

The Church of St. Andrew, Scarborough

THE NETWORK

Lent/Easter Edition – March 2018

A Word From The Interim Priest-in-Charge

I'm very pleased to be able to connect with you by means of this Newsletter.

I hope that over the weeks and months that lie ahead I will be able to get to know many of you more than simply shaking your hand at the door of the church as you leave on a Sunday morning.

Just a couple of lines about myself, so you can begin to have a sense of who this person is. I was born in Sudbury and lived there through my formative years. I have always considered Scarborough to be my other home, having moved here in 1977 to study at Trinity College. My first parish was in Scarborough, and I had the privilege of serving in this Deanery for over 10 years before moving to other ministries.

As you likely know, I am here on an interim basis until the parish Search Committee and the Area Bishop agree on the next person who will come to be with this parish family as its Incumbent.

There are at least two ways of approaching and working through an interim ministry. One is to simply "hold down the fort," so to speak. In other words, in this model the Interim Priest-in-Charge intentionally works at simply maintaining the status quo, if you will.

The other model is to approach the interim time as an opportunity to do some self-examination, to agree on what may be working well, and to also discern where God may be calling the congregation to go and what



God may be calling us to be in the years that lie before us.

This model can be seen as a gift to the life of a congregation. A gift that allows us to take stock and to prayerfully discern what we ought to be about in this corner of God's vineyard.

Let me assure you that I don't see myself as one who is here to stir things up. At the same time, I believe that any organization (and a parish church is an organization) needs to occasionally take stock of itself and determine if it is fulfilling its calling in the best way possible. The time of an Interim can be used to do this.

I leave it with you to think and pray about this.

I want to thank the Wardens, the Curate, Parish Secretary, and others who have welcomed me and helped me begin to feel a part of this parish family. Please know that I am here to accompany and to offer my pastoral care to you.

May God richly bless you!

+Michele Pollesel

Interim Priest-in-Charge



Christmas Treasures Bazaar

Remember last year's bazaar?? Well Bazaar 2018 is coming, so start to think about it and mark that date on your calendar – it's just over 7 months away.

It will be ...

Saturday, November 24 from 9 am to 2 pm



A Message from Rev. Monique

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)



We are a little more than half way through the season of Lent as I write this, and the subject of prayer has been on my mind. Prayer and praying for one another is something that I seem to mention often in my newsletter reflections, but it seems to be on my mind even more this Lent. Perhaps it is because of two events that I attended recently. The first was the York Scarborough Town Hall held at St. Andrew's on Saturday, March 3; and the second was the Toronto Prayer Breakfast that I attended with other members of St. Andrew's, on March 6th. Perhaps it is also because Lent is a time of prayer and self-reflection: a time of intimate conversation with God through his Son, Jesus Christ. And perhaps it is because St. Andrew's, while we are still in a time of transition and challenge, still has much to be grateful for. Likely it is for all these reasons that prayer is a subject that has occupied my thoughts lately.

There were, I would say, about one hundred people at St. Andrew's on a recent March Saturday morning for the York Scarborough Town Hall meeting. A number of parishes in the area were represented and a good number of those in attendance were from St. Andrew's. We were asked to discuss certain questions among our table groups concerning our hopes and our vision for the future of the church in York Scarborough. Some of the questions we were asked to consider were along the lines of: What did we believe are the needs of the community we are in? What might we do to meet those needs? And, what should we stop doing in order to meet those needs? There were very many excellent suggestions, but it wasn't until almost the end of the discussion that one of the table representatives stood up and said, "We should

pray.” Of course, everyone agreed and, while it may have been a surprise that this suggestion would come only close to the end, it seemed somehow an appropriate ending or wrap up to all the earlier discussion that we had had. So many good ideas were proposed and discussed, it seemed right to me that once all was said and done what we needed to do then was pray.

The second event I attended recently was the Toronto Prayer Breakfast. There were over 300 people at this event the purpose of which is to pray for the city: for the leaders of the city, the emergency first responders, the educators, business leaders, the youth, clergy and faith leaders, and many others. But another purpose of the Prayer Breakfast is to foster ecumenical discussion of prayer and the importance of prayer. The guest speaker at the Prayer Breakfast reminded us of the story of Abraham pleading for whatever righteous people there were in Sodom when God had decided to destroy the city for its wickedness. Because of Abraham’s prayer, God agreed that he would not destroy the city if even a few righteous people could be found there. Prayer, the speaker suggested, is important, effective and it is one of the ways we participate in God’s work for the Kingdom here in this place, one of the ways we show God’s love to others. Something Mayor John Tory said in his greeting stayed with me. He said that he appreciates the faith groups in the city for all that we do; not only that we help people when they are down on their luck but because we nourish them with faith. We feed them and nourish them with faith in some of the most difficult times and situations they have to face in life. And that faith sustains them. Part of the way we help them continue in faith is that we teach them and encourage them to pray and we pray for them.

Prayer has been on my mind of late in this season of prayer and self-reflection. I was reminded at two different events of both the importance of and the value of prayer. And so, once again, I want to encourage all of you, as we approach Holy Week and Easter Day, to pray for one another. As we enter into a time of discernment and selection at St. Andrew’s, let us

keep one another, the parish as a whole, and the community around us before God in prayer.

Jesus’ Prayer for All Believers

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

(John 17: 20-21,23)

The Rev Dr. Monique Taylor

Defining Grace

Recently at a study group gathering we were asked, “How would you define Grace?” There were several replies: elegance, kindness, goodness, the favour of God.

We live every day by the grace of God. We receive forgiveness according to the riches of God’s. We “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 2:18). Grace transforms our desires, motivations, and behaviour.

How do you envision “Grace”?

Submitted by Marjorie Fawcett



from The Wardens

We hope that all enjoyed the season of Advent, Christmas, and the New Year.

Following are the highlights of the first quarter of 2018:

- **The Rt Rev. Michele Pollesel** - First of all, it's our pleasure to welcome Bishop Michele as our interim priest-in-charge. As you are aware, Rev. Chris Horne had to retire because of health reasons. Our sincere thank you to Rev. Chris for her service to this parish. We saw a series of changes to our worship during her period which were appreciated by many. Our appreciation to Bishop Michele for consenting to take up the position as interim priest-in-charge. We are confident that he, with his vast experience, will be able to guide the parish in the right direction.

Our appreciation is also due to Rev. Monique for the long hours and hard work she put in during the period when Rev. Chris was not able to be present due to health issues.

- **Parish selection committee** – This group of parishioners who were entrusted with the responsibility of selecting an incumbent for this parish is continuing their work. The group has now completed the parish profile and forwarded it to Bishop Robertson for review. On completion of the review, this document will be posted on the church's website. This is viewed as the guiding document for potential applicants. The team is now working on the next stage of the process which is preparing the procedure and questions for interviewing potential candidates. Our thank you to all the members of this team. Please remember them in your prayers.
- **Church's finances** – Our finances continue to be of major concern. This year shows a decrease in income and expenses compared to 2017. However, it is important to note that our expenses exceed the income by \$4200. It is also important to note that we have to carry out the mandatory maintenance/repairs to the building as recommended by the building inspectors. The wardens met with our property consultant to identify action items. Identified repair work is now

being quoted for by contractors. We will pick and authorize repairs as appropriate.

- **Building security** – We noticed that not all the keys in circulation and the individuals or groups using them can be identified. This is a security risk. As a result, it was decided to re-key the locks in the building. This exercise will start soon. Parish groups requiring keys are requested to prepare a list and forward it through their respective group leaders.
- **Vestry meeting** – We had a successful vestry meeting. Our thank you to all the organizers and volunteers for hosting this event. Our special thank you for Loraine Wilson for her invaluable service in taking care of the financials and organizing a successful audit. Special appreciation is also due to all the elected and appointed officials for agreeing to continue for another term at the request of the wardens.
- **Other items of interest:**
 - Lenten study - conducted by Rev. Monique
 - Ordination of Rev. Vinay Dumpala - March 25

Respectfully submitted

Hugo McIntosh, Alex Solomon, Shirley Brown and Marlon Perry

Hymns for Retirees

(ed: don't know who submitted this or where it came from, it was in my Network folder – I understand them now!!)

- Precious Lord, Take My Hand And Help Me Up
- It is Well with My Soul, But My Knees Hurt
- Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen
- Just a Slower Walk with Thee
- Count Your Many Birthdays, Name Them One by One
- Go Tell It on the Mountain, But Speak Up
- Give Me That Old Timer's Religion
- Blessed Insurance
- Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, I've Forgotten Where I Parked

Pastoral Care at the Church of St. Andrew

Since we missed submitting a Vestry Report outlining fully how the pastoral team cares for those who are ill in hospital, in a nursing home, housebound, or in any special need, I thought it should be given some exposure to the many ways we reach out and are “alongside” of them.

We have a list of about 23 parishioners who are visited regularly. A member of the clergy and a lay pastoral visitor are assigned two or three parishioners to whom they bring the Eucharist if they wish to receive, or a listening ear and a time of prayer. At the moment, we have a team of 4 active lay pastoral visitors.

Once a month, Holy Eucharist is celebrated at the Rayoak Nursing Home and The Wexford Retirement Home by a member of the clergy and two lay members. The residents are always so very grateful for these visits. It is always so heartwarming to receive their love in return.

During the year, get-well cards, special birthday or anniversary cards and sympathy cards are sent. Twice a year at Easter and Christmas, the Ladies’ Lunch & Learn Group create gift baskets or flower arrangements for these special parishioners. More gratefulness!

At any time during the year, when someone becomes ill or is in the hospital, prayers are offered, telephone calls and visits are made, flowers are sent.

Pastoral Care is not only a ministry for the clergy or lay pastoral visitors, but for each one of us. It is God’s gift through us to others in need of love and friendship, for someone to be God’s presence with them in times of illness, age, or loneliness.

Submitted by Marjorie Fawcett

(ed note: I have of course known about the lay pastoral team for years, and I hear often about them from Marjorie, but I had no idea the size of the team. These people do this very important job very quietly and very well – thank you do all of them and to the clergy who support them. Dennis Smith)

Rt Rev'd Michele Pollesel

Bishop Michele Pollesel begins his time at St. Andrew’s as Interim Priest-in-Charge.



Scouting Sunday

Every year we have Scouting Sunday, where Scouts (of all ages) attend our 10am service, parade their flags and renew their promises.

This year, a number of awards were presented to Scouting leaders for years of service.



Our Organist, Music Director and Choirmaster

On Sunday February 12 we had a reception at coffee hour for Ted Moroney celebrating 20 years of service at St. Andrew's. Ted has been our Music Director since 1998. Thank you Ted for all the wonderful music, aided of course by our wonderful choir!



The Clearing Season

Last year's Lenten Study was on 'The Clearing Season' set in living a life in the wilderness. This is my reflection on it after the study.

Jesus is calling me from the exile of sin, to the good news of repentance, forgiveness and restoration.

As I travelled in the wilderness, clearing and making paths that would lead me closer and closer to Jesus, I often felt like giving up.

In the wilderness, it is hot, dusty and parched with not many quiet resting places or fresh water. However, I must continue to clear and clear, because I know that is what my Lord is expecting me to do. I am to pray, trust, hope and believe that the end is near.

Jesus had to prepare himself for the Cross. If he had to trust, believe and cry out to the Father, how much more a wretched sinner like me must do?

In the Clearing Season, I am encouraged to take time to search the nooks and crannies of my heart; also the main floor and the basement, which are suffering from neglect, broken promises, discontent, self pity, missed opportunities, impatience and unforgiveness.

As I look for 'Ways to Glorify my Lord', I must continue to clear and clear and not become discouraged, hopeless or faithless.

Often I think of all the ways you have led me, comforted me, forgave me, loved me and have been patient with me. You provided for me, raised up many to help me. "Oh! Lord my God! How wonderful are your ways? I am lost in love, wonder and praise for you my Lord".

I am now nearing the end of my clearing. I am feeling refreshed, renewed, restored, forgiven and most of all loved by my Lord, my God.

I am now at the end of my clearing and I know I will be able to walk with my Lord on Palm Sunday, with the other women on Good Friday and share in His agony and suffering.

The Clearing preparation will also allow me to be there, when we are told: "He is risen, He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

Then I can truly celebrate the joy of Easter.
Happy Easter!

Submitted by Lethel Shand

from The Editor

Being in an "interim" period, with the Parish Selection Committee working on the process of finding a new incumbent, I thought it might be worth re-reading the following notes from Ken Holder that were published in the March 1995 newsletter. Ken was chair of the committee that developed the mission statement, which was ultimately approved by Parish Council and Vestry.

Dennis Smith

What's in A Mission Statement?

What is this "buzz word" we keep hearing these days wherever we turn? Why do we need a Mission Statement? Why have so many parishioners been spending so much time on this topic?

Simply stated, a Mission Statement is a formal declaration of the main purpose for the existence of an organization, institution or business. While it is usually associated with a long-term purpose, organizations can and do occasionally change or amend their Mission Statement.

We, like many organizations, have observed a number of trends which indicate that "business as usual" is not a feasible option. The world has changed dramatically over the past ten years and will continue to change. Resources are becoming scarcer and many organizations are competing for our time and for our limited funds. It is incumbent on all, therefore, to use these scarce resources of time and money as efficiently and effectively as possible.

How does all this apply to the church? For example, the following trends require a strategy; the effects of an aging membership, declining attendance and total givings, to name a few. We have to do some serious planning on how to turn the situation around from decline to growth. We must begin by being clear about our purpose or

objective, and by working together with a common understanding of what we want to achieve and how we can work together to accomplish this objective. The Mission Statement helps us to focus on that common purpose.

Mindful of the importance of developing a common vision and purpose for the Parish, the objective of the Planning Committee in this exercise is to encourage maximum participation of parishioners.

As a first step, the Parish Council was given the opportunity to help develop the Mission Statement, following the presentation of draft proposals by the Planning Committee. All comments and suggestions from members were fully considered, and agreement was reached as to the wording of the final statement. This required at least four meetings before a healthy consensus was reached at the January 17, 1995 meeting of Parish Council.

The Parish Council agreed to recommend the following Mission Statement for the consideration and approval of the Parish at a Special Vestry meeting to be arranged at a later date:

"To Love and Worship God as One Family in Jesus Christ; To Extend this Love into Christian Action in the Community"

We hope to achieve this by:

- regularly re-affirming our commitment to growth in Christ; constantly renewing our baptismal covenant and obtaining a Christian vision of the Kingdom of God, through daily prayer, regular attendance at church and a careful study of the scriptures;
- spreading the "good news" - the offer of salvation to all people, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to be received through faith in Christ;

- acknowledging our love of God will lead to loving others - thereby helping us to reach out and help people in need wherever they are - serving, caring and nurturing others with the compassion of God.

(These three paragraphs provide an elaboration of what our Mission Statement means to us and are equally as important as, if not more so than, the short form statement).

Next Steps

1. The above Mission Statement will be presented to the parish for information and discussion at two (2) three-hour sessions on Saturday June 3rd in the parish hall. Parishioners will be free to attend either of these sessions, the same presentation will be done at each.
2. To the extent that time permits, parishioners will be given the opportunity to participate in a discussion about the

things we should be doing in our parish, in support of the Mission Statement, that are either not being done at all or are being done but need to be done better or differently. Parishioners will also be encouraged to participate in helping to establish the priorities among the list of proposed alternatives that should be tackled this year and beyond.

3. The recommendations from this meeting will go forward to a formal Special Vestry Meeting for approval at a later date.

While this is not an absolutely necessary part of the process, it is strongly recommended that we obtain formal approval of these initiatives at Vestry. Among other reasons, it will foster a strong commitment to working together, in an organized manner, towards common shared goals and objectives.

Ken Holder - Planning Committee

Spring Concert

Our annual Spring Concert, presented by Joy Kurantsin-Mills and the Communications Team will be presented on Saturday evening, April 21 at 7:00pm.

Details of the concert are the following pages; this will be a great concert – please be sure to read the details on the second page.

Tickets will be available at Coffee Hour, or by calling one of our ticket handlers ...

Dennis at 417-571-6192

Marjorie at 416-446-6061

Feel free to ask for tickets to sell, talk to Joy at coffee hour.

Passion and Talent

Spring Concert

at

The Church of St. Andrew, Scarborough

Saturday, April 21, 7:00 pm

We present world-renowned singers, music artists:



**Katrina Cherys
Martinez**

A classically trained pianist and soprano. Katrina has travelled to over 15 different countries around the world singing.



Marcus Walker

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Marie English-Critchlow

Frequently referred to as "Jamaica's Mahalia Jackson", is a Gospel recording artist ministering across North America, Great Britain and the West Indies.

Tickets: \$25.00, Students: \$15.00

call: Dennis at 416-571-6192

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a Limited number of tickets available at the door

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Katrina Cherys Martinez

A classically trained pianist and soprano, Katrina Cherys Martinez pursues her passion for people and purpose through a variety of musical genres. Katrina has travelled to over 15 different countries around the world singing with Jubilance Singers and Orchestra, is an acclaimed theatrical artist at the Brampton Rose Theatre, and is the Founder and Director of Amplified Worship Arts Camp.



Marcus Walker

Marcus, an established keyboardist, drummer, and music director in the GTA, has performed with many popular Christian artists around the world such as JOY Radio host Junior Smith, Londa Larmond, The Campbell Sisters, and has opened for world renowned artists such as Travis Greene and Todd Dulaney. Marcus is currently a student at Canada Christian College completing his Bachelor of Sacred Music.

Both Katrina and Marcus are serving at Bramalea Christian Fellowship Church as the Creative Arts Ministry Director and the Band Director. It has been their mission that together they would exemplify and testify of God's agape love through music for all generations.



Dr. Winston Hurlock

A classically trained soloist, Dr. Hurlock is also an ordained minister and music teacher. He is able to perform in five languages: German, Italian, French, Spanish and English. He has travelled extensively for solo and festival appearances in Canada, to the United Kingdom, the United States and the Caribbean.

Embarking on an education in music, Dr. Hurlock first achieved the ARCT diploma in Voice from the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto, then a BA in Music and Theology, Oakwood University, and graduate degrees in Music and Theology, from Andrews University. Some notable achievements of Dr. Hurlock's career include first place standing at the Kiwanis Festival of music in Toronto, 1989, and the prestigious Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee medal awarded in 2012. He recently authored his first book entitled, "Music and Worship--Contemporary Issues in the Church"



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Frequently referred to as "Jamaica's Mahalia Jackson", is a Gospel recording artist ministering across North America, Great Britain and the West Indies.

Marie has been blessed with amazing opportunities to proclaim her Saviour. Some of these opportunities include being a guest at the Gospel Music Workshop of America in Pennsylvania and twice a guest at the Dr. Bobby Jones Television Workshop in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Marie was also the soloist selected to sing at the memorial service of the late former Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Pierre Elliot Trudeau, as well as the chosen soloist to honour the former Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Honourable Edward Seaga, on his visit to Canada in 2000. Marie also had the opportunity to sing at the memorial service held in Toronto for the Honourable Hugh Shearer, the late former Prime Minister of Jamaica.

Marie was trained under the great Joan Reid at the London College of Music, London England.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST. ANDREW'S

This most holy week of the year is a wonderful opportunity for Christians to step into a different kind of time, to truly come to understand the meaning of Jesus's death and resurrection for us all!

"I knew the stories of the last few days of Jesus's life, but attending all these services last year made such a difference to how I experienced Easter! It really came alive for me! Thank you for all the work you and the team put into them!"

- a St. Andrew's member

Passion/Palm Sunday Weekend, March 24 and 25

Regular services Sunday morning at 8:00 and 10:00 will include the blessing and distribution of palm crosses.

Holy Monday, March 26

7:30 pm, Holy Eucharist

Holy Tuesday, March 27

7:30 pm, Holy Eucharist

Holy Wednesday, March 28

10:00 am, Holy Eucharist

7:30 pm, Tenebrae, a service of encroaching darkness

Maundy Thursday, March 29

7:30 pm, Celebration of the Last Supper, Footwashing, and the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, March 30

10:00 am, Stations of the Cross

11:00 am, Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Easter Eve, March 31

7:30 pm, The Great Vigil of Easter, including lighting of the new fire, blessing the paschal candle, renewal of baptismal vows and the first Eucharist of Easter

Easter Day, April 1

8:00 am, Holy Eucharist with Easter hymns

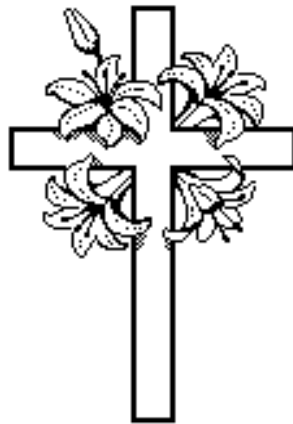
10:00 am, Choral Eucharist and Easter celebration

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