



The Anglican Regional Ministry of Saugeen Shores, Tara and Chatsworth

Reverend Carrie writes ...

Dear Friends,

It has been a week of prayer and pondering, and so I have struggled in writing this message, causing no end of frustration for our editor, I am sure. The announcement that Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had died, followed immediately with “God save the King, left me pondering the swiftness in which our voices must move from lament to proclamation.

In a long season of loss and uncertainty, the death of our longest reigning Monarch has unsettled many, me included. But even more poignant for me has been my prayerful pondering on what it means to move from lament to proclamation or thanksgiving.

In the swift proclamation of “*God save the King*”, immediately following Queen Elizabeth’s death, we become witnesses to hope and faith given voice for the future. The monarchy does not end with Queen Elizabeth, as it has not ended with the many monarchs before- it continues. With these words, hope and faith are proclaimed.

In much the same way, we offer that same voice of hope and faith when we remember those who have passed from this life with these words: “*Eternal rest grant unto them O’ Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory*”. There is action beyond peace; there is a risen glory, and that is central to the promise we have been given by God, that death does not have the final word, but life eternal does.

Hope has the final word and looking to the future is a visible and tangible way to express and live out our faith in hope.

Much like our yearly Vestries, where we cast a vision for the year ahead, our newsletters are not only to share and reflect with thanksgiving on what has happened in the past few months, but to announce and proclaim in all hopefulness what is yet to come! Our newsletters are full of information and stories about the work of our hands

and the inspiration of our hearts. What we share is the good news of the gospel lived out here and now. I am so very thankful for the many contributors who have come together to share their stories, articles, and hope!

As we see more and more of our dear friends back in church, may we offer up thanksgiving for the sheer joy of being together again. The last several weeks have felt like Christmas morning as we have seen familiar faces back in the pews. For those who are still more comfortable at home, God bless your

weekly attendance through the technologies of the internet. You are missed but not forgotten. If you would like home communion, I would be very happy, delighted, in fact, to come and have a wee visit.

Please join me in looking to the future with great expectation and hope for our church families, our communities, and for our world. In the words of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, “*I believe that, young or old, we have as much to look forward to with confidence and hope as we have to look back on with pride.*”

Rev’d Carrie



Another Successful Antique Show!

The St John's Congregation pulled together to host the 44th Saugeen Shores Antique, Vintage and Collectible Show & Sale on July 15 & 16, 2022. After two years of go and stop planning, we were delighted to be back in the Plex working together. The planning committee of Linda and Chuck Stuckey, Rob and Deb Campbell, Rose and Bill Blackwell, Cathy Seaton, Hope Wallace and Barb Gledhill are an amazing team that put together a well-oiled event. We saw a few changes in the lunchroom, now called the Café, with its menu choices, ATM available and marketing, over 25 members of the congregation, friends and family volunteers plus food donations. We welcomed over 880 visitors and 30 vendors to the show, resulting in a profit of \$11,000 (\$4200 from the Café, and \$7000 from the Antique Show itself). The profits will be distributed throughout our community's charity and non-profit organizations to support the needs of our neighbours in Saugeen Shores. We are honoured to give back and feel blessed the event is able to contribute to our outreach goals. Save the date for the 45th show on July 14 and 15th, 2023.



Portrait of a Strong Spirit:

We are blessed to have angels among us. In the picture you can see a determined Thelma Kennedy on her knees - enjoying her task of weeding the garden at St. John's. The wonderful thing was that she was smiling and happy- so grateful that the early morning irrigation system had softened the earth and the excision of weeds and cultivation of the remaining soil was a pleasure! Can you imagine that Thelma has been battling shingles now for months, a condition that causes much pain, and the medications to treat it can go on and on. But even this has not slowed Thelma down very much. She has continued to take part in the activities she loves and even joined in on some of the Art for All Ages sessions this past summer. She thoughtfully even discovered some personal treasures that she donated to be used in one of our art gatherings. Her giant clamshells from Jersey Shore that she had actually eaten turned into materials that inspired some wonderfully creative pieces. (See her artwork in the Art for All ages article.)Thelma still actively works with the Altar Guild and was just this month throwing out ideas and questions at the latest ACW meeting. Three cheers for this inspiring parishioner of our Regional Ministry.



8th Annual Festival of Treasures Back Again!



Friday and Saturday of Civic Holiday weekend saw the return of St. Paul's Festival of Treasures! A huge THANK



YOU goes to the congregation, the Regional Ministry and community for the donation of thousands of items for the Treasure Sale. Everyone attending was able to find the perfect treasure to take home. Friday evening saw record crowds attending. On Saturday, the ever-popular bake table was laden with goodies, sure to fill the sweetest tooth. The Jackets and Jewellery Boutique was also an amazing hit on Saturday, with fantastic items to be found. The crowds were delighted with the "fill-a-bag" option in the last few hours of the sale.



We are delighted to announce that over \$5700 was raised for community outreach. The profits will be distributed to the Salvation Army foodbank, Saugeen First Nation foodbank, and P.R.A.N.C.E. A huge thank you is offered to everyone who helped out in any way with this year's event. **WE NEED COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2023!** Please join. Please start saving your items for 2023!

Our Contributions to the Marine Heritage Weekend:

Marine Heritage weekend in mid July was a wonderful time, with picture-perfect weather. On Saturday, multiple activities were staged at Pioneer Park. In addition to the ever-popular



Cardboard Boat races, in which our own John Irwin participated, there were "Fun in the Park" activities for families. St. Paul's created a Scavenger Hunt, designed for children of all ages. The object of the hunt was to use the clues provided to find key items around the park. Over 80 prizes were distributed to the children who participated. A grand time was enjoyed by all!



The Important Work of ACW:

St. John's:

St. John's ACW met for the first time in two years in the church hall on Wednesday September 7th to talk about a plan forward for the group. We enjoyed wonderful Anglican food and great company. Attendance has been up and down over the past few years but we are hoping to revive and carry on with our ladies group. Many ideas were talked about. We have over the past number of years had a ladies lunch group gather on Fridays. We have supported the Alzheimer's with a fund raising tea each year. We have sent a bale north to Clyde River for many years amongst other activities to support local groups but it is all becoming a bit harder as all church ladies groups know too well.

One suggestion was that maybe we could join our groups together at times particularly if there is a speaker planned or a group gathering that would be of interest to all of the ladies in the three churches. I am thinking of the craft group that got together over the summer. Perhaps something like making a wreath for Christmas would interest a larger group. Another suggestion was to hold a Christmas market and rent out tables and maybe do some baking. What about a live nativity scene in one of our church yards! We have the costumes. Just ideas to ponder.

Looking back over the years here is a photo taken around 2010 with many more members than are present today. The second photo is from 2018 and shows one of our many royal celebrations.

St. Paul's:

We are a small but mighty group. We do what we can to help our Church. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30. All women of the Church are A.C.W. members. Please come and join us for a time of fellowship. We would love to see you. With the money we raise, we contribute to the following charities. Alzheimer Society, Women's House Grey/Bruce, Salvation Army Food Bank, Monica Place, Saugeen Hospital Light The Way, Diocese Of Huron A.C.W., Camp Huron, Huron Shores Hospice, Chapman House and Families For Children, which is our oldest charity.

We could not do this without your help. We hope to resume our functions this coming year, as long as COVID restrictions stay as they are now. We hope to see you at our first coffee break after church.



Men's Breakfasts:

All men of the Regional Ministry are invited to the monthly breakfast, held on the second Saturday of each month, at 9 AM, at St. Paul's. Come on out and enjoy the great food and fellowship!

Art for All Ages:

Our summer has been made sunnier by the participation of many generations of folks sharing their creative juices at our Art for All Ages workshops. Rev. Carrie steered a group of brave souls including Rev. Carrie herself, Christine Saunders, Denise Reithofer, Elspeth Irwin and Marilyn Stewart. Our vision was to give folks a chance to reconnect doing something enjoyable and to have it reach an audience from young to “more experienced” earthlings! Our projects included batik, weaving, paint blowing, driftwood crosses & hangings, pebble & shell scenes. We were certainly blown away by the participation of all ages and by the willingness of all to share their creativity, tapping into whatever “holy wisdom” and talent God was providing them that day! Take a look at some of their creations and think about taking the plunge yourself. As a planning group, we decided to offer more sessions throughout the fall and winter to let more of us express ourselves and be part of a carefree adventure!



The BEST EVER Chantry Island Tour!



Intrepid tour guides Rob Campbell and Joan Godden took a group of parishioners and friends for a fabulous trip to



the lighthouse on probably the most perfect day in August! We marvelled at the local marine history shared on the way over and learned so much as we inspected

the island and the lighthouse keepers' home when we arrived. Captain Al made sure we safely boarded and disembarked. His clear knowledge of the water and the boat "Peerless II" helped us all to enjoy the smooth passage. We divided into groups to climb the lighthouse and inspect the historic home. So much history of our area is



packed into that island! The species found on this Federal Migratory Bird Sanctuary were amazing. The views from the top were awesome. If by any chance you have not been on the tour yet, really consider putting it on your list for next summer. Do we stop enough to appreciate the wonder and beauty of where we call home?!

Appreciation for our Mexican Guests Working in Saugeen Shores



On a beautiful July evening, Mexican music was in the air, as St. Paul's was pleased to express its appreciation to our seasonal guests from Mexico working at High-Berry Farm. The members of our ACW were on hand to serve their delicious salads and desserts. We were also pleased to

have the assistance from members of Southamptton Rotary Club, who looked after cooking the burgers. Other guests included Mayor Luke Charbonneau, as well as Councillors Grace and Divinski. Thank you to our migrant workers who labour in the fields to supply us with fresh produce!



The Experience of Camp Huron:

Serenity and Andre Saunders attended camp Huron again this year, supported by Saint Paul's. We had a brief talk so that they could tell everyone all of their experiences while at camp. They excitedly explained that they were among 65 other children from ages 6 to 17 who participated in the last week of August, Sunday through Saturday. New to the camp this year are the bathrooms and showers, and a rock-climbing wall. They were housed in bunks (named after the constellations), organized by age, each with a leader-in-training, and a counsellor. A typical day began with a "polar dip" in the lake, followed by breakfast. Each action-packed day included a variety of sessions. One of these sessions was called Op-Cop (Operation Cooperation), and included such activities as navigating a spider's web of ropes, with the object of helping one another to get to the other side without touching the ropes. Another cooperative game included walking on a rope, stretched between two trees, a short distance off the ground, while others spotted and assisted. Another was the new rock-climbing wall. Other exciting events included archery, games and sports like "gagaball", "Outdoors in the Forest", waterfront and splash pad events, campfires, complete with funny camp songs, crafts, such as making ornaments (Serenity proudly displayed hers hanging from a tree branch in her front yard). All of these activities are typical of an outdoor camp, but what made it a Christian camp? A huge list included "Journeys" (reading and discussing a Bible story), two short daily chapel services of song and prayer, and devotions nightly before bed. Andre excitedly described the food, including buffalo chicken wings (his FAVOURITE!), burritos, and the ever-present "pbjam", just in case you didn't like the food option

served. When asked what was best about the camp, Serenity mentioned the fun of making friends with counselors and campers. Andre mentioned the games and the FOOD. Did he mention the buffalo chicken wings?!

They recited a new blessing which we might all want to try at meals.

The eagles thank the Lord for the mountain.

The fish thank the Lord for the sea.

And we thank the Lord for our blessings

And for what we are about to receive.



Thanks for sharing your camping experiences, Sereni-

ty and Andre! Maybe others would like to join them next year! The wonders of Camp Huron await!



WiFi in the Labyrinth!

The front lawn and labyrinth at St. Paul's has become a popular spot this summer! More chairs have been added to the existing collection on the lawn. Rev. Carrie has been giving ice cream coupons to children found using the labyrinth. And the newest enticing addition to this

restful space is guest WiFi. By connecting to our church WiFi as a guest, with password **Labyrinth**, you can now enjoy a time of rest, or



conversation in this area. The password is shown on each chair. Drop by, and make yourself comfortable!



From the Priest Assistant's Pew:

What's new is new again! I have heard that phrase a few times in the past few weeks, especially speaking to students. A couple of them have actually never attended the school they are going to this fall because it's been on line for the past couple of years and they are as nervous as a grade 9 entering the hallowed halls for the first time. It made me think, what are we finding that's new, again. We are getting back into a rhythm that we think is "normal" but really, what is normal because we compare it to what was, not what is now. There is another phrase, "you can't go back again" and now that phrase really rings true because we don't WANT to go back again. It's turning out that nothing is the same at all. In some ways that's a good thing, and in some ways it's not.

At a recent Crumbs from the Pop-Tarts recording Rev Carrie and I reflected on the reading where Jesus was praying to God for the lives of the Disciples that they would carry the message forward and onward. Jesus knew his fate. He knew that things were going to change and it may not be pleasant for everyone but those who wished to stay the course God would see them through each and every trial

and challenge. Though the world would be a different place without Him in it, Jesus knew that His message was going to live on and thrive. At least he prayed to God that it would.



Our message in the Regional Ministry is that yes, despite challenge, change, heart ache and lament, we are still here. We have opened our doors, our hearts and our arms to embrace all who come to worship, play and relax (and in the case of St. Paul's, use our free WiFi) in the arms of our Lord. There is peace in knowing that though some things change there is the community of Anglicans that support the people around them. We can't forget though that we are sending our message world-wide and offering a glimpse

into a little piece of each of us on Sundays and Fridays. THIS, I believe is what Jesus wanted his disciples to do and to share the love of God with anyone and everyone they could. I think we're doing a pretty good job of it too.

May your hearts be filled with the love and care that has been offered to you and share it outwards!

Be well.

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Training for Use of the Defibrillator (AED):

It is time for training on the use of the defibrillators in our churches. Our hope is that these pieces of life-saving equipment never need to be used, but we should be ready, just in case. St. Paul's is organizing a training session for use of the AED on Wednesday, October 12 at 6 PM at the Southampton Fire Hall. If you would like to be included in this training, please call or email our secretary, Ann, and she will add you to the list.

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