



WHAT'S NEW

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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear friends,

I wonder what “our Lenten journey” means to us. Do we treat it seriously? There are many journeys in life. There are the familiar journeys associated with the good times of vacations, journeys by car, boat or plane. There are also journeys associated with the opportunities and challenges of life. They may involve relocation due to a change of employment or to pursue educational opportunities. There is the journey from being a child to becoming an adult and then the journey continues, we hope, to old age. There is a journey from dependence to independence. For some there is a journey from a single life to a married life and possibly to family life with children and grandchildren.

For many journeys the departure point and the intended destination are very clear and well known. At other times the destination may be less certain, where things appear to be up in the air. With both kinds, I've discovered that the journey isn't as much about getting from points A to B but about the time you spend in between. Time which seldom goes as planned; somehow things come up, challenges and opportunities which alter the course of our journey. However this time spent on the journey is a very important, because it *is* life. To quote a saying from the columnist Allen Saunders, made famous by John Lennon “Life is what happens while you are busy making other plans.”



For the past six months I was on a very uncertain journey, known as the Episcopal Election Process, to discern who was to be called to be bishop of Huron Diocese. I am very thankful for the support of the wardens, parish council and other people in the parish on this journey. It was a long journey with many

ups and downs along the way. The destination was not mine to find, and that is alright with me. My course in life has been made clearer and provided focus for the journey ahead of me.

The church of the Holy Saviour has also been on a long journey. We have a past which we can be proud of (which you can sample in this newsletter), because God has used this community to touch a great many lives who made this place their spiritual home. We have a present which is wonderful: we are a vibrant and dynamic parish family with people of all ages. Bishop Bob Bennett was thrilled by his experience of Holy Saviour during his recent visit. ***He commented about the "Holy Joy" which he experienced, of this being a "happening place" and that we have the strongest Sunday School among the churches across the diocese.*** I am confident that the future of Holy Saviour will grow from strength to strength if we remain faithful. The details of our future are still unclear, because we are still on the journey, experiencing some road blocks but also exploring new possibilities. The wardens, parish council, and indeed the entire parish have done much work in recent years planning for the future. Your wonderful support of the RENEW campaign is greatly appreciated and, as we begin to put plans into action, we expect to see that great things will happen.

Before I end this letter I should go back to the beginning, our Lenten journey. During the service on Ash Wednesday, the Celebrant says, “We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life and marking the penitence of the community as a whole.” This is a sobering thought. It is our point of departure. Our destination is Easter Sunday when we proclaim that God has won victory over death, with shouts of Alleluia knowing that “Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.” Through faith in Jesus we travel from the bondage of death to freedom in the risen life of Jesus Christ.

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A lot happens on the journey in between. It is called life. The journey through Lent is a journey of life. I pray that you don't take the journey for granted. I invite you to join your parish family in worship so that together, in faith, we can continue the journey through Lent and Holy Week, and then truly celebrate the joy of Easter, confident that we will share in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ, Peter

FROM THE WARDENS



Our parish was delighted to receive a visit from Bishop Bob Bennett in February. It has been several years since his last visit but it was apparent in his response to the Congregation and his remarks to Peter that he recognized the life and vitality at Holy Saviour. Bishop Bob acknowledged the work and contributions to the wider Church made by both David Embury and Peter Townshend. You can hear [the Bishop's sermon](#) on our website.

The election for the position of Coadjutor Bishop was held on February 13th. After a busy and intense election process we are very fortunate to retain the spiritual guidance of Peter and thank him for meeting the demands of the nomination so completely and selflessly. We also are grateful for Jane's efforts in supporting this substantial undertaking.

After a vigorous but respectful discussion of issues and concerns at Vestry, it seems clear that the congregation would like to see some attention paid to Strategic Planning in the near future. **Our Renew Campaign has reached \$238,500** in pledges toward the goal of \$250,000 to be divided into three areas for continued Church health: \$100,000 for property repair and maintenance, \$100,000 for youth programs. The remaining \$50,000 is for strategic planning to delineate objectives and goals. It is this latter fund that can address the needs for a future plan as raised during Vestry. Thank you to all who have supported the Renew Campaign. For those who are still giving it their consideration, please know your contribution will be gratefully received at any time. Pledge forms are available in the Church Office. We are getting closer to our goal but we are not quite there. Please contact any of the Renew Campaign committee members or Wardens if you have any questions or wish to discuss Renew in more detail.

A full day training session for Wardens and Treasurers was held on February 27 at Renison Institute for Ministry. Two presenters from the Diocese spoke to a full room. Jennifer McLaughlin, Human Resources Officer, fielded a number of Safe Church questions. Several regional deans have been trained in Safe Church policies and will begin training sessions in the fall of 2016. She also spoke to Occupational

WE PRAY FOR

Angela-Marie, Ruth, Matthew, Stephanie, Angie, Lauren, William, Daena, Wendy, Elyse, James, Val, Kevin, Tony, Mabel, Michelle, Ross, Joanne, Sophia, Shirley, Joy, Lawrence, Martin, Noel, Anthea, John, Judy, Kristopher, Jim, Ella, Dave, John.

For those in Nursing/ Retirement Homes and people who are Shut-in:

Dorothy Gilbert, Doris Leland, Shirley McHugh, Mary Culliford, Bernice Hodgson, Esther Hodgson, Manley Richardson, Shirley Beaudry, John Ford, Veronika Embree, Margaret Goodwin, Arleighn Cook, Pat Barry, Barbara Stendahl.

WE CELEBRATE the Baptism of
Quillan Tsoi, Imogen Tsoi, Cormac Tsoi

WE REMEMBER our brothers & sisters departed this life, who now share in our Lord's eternal life: [David Donnan](#)

Health and Safety and the importance of outside contractors carrying WSIB coverage. Canon Paul Rathbone, Director of Administrative Services, covered the responsibilities of Wardens as described in Canon 18. The variety of questions throughout which was interesting as the material presented. A very worthwhile day with excellent presenters.

Parish Council is seeing some changes this time around. We welcome Marcia Fuller to Council and thank Lois Hayward for her service. We also welcome Owen Fleming as he steps into the Youth Representative role. Also thank you to Bruce Johnstone for his service as Vestry Clerk and we are grateful to Brooke Skelton for taking it over. There is much to look forward to: ⊕ welcoming a refugee family, ⊕ helping the Youth meet their goals for CLAY, ⊕ the Women's United ThankOffering, ⊕ the Spring Sensations dinner ⊕ further RENEW planning, ⊕ a new sound system (thank you David Barton), and on and on. What a wonderful Church we have in Holy Saviour. This is some of what Bishop Bob recognized and appreciated, truly a 'Happening Place'. Of course, most importantly we hope you attend the Holy Week and Easter services to worship together as a Church family.

Jennifer Ross
People's Warden
Richard Blumenauer
Deputy People's Warden

Glenn Brogden
Rector's Warden
Tricia Siemens
Deputy Rector's Warden

YOUTH

We have ten youth and three adults registered for the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth conference in PEI this August. Four of those youth are from Holy Saviour: Makilda Addico, Taylor Barton, Ella Fleming, and Maya Hatcher. Tricia Siemens will accompany them as one of the leaders. The girls have been working hard to fundraise the cost of the trip. Over the last few months they and their team



have hosted bake tables, a barbeque, baked potato lunches, bottle drives, and sponsorships for living in a cardboard box for 24 hours. They are taking orders for beautiful spring bulbs for Easter. And now they have two more exciting events to tell you about, both at All Saints, 400 Northfield Drive at Highpoint Ave.

>At 4 pm on Palm Sunday, **March 20**, there will be a movie, [God's Not Dead](#), and discussion, followed by a **Baked Potato Supper**. Freewill donation.

>On Saturday, **April 2**, 6 pm, a traditional **East Coast Kitchen Party!** Your opportunity to sample down east food, listen to fiddlers playing traditional jigs, watch step-dancing, and more. There will also be a silent auction with some great offerings. \$5.00 tickets are available at coffee hour. Please come out, bring your friends and families, and support our young people. At this point we are 2/3 of the way to our fundraising goal. CLAY is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to share their faith with other young people from across Canada.



The LIGHT Group (Grades 5-8) held a successful tobogganing event in January, but due to the spotty and unpredictable weather, our planned skating event did not happen – in spite of two attempts at it. We have engaged Jeff Kischak part-time until June, to take on some additional responsibilities with the Youth Group. With his help, we are working on an exciting new format for a couple of March sessions: dinner and a movie night. The scheduling has also been changed to Friday from Sunday nights to avoid the

scheduling conflicts we've run into with Sunday evenings. The first of Jeff's movie nights was held on March 4th, with twelve youth and three adults sharing lasagna and the first Harry Potter movie.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School is an enrichment program which helps foster the education of Christianity in our young people. The Sunday School program is always looking for extra hands to assist and teach prepared group activities. If you are willing to assist 1-2 Sundays a month we want you! Please contact Louise Finlay at sundayschoolholysaviour@gmail.com.

SAFE CHURCH

Safe Church training was held February 16 at All Saints for the coordinators at the various Churches within the deanery. Approximately 15 people attended the presentation and participated in a Q&A with Rev. Greg Jenkins, our regional dean and contact person for Safe Church with the Diocese. Training for those holding positions deemed high risk will be held again in the fall. More information on this event will follow with date and location.

ALTAR GUILD

The Easter season is fast approaching with the expectation of spring flowers adorning our place of worship. If you wish to contribute for these flowers, please place your cash, or cheque made out to the Church of the Holy Saviour, in an envelope on the offering plate and mark it "Flowers...Altar Guild". This support is much appreciated by all.

At the Maundy Thursday service, towels will be provided for the washing of hands, but if you would feel more comfortable bringing your own towel, please feel free to do so. Thank You.

-Chris Schmidt, Altar Guild Convenor

WOMENS' THANKOFFERING

For twenty-two years, the women of our parish have gathered for a special corporate communion and breakfast. This year it will be held on **Saturday, April 9th** at 9:00 a.m. The service will be followed by a breakfast in the Parish Hall. A special feature of the service will be the receiving of the Thankoffering. As an expression of the thanks and gratitude we all feel throughout the year, it will join the A.C.W. United Thankoffering and be their share in the total mission of the Church in our own Diocese, in Canada and around the world. All donations are receiptable for tax purposes. Cheques should be made payable to the Church of the Holy Saviour. If you have any questions, please contact Alison Prittie at 519-745-3433.

If you would like to join the choir for this service, please call Alison. A practice will be held on Thursday, April 7th from 6:45 - 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. It would be wonderful to have you in the choir!

ANGELA-MARIE UPDATE

Angela-Marie and Heather Massel were invited to be a part of a select group of people representing patients with rare diseases in the Waterloo Region. As you know, the generous people of Holy Saviour contributed to the funding of Angela-Marie's new ventilator. It was not funded by the provincial government because she didn't conform to their very strict criteria.

Rare disease sufferers are abandoned by government to fund their own expenses. Drug companies charge high prices due to the small market from which to recover expenses for development and training. Michael Harris, MPP for Kitchener-Conestoga, has been travelling across Ontario promoting his motion for an all-party committee to hear from both experts and sufferers. This will help determine how a new model should look and create recommendations to end the delay for rare disease sufferers in need of government's support and treatment.

It took seven long years for Angela to be diagnosed. We had to pay for her to go to the U.S. for proper diagnosis, ventilation equipment, porta-lung, negative pressure units, oxygen monitors, CO2 monitors, and the list goes on. None of this was funded, but as parents we did what it took to keep our daughter alive.

Once the Select Committee's motion is tabled with the Legislature, the Government will review the Committee's final report for response and implementation. So we have a glimmer of hope that the next time Angela needs a new ventilator maybe the cost will be covered. Her new equipment should last 10-12 years.....hopefully that gives them enough time.

-Heather Massel

[Breaking news: the Liberal government rejected Harris's motion for an all-party Select Committee. Health Minister Eric Hoskins said that a working group of experts on rare diseases would be established. Angela-Marie is in this [Toronto Star article](#).]

EPISCOPAL SYNOD 2016

Attending an Episcopal Synod (i.e. election for a bishop) is an experience quite different from any other church activity. Candidates for Bishop can be nominated by the Diocesan Council (lay and clergy); from the diocese at large; and by the House of Bishops: (the council of the other diocesan bishops in the same Ecclesiastical Province.) who nominated a candidate from the Diocese of Toronto. In this election there were a total of eight candidates. The Diocese itself decides whether they wish to choose a suffragan or a coadjutor. The distinction is that a suffragan is an assistant bishop; a coadjutor is a successor bishop who becomes Bishop of Huron whenever Bishop Bob Bennett decides to retire.

The electors are the licensed clergy of the diocese, and the lay delegates (or alternates) from each parish (the number determined by the size of the parish). The number of votes required is determined by those actually present on the day of the election. In the past, because there was no "campaigning", it was quite possible to arrive at the Cathedral (particularly as a lay delegate) with absolutely no knowledge of one or more of the candidates. In this election, for the first time, an effort was made to correct this situation: there were formal presentations by the candidates at four different deaneries over the course of two months, with informal "meet and greets" afterwards. In addition, candidates submitted essays to the Huron Church News, and participated in separate YouTube interviews. As a result, this was a much better informed group of electors.



There were three ballots needed to determine the winner; the candidates remained in essentially the same relative position in each. All candidates remained on the second ballot; four voluntarily withdrew after ballot #2, and the majority was reached on ballot 3. Only the first and second place candidates had any significant growth in numbers over the three ballots.

Our bishop-elect is the Right Reverend **Linda Nicholls**, currently the Suffragan Bishop of Durham-Trent in the Diocese of Toronto (they have five suffragan bishops). Now she becomes the Coadjutor Bishop of Huron. By the motion of Archdeacon Jane Humphries (second-place finisher) the decision of Synod was made unanimous.

Bishop Nicholls is the first woman to become a bishop in Huron, and the first in several decades to be chosen from outside the Diocese.

-Rob Lofthouse, Lay Delegate

LOOKING BACK

Dave Woodhall showed me some old photographs that he had found while doing some cleaning-out. They were taken outside our church in the nineteen-fifties. I asked Dave about his memories concerning his family's early years in Canada. Since I plan to feature families from time to time in "What's New" this seemed to be an opportunity to start such series. Please let me know if you would be willing to share a few memories and photos regarding your family and their Church involvement. -- Chuck Erion

In April, 1954, my family of five set out for Canada from Southampton, England, on a converted battleship called the MV Georgic. The Georgic had been sunk three times in the war, re-floated and renovated for emigrant transport. The Woodhall family was comprised of parents Mary and Jack and three children, all born during the War: Margaret (nicknamed Bombs because she was born during the bombing of London), David (nicknamed Blitz because he was born during the blitz bombs) and Peter (nicknamed Peace because he was born after peace was declared). Mary always joked, "There's no peace now that Peter's here!"

For the five travelers, our new life in Canada meant leaving friends and family including a grandmother who had lived with us since the three children were born. It also meant leaving schools, workplaces, and Saint Luke's Anglican Church. Leaving was extremely difficult; however the excitement of starting a new life in a distant country filled our imaginations. What would Canada be like? Jack Woodhall talked endlessly about a land of cowboys settling a wild frontier, a vision strongly etched in our minds by numerous American cowboy movies. The family was destined for a place called Waterloo, only because past family friends had agreed to sponsor and house them until they could find a place to live. Not unlike today's refugee families!

After two-plus weeks on an extremely angry ocean we docked in New York Harbour. With a few suitcases and two large trunks we started on the long train ride to Toronto. The adventure continued on dirt roads (no Hwy 401 back then) in the back of a pick-up truck. We arrived in Waterloo on May 4, a month after leaving England.



Photo 1.1957

The following Sunday Mary had us cleaned up and ready to attend church – the Church of the Holy Saviour.

Little did they know how much their new church family would become such an integral part of their lives. Joy Prittie (then Joy Dark) became an instant friend to Mary, and Mary and Jack were soon invited to Joy's marriage to Bruce that very same summer. Jack became a Sidesperson and was hired as the Church Verger soon after their arrival. Peter and Dave were conscripted into service by their dad and spent many hours polishing floors, dusting, cleaning, changing hymn postings between services, raking leaves, and clearing snow. Jack was present for every church service and event. He wore black vestments for special occasions. Over the years Mary and Jack served in numerous capacities in the service of their new Church

home. (Photo 2 - members of the ACW in 1989. Back Row: Myra Matthew, Viola Glass, Diana Cherry, Joy Prittie, Phyllis Berg, Frances Whittaker' Front Row: Verna Brown, Mary Woodhall, Vivienne Cudlipp, Helen Morrison, Helen Attridge)

In 1957, the Woodhalls moved into a house on Mary Street, backing onto the new church. It was very easy for Dave to jump the fence several times each Sunday to serve at the four scheduled services. Paul Berg was also a teenage Server in those days, and as teenagers, Carol Kube (then Pierce), Muriel Smith (then Parsons), Paul and Karen Berg (then Blyth) and Dave and Linda Woodhall (then Clark) all became members of the Senior Choir. In the 1950s, women in the Senior Choir were required to wear mortarboard hats. Junior Choir members wore frilly neckpieces that made them look very cute! (see photo 3)



Photo 2

The Servers were all teenage boys and they helped the Minister in every aspect of the service. The Rev. Harvey Southcott introduced Altar Servers to the Church in 1956 and it was considered a great honour to have such significant involvement in the service.

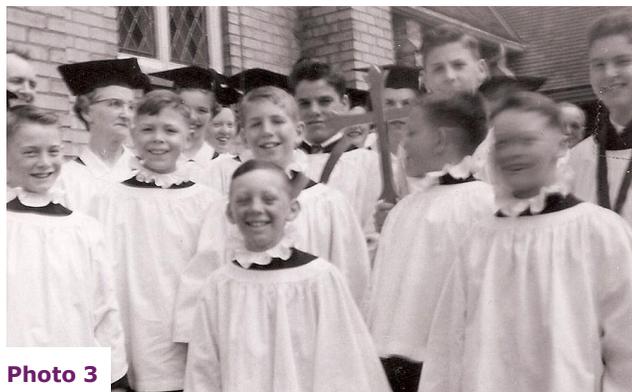


Photo 3

Woodhall, a member of the Junior Choir)

There was also a large and active Youth Group in those days and they ran many activities in the Church Hall including badminton, movie nights, discussion groups and dances. The Rev. Don Irvine and Dr. Ken Fryer helped with many of these activities. On one Saturday night, our youth group crashed a dance at First United Church, got to the microphone and invited everyone to a youth dance at the Church of the Holy Saviour. To our surprise they all came and we had a wonderful time.

The Woodhall family is grateful to have shared such a happy and faithful history as members of the Church of the Holy Saviour.

Rev. Southcott was very particular about the appearance of the servers and they were given the once-over before each service. Hair had to be properly combed, hands clean, and shoes shiny. Servers wore white cotton gloves, dress pants, and dress shoes. During communion the Servers were required to kneel facing the Altar at all times. An occasional sneak peek at the communicants was, however, witnessed once in a while. (Picture 4, also 1957– Server Dave Woodhall with the old wooden cross, and Peter



Photo 4

FROM WHERE I SIT

Anglican Churches around the world are challenged by the issue of same-sex marriage. [At the Canterbury meeting of the Primates in January](#), The Episcopal Church in USA was censured for allowing same-sex marriages. The Canadian Church will address a proposal to change canon law regarding same-sex marriage at this summer's General Synod. Such a change requires 66% support in all three houses (bishops, clergy, lay delegates). In late February the House of Bishops announced that they were unlikely to reach 66%. Bishop Bob Bennett wrote in response: "I am dismayed and grieved that valued members of the Body of Christ, LGBTQ2 children of God, are again being deeply hurt by the church. It is my profound hope that there will come a day when the church, led by the working of the Holy Spirit, fully embraces the gift that is our LGBTQ2 brothers and sisters." You can read his full message on [our Facebook page](#). It is difficult to predict how this issue will unfold, on diocesan, national and international levels.

From a review of the book, *The Lonely City: Adventures in Being Alone*, in The Globe & Mail, Mar 5, 2016: "I think we humans are overdue in admitting a shared desperation for grace in life as much as in death, to resign to craving the satisfaction of affection, of being worthy and in control. At the risk of sounding utterly millennial, I think my generation's most effective salve—at least for the non-religious—is Instagram." There's a heap of sadness here when your best salve for loneliness is the artificial world of the Internet. Is going to church an antidote to this isolation? It is for me, and I suspect for most of 'the regulars' at Holy Saviour.

My wife and I have been following the Lenten meditations on Growing a Rule of Life from the Episcopal monastery in Boston, [SSJE.org](#). At the outset, I assumed that such a Rule would involve discipline in daily prayer, Bible reading, etc., but have been challenged by a focus on the whole person, self-care, and experiencing God's unconditional love. There was even one video on deciding what one should say [no to in order to say yes](#) to what is most important. I'm grateful for the half-hour that we spend each day with these monks. The Internet, like all things in creation, can be both an instrument of good or of evil, closer to God or further away.

Worship With Us in Holy Week

Sunday of the Passion (Mar 20)

8:00, 9:00 (BAS & Sunday School), 11:00 am (BCP) - Holy Eucharist; 4pm [movie](#) and dinner at All Saints, Waterloo

Maundy Thursday

12:00 pm Blessing of the Oils
7:00 pm Holy Eucharist with symbolic hand washing and stripping of the Altar

Good Friday 11:00 am - The Solemn Liturgy

Holy Saturday 8:00 pm Easter Vigil at All Saints, Waterloo

Easter Day (Mar 27) 8:00, 9:00 (BAS & Sunday School), 11:00 am (BCP) - Holy Eucharist