

RECTOR'S REFLECTION

Last week, we were reminded that the Church is a collection of people who have all been given various talents to contribute to the mission of God.

This week, Paul changes gears a little, talking not so much in what one might call practical terms, but employing what was very likely a hymn from another religious or philosophical group (i.e. it's not likely Paul wrote it himself). This is the famous "love reading" from 1 Corinthians 13, the one used at many weddings and, if you'll recall, at Princess Diana's funeral. Many young people like to hear this reading at their wedding, likely because of the following words that speak to what they think they feel:

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

As one insightful priest put it, however, if around half of all marriages end in divorce these days, then what could Paul have been talking about? The love about which Paul speaks, however, is not the love that is commonly felt between two people in a relationship. This is where our English translations of the Bible fail us: we miss the distinctions in the original Greek. Paul is speaking of *agape* love, which is self-giving love, the kind of love that God has for us, and not *eros* love, which is the erotic love between lovers. But why is the distinction important?

In today's world, it seems that more and more people love themselves more than others. Even in couples who are intent on entering into a covenant with each other to seal their relationship, love may be based more on "I love you as you are right now" or "I love what I think I can make you become" instead of the self-giving and unconditional love that God has for us. While the word "love" is casually bandied about, it's hardly ever taken seriously.

Even in the Church, when we talk about love, we sometimes miss the point. As I said last week, we are called to love all of the people of God, because God has given to each of us a gift. When new gifts arrive in our midst, we must not dismiss them because they threaten to upset the applecart. Today we are reminded that we must love everyone, in fact, we must love the whole of Creation. But love is not an easy thing to do. Love is not being "nice" or allowing people to cross boundaries or act in unacceptable ways. Love means that we give our all in becoming and helping others to become who they are called to be.

Jesus stood up in the synagogue in Nazareth and essentially told the people he was there to show them God's love. Their response: they drove him out and tried to throw him off the cliff, but in the face of God's love they were powerless. I pray that Jesus will stand up in each of our lives and reveal himself so that we may know the love of God fully, even as we have been fully known.

Our mission, for the glory of God in Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, is to:

- Celebrate all that God has done for us through worship and witness with others.
- Respond to our call to be disciples of Christ by sharing our faith, rooted in the Word of God, with others and encouraging others to become followers of Christ through word and action.
- Practice good stewardship of our human, financial and environmental resources, working to ensure that all of God's Creation is viable for future generations.
- Grow ourselves and others by reaching out to our communities, following Jesus' example of generous caring, giving, and welcoming.

REGULAR SERVICES

All Saints', Tyendinaga

Sunday Celebration—8:30 a.m.

Christ Church, HM Chapel Royal of the Mohawk

Sunday Celebration—10:30 a.m.

Third Sundays Combined Parish Service

April to September—Christ Church—10:30 a.m.

October to March—All Saints'—8:30 a.m.

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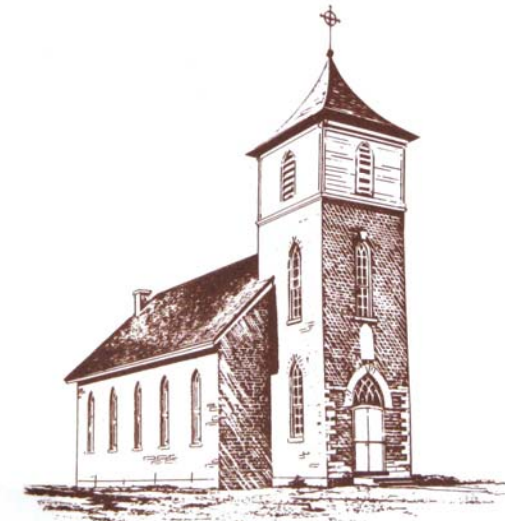
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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
TYENDINAGA

Vision Statement

To be a Spirit-filled and life giving place where strangers become friends and friends become disciples.

**Sunday 31 January 2010
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn	CP 2
Apostolic Greeting	BAS 185
Collect for Purity	185
Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)	
Collect of the Day	352

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6	BAS 795



From my mo - ther's womb you have been__ my strength.

Second Reading	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Gradual Hymn	CP 494
Alleluia	CP 715 / CP 324
Gospel	Luke 4:21-30
Homily	
Anthem	<i>Three Princes We From Foreign Lands</i>
Nicene Creed	BAS 188
Prayers of the People	
Confession and Absolution	190
Peace	

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn	CP 433
Prayer over the Gifts	
Eucharistic Prayer 4	BAS 201
Sanctus and Benedictus (Holy, Holy, Holy)	CP 732
Lord's Prayer	BAS 211
Breaking of the Bread	213
Agnus Dei (O Lamb of God)	CP 747

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, Bearer of our sin, have mercy on us. Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.

Communion
Music: HFG 400, 670 / *Have Thine Own Way*, Lord CP 587

All are welcome to join in the Eucharistic feast. As you come forward for Communion, please take a moment to clean your hands with the sanitiser found at the front of the church. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please be assured that receiving the bread alone is considered making a full Communion. Please do not dip your bread into the wine.

COMMISSIONING AND DISMISSAL

Prayer after Communion	BAS 214
Blessing	
Closing Hymn	CP 502
Dismissal (words below)	BAS 215

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, thanks be to God, alleluia!
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CP—Common Praise (Blue)
SB—Song Book (Green or Blue Folder)
BAS—Book of Alternative Services (Green)

We give thanks to God that we were able to worship together today! If you would like a visit or phone call from the Parish Priest please let anyone know who is listed on the back panel of the bulletin.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting of Vestry—Vestry will meet on Sun 21 Feb 2010 after the 8:30 Sunday celebration at All Saints'. A potluck lunch will follow the meeting.

Interested in Christian outreach? Want to put mission into action helping people in need at home and abroad? *Love in Action* invites you to join our hard-working team. We meet monthly on the last Mon at 7:00 p.m. Questions? Please call Paul Robertson 396-5496 or speak with one of the other *Love in Action* members.

Because We Care Concert—A fundraiser featuring the Quinte Singers and community musicians. Sun 7 Feb, 2:00 p.m., Christ Church. Freewill offering to support earthquake relief in Haiti.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—Tue 16 Feb, 5 to 7 p.m. at the QAPC. An old tradition in the Church, symbolising the last "luxury" meal of fatty and sugary foods before the beginning of the Lenten fast. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids 6-12 and free for kids 5 and under. Proceeds to outreach. Please sign up to volunteer or make a food donation.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy—Wed 17 Feb, 7:00 p.m. at Christ Church. Mark the beginning of Lent, the season of our preparation for Easter, in a traditional way with the Imposition of Ashes (receiving an ash cross on your forehead) and a celebration of the Eucharist.

Baptism—Anyone wishing to be baptised or who knows someone who might wish to be baptised is invited to speak to Brad to arrange preparation for baptism at the Great Vigil of Easter on Sat 3 Apr.

Parish Fun Night—Wed 10 Feb at 7 p.m. at the QAPC. Bring a game, a snack, and a friend! **Note:** Fun Night is now being held on the 3rd Wed

of the month but for Feb it will be on the 2nd Wed due to Ash Wednesday falling on the 17th.



BIBLE TRIVIA

Last Week's Answer

Ahab, seventh king of Israel, was the son of Omri (1 Kings 16:29)

This Week's Question

According to James, which woman was justified by her works?



Prayers this Week

Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia
The Most Rev'd William Brown Turei, Primate

Diocese of Ontario

The Rt Rev'd George Bruce
Parish of Kingston North
Church of the Redeemer
Church of the Good Shepherd
St John's, Sunbury
The Rev'd Dr Douglas Fox

Companions

St Ann's Episcopal Church, Amsterdam; the Revd Christopher Smith
HM Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace, the Revd Denis Mulliner

Parish of Tyendinaga

Treasurer

Families of: Marilyn Janssens & Richard Cook, John Jeffries, Sandra John, Verna & Carlisle Johnson, Ruby & Bill Kells

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-13 Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11