

Parish of Wilmot

February 21, 2021

The First Sunday in Lent



OUR VISION STATEMENT

The Parish of Wilmot is a strong, caring and inclusive community respectful of all.

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<u>Participants</u>	<u>All Saints</u> <u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Holy Trinity</u> <u>11:00 am</u>
<i>Presider</i>	Rev Paul Jennings	Rev Paul Jennings
<i>Preacher</i>	Rev Lynn Uzans	Rev Lynn Uzans
<i>Greeter</i>	Neil McNeil	
<i>Licensed Lay Minister</i>	Wade Seymour	Mary McBurney
<i>Chalice Bearer</i>	Anita Frittenburg	Wendy Rodda
<i>Readers</i>	Cheryl Van-Der Pryt Jeff Campbell	Kim Kelsey
<i>Talliers</i>	Sheila Hulford Sherry-Anne Deveau	Grant McBurney Ron Osmond
<i>Musicians</i>	Cheryl VanDerPryt	Shannon Young
<i>Altar Guild Cleanup</i>	Aline and Neil McNeil Sheila Hulford	Jean Fry Dianne LeGard

Prayer Requests

Don Arnott; Rollie Arsenault; George Barker; Gloria Bennett; Karissa Bezanson; Ethel Burbidge; John Burfitt; Christine Campbell; Jessie Campbell; Wayne Connors; Christine Cook; Dean Cook; Fred Cook; Harold Cook; Kathy Cormier; Derrick Dewling; Mary DiPenta; Elise Doiron; Eleanor Duncan; Marie Durling; Anthony G Fredericks; Judy Hammond; Christine Dewling Hanhams; Marty Hilchie; Joanna Hinxman; Barb Leduc; M, Jennifer; Vivian Morris; John Morse; Alice Murphy; Hayden Petten; Bev Poll; Blanche Prince; John Prince; Louisa Robertson; Rev. Kay Short; Steve Sims; Janet Parker Vaughan, Audrey Wellwood, and others.

If you wish to add or remove a name from the list, please contact the parish office. Persons need not be hospitalized or ill to be in our prayers. Please make sure you have the person's permission before adding them.

Cycle of Prayer:

Collieries Parish: The Reverend Dorothy Miller; The Reverend Myrna MacMullin, Associate Parish Priest, and Robert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Readings Next Sunday: Gen 17:1-7, 15-16; Ps 22:22-30; Rom 4:13-25; Mk 8:31-38 (or Mk 9:2-9)

Parish Office Hours: Friday 9am to 1pm. Please send any bulletin announcements to Diane at administrator@parishofwilmot.ca

Council Meetings:

Holy Trinity – Sunday, March 7th at 1pm; All Saints – Tuesday, March 9th at 7pm; Parish – Tuesday, March 16th, at 7pm

Annual Reports

The printed Annual Report are available, with **proposed** meetings on (depending on Covid restrictions):

February 21 - All Saints; February 28 - Parish AGM, Parish service held at Holy Trinity

- Please note that if service is cancelled due to a storm, the AGM will take place on the following Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

George Barker is turning 100 on Feb 24th! There will be a celebration drive-by this afternoon at 2 PM - to participate- gather in the Christian Centre parking lot, corner Hwy 1 and Dodge Rd and join the parade- car decorations welcome- wave, honk your horn, etc and let George know he is being thought of despite Covid limiting any gathering. Can't make that? Send a card or sign the one at All Saints.

World Day of Prayer 2021 - celebrating Vanuatu

The Kingston United Church will be hosting the 2021 World Day of Prayer service on Friday, March 5 at 2:00 p.m. Please arrive only a few minutes before the service. See Sheila Hulford for more information.

Lenten Tree. For the season of Lent, we will be using a Lenten Tree as a focus for our prayers and concerns: a bare tree, symbol of all that makes us feel hopeless and discouraged, echo of the cross of Christ. You are encouraged to attach a leaf to the tree. Write down something that breaks your heart at the moment: a remorse, or a regret, or a disappointment; grief at a loss, at a broken relationship; pain at the state of the world, or anger at injustice and arrogance; something we need to forgive or be forgiven. If it feels too intimate to write out, draw a sign or symbol that only God can read. By adding this to the Lenten tree, we are signifying that we don't need to carry this alone. We are giving it a space in our worship where we can reflect on it, pray about it, and entrust it to God to find a way to bring healing and blessing out of it. Please prepare a leaf, and bring it forward and tape it to the tree at the time of the offering, as the table is being prepared.

Experiencing John's Gospel: A Lenten Opportunity

Lent Kits are available (at the back of the church or by contacting Lynn Uzans). They contain a short prayer, an ash marked disc and short daily devotional materials. The scriptures chosen are the Gospel passages for Evening Prayer and they follow John's Gospel fairly continuously. Each day you are invited to slowly read the passage three times, simply listening to what it may be saying to your life here and now.

There will be optional opportunities to share your insights/experiences in person (Wednesdays after Worship at All Saints) or via zoom meetings (Wednesdays at 7 PM - sessions will be a maximum of 60 minutes and will begin Feb 24th).

Please contact Lynn Uzans for zoom link. Lent Kits containing only the prayer and the ash marked disc are also available - perhaps you might like to hand them out to friends/neighbours even strangers on the street. Rev Lynn has several bibles that she has accumulated over the years - if you would like to borrow one, please let her know - translations available are NSRV, American Bible, Jerusalem Bible. There are also many translations available online at www.biblegateway.com

Lenten Midweek Services: Beginning February 24, we will be meeting every Wednesday morning at 10 at All Saints for a simple Lenten service. We will be following the pattern of the Garden Church services (but indoors!), reflecting together on the gospel reading from the Daily Devotional, and sharing a Eucharist or Morning Prayer.

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OPENING HYMN announced

WELCOME

THE TRISAGION (3 TIMES)

COLLECT

God of the wilderness, your Son battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these forty days to grow in wisdom and prayer, so that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Very early in Judeo-Christian history, God commits to preserve the diversity of life amid all of life's messiness. This is the first of three accounts of covenants God makes in our Lent readings.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth." [GEN 9:8-17]

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9

Refrain:

25 The paths of the Lord are love and faithful - ness to
those who keep His co - ven - ent.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;*

Let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame;*

Let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. *Refrain*

Show me your ways, O Lord,* **and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,*

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,* **for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;*

remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Refrain

Gracious and upright is the Lord;*

therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right*

and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness*

to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. *Refrain*

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF PETER:

Part of a letter written at the end of the first century, this passage, along with most of the letter, speaks to the reality that the Christian community is being persecuted. The author encourages them to take heart and remain faithful, holding to the fact that Jesus, who was tempted and tortured, is with them.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy

when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, [e] which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief maker. Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. [1 PETER 4:12-16]

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GRADUAL HYMN

THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." [MARK 1:9-15]

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Together, let us affirm our faith as we say:

We believe and trust in God the Source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist.

We believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again.

We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world.

We believe and trust in one God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE announced

CONFESSION

We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body.

Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us. Where we have failed to love one another and to be what we claimed to be. Forgive us where we have failed to serve you. Forgive us our cynicism and despair; and where our thoughts and actions have been contrary to yours we ask your pardon.

ABSOLUTION

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, Pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness And keep you in life eternal. **Amen**

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN

announced

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. **Amen**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF BREAD

THE COMMUNION

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COMMUNION HYMN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name. **Amen**

THE DOXOLOGY

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A BLESSING

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RECESSIONAL HYMN
DISMISSAL