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Easter Newsletter

March 2018

Easter Joy is Alive Today!

HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN." -MATTHEW 28:6

In the Gospel of Matthew, we read how an angel appeared to the women at the tomb early that first Easter morning. The angel explained to them that Jesus was not there because he had been raised from the dead, just as he said! Matthew tells us that the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy. That's what the resurrection does. It takes our fear, our worry, our hurt, our sadness...and it puts it all into perspective.

The fact that Jesus is risen from the dead, that he was victorious over death and sin, is reason to

as we celebrate how Jesus still changes lives today.

Today, so many people are searching for answers as perhaps no generation before us.

**Where can we find hope?
Can anyone love us . . . really?
What would that look like?
How can we find meaning in life?
In what or whom can we put our faith and trust?**

Some search for answers through spiritual experiences and beliefs. Some try to live good, moral lives. Some follow religion (they 'do church') and miss the Relationship.

Take a moment to read again

today, personal, powerful and compassionate, as we face life and all it holds day by day.

He IS life. He IS our hope. And, He is alive for all eternity.

He calls us, who love and follow Him, to the assurance that we will live in His presence forever. Nothing else, and no one else, can promise us that.

The Services of Holy Week

**Maundy Thursday, 7 pm
Good Friday, 10:00 am
Easter Sunday! Celebrate our Risen Lord as we start the day with a Sunrise Service in the Sanctuary at 8:00 am
Family Service at 10:00 am**

God says, over and over again, **'if you seek Me, you will find Me'**

Ask the questions. Hear His answer. When the world gives us bad news and more questions instead of answers, Jesus said He came to bring Good News and to give us life, life to the fullest!

May the gift of Easter be the joy of His presence with you, and with your loved ones.

D. Wilde

The Rev'd Diana Wilde



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celebrate. It's that fact that gives us joy despite our circumstances and through whatever we may face. What happened on that first Easter day still brings us joy; it still changes lives today.

I hope you will join us on Easter Sunday to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, that you will be filled with joy no matter what your circumstances, no matter what you face. Rejoice and sing

the words at the top of this letter.

To a world seeking faith, hope, and love, Easter's glorious tidings are God's timeless answer!

Jesus Has Risen! We do not serve a Saviour Who was martyred. We do not serve a Saviour who has passed away.

Jesus is alive! He is alive for us



**PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 25**

Guest: Bishop Michael Bird
8 am Holy Eucharist
10 am Holy Eucharist,
Sunday School & Nursery

WED. MARCH 28
10 am Holy Eucharist
in the Chapel

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
MARCH 29**
7 pm Holy Eucharist

**GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 30**
10 am Observance of the
Lord's Passion

**EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 1**
8 am Holy Eucharist
10 am Holy Eucharist,
Sunday School & Nursery

**Anglican-Lutheran
EUCHARIST & LUNCHEON**

**Thursday, April 5
11:00 am**

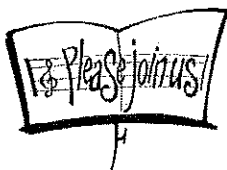
Hosted by
Holy Trinity, Welland

Speaker: Rev. Gordon Kinkley
"Israel: A Spiritual Journey"

Lunch \$15
Salad, Chicken, Potato, Veg, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Tickets available until March 28th
All welcome

**Old Time/Gospel
Music Service**



**Sunday, May 6 & June 3
10:00 am**

Easter Greetings from the Wardens

*I will sing to the Lord, for he has
triumphed gloriously: Exodus 15:1*

In a few short weeks we will be celebrating the joyous resurrection that Easter proclaims. "Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed"; is the greeting we will hear on Easter morning. The Wardens in this newsletter send you their very best wishes for a Blessed Easter.

It doesn't seem all that long ago that we were eagerly anticipating Christmas, now we are looking forward to Easter and spring. We continue to be very blessed here at St David's with a congregation that is supportive and dedicated in carrying on the ministry of our church. In January we held a successful "Sock Sunday" and in February collected hygiene products to donate to the hygiene pantry at Holy Trinity, Welland. Our various groups and organizations continue to serve God in this place under the ministry of our interim priest, and all programs continue to function, and some new initiatives are flourishing. Thank you for those people who continue to help at the Hope Centre lunches and the group that is coordinating our Friday Family Fun Nights (TGIF).

Thank you to our Deacon Richard and Joan our secretary who continue to take on extra duties during this period of transition. We thank Rev. Diana for her ministry here.

We are fortunate that there have not been any major building or property issues recently. We have had the oven in the kitchen serviced and it is functioning well. It was well-used for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, which had a great attendance. The men of the parish did a wonderful job of serving 123 people at this event. We thank them for continuing this tradition.

The wardens have renegotiated the contract with our snow removal company in a move to try to save some money in our contract. The winter this year has not been kind on our budget.

We thank everyone for their continued financial support to St. David's. Your time, talent and money, all generously donated, are greatly appreciated.

Wishing you a very Happy Easter,

Stephen Hanns Carole Little
Carolyn Alakas Pierre Delaire

Budget News

As of the end of February, our offerings are 23% behind the amount at the same date in 2017. Please help us to meet our financial obligations.

Thank you.

Parochial Committee Report

The work of the Parochial Committee continues to be on track, as we move forward in the search for a new parish priest. At a meeting on Monday, March 5th, the committee finalized the Parish Profile which has now been forwarded to Bishop Michael. He will now release it to potential candidates for the position. This document highlights the life and position of St. David's, and is a statement of where we are as a parish. Copies of this Profile are available in the office for everyone to view. Since it is a very large document, we cannot make copies for everyone, but you may borrow one to read. We will also have it posted on the parish website for you to see.

There was an excellent response to the Clergy Expectation Survey conducted in February. A total of 95 responses

were received. This is a good statistical return and the results will be very useful to the committee. We will use the survey results to frame our questions for the interview process, as the survey gives us a clear guide to what you, the members of our congregation, expect from our parish priest.

All the support we have received from everyone during this time of transition is greatly appreciated.

The committee continues to ask for your prayers and support as we move forward to the next stage of the selection process.

Stephen Hanns, Carole Little,
Carolyn Alakas, Pierre Delaire,
Cecil Mitchell, Greg Laughton,
Judy Metler, Rob Lewis

ACW Easter Update

Another busy year has begun for the ACW. The Executive for 2018 is President: Judy Metler, Vice-President: Jackie Marr, Treasurer: Daphne Hodgson, and Secretary: Carol Bull.

A fashion show on Wed. May 2nd has been planned with fashions from "Fashion U Turn" in Font-hill. Tickets are now available.

The ACW organized the lunch for the vestry meeting on Feb. 25th and the St. David's Day potluck on March 4th.

Once again the ACW Lenten Project is to collect donations of any

amount for Sleeping Children Around the World. The bed kits cost \$35 each and cheques can be made out to St. David's Church and ear-marked for SCAW. The donations should be in at Easter or shortly after please.

As part of the ACW outreach, an Easter luncheon will be served at the Hope Centre on Maundy Thursday, March 29th. This has become an Easter tradition for us.

Looking forward to Spring and wishing all a Happy Easter,

Judy Metler, ACW President

Spring Into Summer Fashion Show



Wed. May 2, 2018
7:00 pm

St. David's Anglican Church
369 Thorold Road, Welland

Fashions & Accessories from

FASHION U TURN

Refreshments & Door Prizes
Tickets: \$10 per person

Judy Metler: 905-734-3324
Church Office: 905-734-4627

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Church Women

Please Fill an Easter Basket!

In an effort to raise funds for our church, we are asking for donations of new items or gift cards to fill baskets which will be auctioned off at the November bazaar. If you are able, we are also looking for volunteers willing to sponsor their own baskets. To sign up to sponsor a basket, please contact Brenda Martin-French at bkmartin@cogeco.ca or phone 289-820-8003. Donations of new items can be left in the basket in the narthex. Thank you!

PARISH BAZAAR: SAT. NOV. 3 & CLOTHING SALE: SAT. NOV. 17



Generous donations of gently used clothing in 2017 made possible a "Gently Used Clothing Boutique" at our Annual Parish Bazaar and a "Used Clothing Sale" two weeks later. Our hope is to do the same this November. Your donations will make this possible. Please remember us when you are downsizing your wardrobe. All gently used clothing will be gratefully accepted. Visible sizing will help with the sorting.

If at all possible, due to a lack of storage space at the church, it would be greatly appreciated if these items could be stored in your homes until September...but we could find a corner or two here at the church, if that is a problem.

For questions contact Pauline Robertson at 905-735-2938. Thank you!

10th Annual Plant Sale Sat. May 26th 8 am - noon

The Garden Group plans to hold its 10th annual plant sale on Saturday, May 26th. Please keep us in mind when thinning out your perennials this Spring. All donations will help to make our sale a huge success. Please watch our church bulletin for further details. For questions, contact Pauline Robertson at 905-735-2938.

Thanks,
Pauline Robertson, Organizer



SUNDAY SCHOOL



Winter is almost over! Our children don't seem to mind the snow and cold as much as the rest of us, however Easter and Spring are almost here!

As part of our Sunday celebrations we have learned about the baptism of Jesus, discussed the story about Jesus and the children, and discovered the different ways God shows us his love and what we can do to reflect that love in our life. Two beautiful bulletin board displays were created for the parish viewing pleasure. Valentine's Day with a few corresponding bible verses helped show how much the children are starting to understand about God's Love. Our second bulletin board was to demonstrate how Jesus shows God's power as his son when he calms the storm with appropriate verse from Mark 4:41. You would have noticed Jesus sleeping in the back of the boat and the disciples in various degrees of scared faces, and the crazy waves and wind.

We will also display pictures from our Chili Cookoff for everyone to see all the fun and silliness, and from the ever-popular Palm Sunday as well.

Easter morning at 10 am we will have a full program for all the children downstairs in the Patterson Room—different crafts and activities, some baking and stories. Hope you can join us!

Happy Easter to everyone with blessings for family, friends, and of course chocolate!

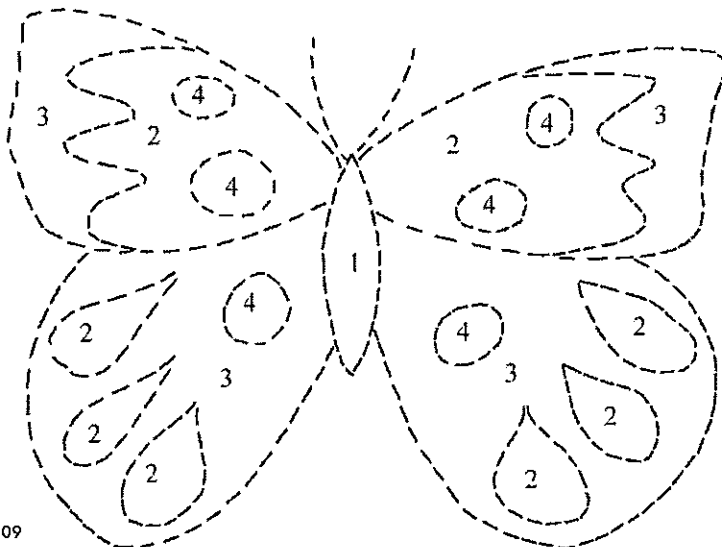
Carolyn Alakas

Connect the Lines

Butterflies are a symbol of new life. Connect the dotted lines and colour the butterfly with the colours listed below, or your choice of colours.

Colour

- 1 = Black
- 2 = Blue
- 3 = Purple
- 4 = Green



TGIFF

Thank God it's Family Friday!



Our family fun nights have been busy and fun the last few months. In January, we discovered hot and cold with fun science experiments and games, and in February celebrated everyone's birthday with a group birthday party.

We were also excited in March to host our first (and hopefully annual) chili cook-off fundraiser in support of children and family ministries at St. David's. Thank you to everyone who participated and came to the event—it was filled with lots of fun and laughter!

Upcoming dates are April 20th and May 18th with a year-end party coming in June! Watch for details in the bulletin.

Alison Steele
289-820-6772




Prayer
 Awesome God,
 your love and compassion
 astound us.
 Thank you!
 Alleluia!
 Amen!


Living the Seasons at Home, Easter 2018

GARDENING TIME!

Soon it will be time to tend our church gardens. Our small group hopes that you will consider joining us when it comes time to plant, weed or water. With more volunteers, our once every three-week weeding effort would take no time at all. Please join us!

The Garden Group
Pauline 905-735-2938



SPRING CLEAN-UP

Sat. May 12th

9:00 am

(Rain date: May 19th)

Please lend a hand!

BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 4th Wednesday
at 7:00 pm
All welcome!

April 25

The Underground Railroad
by Colson Whitehead

May 23

I See You
by Clare MacIntosh

June 27

Brother
by David Chariandy

Painting Parties

Many thanks to all who participated. We were able to raise \$1039.00 in total over the past year. It has been my pleasure to be your 'guide', but I am now stepping down.

Paint Brushes for Sale

I am selling a bundle of six different sizes of Royal Majestic brushes for \$10.00. These are available from myself or the office. Add to your collection or give as a gift.

Respectfully, Judy Szalinski
905-714-9269