

RECTOR'S REFLECTION

Let me begin by saying thank you to everyone who spent a few hours after worship last Sunday for the annual meeting of Vestry. I know that some stay away either because they don't want to spend three hours discussing various business matters and that others stay away because they feel like decisions have already been made so there's no point in attending. I regret that this is so because the vestry meeting is of critical importance to being informed about all manner of things related to our ministry: reports on what happened last year and what is hoped to happen this year, receiving the financial statements and proposing a budget, and this year, discussing our configuration and a covenant for ministry. Commitment to the ongoing ministry and life of the parish and our efforts to proclaim the good news of the kingdom demands that we not only come to worship but also that we engage in the more tedious tasks of governance. Furthermore, deliberate effort is placed in listening to the voice of every parishioner before any of our decision-making bodies comes to their decision. All of this being said, we had a good turnout and we engaged in passionate discussion, coming to the conclusion that we might be able to make our deficit budget work, electing officers to leadership positions, voting to worship at All Saints', and approving the 2015 Ministry Task Force covenant.

Last Sunday was difficult for many, and I do not wish to diminish the sense of loss that some may feel, nor do I wish to sweep under the rug the frustration of those who have been labouring through all of our discussions and experiments of the last few years. Nevertheless, I feel as though a corner has been turned. We have made decisions about our life and ministry that speak to me of hopefulness and excitement. No longer is there a division between two congregations. No longer is our ministry primarily within our walls as we begin new ministries that take us to those to whom we are ministering.

The theme I chose for Vestry this year was from Psalm 111: "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom". Having made it through the vestry meeting, I see the hand of God in the psalm for this week, where we read, "the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, in those who await his gracious favour" (Psalm 147:12). My excitement leads me to reflect on the preceding verses: "Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honour him with praise! The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel." Before us now is the task of building a new ministry and, as Bill mentioned in the meeting, to gather back to us the exiles who may have left in our time of transition. We must look at the opportunity that lies before us now, as we work together to get out into our community. We look to no less an example than Jesus himself, who, having stayed a night in Capernaum, said to his disciples, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And, as Mark tells us, he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in the synagogues and casting out demons.

There is still more work to do, brothers and sisters, and I know that many of us are tired. God, in whom all things are possible, however calls us to be renewed in our ministry. He who does not faint or grow weary gives power to the faint and strengthens the weary. We, who wait on the Lord, pray that he will renew our strength, that we may mount up with wings like eagles, to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint. Are you excited? I am!



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF TYENDINAGA

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

SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday 8 February 2015
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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9:30 a.m.

Jan-Mar and Jul-Sep—All Saints' Church, 1295 Ridge Rd
Apr-Jun and Oct-Dec—Christ Church, 52 South Church Ln

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Mission Statement

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Bank Donations—We gather non-perishable food items on the first Sunday of each month and donate them to the Food Bank. The Food Bank is experiencing a significant increase in the number of families it serves so this is a material way we can help our neighbours. The next Food Bank Sunday is 1 Mar.

Absence of the Rector—Brad will be away on a course from 10 Feb to 24 Feb. Pastoral emergencies will be covered by Cathie Vick.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—Tue 17 Feb, 5-7 p.m., QAPC. Come enjoy a supper complete with pancakes, sausages, and bacon—the ancient custom of using up the fatty and sugary foods in the house before the Lenten fast began on Ash Wednesday. The pancake supper is free as a gesture of hospitality to our community so we ask parishioners to provide donations to purchase the food. The signup sheets can be found in the boardroom beside the kitchen.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy—Wed 18 Feb, 7 p.m. at All Saints' with Imposition of Ashes and the Celebration of the Eucharist. The Rev'd Dorothy Lancaster will preside.

Climate change and faith with Katherine Hayhoe— Thu 19 Feb, 7 p.m., St George's cathedral, 275 King St, Kingston. Internationally acclaimed atmospheric scientist and committed Christian Katharine Hayhoe will talk on climate change and faith. The event is being organized by the diocesan Green Group. Tickets \$15 at the Church Bookroom or register online at www.climatechangeandfaith.brownpapertickets.com.

Lenten Study—Starting Wed 25 Feb and continuing for six weeks. We will gather from 5-7 p.m. in the QAPC. Each session will begin with a simple potluck supper and continue with the study. There are 12 books available at the front of the church for those planning to attend.

Rectory Rental—The rectory is available for rental on a weekly basis as a cottage for tourists, fishermen, etc (and may be rented for shorter periods in the off season). Check out the website at cottagesincanada.com/bayofquinterectorycottage and please tell your friends who might need a place to stay!

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Anglican Communion

The Most Rev'd and Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
Diocese of Maiduguri (Jos, Nigeria)
The Rt. Revd Emmanuel Kana Mani

Diocese of Ontario

The Rt Rev'd Michael Oulton
St. Mary Magdalene, Napanee
The Rev. Richard Hetke
The Rev. David Smith

Companions

St Ann's Episcopal Church, Amsterdam, the Very Rev'd Neal Longe
HM Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace, the Rev'd Canon Denis Mulliner

Parish of Tyendinaga

Everyone who does odd jobs
Pray for the families of: Joan Brant; Karen Brant;
Kurtis, Allison & Kody Brant; Kyle & Donna Brant; Lester & Brenda Brant

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY

2 Kings 2:1-12
2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Psalms 50:1-6
Mark 9:2-9

Stewardship Reflection

The Rt Rev'd Michael Pollesel

Jesus' life is filled by many, who make demands on his time. In spite of these heavy demands, he still makes time to be alone in prayer. As a faithful steward, does my life follow his pattern of prayer and action?

Financial Report

Weekly Need:	\$2,459
Last week's Offering:	<u>\$2,922</u>
Profit last week	\$ 463

Based on the 2015 budget and the number of identifiable givers, the following is what is required of each giver in order to meet our needs:

Weekly: \$40 Monthly: \$173