

The Anglican Regional Ministry of Saugeen Shores, Tara and Chatsworth

Reverend Carrie writes ...

Dear Friends,

St. Francis of Assisi once said that we are called to proclaim the gospel wherever we are, in whatever we are doing, and to use words when necessary. As Anglicans I believe we do a rather good job of proclaiming the gospel through our actions, in our outreach and mission, but there is a growing need for us to use our words as well.

At a lecture given at Huron College during my seminary years, the Archbishop of York was invited to speak at Huron during a trip to Ontario. Archbishop John Sentamu spoke passionately about a renewal of discipleship, investing in young people and equipping the church to rediscover its confidence in talking about Jesus.

A powerful statement he made during that visit has stayed with me throughout the years and has helped shape my expression of faith and leadership. Archbishop Sentamu said that we are called to give all praise and glory to God for all gifts, all acts of generosity, all moments of success, and joy, and by neglecting to do so, robs God of that glory and clothes us in deceit.

As the hymn “We Plough the Fields and Scatter” says; *All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*”

Earlier this week I had the pleasure of sitting with someone who is writing a faith statement, and we had wonderful conversations around what living out our faith meant, and how we articulate it in word and deed. It was such a thought-provoking conversation, I have spent some time this week beginning to write an updated faith

statement for myself, and plan on offering a 6 week program in the Fall for those who might like to delve into this activity themselves. As the long days of summer lie before us, I thought I would start the conversation by holding up these two questions for you to ponder as you think about your own faith, and how you feel called to share it.

What impact has Jesus had on your life?

Why is faith important to you?

As you ponder these questions, may this prayer create a space

of quiet and peace to listen for the guiding of the Spirit.

Almighty God, author of my life, help me learn to read what you have written on my heart. Give me discerning eyes and an untiring spirit to look within me in order to understand how to reach outside of me. And once I have begun to read you aright, give me the generosity and courage to help others to read you, to sound you out one letter, one word of radical love at a time. Amen.

God bless,

Rev'd Carrie



Art For All Ages:

During the summer months of July and August, we will be offering a new hands-on Art program for all ages. Come on out and discover the joy of immersing yourself in artful play as we explore a wide variety of different mediums for artistic expression. Have a look and see what sessions pique your interest and come out to join us. All are welcome!



THURSDAY MORNING Art for all Ages

11 am -12:30

St John's and St Paul's Anglican Church are offering a free Thursday morning Art Program during the months of July and August. Please join us for this intergenerational program as we create a variety of different projects. Please register at anglicansecretary@bmts.com or call 519-797-2984 for more details.

July 7 Batik Work at St John's Port Elgin

July 14 Driftwood Art at St Paul's Southampton

July 21 Hammered Flower Art at St John's Port Elgin

July 28 Paint Pouring at St Paul's Southampton

August 4 Pebble Art at St John's Port Elgin

August 11 Driftwood Hangings at St Paul's Southampton

August 18 Weaving at St John's Port Elgin

August 25 Painted Shells at St Paul's Southampton

Community Suppers:

On April 27, St. Paul's hosted the community with a no-fee take-away supper. A small group of dedicated parishioners prepared sufficient meals for 80+ people. The meal consisted of pulled pork on a bun,



coleslaw salad, and a brownie dessert.

Those interested were asked to phone in their order to the church. Within an hour, every last meal had been picked up as hungry participants lined up along Union Lane to receive their meals, delivered safely to their vehicles. We can't wait to prepare another meal for the community—either take-away or in person!



As We Return to a NEW Normal:

COVID mandates and restrictions are being lifted. Masks are optional. People are venturing out into the world once again. Caution is still a key word, but fear has subsided significantly.

As these things take place, our churches too are opening. We want to see a "normal" there too, and are looking for participation and leadership in many of the activities that took place before COVID.

Church Choir:

Now that life at the church is starting to have a new normal, Brenda Dimoff, director of music, would like to extend a welcome to all and anyone in the congregation who has always wanted to sing and use their



talents to enhance our worship services, by participating in the choir. The roles of the members are very simple. First a desire to praise God through the singing of the hymns at our services, occasionally singing anthems, choir rehearsals which would be determined based on numbers and location. You do not have to commit to every Sunday as life intervenes with family obligations etc. but a willingness to be available. If so interested, please contact Brenda through email or phone. #519-794-0874 or email dimoff@gbtel.ca

Streaming our Services:

A small group of individuals has learned how to operate our audio visual equipment required to stream our Sunday services to your homes, via Facebook, youtube, and our website. However, we need a few more volunteers to allow those working every Sunday to take a break. We have learned a lot about the process, and have developed easy, step-by-step instructions on how to do this. We are willing to provide as much training as necessary for proficiency to take place. No one will ever be left to do anything that they do not feel confident doing. Please consider joining this team, and let any of the current tech crew know that you are willing to give it a try.

Altar Guild:

Every Sunday, our altar needs to be prepared for the eu-



charist. If you would like to learn this interesting ministry, contact Scott Saunders, Thelma Kennedy, or Anne Crocker.

Other areas where we require support are the following: readers of the lessons and prayers of the people at services, greeters to hand our bulletins and welcome those attending, lay persons to assist at the altar with communion, counters to tally the offering following a service., etc.

These are all ways that you can become involved in the life of the church. We hope you will consider becoming engaged in one or more of these activities.

Little Anglicans Amazonia Mission Project:

As a result of our Lenten Coin Jar project, we are pleased to announce that this project is complete. Through our Companion Diocese partnership, our Deanery took out a \$15,000 loan from the Diocese of Huron, which was enough money for the Divino Salvador congregation to launch a new construction project which will add on a parish hall to their already existing Church building. This Parish Hall will 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. Thank you for your generous support!



The Antique, Vintage and Collectible Show and Sale Is Back!!

Since 1976, at this time of year, St John's congregation gathers to support the Antique Sale. With the addition of vintage and collectible dealers, the show and sale has matured to one of the longest running charitable event in Saugeen Shores. We are thrilled to have 7 new vendors on the floor with a waiting list of more wanting to join us.

We would love to have you join us, helping in the revised café with a reduced menu but still delicious homemade selections. We welcome any muscles for set up on Thursday morning and tear down Saturday afternoon. Please contact Hope Wallace, 519-386-7995, if you have questions, or to offer your assistance.

We are hoping to see you in Port Elgin at The Plex on Friday July 15 (10am-5pm) or Sat July 16th (10am-4pm).

Kids/students are free and adults \$8 admission.



Festival of Treasures Returns to St. Paul's!

Our annual Festival of Treasures at St. Paul's, Southampton, although interrupted by COVID, will be returning this summer! Mark the following dates on your calendar:

- ◆ Friday, July 29: 6:30—8:00 PM—Treasures only
- ◆ Saturday, July 30: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Treasures, jewellery and jacket boutique, bake table, etc

Throughout this month, we will be collecting your treasures that you no longer require. This is a perfect opportunity to rid yourself of unneeded items. We are looking for books, small appliances (in working order), furniture, glassware, antiques, gardening supplies, Christmas and other seasonal items, jewellery, arts and crafts, plants, etc, etc.

If you need items picked up, please call 519-270-1647.

All proceeds will be dedicated to Community Outreach.

We need your help! Please call Cheryl Meikle to offer your assistance, at 519-483-4574.

July 25-29 unwrapping, setup and pricing

July 29 evening and July 30—to assist at the Festival

August 1—tear down

July 27-29—AM baking in church kitchen (call 519-270-1647)



Training for Use of the Defibrillator (AED):

Since our buildings have been closed for more than two years, training on the use of our defibrillators is in order. Our hope is that this piece of life-saving equipment never needs to be used, but we should be ready, just in case. St. Paul's is planning training sessions for use of the AED. If you would like to be included in this training, please call or email our secretary, Ann, and she will put you on the list. Time and date are yet to be arranged.





2021 Parish Guild COOKBOOK

The cookbooks are selling for \$12. and can be purchased by contacting Jane Dobie at 519-934-2266.

Tara Festival of Crafts / Christ Church, Tara

October 14-15, 2022

Watch for more details closer to the event date!



Marine Heritage Festival:

The 10th Annual Marine Heritage Festival is scheduled to take place on the weekend of July 22—24, 2022. It will include many events, taking place at the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre on Friday, July 22, and at Pioneer Park on both Saturday, July 23 and Sunday, July 24. The most famous event of the weekend is likely the Cardboard boat Race, sponsored by Bruce Telecom, and taking place at 1 PM on Saturday at Pioneer Park waterfront.



St. Paul's will be sponsoring a Scavenger Hunt as part of the Fun in the Park programme in Pioneer Park on Saturday from 10—4. This will be a self-directed activity for children, within the confines of the park. If you could assist for an hour or two to award prizes when children complete the scavenger hunt, your assistance would be very much appreciated. Please contact secretary Ann at 519-797-2984, or by email to sign up for a one or two hour time slot. Thanks in advance for offering your time. It will be fun!

In addition, the Anglican Parish of Saugene Shores, with other community churches, will lead an Ecumenical Sunset Service, on Sunday, July 24 at 7:30 PM at Pioneer Park. The non-denominational worship service will be preceded by a Community Picnic Supper in the park, from 6—7:30 PM. Bring you packed family picnic basket and join in the fun.

Gran Fondo 2022:

The Gran Fondo will take place on Sunday, August 21 in Southampton. This popular event raises much-needed funds for our local hospital, currently the "Bring Tom to Town" campaign. St. Paul's has always supported the Fondo by taking pictures of the participants at the finish line. We would like to do this again this year, if there is sufficient support. If you can assist, please contact Doug at 519-270-1647.



Expand Your Cultural Awareness Horizon:

National Indigenous History Month was held in June. During the summer months, everyone is invited to pursue cultural awareness through participation in local Community Events listed below. Take time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples across Canada.

Métis Rendezvous - Saturday, August 13, 2022 at Pioneer Park, Southampton from 11— 3

Enjoy an afternoon of Métis fiddle music and dancing featuring award-winning fiddler Shane Cook & The Woodchippers. Enjoy deep-fried lake whitefish on a bun and refreshments, moderately priced. Vendors and demonstrations, children's crafts and more. Everyone is welcome. Admission is free

Saugeen PowWow – Saturday August 13 & Sunday August 14th- James Mason Center

Neyaashiinigiing Traditional PowWow– Saturday August 20 (1 day only) Cape Croker Park Situated on the East side of the Bruce Peninsula

What is a Pow Wow? Historically, powwows were occasions for nations, families and friends to gather, dance, share news, food, celebrate, trade, and sometimes do a bit of matchmaking. Powwows are open to the public and are a wonderful opportunity for non-Indigenous people to experience the richness of an Indigenous traditional gathering.

Appreciation Dinner for Our Migrant Workers:

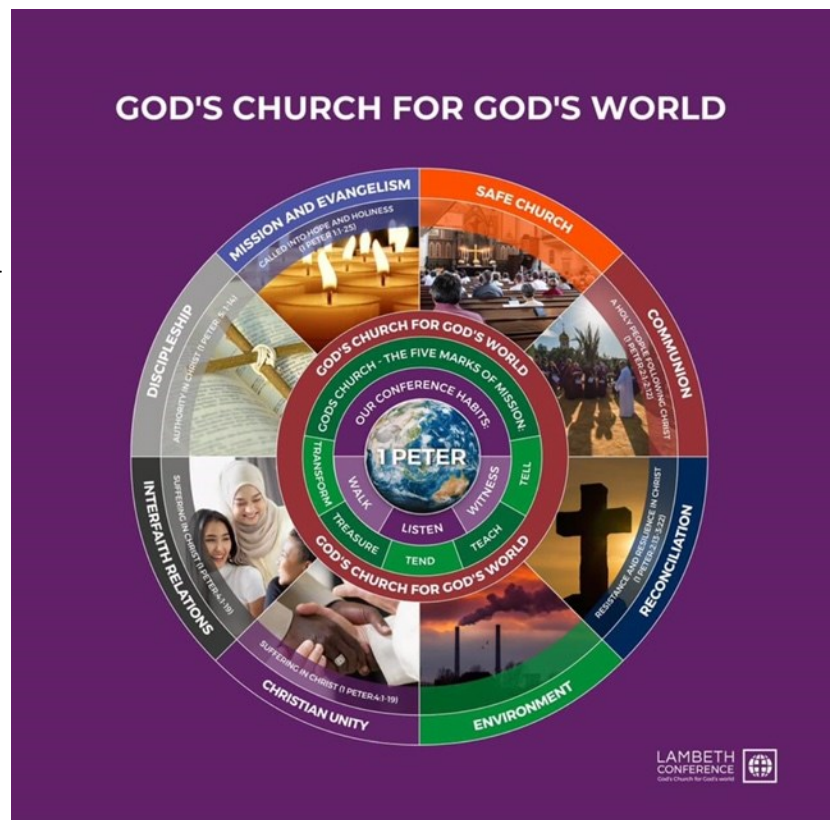
In a spirit of outreach and welcome, St. Paul's will thank our community migrant workers at a BBQ on Tuesday, July 12 at 7 pm. These workers are employed at Hi-Berry Farm. Members of the congregation / Regional Ministry are invited to join this celebration as hosts / ambassadors. If you would like to be a host, please contact one of the St. Paul's wardens. Doug (519-270-1647), Cathy (226-974-1600)

The Upcoming Lambeth Conference:

The Lambeth Conference is an assembly of bishops of the world-wide Anglican Communion, convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and held every ten years. The first such conference took place at Lambeth, UK in 1867. This conference serves a collaborative and consultative function, expressing "the mind of the communion" on issues of the day. The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Primate, and Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron, will be attending the conference this month.

Exploring what it means to be '**God's Church for God's World**' is the focus of the 15th Lambeth Conference. As the bishops come together to discuss a number of themes in church and world affairs, they will consider the Five Marks of Mission and what it truly means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs of our 21st Century world.

The themes of the Lambeth Conference will include Mission and Evangelism, Safe Church, Reconciliation, Discipleship, Environment and Sustainable Development, Christian Unity and Inter-Faith relations and Anglican Identity.



Stewardship and Extravagant Generosity:

A number of years ago, many of us within the Regional Ministry were led to discover a book entitled "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations". This book described radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity, and informed us that people are searching for a church shaped and sustained by these qualities. It went on to suggest that the presence and strength of these five practices demonstrates congregational health, vitality and fruitfulness, and that by repeating and improving these practices, churches fulfill their mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Since we have been learning about stewardship in the past few newsletters, this article will summarize what is contained in this book about extravagant generosity. It speaks clearly about finances, but equates generosity to time, talent and treasure spent to transform the world.

Scripture is full of examples and teachings that focus on possessions, wealth, giving, gifts, generosity, offerings, charity, sacrifice and sharing with those in need. Giving is central to our faith because people see God as extravagantly generous, the giver of every good gift, the source of life and love. People give because they serve a giving God. The Bible speaks of offering money and other possessions to God, resulting from generosity of heart rather than from mere duty and obligation. Think of the examples of the scribes and Pharisees, Zacchaeus, and the Good Samaritan. The Samaritan's generosity, like Christ's compassion, knows no bounds. Several parables relate God's desire for the faithful to use what has been given to them responsibly and productively. In fact, the entire history of creation, redemption and sustainment is one of extravagant generosity that continues to this day.

The book makes the following assertions. Consider each of these statements:

- People talk about putting God first and having God at the centre of their lives, but in actual practice our major decisions are often made without reference to God's will or priorities, and God is really peripheral instead of central. A philosophy based principally on possessing material goods is not sufficient to live by.
- Giving is spiritual discipline that puts God first. It takes trust in God, and strengthens faith.
- Generosity enlarges the soul, realigns priorities, connects people to the Body of Christ, and strengthens congregations to fulfill Christ's ministries.
- Growing in the grace of giving is part of the Christian journey of faith. People who practice extravagant generosity do so because they genuinely desire to make a positive difference for the purposes of Christ and because they want to align their lives with higher purposes. They give in response to the spirit's urging and feel a soul-sustaining satisfaction in the sense of meaning and connection that comes with generosity.
- Giving confirms a sense of belonging to the church. It makes the church's mission part of our own. The practice of generosity provides extraordinary support for mission, ministries, outreach and organizations that change people's lives.
- Those who practice extravagant generosity have a God-given vision and faith to plant seeds for trees whose shade they will never see.
- Extravagant generosity means graciously and responsibly placing ourselves and our resources in service to God.
- Vibrant, fruitful, growing congregations thrive because of the extraordinary sharing, willing sacrifice and joyous giving of their members out of love for God and their neighbour.
- Giving helps us put into practice our understanding that all things belong to God and that, during our stay on earth, we are entrusted as stewards to use all we have and all we are in ways that glorify God.
- Every church in which we have worshipped, every church organ that has lifted our spirits, every pew where we have sat, every communion rail where we have knelt, every hymn book from which we have sung, every church kitchen that has prepared our meals - has been the fruit of someone's extravagant generosity. We are the heirs and beneficiaries of those who came before us who were touched enough by the generosity of Christ to give graciously so that we could experience the truth of Christ for ourselves. Our own generosity promises the same to generations to come.

Giving shapes Faith.

From the Priest Assistant's Pew:

“Are we there yet?”

Now, those words might be familiar to you if you had kids in the back seat on a long road trip, but somehow that whole vision is particularly true right now as we continue to wait and see if we're “there” in the journey through COVID restrictions and challenges.

So many things have started to open up and there's a feeling that we're getting there, but we're not there yet. Not quite. Do we know when we will be? Hmm, well, I'm not a prognosticator of any sort but from my view (church, healthcare and community care) we are still on a journey—a journey that's changed us and is reforming us.

We feel that masks are to be carried “just in case” we need them and sometimes we do. Sometimes we feel comfortable enough with our gathered community that we don't need to worry —much. We're still thinking of large gatherings as something to be wary of but we're so needing to be part of something bigger than ourselves



that we mask up and dive in.

Jesus asked his disciples to leave everything behind and dive in. Maybe not literally into the Galilean Sea but into a life with him. The disciples had NO IDEA what they were in for but they banded together, learned, cared for and ultimately took Jesus' message on to become what it is today. When they thought they had “got it” and had “arrived” where Jesus sent them, a new message, a new reality met them. It was time to re-set and head out again.

As we take the summer to re-set and spend some time reflecting on new freedoms, a return to the fun activities and events that we know and love (Antique Show, Festival of Treasures, Fall Fairs, Marine Heritage, joint services and picnics) we also know that the journey continues. We are heading out, away from our computer screens (for the most part) and worshipping and serving together, and it feels amazing to be together again.

The journey is still on going, we're learning as we go, still being safe but yes, still asking... “Are we there yet?”

Be well.

Annie+

Time Together with our Church Family:

Each church in our Regional Ministry has led or will host a combined service this summer. Everyone gathered together at Christ Church, Tara on May 29, and at St. John's on June 26. St. Paul's will host at 10 AM on Sunday, July 31. We are also planning a Church Family Picnic later in August. Stay tuned for more details!



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