



The Anglican Regional Ministry of Saugeen Shores, Tara and Chatsworth

Reverend Carrie writes ...

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43.19

Dear friends in Christ,

Each Spring as I look around and see the tender buds on the trees, and on my Forsythia plant, when I discover the tiny shoots peeking through the snow or leaves that blankets my flower beds, I think of this verse from Isaiah. It speaks of such possibility and promise! God is revealing his ongoing salvation, the redemptive power of Jesus and lets us know that the evidence of this new and wonderful thing is found all around us. Much like the tender shoots and buds give evidence of Spring, Isaiah gives evidence to the ongoing guidance and safe passage for the lost, and nourishment for the hungry.

Newness abounds, and with anything new, comes change. Change is all around us! One season is giving way to another. We are about to leave Lent as we journey through Holy Week to Easter. Our communities are opening up again, and so are we, as worshipping communities.

After a long season of pandemic, there are very hopeful signs that we are at long last returning to the comfort of many of our pre-COVID worship routines.

Palm Sunday (April 10th) will usher in several changes including the return to three worship services each Sunday.

- St Paul's in Southampton will return to a 9 am service

- Christ Church in Tara will continue with a 10 am service
- St John's in Port Elgin will return to an 11 am service

On that same Sunday, contact tracing and social distancing protocols will be lifted, which means you are welcome to return to your favourite pew without signing in. For those who still desire some distance in seating, space will be set aside to offer that option as well. Plans are underway to bring our choirs together again, and we will return to offering both bread and wine at communion for those who wish to receive both elements. It is important to note that communion is considered complete and whole, whether you take both bread and wine, or simply the bread. There will be no intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine) and you may simply touch the side or base of the chalice if you do not wish to partake of the wine.

What will stay the same is our protocol around the wearing of masks. Everyone will be required to wear their masks while in worship, only taking them off to receive communion. We will also continue to hold our services to one hour. The offertory plates will remain stationary at the front and back of the church for you to put your envelopes in. The giving of peace will continue from our seated positions.

As we approach that most joyful Season of Easter, we rest on the cusp of a changing season, where a space opens up. A space betwixt and between, a hiatus, a place of prayer, a place of grace, where something genuinely new and wonderful can happen. May your time in this place of possibilities and grace bring you renewal, peace, and joy!

God bless,
Rev'd Carrie





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The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

away. It has already shipped 28 tons of food to support those fleeing to Hungary, and their staff have been working with refugees at the Ukrainian / Hungary border.

Comments from one Refugee:

"We've been standing here at this border checkpoint for more than five hours", says Yelena. "It is cold and my children are freezing. It is amazing to see that people are here to help, and even just talking to you gives us hope for a better future."

PWRDF Supports the People of Ukraine



Several people have asked how they can assist in this crisis. To make a donation to this response, go to pwrdf.org/give-today, and click Response in Ukraine. You may also donate by phone at 416-822-9083, or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973, and they will return your call. You may also mail your cheque to PWRDF, 80 Hayden St., 3rd Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2. Please mark UKRAINE in the memo field.

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is the Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development and relief. With the support of Anglicans across Canada, PWRDF responds to emergencies in Canada and around the world, and partners with organizations working to provide humanitarian response. Primarily, PWRDF allocates grants to appeals issued by ACT Alliance, of which PWRDF is a member, along with 140 international Christian organizations. When disaster happens, ACT is able to contact one of its members already in place and quickly get them funds for immediate necessities of life, such as water, sanitation, food and shelter.

Since Russia began rolling its tanks into Ukraine on February 24, hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians have fled for safety elsewhere in Ukraine or to neighbouring countries. Donations to PWRDF have flooded in, and PWRDF has responded quickly, disbursing funds to their partners on the ground who are able to put money to good use right



Saugeen Shores Ministerial Candlelight Prayer Vigil for Ukraine:

On Wednesday March 16th, the Saugeen Shores Ministerial hosted a Prayer Vigil for Ukraine. This solemn event took place at Coulter's Parkette and was attended by approximately 70 people. As the day gave way to night, we gathered to offer prayers and unity in the face of grief and devastation brought about by war, a war that is being fought on soil that may seem far removed from us geographically but wounds the heart of our shared humanity. We are a people of God's creation, brothers and sisters in Christ, called to care for and uphold one another, in love - in all things and in all ways. Our prayer for the world:

Almighty God, You who are the ruler of all the nations, hear our cry. You see all things. You see nations at war. You see the suffering of the innocent. You see the efforts of those striving to rescue and to save the helpless. O Lord, Hear our cry.



Almighty God, You are the Author of our salvation. Save our world. Set the nations and the rulers of nations on the path of peace. Show them how to beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. O Lord, Hear our cry.

Almighty God, You are our light and our salvation. Shine Your light on us. We are walking in the darkness of ambition and violence. Shine Your light on the Ukraine. Let this dark night pass into the

dawn of Your better day. O Lord, Hear our cry.

Almighty God, You are our peace. Still the fears in our hearts. Show Your love and compassion to all those caught in the horrors of warfare. Bring Your peace to our world. Let it reign over this age and in all our days to come. O Lord, Hear our cry.

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PWRDF's Mapping Exercise

On the evening of March 22, 14 participants from Saugeen Shores and the Saugeen Deanery joined together on Zoom for 3 hours to explore our relationship with first nations on the Canadian "Turtle Island". Rev. Greg Smith, the Huron Diocesan PWRDF representative, and 3 facilitators assisted with the learning process.

After introducing ourselves, including any aboriginal contacts and interests, we quickly named the many first nations across our country including Inuit and Metis. We were encouraged to explain our own or ancestors' parts in the settlement process over the past hundreds of years. We also noted the French and British colonization processes, and their impacts. We explored the concepts

of "terra nullia" (empty land) and the Europeans' approach to "discovery".

Talk about features of indigenous culture was followed by breakout groups for more discussion and sharing.

A well worth while exercise to be recommended to provoke ongoing discussion.

Tony Marriott



Deanery of the Saugeens - Little Anglicans Amazonia Mission Project

Part of the joys of entering into a Companion Diocese relationship with Anglicans in the Brazilian Diocese of Amazonia has been the opportunity for local communities in Huron to partner with local communities in our sister Diocese.

A little more than two years ago, at the invitation of Bishop Marinez Bassotto of Amazonia, the Deanery of the Saugeens entered into a relationship with an Anglican congregation called Divino Salvador Church in the city of [Ulianópolis](#), Brazil. This church is one of three established parishes in Amazonia and its community seeks to serve a very poor urban neighbourhood. The church building is very modest (smaller than any of our buildings in the Saugeens) but serves a number of roles in the community in addition to being a Temple of Christian worship. One such program is their "Little Anglicans" outreach. This program provides a safe, after-school educational curriculum to local children. In a neighbourhood where many families have parents that both work long hours with very little wages, this outreach provides an alternative to the many challenges that beset poor families in a city context: drugs, alcohol abuse, crime and prostitution.

Since launching this outreach a few years ago, the Divino Salvador congregation has seen more than a hundred children participate in their programming. This resulted in a huge challenge as their church building cannot accommodate half of this number of participants. This is where the Deanery of the Saugeens was invited into the narrative. Through our Companion Diocese partnership, our Deanery took out a \$15,000 loan from the Diocese of Huron with the purpose of transferring these funds to Amazonia. \$15,000 CAD, when transferred into Brazilian currency, is enough money for the Divino Salvador congregation to begin a new construction project which will add on a Parish Hall to their already existing Church building. This Par-

ish Hall would become the new Outreach Centre for the Little Anglicans after-school program. At a Deanery Council meeting more than two years ago, the congregations of the Saugeens voted to adopt this as our Mission Project with Amazonia.

A big thank you to the Deanery of the Saugeens for making this possible!

Bishop Marinez, in a letter to our Diocese, reports: "Development will begin in the month of May 2022! We give thanks for the financial support of our sisters and brothers in the Deanery of the Saugeens. God bless you all and thank you for your

friendship and support!"

When this construction project is completed, we look forward to entering into a time of sharing with the congregation members of Divino Salvador, where we can hear updates of how the school program continues to flourish. Thank you for your continued support of our Saugeens - Amazonia companion relationship!

With much appreciation,

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The Rev'd Dr.
Grayhame Bowcott
Amazonia Representative for the Deanery of the Saugeens

Please note that all funds received from our Lenten Coin Jars will be dedicated to this Amazonia construction project. Call for delivery if you haven't got a coin jar and would like to participate.



Regional Ministry Monthly Book Study: *May I Have This Dance*—by Joyce Rupp

This book study is an invitation to dance with our Divine Partner, and let the Beloved take the lead on the dance floor of prayer. It is taking place on the 4th Monday of each month, at 1 PM, either in-person in Bevan Hall, or via Zoom. To date, we have discussed *The Road of Life*, *Dry Bones*, and *Leaning on God*. Join us in April when we discuss *Watered Gardens*. It is never too late to join the group. Call Doug Goar for more details. See you in April!

Stewardship

In our last newsletter article on stewardship we learned that stewardship is a way of living – an intentional decision about how we live in response to God’s call. Bishop Philip Poole said that stewardship is everything I do after I say “I believe”.

Since we believe in God, stewardship is how we behave with what we have. If we know that we are loved by God, stewardship is sharing that love with others. Since we are the recipients of God’s grace, stewardship is about gratitude, which is expressed in giving - Time, Talent and Treasure.

We need to think of the question, “What does it mean to trust God with my life?”. The key word here is *trust*, because stewardship makes no sense apart from trust – to trust God enough to let go of that which we cling to, and claim God’s provision and protection for our lives.

Ask yourself these four questions?

- 1) What have I done for Christ?
- 2) What am I doing for Christ?
- 3) What will I do for Christ?
- 4) Is my behaviour consistent with my beliefs?

If I consider my faith in.... Then I express my stewardship by ...

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| God’s gift, ... | responding to His gifts. |
| Christ in me, ... | offering Christ through me. |
| Being Christ-centred, ... | being Christ-like. |
| New life, ... | exhibiting a new lifestyle. |
| What I believe, ... | how I behave. |
| Experiencing God’s love, ... | sharing God’s love. |
| Grace and gratitude, ... | giving and generosity |
| Bread of Life, ... | providing bread for life. |



As part of the Body of Christ, we are all connected and needed to further God’s kingdom here in Saugeen Shores and beyond. We have each been given gifts by the Spirit for the purpose of ministry. Through our stewardship, we can share our gifts with the world. Every church has a mission statement. It is this mission statement that helps us to focus our ministry.

Generous God, I give thanks to you for the gifts you have given me – my life, my family, my friends – time, talents, and material possessions. All that I have comes from you. Help me to remember this and rejoice in your goodness. Walk with me. Help me on my spiritual journey, so that I may constantly renew my relationship with you and all the good people in our parish and beyond. Renew in me your Spirit. Give me the strength and courage to become a better follower of Jesus, to be a disciple. Help me hear Christ’s call to “come and follow me “. I give glory to you, my God, as I make stewardship a way of life. Amen

Upcoming Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

| | St. Paul’s | St. John’s | Christ Church |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| April 3 (5th Sunday of Lent) | — | 10 AM | 10 AM |
| April 10 (Palm Sunday) | 9 AM | 11 AM | — |
| April 14 (Maundy Thursday) | 7 PM | — | — |
| April 15 (Good Friday) | 10 AM | — | — |
| April 16 (Easter Eve Vigil) | — | 7:30 PM | — |
| April 17 (Easter Sunday) | 9 AM | 11 AM | 10 AM |



What do you think? Is it time for some new ideas?

In reflecting recently about our Tuesday morning Zoom Morning Prayer followed by Bible study, I marvelled at how amazing the discussion is and how it makes me look forward to Rev. Carrie's or Rev. Annie's sermon on Sunday. Our study is an opportunity for me to look into the scripture with my brain and figure out what jumps out for me first of all. Sometimes, I'm motivated to check out a study Bible or some other reference to find out more about something or someone I'm curious about. Usually, what's most gratifying about our conversations in the study is how someone else's comments bring new light to what I had understood, and take me in directions of thought I might never have imagined. Of course, I think about all this discussion and it helps to inform how I gather information and pieces for the Prayers of the People on the weeks when I am putting them together.

But what about you? Have you ever thought after church that you really don't remember much about what the readings were? Are the scriptures just words that fill in the service before the homily? Do you ever wonder a question or thought in your mind as the Word is being read? Let's face it, most of us were brought up just to listen at church, to take in the stories being told and not to question too much.

Could we be getting to a point in time when we realize that there is more to being spiritual than just listening? Perhaps there is room in our worship for some discussion, for some talk about real life that mirrors a reading, for wondering out loud what God really meant in a passage!

For sure, some of you are thinking that you are just fine the way everything is right now in worship services, and that's awesome. There will always be the comfort from the familiar services we are used to and they need to continue to provide that joy.

But what if you're looking for more? We've recently tried a few casual services during COVID where there were only a few of us there and we agreed to sit in a circle and have a discussion about the scriptures as part of the service. Was it weird? No! It was different, but it felt interesting and it allowed us to trust each other as we moved into a deeper meaning and understanding of the Word as we worked up the courage to say something!

Think about whether you might be inclined to try out a service that's a little different! This is a great time in church life to think about what we really need as we move into the future.

- Marilyn Stewart

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What's Happening in our Regional Ministry?

Port Elgin Antique, Vintage and Collectible Show and Sale—hosted by St. John's

SAVE THE DATE.... JULY 15th & 16th

We are excited to be able to say our 44th show is a go in 2022! Our organizing committee, Chuck & Linda Stuckey, Rob Campbell, Cathy Seaton, Barb Gledhill and Hope Wallace did not throw in the towel after starting the prep and cancelling the last few years.

We are ecstatic that many of our previous vendors are returning, and new ones have registered, to give the show a full roster of over 30 vendors. Our lunchroom is being revitalized into a café but our famous Rhubarb punch, traditional Welsh cakes, and homemade pies are still on the menu.

The event will be held at the Plex, Friday July 15th from 10 am - 5 pm and July 16th from 10am – 4 pm. Set up of the floor and café takes place on Thursday July 14th. If you would like to be part of our awesome team to help give back to our community with a \$10K fundraising goal please contact any of the committee members. We would appreciate any offers of time, muscle, or donations. We are excited to spread the buzz around town, hosting one of the longest running events in Saugueen Shores!



Christ Church Parish Guild, Tara Unveils a New Cookbook!

"Listen, listen to me and eat what is good and you will delight in the richest of fare." *Isaiah 55:26*

Christ Church Parish Guild presents this cookbook, with a big thankyou to our Chatsworth and Tara church members, their friends and relatives, who so willingly submitted their treasured recipes. We have also included a number of favourites from our previous books. Many of those members have passed on to their eternal reward, and are marked with a *. The cookbooks are selling for \$12. and can be purchased by contacting Jane Dobie at 519-934-2266.

The Parish Guild was formed in 1907. Over the years there were many fund raisers, including catering, strawberry



2021 Parish Guild COOKBOOK

socials, and bake sales. An annual Smorgasbord Supper was a popular event and ran for 60 years. In recent years there has been an annual Valentine's Tea.

The cookbooks began in 1955, and this is the sixth edition. We hope you will enjoy reading it and trying out some of our old and new recipes. Profits from this cook book will go to Community and Global Outreach.

St. Paul's Will Host Its Annual "Festival of Treasures"!

We are planning to have our annual Festival of Treasures on Friday and Saturday of Civic Holiday weekend. Begin looking around for all the treasures that you would like to offer—glassware, furniture, antiques, paintings, crafts,

etc, etc. Let's make this the best ever! Watch for more details!



Community Supper Planned!

St. Paul's will be hosting the first Post-COVID community supper on Wednesday, April 27, from 5-6 PM. It will take the form of a drive by. You will be asked to place your order by phone in advance of the day. Meals will be delivered to your car along Union Lane at the rear of the church. A phone number for ordering will be provided closer to the date. Mark your calendar! Plan to take part!

From the Priest Assistant's Pew

We are still on our journey. Our journey through Lent (sounds like a slog, doesn't it?) or is it a journey of Lent.

But make no mistake, it is a journey. I hope you have taken some time to be on a journey.

Now, you don't even have to physically move on this journey if you don't want to. It can be a spiritual journey (participating on Sunday at Worship), a scriptural journey (Bible Study), a



motion picture journey (such as our Lenten Study of "The Chosen") or it's a walking journey to see the world around us with new eyes. Whatever the journey is, with each step or page turned, we are seeing life, our lives, with a different lens.

God had a plan for Jesus, He knew what it was early on but lived His life not sharing too much until the end. His road was mapped out. It was quite a road! There were things, I'm sure, that were unexpected, but He bended and moved as He needed to in the fulfilling of God's will. Can we say the same for ourselves? You know I think we can. We have been able to pivot, reflect, review, respond, pray, be disappointed, mourn, celebrate and care this

past while. Those are all actions that require us to be understanding not only of ourselves but of those around us. It's how we see the world, how the world sees us and what we mean to God as His children.

The picture along with this article I took in our Reflection Room (also known as the Multi-faith Chapel) in the Owen Sound Hospital. It's of a tree of life. But so many have commented on what else they see in that metal sculpture on the wall. Some see a heart (like the one in our body, with arteries and veins). Many see the whole sculpture as a heart. Some have pointed out a brain, an angel, a whale, a tuning fork, a campfire and the word hope when they gaze at this large sculpture. Sometimes we need things pointed out to us to see, with clarity, what others see. (I know, you're still looking at the picture to find those things).

Some of you may have taken the colouring poster that Carrie+ invited everyone to spend some mindfulness time colouring it in, and then returning it to the church to be revealed and posted on Easter Sunday. Taking some time to slowly see the definition in the lines, that look so abstract, to see the clarity in the message is what our Lenten journey is all about. As we approach Holy Week may you find even more clarity in the message that Jesus came to be with us on earth to be our Saviour and with us forever in spirit.

Be well.

Annie+



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