



Connections

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

1 Peter 2: 9

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THEY DESIRE A BETTER COUNTRY



In the Middle Ages, coats of arms served as a sort of identification card, especially on the battlefield, where a coat of arms made it possible to distinguish allies from enemies. Today, they are used to preserve traditions and inspire love of country.

The Canada Coat of Arms were originally adopted by proclamation of King George V in 1921. In 1994, a circular red ribbon was added to the arms – displaying the motto of the Order of Canada: *Desiderantes Meliorem Patriam*.

The English translation of the Latin text is “They desire a better country”, which is taken from Hebrews 11:16.

The design of the Canada Coat of Arms includes symbols of four of our founding nations (not including Canada’s First Nations):

- the three lions of England, the lion of Scotland, the fleur-de-lis of France, and the Irish harp of Tara;
- the lion of England holding the Royal Union Flag and the unicorn of Scotland carrying the flag of Royal France;
- the floral emblems of four of our many founding nations: the English rose, the Scottish thistle, the French fleur-de-lis, and the Irish shamrock;
- the Royal Crown at the top, indicating that these are the Arms of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada.

On July 1 all Canadians, whether born here or elsewhere, celebrate our desire to be “a better country”.



Time to make your choice

Befur you decide whether this oddly familiar stranger should keep his luxurious beard or lose it, here are some of the pros and cons.

Keep the fur!

1. When winter comes, he won't need a scarf to keep warm.
2. He could make a little money as Santa Claus at the Town Centre.
3. It gives him that distinguished professorial look.
4. If he lets it grow just a tad longer, he will never have to wear a tie again.

Shave it off!

1. People are mistaking him for Moses.
2. It might muffle the sound of that glorious singing voice.
3. It could frighten the Sunday School children.
4. Remember Edward Lear's limerick:
*There was an Old Man with a beard,
Who said, "It is just as I feared! --
Two Owls and a Hen,
Four Larks and a Wren,
Have all built their nests in my beard."*

To make this vital decision for the bearded stranger, call Brian Carr at 416.267.4568 or send him an email at briancarr21@gmail.com



Bearded stranger a.k.a Bill W.

(don't forget the r in the middle) and how much you are pledging **AND fur** which side: "**Keep the fur**" or "**Shave it off**". Then you need to submit that amount to the church in your normal way, by check or cash or you can also do so by e-transfer.

The side that raises the most money by the end of the contest will win. If the "shave-it-off" group wins, we will have Bill reveal what is under the beard and we will put that picture in *Connections*.

If the "keep-the-fur" group wins, we will have a picture of the bearded fellow with the length of the beard measured and recorded for all to know. This will also be pictured in *Connections*.

It is up to you which one it will be. The deadline for pledges is Monday, July 6th. Feel free to **further** your choice by encouraging others to join in. We will keep you **infurmed** about the tally so you can raise the total **fur** your side, either out of your own pocket or by getting others on your side.

If the details are fuzzy/**furry** and you have questions, please contact Pastor Pam at 647-470-1383 or email ptrondson@gmail.com by Thursday, July 2.

Please pray for these members of our community and their families

Anne S	James Y
Annet K	Janet F
Beverly Barber	Jenille L
Christina & Joshua	Joan N
Corinne P	Ken K
Deb A	Margo P
Edna S	Philip I
Erin V	Ray T
Florence S	Sam P
Hector B	Sherri-Ann & Ron

***and for all those affected by COVID-19,
racial discrimination or any injustice***

Comment from the home front:

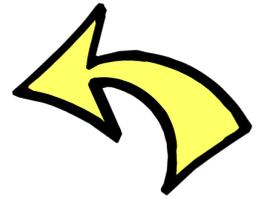
***I'll be happy if he shaves it off -
he'll look ten years younger!***

Margaret W





PLEASE NOTE:
Pastor Pam will be away
from July 3 to July 9.
For emergency or
pastoral assistance
during this period, call Father Roy at
416-269-1506.



The next step

When the Christ Church Parish Board met by phone on June 28, it is not surprising that one of the first questions on the minds of participants was “When will we be able to have real church services again?” Everyone agreed that the current Sunday morning worship via our Website is a blessing, thanks to the participation of many readers, singers, organ music, preachers and officiants, all woven together by the technological expertise of a quiet young woman who is part of our parish family. But we miss the Eucharist, the essential part of our Anglican faith and tradition without which we feel incomplete. So the question is valid - When will we be back in the church building? The answer, of course, is that we cannot be sure, but we are hoping for early September. With that date in mind, it was felt that we should be planning ahead for it - for everything from preparing the building for social distancing to how we will celebrate being together in person again. And we will be celebrating! Just how we will ready the building, organize in person events and express our joy has been put in the hands of a special Task Force named at the Board meeting. Members are: Pastor Pam , Deacon Jacquie, Diane Dean, Eleanor Lorde, Ann Rice, Audrey Shepherd and Father Roy (chair). The Diocese has prepared comprehensive guidelines for the next steps in reopening parishes, and our Task Force is ready to begin its work.

It seems like such a long, long time since the children of Christ Church have met in the Fellowship Room on Sunday morning to learn about Jesus and do wonderful creative crafts together.

“Too long!” Pastor Pam and their teachers agreed, and so they decided to hold a Zoom session of Sunday School on a recent June afternoon.

Seven children and six grown-ups, both parents and teachers, each gathered around their computers at home, met for a time of togetherness. Some parents struggled with the unfamiliar technology, but the children had no problem adapting to it.

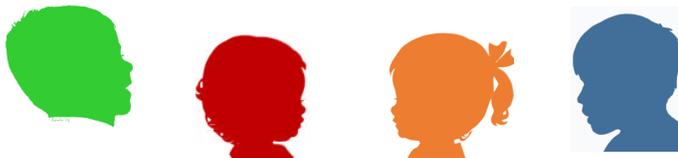
They waved and giggled as they saw their friends again on the screen, enjoying the fun of playing a game with Pastor Pam. They learned about the meaning of Psalm 139, which teaches that God made them and loves them and is always with them.

They were able to express how they were feeling about the restrictions and changes and scary news which COVID-19 has brought to everyone. They were gently reassured that one day soon they would not need a Zoom meeting to be together.

It was a healthy event for the children, parents and teachers, lovingly offered and gratefully received.

There will be another Sunday School Zoom meeting on Wednesday, July 22, at 3 pm.

Children and youth, stay tuned to receive an invite into the S.S. ZOOM Room.



Hymns for Difficult Times

What a Friend We Have in Jesus was originally written by preacher Joseph M. Scriven as a poem in 1855 to comfort his mother, who was living in Ireland while he was in Canada. The tune to the hymn was composed by Charles Crozat Converse in 1868.

The hymn has many versions with different lyrics in multiple languages. It has been criticized as being too much a sentimental gospel type, but in our present stressful and worrisome times, it is comforting to know that the same Jesus whose majesty fills the skies can be our closest, dearest friend.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand is a hymn written by Thomas Dorsey in 1932 with music by George Allen. The lyrics of this

hymn call out to the Lord for guidance and strength through difficult times.

In Dorsey's case, when he experienced tragedy in the death of his wife in childbirth and his newborn son a little later, he turned to God for hope and faith.

It was Martin Luther King Jr.'s favorite song. He often invited gospel singer Mahalia Jackson to sing it at civil rights rallies. At his request she sang it at his funeral in 1968. Later Aretha Franklin sang it at Mahalia Jackson's own funeral.

For many people in our country these are difficult times indeed. Poverty, homelessness, systemic racism, inequity in matters of justice have all been exposed for the evils they are, and we Christians share a duty to help right the wrongs of our society.



Scripture readings

July 5

Zechariah 9: 9 to 12
Psalm 145: 8 to 14
Romans 7: 15 to 25a
Matthew 11: 16 to 19 and 25 to 30

July 12

Isaiah 55: 10 to 13
Psalm 65: 1 to 8 and 9 to 13
Romans 8: 1 to 11
Matthew 13: 1 to 9 and 18 to 23

The Christ Church Virtual Coffee Hour has become a Sunday afternoon visit for many people who usually enjoy each other's company in the upper hall after church .

Scheduling conflicts prevent our meeting on July 5, but we'll see you by Zoom on July 12th.



Another Saturday night in the house. I just realized that the trash goes out more often than I do!

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NEXT VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR BY ZOOM
1 PM ON SUNDAY JULY 12

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85925792451>

