

RECTOR'S REFLECTION

I am sure that, by now, you will see the image of three-year-old Alan Kurdi lying face down on a Turkish beach. The boy drowned while fleeing to Europe with his family as they sought to escape the devastation of the civil war in Syria. The news is full of stories of Europeans who are welcoming refugees at train stations and border crossings and it has had an impact even here on our general election as the Conservative leader was accused of a heartless response to the mounting refugee crisis, particularly when it was revealed that there was a plan to bring Kurdi's family to Canada that was derailed by a byzantine immigration policy.

For us, this politically-charged issue resonates. It should not matter whether we consider ourselves liberal or conservative—there is a deeper Christian response demanded of us that should cut across political lines. If it was not enough to remember that even the Holy Family were refugees—fleeing to Egypt to escape the wrath of King Herod—the gospel this week strikes right at the heart of the crisis.

In Jesus' time, children were nobodies. They had no power or political clout. In setting the little child among the disciples and saying that whoever would welcome such a little one welcomed Jesus himself, Jesus was doing something scandalous and radical. The kingdom of God is not about power and privilege. It is, instead, about lifting up the lowly and the powerless. God overturns social hierarchies and looks out for the needy. Those who follow Jesus are called to resist the imperial powers of our time, the powers that say, "Look after Canadians first" or "Send them all back home." The kingdom of God reminds us that we are all brothers and sisters, children of the same God, whose love is extended freely to all.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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!

The Mohawk Guild— The Mohawk Guild is a longstanding organization that is committed to the service of our community. The Guild meets at the Parish Hall (1295 Ridge Road) on the last Wed of the month at 7 p.m. Please join us in our efforts. For more information, please call Bev Hill (613-962-5183) or Shirley Maracle (613-962-6137).



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 20 September 2015 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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.

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

Christ Church Re-Opening—Thu 24 Sep, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. A come-and-go to see the restored Chapel Royal. Luncheon will be served at the same time in the Elder's Lodge Common Room.

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.

Choral Evensong to Rededicate the Pipe Organ at Christ Church—Sun 27 Sep, 4 p.m. Featuring the Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa Choir of Men and Boys.

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 Team Presentation—Tue 6 Oct, 6 p.m., Christ Church, Cataraqui (990 Sydenham Rd, Kingston). In lieu of the originally planned fall Archdeaconry meetings, The Covenant Celebration Team invites members of the diocese to attend a social hour to share stories of parish ministry initiatives followed by a short presentation at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend.

2016 Diocesan Budget Information Session—Tue 6 Oct, 7 p.m., Christ Church Cataraqui (990 Sydenham Rd, Kingston). Parish leadership are invited to attend an evening session facilitated by the Diocesan Finance Committee to update parishes on the 2016 budgeting process and present a DRAFT 2016 diocesan budget. Discussion and input will be invited from parishes on diocesan priorities for the 2016 Budget.

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.

Brad's Last Day in the Parish—If you missed it last Sunday, it was announced that Brad has been appointed as Incumbent of the Church of St John the Evangelist, Peterborough. His last day in our parish will be Sun 25 Oct.

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PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Anglican Communion

The Most Rev'd and Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
The Diocese of southern Brazil
The Rt Revd Humberto Maiztegue

Diocese of Ontario

The Rt Rev'd Michael Oulton
The Parish of St. James, Kingston
The Rev Canon Andrew Chisholm
The Rev. Dr. Valerie Michaelson (Priest Associate)
The Rev. Sharon Dunlop (Deacon)
The Rev. Lisa Chisholm-Smith (Deacon)

Companions

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

Parish of Tyendinaga

Lay Delegates to Synod
Pray for the families of: Marlene & Vincent Castellano; Linda Christie;
Gail Clement; Pam & Bob Detlor; John Eves

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Esther 7:1-6; 9-10, 9:20-22
James 5:13-20

Psalms 124
Mark 9:38-50

Stewardship Reflection

Jesus reminds his followers that they need to be able to see and accept him in many guises. A faithful steward seeks and serves Jesus in all people.

Financial Report

Weekly Need: \$2,459
Last week's Offering: \$2,623
Overage \$ 164

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