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excerpt from Fr. Geoffrey Sangwine's Easter letter



*The Resurrection:
One of the four rectangular
panels of stained glass by
Gerald E. Tooke mounted in
the north wall of the narthex.
Photo: Fr Michael*

Over this Lenten season a number of you have said that the last year has felt like one, drawn-out Lent. Indeed, the past twelve months have been very difficult as we have seen tragic loneliness and loss, a medical system under strain and as each of us has had to adapt to living under the circumstances of pandemic with all the restrictions and uncertainties that have come with it. Alongside this new normal, our everyday lives must go on. We human beings are a complicated lot. Human life has many sides and shadows. There is in our experience light and darkness, disappointment and joy, all of which can make discerning the way forward tough and at times impossible.

The message of Holy Week and Easter is the promise of God to triumph over the sin and darkness of the world. Jesus lived in such a way that he shows us what true living is like. He healed, he welcomed, he taught. He picked up the cross of suffering. He died and rose from the grave to show that God's love triumphs over the troubles that come our way and the worst we can do to one another. As the hymn proclaims, "Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified. Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide."

We draw near to Holy Week and Easter and come to the central mystery of our faith: Christ is died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. If ever there was a time to hold fast to this, it is now. As we see

From the Organ Bench

Robin Davis

I would like to devote this article to recognizing a remarkable group of people who, like me, ten years ago chose to make this wonderful parish their new church home. Each of the group came through an association with the choir, but their contributions to the life of the parish over the years have been far too great to acknowledge with these words.



Duncan and Barbara Towe Photo submitted by R. Davis

Barbara and Duncan Towe

To know Duncan and Barbara (who live in Markham) is to know kindness, goodness and wisdom. Barbara has served on a Parish Selection Committee and coordinated the Flower Guild of the parish for about 5 years. Duncan has been a stalwart and valuable voice in our choir's tenor section, and always ready to contribute his construction skills to kids musical stage props or countless other fix-up projects. I know the choir has been a huge part of Duncan's life and we look forward to the time we can sing together again. We ask your prayers for Barbara as she continues to be challenged by the effects of Parkinson's. *Cont'd on page 15*

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sadness and uncertainty, division among nations and people, brokenness in families and individuals, we also see an empty tomb. Hope abounds because we are greeted by a risen Saviour who offers mercy and forgiveness. Jesus extends his hands of love to all and makes new life possible, even in the darkest moments.

While we long to get back to worshiping in person and to sharing our cherished community life, in consultation with the Health and Safety Committee I have decided that it best we wait until after Easter Day to consider this due to the uncertainty of the variants and the need for more vaccine to be rolled out. In the meantime, we will continue to offer on-line worship and look forward to a time hopefully later this spring when we will be able to be together.

Writing to the people of Corinth about the hope of resurrection life, Paul offers these words of encouragement: *O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory? Thanks be to God who gives us the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, beloved be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

1 Cor. 15.

The clergy, Wardens and staff join me in wishing you a blessed Holy Week and Happy Easter.

Wardens' Report

Vanessa Scott, People's Warden

Ted Robinson, Rector's Warden

Since the Vestry meeting at the end of February, we have been looking ahead to the new year. If you have not seen a copy of our Vestry Report, please contact the church office. Rosemary can send you the package of reports, either by email or via Canada Post.

As of February 28, the wardens team includes four deputies – Laurie Sanderson, Stephanie Woodside, Johan van 't Hof and David Carrington. Paul Faulkner and Mary Martin will continue on the Warden's Council as Wardens Emeritus. Thanks to both for continuing to support and advise us.



Deputy Warden
David Carrington



Deputy Warden
Stephanie Woodside



Deputy Warden
Laurie Sanderson

Major challenges in 2021 will include the search for a new long-term tenant to replace St. Simon's Shelter; they will be moving by the end of May.

We are actively searching for a new tenant with a focus on service to the community that would align with the mission of the Parish.

Vestry approved a deficit budget. The hope is that we can make up the shortfall if we are able to find an appropriate new tenant.

As Johan articulated clearly at the Vestry meeting, we need to plan for ongoing refurbishment of our church buildings. Some of the costs are built into

the operating budget, but we will be planning a capital campaign to replace the roof over perhaps five years.

As we all know, the vaccination programs are beginning. We look forward to the day when the Covid 19 pandemic will be sufficiently controlled so that we can meet again in person to worship together and share in fellowship. We will continue to monitor the guidance from government officials and the Diocese, in order to prepare for a safe opening when it is advisable.

A special thanks to all who make it possible for us to meet and worship virtually in the meantime.



Rector's Warden Ted Robinson



People's Warden Vanessa Scott



Deputy Warden Johan van t' Hof



Cherry Blossoms in High Park

Photo: David Carrington

The Hope of Easter

David Carrington

Out of a betrayal in an orchard
The seeds of hope and forgiveness sprung.
And the fruit of reconciliation
Was born in the sacrifice of a son,
Who gave his life so freely,
for a world so lost in sin.
Lost in the shouts of “Hosanna”
and “glory to this King,”
was that small voice of compassion
and a world he did forgive.
So on the third day he did rise
And was seen by many friends,
Transfigured in a life he chose to
Take up again.
So the Cross we see throughout the world,
A symbol of our faith,
represents the hope that was reborn
A hope that’s with us each and every day.

Milestones

Mike Armstrong

Mike was a quiet presence at St. Peter’s Carlton. He was a soft spoken and gentle person, who had a beautiful voice and loved to sing. He was a “regular” attending church every Sunday and a typical Anglican who liked to sit in the back pews. Once in a while, Mike’s funny side would come out as he liked to tease some of the other members of the congregation. Mike became ill before the amalgamation in 2016, but members of the parish continued to visit him in nursing homes. Mike died in February.

Jim O'Brian

*A few memories shared by
the Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine*

It was a bright blistering hot day on September 1, 2020 when I last saw Jim O'Brian. It was the extraordinary occasion of his 100th birthday. He was recovering at Bridgepoint after falling and fracturing his hip. If that wasn't enough, it was also 5 months into the pandemic, so he had been in lockdown at his residence in Belmont House. Nevertheless (and knowing Jim it was not a surprise) it was wonderful to find him bright, engaged, witty, and grateful for the milestone day. Thanks to the artistry of Alison Jane, I delivered the beautiful large card from the parish that included photos, and many warmest best wishes to a much loved and respected parishioner and friend. Jim took his time looking at the card and was touched by it deeply. Then, thanks to the wonders of technology we listened on my I-phone to the stirring rendition of Happy Birthday put together by Robin and the choir. Jim's face lit up and he talked about the importance of St. Peter and St. Simon's in his life. He also asked about the well-being of the St. Simon's Shelter residents. Knowing that some members of his family were soon coming by I didn't stay long. We prayed together. Jim was looking up with his wonderful smile – "Thank you...thank you...thank you" were his words as I left.

Jim progressed enough to be sent home, but, of course, no visitors were allowed at Belmont House so that was sadly the last time I saw him in person. We did keep in touch by telephone and Jim tuned in to our on-line services. On Friday, February 19, while sitting at my desk Jim came to mind so, I picked up the phone and called him. He answered with strength in his voice and we had a lovely conversation. Of course, before we ended, he asked about the well-being of the men in the Shelter.

On Tuesday the following week I received a message from Jim's daughter, Jennifer, to say that he had been taken to hospital. Jim died peacefully the next day with his son Geoffrey present and as told to me Jim was charming the nurses right to the very end.



*Jim O'Brian at the
2019 Church Barbecue
Photo: Mary Anderson*

Jim loved church music. On the day of his committal Geoffrey O'Brian said "it's too bad we can't have a funeral because as you can imagine the music would be spectacular." When the time is right, we plan to have an Choral Evensong in memory of Jim – the music will be spectacular. In the meantime, he celebrates with the celestial choir, and we remember and give thanks for the life of a faithful servant of God.

*O ETERNAL Lord God,
who holdest all souls in life:
We beseech thee to shed forth upon thy whole
Church in Paradise and on earth
the bright beams of thy light and heavenly comfort;
and grant that we,
following the good example of those
who have loved thee and served thee here
and are now at rest,
may at the last enter with them
into the fulness of thine unending joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

One of the tragedies of this pandemic time has been the isolation faced by many, especially seniors.

Welcome Dylan Lennard Cumming!

It is with joyous and grateful hearts that we announce the healthy arrival of our son, Dylan Lennard Cumming. Born February 25th at 6:44 am at Michael Garron Hospital in East York, weight 10 lbs 6 oz (4710 g), length 22 inches (56 cm). All in the family are happy and well.



Dylan at 2 days old Photo courtesy of Sophie Knowles

~ Sophie (Knowles), Dave, Connor and Dylan

"Just as you cannot understand the path of the wind or the mystery of a tiny baby growing in its mother's womb, so you cannot understand the activity of God, who does all things." - Ecclesiastes 11:5

Pandemic Reflections

written on the official 1st anniversary

Carol Peck

For once in my life, I would be happy to have been wrong. While others were mourning the loss of Easter last year, I was saying "you don't get it. We're not losing Easter; we're losing Christmas. I'll be surprised (but delighted) if we get Easter next year. I'm planning for Christmas 2021." Father Michael recently admitted that he thought at the time that I was crazy.

The first casualty of my pandemic experience was my belief that staying home reading books, watching television, and spending hours online – all in blissful solitude and with no sense of dereliction of duty – was my idea of Heaven. When I get to the Pearly Gates, I can tell St. Peter that I have already experienced Hell and I'm unenthusiastic. I made long term plans... which petered out by September. I don't want to hear about those who learned Russian, visited all the museums of the world virtually, or wrote the Great Canadian Novel. I couldn't even do my

Spring Cleaning in the Fall! My books were already in alphabetical order by author and I still couldn't organize my home library.

It took me until Christmas, with all the lamentable chorus of whining about what we have lost or been deprived of constantly echoing on TV and social media, to hear a great Wake Up call. Heaven knows there's been plenty of time for reflection and a surprising amount of inner growth. It seems to me that for the sake of our mental health we need to reshape our outlook. We have little control over much that happens to us. What we can control is our reaction to those events. We have a choice whether we see the glass as half full or half empty. If we choose half empty, we will always feel discontented. If we choose half full, the world is full of possibilities. Perhaps this is the opportunity we didn't know we were waiting for to try something different. Perhaps this is the opportunity to slow down and quiet the busyness of our lives. Perhaps this is the opportunity to find out what really matters.

The Psalms are full of references to loving kindness. This has been the great gift of this pandemic. In the midst of loss and grief and depression and loneliness, there has been immense kindness and generosity of spirit. My Bubble has been both family and community and I have lacked for nothing important. We adapted. Church has been predominantly online, live-streamed or zoomed. Community has been fostered by virtual coffee hour or phone chains. There was an enormous sense of common purpose. And always, there was caring, loving kindness. If we have that, we have all that we need. The glass is not half full; our cup runneth over.



*Carol Peck at Compline Maundy Thursday 2020
Photo submitted by Fr. Michael*

Ministry Showcase

Mary Anderson

As we were unable to host the Ministry Fair last fall and this spring either, the Stewardship Committee felt that providing information about the various ministries in our parish and thanking them for all they do, was something we could continue, even though we continue to be unable to meet in person and celebrate the wonderful volunteering efforts of our parish. This month we are celebrating the Servers' Guild, and the work of Fen Nanton, the head of the Guild.

Being part of the Servers' Guild at St. Peter and St. Simon's Church has been a rewarding experience for Fen Nanton. He was asked by Rev. Robert Clubbe to participate in this ministry in 1999 and has been an active participant in this group ever since. The role of a server is a very special honour that entails quite a few aspects to the role.

Fen Nanton has devoted the past 22 years to ensuring these duties are expertly carried out. He is responsible for keeping an inventory of liturgical items such as wine, hosts and candles and ordering stock as required. He ensures that there is enough oil in the Presence Light in the chancel and in the chapel. He marks off the gospel reading for that Sunday in the bible and has it ready to go for the day.

The head server must determine how many hosts and how much wine are required for the service and have them ready for use. The head server



Fen Nanton, Head of the Servers Guild

assigns jobs to the other servers who are scheduled for the service, such as setting up and lighting the candles on the altar, the pavement candles and the missile stand, prior to each service.

As the head server there is a great amount of scheduling that needs to take place in order for there to be enough servers on hand for each service. Fen must devise the schedule and make appropriate replacements when required. He also schedules two Chalice Bearers per week, assigning persons from the congregation to assist with communion.

Servers must be familiar with all the aspects of the items used by the priest in the communion service, such as: the chalice, the burse and the communion trays. As a server, one must wait upon a priest and carry out his wishes throughout the service. Currently there are twelve devoted servers Fen Nanton, David Carrington, Betty Scantlebury, Sergiu Stefanschi, Brooke Sales-Lee, Cynthia, Celine and Amos Wong, Ferdinand and Bernadette Galingan, Daphne Doak and Colin Bird who faithfully attend to the duties required of them by this vital role in the church. Servers in this role are servants of God who assist in serving the family meal of the church----the Holy Eucharist.



St. Peter and St. Simon's has been blessed to have such a wonderful group of Servers who have been expertly led by Fen Nanton over the past two decades. He states that he derives great satisfaction in knowing that the service has gone well, due to the preparation and execution of the duties that he and the servers have carried out. Father Geoff states that Fen provides quiet, steadfast, faithful, reliable service as the leader of this ministry. He is a great support to the priests and Father Geoff and the Stewardship Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all he does.



Photos:
Fr. Michael



We celebrate this important Ministry in our parish and we thank the Servers group for their dedication and devotion to the role they participate in. Even though things are not usual due to the pandemic and the restrictions, Fen has ensured that the supplies required are ordered and on hand for the services even in "lock-down". We can't wait until restrictions are lifted and the Servers' Guild gets back to their traditional roles in the parish.

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Kids Corner

Sileen Phillips

Meet Tia



Photo Submitted by Sileen Phillips

My name is Tia and I'm from Oshawa. I really love Sunday School because we do a lot of fun stuff like play jeopardy and we learn a lot of cool things like the fruits of the Spirit. Plus I get to make new friends.

Easter Craft

A fun afternoon of craft activities for Children
Saturday April 3, 11am – 2pm on the Howard
St. lawn, weather permitting.



Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Faith and Bible Study Group for Teens
Sundays at 1 pm via Zoom

Youths 12 – 18 are invited to join us for healthy discussions about faith and God. In today's world, our young people need to know that there is true hope. For more information or to join a session, email Sileen at kidscoordinator@yahoo.com.

Rosemary

Larry Krotz

St. Peter and St. Simon's Office Administrator is a repeater. Rosemary Hendra who worked for what was then still simply St. Simon's from 2011 until 2016 was coaxed, in early 2020, into coming back. She was slated to help out "for a couple of months," but then COVID struck. She extended her term and now, lucky for us, she is committed to stay on. "I found I liked working here again. I like the people. And I like using my brain again."

Rosemary was educated in mathematics and had a career in IT. So engaging with Father Michael over the website and social media is right up her alley and a skill set the church will always be in desperate need of. Along with that, among many other things, she handles financial administration and deals with tenants.

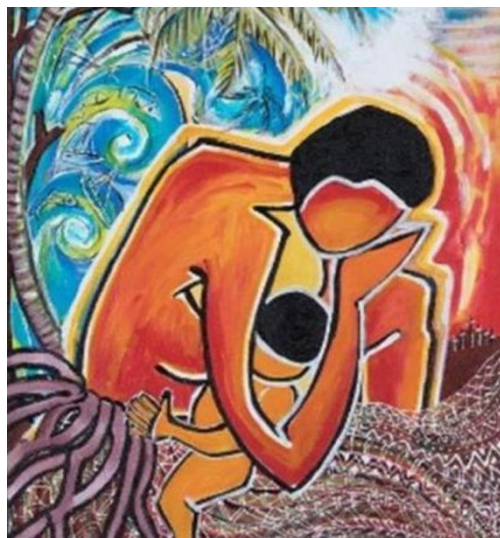
Rosemary has three grown sons, two living close to Toronto, the third in Vancouver. She and her husband, Gord, are long-time parishioners of St. Timothy's Anglican church in North Toronto where she is active in that parish's social outreach work. Theirs is a busy group undertaking projects such as weekend work bees at (the formerly Anglican) Moorelands Camp near Dorset, a charity that provides a welcome nature experience for children who would otherwise be confined to the city; delivering meals to residents of St. George House, a LOFT program for adults with mental disabilities; and putting together supply bundles for expectant mothers who have financial challenges. As for SPSS, Rosemary claims it's nice to be back—and she really looks forward to seeing more of everybody when the pandemic ends. For us, it's certainly nice to have her.



Office Administrator Rosemary
Hendra Photo: Fr. Michael

World Day of Prayer on March 5

Fran Brown



"Build on a Strong Foundation"

The women of Vanuatu chose this as their theme for the World Day of Prayer service. Vanuatu is a small country of islands in the South Pacific, once named the New Hebrides by James Cooke in 1747. "The black and white sandy beaches, coral reefs with colourful fish, lovely birds, and fruits and nuts in the forests all make the islands a pristine environment, even though they are vulnerable to frequent tropical storms, earthquakes, cyclones, tsunamis and active volcanoes."

Melanesian and Polynesian people are the primary source of the culture, languages, traditions and spirituality. Each island and village used to have their own chief and style of governance, their own gods and language, over 100 dialects. Their thatched houses were made from leaves and trees, using stone axes. Women and men would come together at the Farea, a village meetinghouse, to discuss major issues. The Republic of Vanuatu was formed after independence in 1980 from a French and British colonial government. Today, Vanuatu proudly waves its flag and coat of arms which reads- "In God we stand." Now the Christian community makes up 83% of the population.

Arable land is limited, even though 75% live in the rural areas. Children especially suffer from malnutrition, and education is not free or mandatory. Most families can only afford to send their first born to secondary school. Safe drinking

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water and sanitation facilities are poor and unprotected. Gender-based violence is a serious issue facing women and girls. Economic growth is based on tourism, construction and offshore financial services. Unfortunately, all these proceeds primarily leave the country. Women make up 40% of the labour force.

Vanuatu people love music and dancing, making traditional instruments of bamboo and other plants and seeds. There are some modern bands too. They also enjoy soccer, volleyball, basketball and boxing.

The Vanuatu World Day of Prayer funds raised will be used for badly needed education and health initiatives. Donations of over \$20 will receive a tax receipt and can be sent to WICC (Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada), 47 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto, ON, M5S 2C3. Or made online – www.wicc.org/donate Many thanks to Fr. Michael, Fr. Geoff and our office administrator, Rosemary, for their help in setting up the zoom link for the viewing on March



Halo to all of you, our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

A member of the Vanuatu Writing Committee welcomed everyone and gave a brief introduction to Vanuatu

5th of the service as prepared by WICC. We were the host church this year for our area of the city and missed our area church partners, especially the fellowship and the lunch.

The zoom event hosted by our church had 22 people in attendance. One advantage of zooming was that we saw and heard speakers and choirs from across Canada during the event as well as the faces of people from local churches.

People from across Canada took part in preparing the service



Stitches from the Prayer Shawl Guild

Nancy Nourse and Brooke Sales-Lee

While devastatingly painful on so many fronts, the lockdown over the past winter months has been productive for knitting. There are now two shawls, and almost a third new shawl awaiting their blessing before being offered to those most in need in our St. Peter and St. Simon community. What has been a challenge with our ongoing days of isolation, however, is connecting with our stitchers—the knitters, crocheters and quilters—of the parish. As a result, any formal meeting of volunteers for this project has failed to happen.

Recently, our own administrator, Rosemary Hendra, a prayer shawl knitter herself, shared with me some instructions for a miniature knitted lapel pin. We now have a half dozen of these in a variety of colours, completed and ready to present to anyone who lets us know that they are working on their own prayer shawl project. Whereas we are as yet unable to actually meet in person, we do now have a unifying symbol that each of us involved in this ministry can wear.

We haven't forgotten that there are also those willing to join in, but who may need some extra support in getting started. For them Brooke is preparing an online tutorial with some simple



The first two shawls donated to the church by the Prayer Shawl Guild Photo by Fr Michael



*Prayer Shawl Guild pins
Photo submitted by Nancy Nourse*

video instructions that only requires the basic knitting stitch. Please just let us know if you'd like to participate.

Nancy noursewind@sympatico.ca
Brooke brooke.saleslee@gmail.com

And we now have a link on the church website about the Prayer Shawl ministry. Check it out: <https://stpeterstsimon.ca/prayershawls/>

If you would like to get a jump start on contributing to this ministry and already have basic knitting skills, you can follow this easy pattern suitable for relaxing or beginning knitting. You will need approximately 700-900 yards of DK or worsted weight yarn.

Cast on 3 stitches.

On every row, knit 2, yarn over, knit across all remaining stitches.

Knit until your shawl is the desired size or you have almost run out of yarn. When you come to the end of a ball of yarn, don't join the next ball by tying a knot! Leave about 6 inches of yarn hanging off the end of the row and cut the yarn. Start the next row with the new ball of yarn, again leaving about 6 inches of yarn hanging down.

Bind off all stitches and weave in ends of yarn.

You can crochet a similar shawl in single crochet by chaining 4, skip one, single crochet across (3 stitches). Then simply work 2 single crochets in the first space of each row, then work single crochets across.

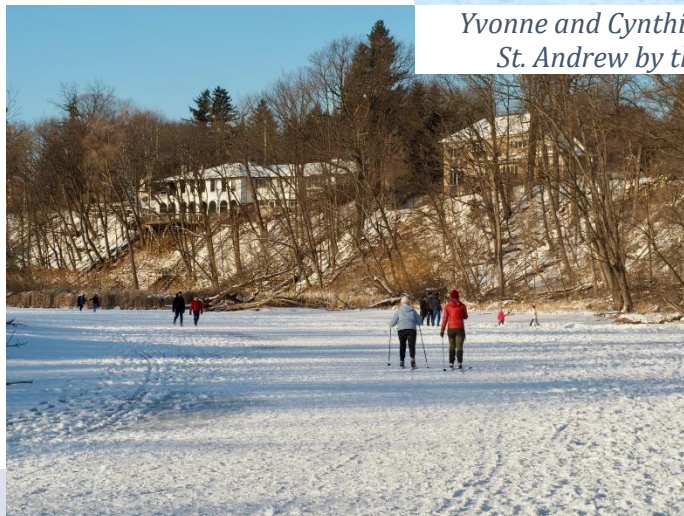
From the Assistant Curate

Fr. Michael Perry

Fr. Geoff has recently taught me that the word Lent is derived from an old Germanic word meaning lengthen, as in the daylight hours lengthening in Spring. And as much as I look forward to the changing of the seasons with Spring's longer, brighter, and warmer days, I cannot help but miss those sharp, arctic, and snowy periods of Winter. I know this might not be a popular opinion, but I think Winter is best enjoyed intensely, with the mercury plunging and the snow piling up. It means extra effort to keep our sidewalks safe, and the challenging conditions encourage us to check in with our vulnerable neighbours more frequently, but it also means the opportunity to partake in the joys of winter sports.



Yvonne and Cynthia, Michael's sister, ski past St. Andrew by the Lake, Toronto Island



Yvonne and her mother skiing on 16 Mile Creek

Photos submitted by
Fr. Michael

In recent years, Yvonne and I have discovered cross country skiing. My sister introduced it to us, but part of its attraction was that we could stay local to enjoy winter.

The GTA is not renowned for its ski slopes, but it

has ample cross county trails at its doorstep. You just have to wait for the right conditions, which is why I love it when Winter is at its wintery best. This past year, as we were all asked to stay local, winter offered up a blessing. We skied the Leslie Spit, the Don Valley Trail, Sixteen Mile Creek in Oakville and the Rouge National Park in Markham. Adventure was never far away. But perhaps the highlight for me was taking the Ferry to the Island, to ski the canals. With the city skyline as the backdrop and the quiet crunch of the snow under our skis as our soundtrack, we wound our way from Ward Island to Centre Island, with skates in tow, so that when we were done on the canals we could venture out on the ice between the Island and the mainland. The experience reminded me of the Canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* which says, "O ye Frost and Cold bless ye the Lord ... O ye Ice and Snow bless ye the Lord."



Michael and Yvonne skating on Lake Ontario

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As we come to terms with the increasingly rare frosty, cold, icy, and snowy winters in Toronto due to climate change, I could not help but feel God's gift of the past winter. A winter when we were asked not to travel for our holidays due to local lockdown, but a winter that was nonetheless wintry enough to be delightfully enjoyed from home. Next winter, I anticipate that we will finally be out of lockdown, but I still hope and pray that the snow will be back. This marvellous corner of God's creation called Toronto is a playground in winter that I most like intensely cold and snowy.

Lent, 2021

Diane Marshall

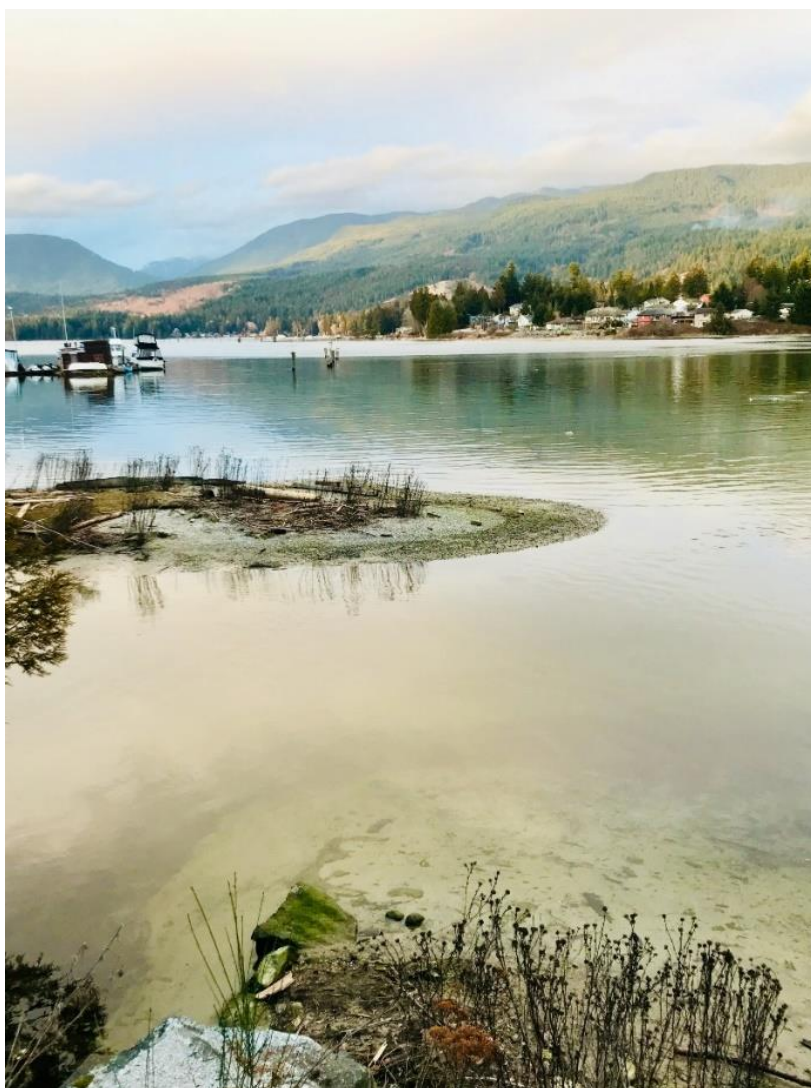
Dear Friends at St. Peter and St. Simon:

I think of you all there in Toronto, and join you in hoping for a soon delivery of vaccines, and recovery from the lockdown and restraints imposed by this terrible Pandemic. We here on the Sunshine Coast are in lockdown but walks in nature are possible, and such a blessing. I'm attaching a photo of the Sechelt Inlet which I took as dusk was beginning, in a recent walk to see the duck marsh en route.

I have always loved the various greetings at the beginning of the Anglican worship service, and thought you might be interested in our greetings at St. Hilda's, which I find moving as it reminds us here of our very close neighbours, the Shishalh people, who have resided on this land for at least 4,000 -7,000 years. This has been verified from remarkably preserved ancestors found buried deeply in a special soil in the Inlet; forensic models of the heads of what are presumed to be a chief and wife and twin teenage sons is in the Canadian Museum of History in Ottawa, and in the small but excellent Shishalh Nation tems swiya Museum. This whole coastal region of the West Coast, Haida Gwaii and Vancouver Island were not affected by the last Ice Age, and it is thought that the Indigenous peoples who came to this whole West Coast came in large canoes from northern China & Siberia. There are even some traces in the Haida peoples of Haida Gwaii (formerly known to settlers as Queen Charlotte Islands) that connects

them with the Polynesians who travelled in large canoes from the Polynesian islands to Hawaii.

Thus, history unfolds before our eyes with DNA tracing! And so we here acknowledge and celebrate "many places and peoples" – and it is also so very true in the whole of Greater Toronto and there at SPSS!



*Sechelt Inlet is one of the principal inlets
of the British Columbia Coast
Photo submitted by Diane Marshall*

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St. Hilda's by the Sea, Sechart

In this time and place,
we gather on the ancestral territory of the
Shishalh Nation.

From many places and peoples
we come to this house of prayer.

In this time and place,
we give thanks for the light of God
that shines in the darkness.
A light no darkness can quench.

In this time and place,
we give thanks for the light and peace
of Jesus Christ the Word made flesh.
The light of all people.

In this time and place,
we pray that the Spirit of God
will be renewed in our hearts and minds
That we might be the light of God in the world.

In this time and place, together, one people of God.
In the name of God,
Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen

I send you all my warmest greetings, and I so
appreciate receiving news occasionally through
your website, and from Mary and Malcolm, Peggy,
Betty, Suzette and Rogers.

May the peace of Christ be with you, and sustain
you.

Diane

From the organ bench

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Sophie Knowles

Sophie sang as Soprano Lead at St. John's York Mills for a number of years during the time I was Music Director there. Sophie holds a Music degree in voice from York University. Sophie's leadership in our choir in both voice and unassuming nature has helped build the choir into both the caring family and the dedicated group of skilled singers we are. It was a great honour to be a part of Sophie and Dave's wedding at our church and also to be asked to be Connor's Godfather (their older son). Sophie, Dave and Connor recently welcomed Dylan (newborn) into their family.



Sophie Knowles and Mary Anderson

Photo submitted by Robin Davis

Mary Anderson

Mary and I have only known each other for about 45 years. We sang together in the choir at All Saint's Whitby, where her father, Rev. Jack Roney, was the priest. Mary continued with her singing career and earned a degree in music from Queen's University. Mary sings in our choir as a volunteer and is one of the pillars of our soprano section. Mary has also been very active on the Stewardship Committee and has hosted many Choir social gatherings at "the cabin" as well as at her home. Mary was a key member of our organizing committee for both our 2016 and 2019 U.K. tours.

Johan van 't Hof

Johan has contributed enormously to our parish as Associate Organist, member of our bass section and as the church Treasurer. (The photo is from our 2019 tour in Gloucester Cathedral, U.K.) During his tenure here Johan attained his Royal Canadian College of Organists Colleague certificate. Johan's business

acumen has been a great help to the parish from a financial management standpoint as well as being a strong advocate for the parish in community, city and diocesan matters. At this most recent Vestry, Johan has added the role of Deputy Warden to his plate. As hardly a footnote, Johan at the same time is founder and CEO of Mitigokaa Development Corp, a private company planting remote biomass electrical power generation facilities in northern Canadian First Nations communities, replacing inadequate and aging diesel generation and providing other community and social welfare benefits. Johan's dedication, love and passion for playing the organ and accompanying worship is a great asset to our parish and greatly appreciated.

While acknowledging these people and their contributions to our parish, I recognize that there are many others both in the choir and the parish who contribute with many different talents and great generosity, in so many ways. The intent of this article is simply to mark a shared milestone with heartfelt gratitude.



Johan van 't Hof
Photo submitted by Robin Davis



Thank you, Robin, for your ten years at SPSS!
Photo submitted by Fr. Michael

Holy Week Services On-line and by Zoom

Palm Sunday – March 28th

10.30 am – Liturgy of the Palms, Passion Reading and Holy Eucharist

Wednesday in Holy Week – March 31st

11.00 am – Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday – April 1st

7.00 pm – Institution of the Lord's Supper
9.00 pm – Compline

Good Friday – April 2nd

11.00 am – The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday
Preacher: The Reverend Canon David Harrison

Easter Day – Sunday, April 4th

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

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