checked.

We are planning to have the first information session in April. Please check the weekly pew bulletin for more information.

If you have any topics that you would like to see addressed please do not hesitate to contact Lystra at 416-609-8223 or Vivien at 416-439-2374.

Thank you.

**Lystra Walters &
Vivien van Gulick**

Happy Birthday



- Ian Khan
- Jeanette Khan
- Kimberly Rice
- Christopher Richard Rice-Portelance
- Querida Linton
- Amma Ajax-Darko
- Monica Francis
- Eleanor Lorde
- Margaret Bovell
- Farai Mudereri
- Joan Lewis
- Carol O'Neil
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- David Moses
- Maureen Corby
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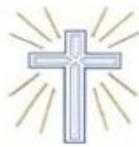
"Happy birthday to you, to your Lord be true,
May His love and blessing descend upon you."



- Earle and Rene Thomas
- Christopher & Christobel Dhanaraj
- David and Condacy Moses
- Art and Maureen Corby
- Gordon & Joan Lewis
- Josh & Florence Smith

Obituary

We remember in prayer the families and friends those who have died: especially: **Sinclair Babb, Bavodel Moncrieffe**



Rest In Peace

We give thanks to God for their lives and witness among us.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.



It's Prayer, it's Communion, It's Ministry!

Candles burning on 'A Blue Night'



Some of those born in January...strikes a pose!



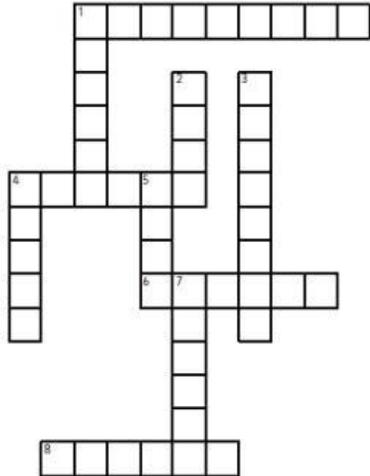
Celebrating 63 years



Easter Crossword



Solve the crossword using the list of words and the clues



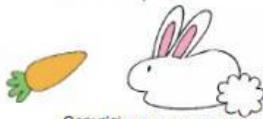
- basket
- bonnet
- bunny
- chicks
- chocolate
- daffodil
- eggs
- hunt
- parade
- spring

Across

1. Easter eggs are often made out of this treat!
4. Collect your eggs in this.
6. The season in which Easter is celebrated.
8. You may wear one in the Easter parade.

Down

1. These hatch out of real eggs.
2. You may go on an Easter egg ...
3. Cheerful, yellow spring flower.
4. Will he visit you this year?
5. We give chocolate ones at Easter.
7. Show off your Easter bonnet at one!



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Just Prayers

No colored eggs
Or bunnies here,
Just deep-felt love
For Christ, so dear.

No Easter baskets
Full of fluff,
No jelly beans
And other stuff.

No superior looks,
No strife, no fights
With those who keep
The worldly rites.

No condemnation
For those who do,
Just prayers for them

To love Him, too. **By Joanna Fuchs**

RESURRECTION (Acrostic)

Rose bodily from the dead
Exactly the way He said
See now the empty tomb
Understand Easter anew
Realize because He lives
Restoration He freely gives
Embrace the hope He brings
Celebrate, loud hosannas ring
Today, is Jesus your Savior
If not, don't wait any longer
Open up your heart and believe
New life in Him you will receive

Matthew 28:6 (NLT)

He isn't here! He is risen from the dead,
just as he said would happen. Come, see
where his body was lying.

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..A welcoming, inclusive
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committed to experiencing
and sharing God's
message of love, hope,
and salvation with all his
people".

Just a Thought...

A while back I decided to try the discipline of adding something during lent instead of giving up and a year ago I joined a UK based Organization (see at the end of article). For each day there are "thought for the day" and colour-coded actions and each participant opts for the one(s) they are able to do. It can be 'a smile' or 'sharing a favourite bible verse' with someone. (Oh they also have church and small group resources.) I find that a lot of the activities can be continued throughout the year and I would like to share one such activity list; one on a relatable topic.

Day: 21

**Global warning
Creation is in trouble.
Scientists predict new
global crises every other
day, and our governments
are under increasing
pressure to do something
about it. But really, much**

**of the problem lies with us.
Small things, every day,
make a difference. It's the
difference between leaving
a legacy of destruction and
ensuring life for those who
come after us.**

Green: Be mindful. Write down everything you buy for the next seven days. At the end of the week examine your list. Highlight needs in one colour and wants in another. Pray over your list. In future weeks, think for a few seconds before you open your wallet.

Amber: Fast from spending money one day a week. Walk or cycle to work. Take a packed lunch. Go to the park or the library at lunchtime instead of mooching around the shops. Read that book you never got round to. Visit a friend. Dig out your guitar/flute/paintbrush. Learn to have fun without spending money.

Red: Go without clothes for a year and you could reduce

your carbon footprint by 5–10%. You can still wear them! Just don't buy any new. Visit charity shops and vintage markets. Borrow or swap. Refashion existing outfits. Get out the sewing machine and invent things. Make friends with your cobbler! Mend stuff!
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May we rejoice in the
Resurrection and the beauty
and joy of all God's creation.

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

*A happy Easter to all
Hyacinth*

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