

RECTOR'S REFLECTION

Last Wednesday, The Queen became the longest-reigning British monarch in history, surpassing her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria. We will mark the occasion this afternoon with a special royal Evensong in Christ Church. Three years ago, when we celebrated The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, I had the honour of addressing the audience at a concert given in Picton. In my address, I quoted part of a speech given by the then-Princess Elizabeth on her twenty-first birthday:

If we all go forward together with an unwavering faith, a high courage, and a quiet heart, we shall be able to make of this ancient commonwealth, which we all love so dearly, an even grander thing - more free, more prosperous, more happy and a more powerful influence for good in the world - than it has been in the greatest days of our forefathers.

To accomplish that we must give nothing less than the whole of ourselves. There is a motto which has been borne by many of my ancestors—a noble motto, "I serve". Those words were an inspiration to many bygone heirs to the Throne when they made their knightly dedication as they came to manhood. I cannot do quite as they did.

But through the inventions of science I can do what was not possible for any of them. I can make my solemn act of dedication with a whole Empire listening. I should like to make that dedication now. It is very simple.

I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.

But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.

I was reminded of this speech not only because of the milestone reached this past week by The Queen but because it also speaks of the devotion to duty, of the complete submission to a vision of building a better commonwealth, that she had. That same duty and vision are a part of the gospel for this week.

Jesus, whom Peter called Messiah, or "Anointed One", was born into his role and clearly saw that he had a duty to fulfill. He also strove for a vision of a kingdom, the kingdom of his Father. I am reasonably sure that The Queen does not view her position as one of great power and glory but one of duty and service. Would she choose not to be queen if she had the chance to live a normal life? I don't know. But I think she fulfils her role out of a deep sense of being the one called to it for this time and she does it with the most profound and admirable sense of duty and service.

I know that it is perhaps a bit of a stretch to compare Queen Elizabeth II with Jesus—and I am not really. But, as Jesus used parables to illustrate his teachings, I believe that the words of The Queen that I quoted above are a parable for those of us who are called to live our lives in a similar way. As we follow Jesus, we take on the duty of discipleship and engage in the service of the kingdom of God. We prepare to deny ourselves, to take up our cross and to follow. If we want to save our lives, we must lose them. Will we, following the examples of Peter and our Queen, be ready to devote ourselves to the service of others and to declare ourselves for Jesus?



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 13 September 2015
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Evensong to Commemorate Her Majesty The Queen becoming the longest-reigning monarch in British history—Sun 13 Sep, 4:00 p.m., Christ Church. An offering will be taken to be directed to the MBQ Christ Church Utilities Fund.

Amsterdam Trip—Our visit to St Ann's will take place 18-20 Sep. Please meet with Brad after church today to discuss travel and food arrangements.

Friendly Manor Visitors—The next Friendly Manor visit is on Thu 24 Sep.

Three Cantors Concert—Thu 24 Sep, 7 p.m., Christ Church, Belleville. Tickets \$20 from the church office, \$25 at the door. Proceeds to the Primate's Fund and Food Security Programs.

Literacy Group Volunteers—The reading group starts this week with school. This ministry helps students at Quinte Mohawk School to develop confidence in reading and to build social skills and caring relationships. If you are interested in volunteering for this important ministry, please speak to Pam Detlor or Pat Brant.

Aboriginal ArtFest 2015—Sat 3-Sun 4 Oct, Mohawk Community Centre, 1807 York Rd. An amazing show and sale presented by 22 Tyendinaga artists! For more info, please speak to Deb Vincent.

Ministry Covenant Celebration—Sun 4 Oct, 2-4 p.m., Christ Church, Belleville. Join with the Bishop and fellow Anglicans from the archdeaconry as we share stories about work being done with the Ministry Covenants across the diocese.

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 4 Oct.

Harvest Thanksgiving—Sun 11 Oct. Edgar Tumak and Pam Detlor will be decorating—if you'd like to help, please speak to them.

Guitar Raffle—A raffle for the benefit of the parish is being held on 20 Dec for a BR-180 Blueridge Guitar, with case, strap, capo and picks, all of which have been generously donated by Margie Anderson (and which are valued at around \$2,000 new). It would make a wonderful Christmas gift for a musician. Tickets: \$5 ea. or 3/\$10. Margie has books of tickets if you are able to help sell them and she welcomes suggestions of places who might sell them for us. If you'd like to know more about the guitar, a review can be found here: <http://www.acousticguitar.com/Gear/Reviews/Blueridge-BR-180A-Review>.

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
The Diocese of Tarime (Tanzania)
The Rt Revd Dr. R. Mwita Akiri

Diocese of Ontario

The Rt Rev'd Michael Oulton
The Cathedral Church of St. George
The Rt Rev'd George Bruce (interim)
The Rev. Dr. William Morrow

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
Today is Canon Mulliner's last Sunday in the Chapel Royal. He and Chamaiporn will retire this week. We wish them every blessing in this next chapter of life.

Parish of Tyendinaga

Parish Council
Pray for the families of: Shirley Brant; Terry & Yolande Brant;
Viola Brant; Warren & Olive Brant; Willard & Caroline Brant

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Proverbs 31:10-31
James 3:13-4:3. 7-8a

Psalms 1
Mark 9:30-37

Stewardship Reflection

"If any of you are ashamed of me and my message," says Jesus. The faithful steward shows, in both word and action, pride in being a follower of Jesus.

Financial Report

Weekly Need:	\$2,459
Last week's Offering:	\$3,428
Overage	\$ 969

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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