

ABOUT THE TITLE

In the early days of Christianity, followers of Jesus called their faith "the Way". It wasn't until some years after that the growing body of followers of the Way became known as the Church.

As modern followers of Jesus, we remind ourselves that we, too, follow the Way, which becomes a part of every facet of our lives.

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Way Words from the Rector

On the 8th of March, we turned our clocks ahead an hour to take full advantage of the daylight hours. Every spring, I find my heart uplifted when I look out *after* supper and it's not already pitch-black. I know that with the increased sunshine the earth around us is springing into new life. Already, the perennials in my garden are poking their heads through the soil and the sounds of birds newly returned from the South can be heard in the trees. The Creation is wonderfully alive!

In the Church, we are in the middle of Lent, the forty day period of spiritual preparation for the great celebration of Easter. As Jesus did during his temptation in the wilderness, so too have we been reflecting on our spiritual lives and our identity as beloved children of God. In the Scriptures we have

read that the Christian faith is one that requires great dedication and, often, sacrifice. Our journey in Lent is helping us



Are you witnessing to the new life you have in Jesus?

to focus who we are and where we feel we are being called in our service to God, both as individuals and as a parish.

Whether or not you are a regular worshipper and participant in the life of the parish, I invite you to take an opportunity in the next couple of weeks to reflect on the health of your spiritual life. Do you pray on a frequent basis? Do you read and meditate on Holy Scripture? Do you set aside a portion of your wealth to support the ministry of the Church or other worthy causes? Are you taking part in the Christian fellowship and breaking of bread? Most importantly, through your words and actions, is your life a witness to the good news of Jesus Christ?

I am constantly reminded by the signs of spring that are popping up around me that our God is all about life and growth. As the first shoots of the springtime (continued on p. 3 "New Life")

225th Anniversary Celebration

On 22 May 1784, the Mohawks landed at Tyendinaga. As the tradition goes, one of the first things they did upon their arrival was offer prayers of thanksgiving to the Creator who saw them safely to these shores. Ever since 1929, the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte have celebrated this important anniversary.

The anniversary of the Landing is also the anniversary of the Parish of Tyendinaga. For 225 years, the Anglican Church has had a presence in this community, and so, in 2009, we will celebrate our anniversary in conjunction with the commemoration of the Landing. Our main celebration will be held on Sunday 24 May,

starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Cairn on Bayshore Road and then proceeding to Christ Church. We will be honoured by the presence of the Right Reverend George Bruce, Bishop of Ontario, and the Right Reverend Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Bishop.

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies



“He is not here.”

—Mark 16:6

“All who believed
were together and
had all things in
common; they
would sell their
possessions and
goods and distribute
the proceeds to all,
as any had need.”

—Acts 2:44-45

“Do this in
memory of
me.”
—Jesus



Starting with Palm Sunday and continuing through Easter Day, the liturgy of Holy Week helps us to remember the last week of Jesus' life and the significance of his death and resurrection.

Your participation in these services is greatly desired. As our faith journey is one that we all make together, it is important that we share this holy time of year with one another. After all, the great victory of Easter is so much more meaningful after we've gone to the Cross together.

Palm Sunday - 5 April Holy Eucharist

Liturgy of the Palms

8:30 a.m. - All Saints' Church

10:30 a.m. - Christ Church

Maundy Thursday - 9 April

The Last Night of our Lord's Life and

Commemoration of the Last Supper (Potluck)

6:00 p.m. - All Saints' Church

Please bring a food item to share and appropriate dinnerware and utensils to save using disposables and doing dishes after the liturgy.

Good Friday - 10 April Commemoration of the Crucifixion of our Lord

10:00 a.m. - All Saints' Church

Holy Saturday - 11 April The Great Vigil of Easter with Baptisms

8:00 p.m. - Christ Church

Easter Sunday - 12 April The Resurrection of our Lord

8:30 a.m. - All Saints'

10:30 a.m. - Christ Church

Called to be Stewards

We can see from the quotation from Scripture to the left that walking in the faith asks us to make choices about money and possessions. In a time when the world is fearful about finances, we pray for wisdom from God.

As we all know, the costs of everyday life are on the rise: oil, hydro, insurance. All of these things are an integral part of laying the foundation

for ministry in our churches. Happily, our “regulars” are giving more of their time and money to maintain the churches. We do not receive any money from any other source (not from the Band or any level of government—we are truly self-supporting). All of us should consider how much we value the presence of the Church in our community. Many people call either the Upper or Lower Church “my

church” but don't contribute. If you would like to ensure that the Parish of Tyendinaga continues into the future, we invite you to prayerfully reflect on how seriously you are taking your faith. Perhaps now is the time to be more involved in living out your commitment to Jesus. For more information on how you can get involved with time, energy or money, please contact the Rector

Sunday Celebrations

Christians are called to live out their faith 24/7 in their daily lives, but we also gather together on Sundays to remember the great gift of life God gave us through Jesus.

Every Sunday there is a celebration in one or both of our churches. Every celebration is followed by food and fellowship.

Services are held:

8:30 a.m.—All Saints' Church

10:30 a.m.—Christ Church

On the 3rd Sunday of the month, both churches worship together at one celebration.

October to March
All Saints'

April to September
Christ Church

Our worship is formal but fun and we welcome people of all ages and backgrounds. Whether you're a seasoned worshipper or someone who's trying church for the first time, you'll find a place here.

See you in church!

New Life



(continued from p. 1 “Way Words”)

flowers witness to the miracle of regeneration going on underneath the soil, so too do Christians witness to the new life that comes from being a follower of Jesus. We

Where can you lend a hand to achieve God’s mission? have good news to share with people who feel the pain of loss, who struggle with loneliness, addiction, joblessness, or any number of trials. As Easter draws closer,

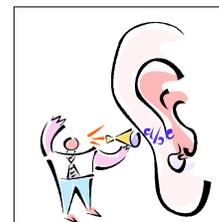
I invite you to examine your commitment to Christ’s Body on earth: the Church. What gift has God given you to share to join with us in our mission to make the world a better place?

If you’ve been away for a while, why not see what’s different in the

parish these days? We’re full of new life and we want to share our hope and energy to do God’s work. I hope I will see you in church or at a parish event soon or that I’ll have an opportunity to visit with you.

May we all be blessed in Lent and Easter.

Yours in Christ,

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have any comments or suggestions about this newsletter or would like to contribute a short article, news item, upcoming event, or anything else you think people would like to see (cartoons, humour, poetry), please call, write to, or email us through the ways listed on the back page.

Thanks for reading our first edition!

What’s New in Church?

Lots of people have commented that the Church is stuck in the past, that going to church is boring, that the Church is full of hypocrites. Sometimes, these are all true, but in the Parish of Tyendingaga, we’re working hard to change things.

For example, at All Saints’, we have LCD projectors that put the words of the service on the wall—no more confusing books to use. We even like to think that All Saints’ is

a “cool” church—we’ve got air conditioning for those hot summer Sundays!

We’ve got a growing number of kids in church and we’re trying new ways to be interesting and exciting. Thanks to the generosity of one of our parishioners, we have a number of activity kits in both churches to keep kids amused during church while introducing them to the faith.

As for the frequent comment that people won’t come to church because church folks are hypocrites...well, you’re probably right. But whoever came up with the idea that church people are supposed to be perfect was obviously not a Christian. The whole point of the Church is for us to admit our faults and work on being better people. I hope we all know that only God is perfect!

Outreach and Mission

Jesus said, ‘It is better to give than to receive’ and we strive to take that lesson seriously. In 2009, the parish has budgeted 34% of its expenditures on costs related to outreach and mission. More specifically, All Saints’ has dedicated \$6,000 and Christ Church has earmarked \$2,000 to be spent on ministry projects in our community and around the world.

In 2008, the Parish assisted with a

number of projects by providing money, time, food, or energy. For example, in July, we hosted over thirty bikers and their support staff as they rode from Lindsay to Kingston in support of the Canadian Bible Society’s Bike for Bibles. In addition, the parish made a generous contribution to the Bible Society to provide Bibles for immigrants to Canada.

All Saints’ Church also regularly

provides financial assistance to the Resource Room class at Quinte Mohawk School, enabling them to purchase needed learning materials not covered by curriculum funding.

Will you consider giving to help us continue this vital ministry of outreach? Tax receipts are issued each February for all donations of money over \$10.00 made in the previous year.



The parish also collects food and money for the food banks in Deseronto and Tyendingaga.



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

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.



Coming Events

Fun, Food and Fellowship Nights

Second Wednesday of the month
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Queen Anne Parish Centre
Every month, we bring games and snacks and enjoy each other's company. Everyone is welcome—feel free to bring your favourite game! Upcoming dates are: 13 May, 10 June, 8 July, 22 August. *Note: there is no fun night in April due to Holy Week.

Parish Council Meetings

Third Wednesday of the month
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Queen Anne Parish Centre
The Parish Council advises the Rector and Wardens on the administration of the Parish, and helps oversee the Strategic Plan. All are welcome to attend and to have your voice heard. If you would like to have something added to the agenda, please contact the Rector

two weeks in advance of the next meeting. Upcoming dates are: 15 April, 20 May, 17 June. No meeting in July or August unless necessary.

Parish Outdoor Service & Picnic

Sunday 19 July
10:30 a.m.

West Lawn of the Rectory
As is our custom, we celebrate the



**At our Pancake Supper held Tue
24 Feb, we raised over \$800 for
ministry! Thanks for your help!**

parish service in July with an outdoor liturgy and potluck picnic. All are invited to the Rectory for this service. Please bring something to eat for the potluck as well as dinnerware and utensils so we can avoid creating more garbage.

Things to Watch For

Please check our website often. As new events are planned, they are posted on the website under "Upcoming Events" on the right hand side of each page. If you live on the Territory, we place an ad in *Ori:wase* each month as well.

In the near future, we will begin a study group using the NOOMA series of video-based conversations on faith and a book study on the popular novel *The Shack*.