

## RECTOR'S REFLECTION

This week, we mark the end of the 22days project of the Anglican Church of Canada by observing National Aboriginal Day. At the last General Synod, National Aboriginal Day was made a feast of the Church, which means that, like a saint's day, it supercedes an ordinary Sunday. There are particular prayers and readings (called "propers") assigned to the Sunday closest to 21 June and they have a focus on reconciliation and healing. Last year, we used the propers in their entirety. This year, we will use the prayers, but we are using the readings assigned to the Sunday (although, I am sure that Cathie is going to find a way to tie in the theme of the readings with National Aboriginal Day).

As I look back over the last three weeks, since the conclusion of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's work, I have seen a groundswell of awareness and action across Canada, and the Anglican Church of Canada, on the subject of reconciliation and the place of Indigenous people in the wider Canadian context. I am proud to have participated in the bell ringing initiative, which ended up seeing six dozen or so churches right across Canada ringing their bells in concert on three successive Wednesdays in order to publicly proclaim our call for a national inquiry on missing and murdered Indigenous women. One of my colleagues in Regina told me that 75 people who were survivors or the children of survivors of residential schools came to ring the bell at the cathedral there. I was astounded.

As I said last Sunday, these sorts of initiatives are the tiny mustard seeds that, when sown together, will grow up into mighty projects that have the potential to change our country and the lives of many Canadians, both settlers and Indigenous. We read in the epistle this week where St Paul writes to the Corinthians about how he has endeavoured to be a faithful servant, even "in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, [and] hunger." How many people—particularly Indigenous people—can relate to the apostle's experience?

Our call as the Church is to continue the work that was begun in 1993, when then-Primate Michael Peers apologised for the Anglican Church's role in Indian Residential Schools, and which has continued most recently in the 22days initiative. We are called to be people who strive for justice and reconciliation alongside a God who, as the Psalmist tells us, is a refuge for the oppressed, who does not forget the cry of the afflicted, and who is known for his acts of justice.

At times, this struggle for justice to which we are called may feel like a mere mustard seed in a great wide world, or like David attempting to fight Goliath. We are promised, however, that these small things that we do in faith will be seen and blessed by the God of justice, who will transform them into mighty acts. After all, it only took a stone to slay the giant!

As we mark National Aboriginal Day this week, let us ask ourselves how we will continue to struggle against the powers of oppression so that all of our brothers and sisters—Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike—may know the freedom and peace that God desires for all his people.



## 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 21 June 2015**  
**National Aboriginal Day**

### SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

9:30 a.m.

All Saints' Church, 1295 Ridge Rd

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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

**22 Days Bell Ringing**—Thank you to everyone who participated in the bell ringing in honour of missing and murdered Indigenous women. The video made on the first day has now been seen by over 50,000 people around the world. We hope that reconciliation will be an important issue in the upcoming federal election. If you missed the daily videos over the last 22 days, the website will be left up for a while: [www.22days.ca](http://www.22days.ca).

**National Aboriginal Day Events**—If you're in church today, you'll miss the parade on the Bayshore Rd, but there are other NAD events today at Tsi Tkerhitoton Park beside the Elder's Lodge. 11:00 Variety Show; 12:00 lunch (chicken, watermelon and salad provided, please bring a potluck dish and your feast basket); 1:00 canoe races; 3:00 closing and give-away.

**Unveiling of New Interpretive Panel**—The Lower Burial Ground Restoration Society will unveil a new panel featuring Molly Brant and several unnamed Mohawks buried in the Lower Burial Ground (now St Paul's Churchyard, at the corner of Queen and Montreal Sts in Kingston). All are welcome to attend today at 1:00 p.m.

**Strawberry Social Planning Meeting**—Mon 22 Jun, 7:00 p.m., Bridgeview Cottage (36B Bayshore Rd—Tom and Deb's).

**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 5 Jul.

**Strawberry Social**—Sun 5 Jul, 1-4 p.m. at the Mohawk Community Centre. Freewill offering. Entertainment and a children's craft corner will be provided.

**Amsterdam Trip**—Our visit to St Ann's will take place 18-20 Sep. More to follow.

**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](http://cottagesincanada.com/bayofquinterectorycottage) and please tell your friends who might need a place to stay!

**Camp Hyanto**—Registrations are now open. Visit <http://ontario.anglican.ca/wp/camp-hyanto/> to register online or to financially support Camp Hyanto in order to assist with the provision of Christian camp ministry to youth.

## PRAYERS THIS WEEK

### *Anglican Communion*

The Most Rev'd and Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury  
The Diocese of Olympia  
The Rt. Revd Gregory Rickel

### *Diocese of Ontario*

The Rt Rev'd Michael Oulton  
Parish of St. Mark's, Barriefield  
The Revd Haynes Hubbard

### *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*

#### *Custodians*

Pray for the families of: Connie & Guy Perron; William & Lupita Readman;  
Paul Robertson & Edgar Tumak; Harold Scero; Jason Scero

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY 21 JUNE

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Psalms 9:9-20  
Mark 4:35-41

## **Stewardship Reflection**

Would you get into a boat if you expected stormy weather? A faithful steward gets in, trusting that God will keep their journey safe.

## **Financial Report**

Weekly Need:	\$2,459
Last week's Offering:	<u>\$1,187</u>
Shortage	\$1,272

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
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