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## Revelations Clergy Letter – Pentecost 2023

(by The Rev Nicholas Forte, Associate Incumbent)

Eastertide, or these fifty days of celebration of the Resurrection, are intended to be truly be a time of rejoicing, of thanksgiving, and yes, even that blessed and rare thing: rest. We rest after our long and arduous Lenten pilgrimage, we rest after having walked with Christ towards the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and the glorious Resurrection all in a frantic rush of emotion and planning; we rest, knowing and trusting, that Christ is risen. Our faith is confirmed, our hope is renewed, our lives do indeed have purpose. For in Christ, in the Easter message, we rest in the knowledge that we are known, seen, we, and all of Creation, are loved beyond measure.

One way we mark this season of rest, as a Church, is by omitting the confession and absolution in our liturgy. Christ's salvation, made known in the Resurrection, like a great and mighty wave has washed over us all, clean and filthy alike, and so what use is it to pick out every speck and stain of sin when Christ's love permeates every fibre of our being? We return to singing and saying "Alleluia!", and to singing the Gloria (Glory to God on High), the Lord's Prayer, the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy), and perhaps many more things in our local churches. But in all of this, and especially in your own life, I pray you are able to rest - if not from your labours, for the world certainly doesn't slow down just because Christ is risen! Then, at least may you rest in your spirit. May you take time to know simply and truly: you are loved, you are worthy, you are known, you are seen for all that God has created you to be, and all that God has rejoiced to call *Good*.

But of course, Eastertide flows into the Season of Pentecost. That long and green season that will last all the way until Advent. But if each of the Church's Seasons have a meaning, do you know the meaning behind Pentecost? Pentecost marks the birth of the Church, as the disciples go out to spread the Gospel, to put Christ's teachings into true and meaningful action, through the living of their lives. It is a time when we, the modern disciples continue that practice of *living* our faith. And what a joy it is to live that faith together! Pentecost reminds us that as the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples in that Upper Room, it descended upon them individually *and* communally. Each could speak a new language, yet each could understand each other.

Within our Parish of the Valley, this is no more evident in the great work we are doing together, and in all the relationships we are still yet building. On Monday, May the 8th at 7pm in Holy Trinity, Pembroke, we will gather as one Parish, one Body, to give thanks that God has called each of our individual parts to join together, to grow together in our common faith. It will be a time to recommit ourselves, not just to the institution of our parish, but to the life, the love, the friendship of who we are what all we have to offer. I would love to see you there!

And as we further commit ourselves to our faith and our common work in Christ, of building up the Kingdom through our love and service, our Bishop Shane will join us on Sunday, June 11th at 10am for the Sacrament of Confirmation, where a group of candidates will confirm their faith in God and their service in God's world, and where we, their sisters and brothers in Christ, will recommit ourselves to the same, with them.

If anything, as you might tell, Pentecost is a season of commitment. But having rested in Christ's victory, being emboldened by Christ's Resurrection, and rejoicing in Christ's abundant love - may we walk together, as a Parish, as a one Body, whose many parts can do such great good in our world.

In the love of Christ,

Rev. Nicholas Forte

**Reflections on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** (by Lorna Sibley, Jennifer Cross, and The Rev. Claire Bramma)

According to the Cambridge dictionary, a pilgrim is someone who makes a journey, often a long and difficult one, to a special place for religious reasons. In a broader sense, a pilgrim can be described as someone who is on an intentional journey to reach a place of meaning. We might then consider that pilgrimage is about the journey to the Sacred, and a pilgrim is anyone who embarks on this journey.

As part of the pilgrimage of the life of faith, from time to time we can be inspired to make a particular journey to a physical and sacred place for the purpose of growing deeper in relationship with God. This turned out to be the

case for us, when the opportunity came about to join a Holy Land pilgrimage from 20-30 March led by our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Shane Parker. On the evening Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>, we joined 27 other pilgrims from across the Diocese to board a plane to Tel Aviv and embark on a journey to visit sacred sites across Israel and Palestine; to encounter the living God in the place often referred to as “The Land of the Holy One” and the “Fifth Gospel”.

A typical day involved waking up at 6:30am, boarding our pilgrim bus by 8am, praying and singing together a



Looking over the Judean Desert at Wadi Qelt (21 Mar 2023)

service of Morning Prayer, and journeying to the

planned locations of the day. At each place the Bishop would read

various passages of

Scripture relevant to the

setting and our local guide Peter Sabella, a Palestinian Christian, would explain the history from different angles. We were often given time on-site to simply walk around and explore, creating the opportunity for personal encounter with the Sacred. We would then return to our hotel by 5pm and enjoy a buffet supper and fellowship. Here is a summary of our 10-day itinerary:

-Arrival: Tel Aviv and visit to Jaffa (on the Mediterranean) and overnight by the Dead Sea;

-Desert: mountain fortress of Masada, the city of Jericho, Wadi Quelt (meditation walk in the wilderness) and proceed to Jerusalem.

-Narratives in Jerusalem: Princess Basma Centre (children’s rehabilitation and kindergarten), Victoria Hospital (Cancer care for Palestinians) and adjoining Lutheran church, Wujoud Centre (Arab Christian Museum and Cultural centre), prayer time at the Western Wall, Yad Vahem (Holocaust Museum), and encounter with speakers from the Parent’s Circle (Reconciliation network between Palestinians and Jews).

-Birth of Jesus: Bethlehem (including Church of the Nativity), Shepherd’s Field, Ein Karem (village of Elizabeth and Mary’s well).

-Holy Week: Mount of Olives, Pater Noster, Dominus Flevit (overlooking old Jerusalem), Garden of Gethsemane, Church of St. Peter of Gallicantu (where Jesus was held by Caiaphas the High Priest).

-Good Friday & Easter: walked and prayed the Via Dolorosa (stations of the cross), Church of the Holy Sepulchre, St. Anne’s Church.

-Sunday worship: morning Eucharist at St. George’s Cathedral east Jerusalem and afternoon service on the Jordan river, renewal of Baptismal vows. Arrival in Galilee, Magdala and Tiberias.

-Ministry of Jesus: Nazareth (Basilica of Annunciation, fountain of Mary, and Church of St. Joseph), Cana, Mount Tabor (Church of the Transfiguration).

-Risen Christ in Galilee: St. Peter’s Priory (meditation on the beach on the Sea of Galilee), Eucharist at Tabgha, Capernaum, Mount Beatitudes, and boat ride on the sea.

-Early Church: city of Haifa and national heritage park at Caesarea Maritima.

-Departure: flight home from Tel Aviv.

While it is impossible to identify one highlight or a favorite moment, each of us would like to briefly share a special moment, with the hopes of giving you glimpse of what such a pilgrimage entails and how each of us experienced the sacred at different moments.

“What I found particularly special was the 5<sup>th</sup> day of our pilgrimage, on the theme of Holy Week, when we went to various places around Jerusalem connected to Jesus’ journey to Cross. I really enjoyed the time we spent overlooking the old city, listening to our guide Peter explain the significance of the geography and key locations around Jerusalem, which gave me a deeper understanding of the events around Jesus’ arrest, trial, and crucifixion. We also had time to enjoy the grounds around the Franciscan Dominus Flevit Church and take in the scenic views. (see attached) The time we spent nearby in the garden of Gethsemane and at the Church of All Nations was also meaningful, as I mourned the spiritual suffering and abandonment that Jesus faced there, and was reminded of the passage from the Gospel of Luke, “‘Father if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done’... In his anguish, he [Jesus] prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.” (Lk. 22:42-44) I experienced a different aspect of the mystery of Jesus’ sacrificial death and yet a strange comfort in knowing that Jesus shares in all kinds of suffering that humans can face. The experiences on this day showed me that a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land engages the mind in learning more about history and theology, and most certainly the heart, in connecting with the compassion and mercy of God.” (Claire)

“Following on from what Claire has said our pilgrimage was a wonderful time of exploring the land of Israel, meeting its people, deepening our understanding of

scripture, and walking in the footsteps of our Lord in His homeland.

I have always felt closest to God in His creation and so it's not surprising that one of the many highlights of this



Jen, Claire, and Lorna overlooking Old Jerusalem from the grounds of Dominus Flevit (24 Mar 2023)

time in Israel was not actually a special moment but just walking the land, knowing that people have lived there, and worshipped there, for

thousands of years. Most of the landscape could easily look much

as it did two thousand years ago. Some of the places that I found most meaningful were the rocky fields around Bethlehem, and in fact throughout the country. It is no wonder that Jesus told the parable of the seed that falls on stony ground.

By contrast, walking on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, where the fishing boats still go out in search of a day's catch, allowed me to imagine myself watching as He met Simon (Peter) and Andrew casting their net into the lake and he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. (Matthew 4:18-20)

Much as I appreciated these scenarios, I think the place that held the most meaning for me was the area of the meditation walk that we took at Wadi Qelt, looking out over the Judean desert. There were miles of rocky desert, with only a few greenish patches deep in the valleys. This desert landscape is a part of both Old and New Testaments and brought many things to mind. I confess that I've always been a bit critical of the Israelites complaining to Moses as he led them through the wilderness, but if I had to walk through this barren and broken terrain I would have been complaining too. From the New Testament I was remembering how Jesus lived alone in this wilderness for 40 days after His baptism, and how He was taken to the top of the nearby Mount of Temptation.

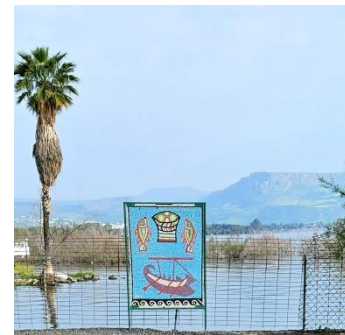
The most poignant memory from this site was a very special one. I mentioned that there were only a few greenish patches in the rocky desert, but the green was definitely there. Usually, this area is all golden brown, but we visited after a time of heavy rain and the desert was in bloom, transformed for a short while by the life-giving water. There were tiny green plants, and several bright

flowers when you looked closely. It was a moving reminder of Christ's resurrection, of the new and transformed life we live in Him, and, in fact, of all the new and unexpected opportunities we have given to us by God's grace." (Jen)

"I was excited from the moment I submitted my request to be considered as a pilgrim for the upcoming journey to the "Land of the Holy One". My level of excitement escalated as soon as Jennifer and I received word that our applications had been accepted. To be honest, I was also a little unsure of what to expect from a pilgrimage. I have travelled to tourist destinations before, but I knew from the outset that this was going to be different somehow.

It is incredibly difficult to choose just one experience that was special during our ten days in Israel. I will do my best to describe Tabgha and what it meant for me. Day 9 we focused on the "Life and Teaching of Jesus; the risen Christ in Galilee." Our first stop of the day was a small village called Tabgha on the north-western shore of the Sea of Galilee. It was a beautiful, sunny morning as we walked down a tree-lined pathway past a small church to the beach. The water was very calm as we stood on the shoreline and took in the picturesque surroundings.

Bishop Shane read a passage from scripture and we recalled the "Miracle of Multiplication" where Jesus fed the five thousand with five barley loaves and two fish.



Beach at Tabgha on the Sea of Galilee (28 Mar 2023)

There is a mosaic on the beach depicting the bread and two fish. In the background is the Sea of Galilee also known as the Sea of Tiberias (John 6:1) and the hills of Israel.

The Church of the Primacy of Saint Peter is the Franciscan church built on this beach in 1934. It is in this place that Jesus is believed to

have made his third appearance to the disciples following his Resurrection.

We had a period of quiet time to reflect. Some of us dipped our feet in the water and then explored the Church. As a group, we followed a path to a secluded area further east along the shoreline for Eucharist. It was a beautiful time of prayer and thanksgiving. Bishop Shane recollected the steps of our pilgrimage from the beginning up to this point. We had truly been walking in the footsteps of Jesus and that realization moved me to tears. It was a powerful and meaningful time for me.



Tabgha was so much more than a biblical place name that I didn't know how to pronounce. I had walked barefoot over the stones on the beach and into the Sea of Galilee. The water was a bit cool and I felt that coolness. For the most part it was a quiet place except for a small group of people singing outside the church for a time. The church bell rang out on the hour and the birds sang from the tree tops. A green parrot flitted about the bushes near the altar at the end of our service. Jesus had been here in this place and I had the privilege of walking on the same land he knew so well. Words cannot adequately describe special moments like these. I am thankful that some things will never be the same following this journey and yes, it was so much more than a sightseeing tour. I was definitely blessed to be included in this pilgrimage and I look forward to 'unpacking' many more of the sacred moments I experienced." (Lorna)

We continue to process and reflect upon our time spent in the Holy Land and we hope to share more stories from our experience as the opportunities arise. We are also grateful for all the prayers from across the Parish of the Valley which supported and upheld us along the way. In closing, we leave you with the Collect we prayed each day of our journey:

*God of our Pilgrimage, you have given us a desire to take the questing way and set out on our journey. Help us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, that whatever we encounter as we travel, we may seek to glorify you by the way that we live. Amen*

### **Molly and Ainsleigh "Wow" at Local Competition** (adapted from article in Pembroke Observer)

As reported in the Pembroke Observer, Ainsleigh and Molly MacInnis (members of Holy Trinity Anglican Church Pembroke) once again garnered honours at, and took home scholarships from, the annual Pembroke Kiwanis Music Festival.



Molly MacInnis performing "I Don't Care" (Photo by Anthony Dixon)

Ainsleigh won for Intermediate Solo (Vocal) and Musical Theatre 15 to 20 years (Vocal), Molly won for Musical Theatre 14 years and under (Vocal), and together they won Vocal Duet or Trio. Heartfelt congratulations to them both for their hard work and success.

### **Wardens' Report, St George's Alice** (by Bernie Raglin & Kim Silkie)

The year ended on a high note (pun intended) for St. George's with an overwhelming turnout for our "Christmas Sing-a-long." Highlights of the event included the beautiful harmonies of Ainsleigh & Molly McInnis and John Wilker-Blakely on the banjo. We had a wonderful afternoon of music and ended the day with a time of fellowship in the church hall.



In late January of 2023, St. George's prepared and served lunch for the "Kitchen Jam Party" held at the Alice Rec. Centre in conjunction with the "Alice In Winterland" winter carnival. It was a very successful event and led to lunches and snacks being offered on a regular basis for the "jam sessions" throughout the winter.

Back in early March, we hosted a Skating/ Snowshoeing/ Walking Party at the Laurentian Valley Four Seasons Skating Trail for the Parish of the Valley. Although the weather didn't cooperate very well, we had a nice little group participate in the fun day as well as the potluck supper. We were so thrilled to have Gillian and Matthew and their little ones join us. For some, it was their first time meeting Lily and Thomas. It was a real treat!



The last few months have been very busy getting a "Fire Safety Plan" together for Saint George's under the leadership of Wanda Hilts. Some adjustments have been made to comply with fire regulations, but most of the work has now been completed. Thanks to all who assisted with this project to keep us all safe.



We are looking forward to the Celebration of New Ministry in the Parish of the Valley, celebrating the addition of Rev. Claire and Rev. Nick. They are both wonderful blessings to our Parish of the Valley family – we are so thankful for their ministry!

With the arrival of spring comes some much needed yard work before our next big event - a BBQ Yard/Craft Sale

planned for Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. From 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in our church parking lot. Please plan on joining us for this community event (rain or shine.) Many thanks to all who have cleared the broken branches and raked the cemetery, levelled out the parking lot and cleaned the interior of the church in preparation for the BBQ. Your good deeds do not go unnoticed!

### **Amazing Cat Facts** (by The Rev. Claire Bramma)

As some of you may already know, I love cats. I appreciate their mystical eyes, athletic movement, intuitive instincts, and of course their soft fur and playful tails. For me these qualities reflect the ingenuity of God and how this is revealed in creation. Being in the presence of a cat is a source of great joy and also helps me to relax and slow down.

Since October, I have been a volunteer foster with Whiskers and Alley Cats rescue organization. I recently fostered two beautiful young cats, named Jimmy James and Sheldon who were found on the streets of Cobden last winter, nearly frozen to death. My 4 ½ months caring for them and getting to know them has been a wonderful addition to life in the Eganville Rectory. And since I have come to know several people in our Parish who love and appreciate cats, I thought a short article about some amazing cat facts would be appreciated. Did you know...



Cats can jump 5 times their height. Playing sports such as volleyball and basketball have made me appreciate what it takes to jump high. The ability that cats have to jump and leap certainly defies gravity!

Domestic cats share 95% of their genetic make-up with tigers. While this may be alarming to some, it also explains why our house cats naturally stalk and pounce and why they enjoy hunting and chasing games. There is even a breed of Tabby cat, called a “Tiger” cat, that has a specific pattern on their coat that resembles a tiger, with stripes evident throughout their body, including the tail, the head, and its entire body.

Cats are incredible listeners. Cats can certainly hear more than humans can since they possess the ability to hear things on an ultrasonic level, up to 100,000 hertz. Dogs on the other hand hear between the range of 35,000 to 40,000 hertz. So, the next time you find yourself whispering, be careful - your kitty may just be listening in!

The purr is unique to felines. Several other animals make a noise that is similar to a purr but isn't quite the same. For example, hyenas, guinea pigs, and raccoons each express a noise similar to a cat's purr, but it differs in frequency, sound, and use. In addition, they make this sound only when exhaling. The purr made by felines is also unique because it is created by laryngeal muscles that vibrate as the cat breathes in *and* out.

Purring heals bones and tissue. Cats of many species purr at a frequency of between 20 and 150 Hertz. It has long been hypothesized that a cat's purr can have healing properties. For humans, a constant vibration in the lower range (20-35 Hertz) is thought to have a healing effect on bones, joints, tendons, and muscles. For cats, the purring frequency helps to promote their own bone density and joint health.



If this article has inspired you to get a kitten or cat, please consider adopting through your local SPCA or through Whiskers and Alley Cats (<https://www.facebook.com/WhiskersofWhitewater>).

### **Editorial: Are You A Disciple?** (by Alexis Anderson)

Pentecost, which marks fifty days since Easter, marks how Christ's disciples were empowered to go out and spread the word of God by increasing the number of disciples. Many of us think of the original twelve followers when we hear the word, “disciple”. But its broader meaning includes all who accept and assist in spreading the doctrines of another.

You may say, “But I just go to church each week. I don't actively assist in spreading Christianity. Am I a disciple?”

The answer is YES if you've offered a kind word to someone struggling or if you've accepted those with different backgrounds or points of view. The answer is YES if you've treated others the way you would like to be treated. The answer is YES if you've invited someone to join the Parish of the Valley. The answer is YES if you've donated to the Food Bank or donated items to be given to those in need.

So, as we live our busy lives, let's try to remember that we don't have to preach to crowds to be a disciple of Christ; that we can live the life of a disciple by acting in the ways taught to us by Christ, and by encouraging others to do the same.

## Getting to Know Lt. Cdr. The Rev. Matthew (Matt) Squires

The Parish of the Valley continues to be blessed by the ministries of many excellent spiritual leaders, and this has once again proven to be the case with the arrival of Lieutenant Commander the Reverend Matthew (Matt) Squires. Rev. Matt is a military chaplain currently serving full-time at CFB Petawawa. As a newly ordained Anglican Deacon, he will be assisting our area parish from time to time in a volunteer capacity, as so many Anglican “Padrés” based at CFB Petawawa have done over the years.

Rev. Matt began his theological education in 2000 at Northwest Bible College (now Vanguard College) in Edmonton before graduating from the Pentecostal Bible College in 2004 with a major in Pastoral Studies. He then completed a Master of Divinity in 2012 at Queen’s College, which is an Anglican seminary located in St.



John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador.

In 2009, Rev. Matt joined the Canadian Forces Reserves as a chaplain in training and was afforded the chance to serve under a military chaplain while completing his MDiv. On graduation, he transferred to the Regular Forces and was posted with his family to Esquimalt, BC. He served with the Navy

for five years, including on several operational deployments. Then in 2018, he was posted with his family to Garrison Petawawa. He spent a year with 450 Tactical Helicopter Squadron and three years with the 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Canadian Regiment, deploying with them in 2021 to the Middle East. He is currently serving with Canadian Special Operations Forces Command, Petawawa.

Having grown up in the Pentecostal Church and having been richly blessed by the faith of his mother, Rev. Matt feels that the Pentecostal tradition and those within that family of the Church contributed deeply to the development of his faith. It is no surprise, then, that he began his ordained ministry with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador in 2010. But he credits his Queen’s College exposure to Anglicanism, and the priests and laypersons who communed therein, with helping him to connect to his faith in Christ in a way that more accurately reflects his spirit. He states that he now feels more “at home” with the Anglican tradition,

which he describes as centred on communal participation in the Eucharist, having a contemplative and structured liturgical life, and reflecting the richness of the whole Church’s theological tradition. These beliefs clarified for him the path that seemed right for him to take, and so he was received into the Anglican Communion with a view to serving as Deacon and Priest. In January 2023, with the blessing of Bishop Nigel Shaw (Bishop of the Anglican Military Ordinariate) and Bishop John Watton (Diocese of Central Newfoundland and Labrador), Rev. Matt was ordained to the Diaconate. He will serve as transitional Deacon until such time as he is ordained as Priest.

In August 2023, Rev. Matt will have been married to his wife Virginia for twenty years. They have a 17-year old daughter Sophia and an 11-year old son Samuel. Virginia also comes from a rich theological background, with her parents both being ministers with the Salvation Army in Newfoundland. Matt enjoys woodworking as a hobby, and is currently working on his third strip-built kayak; though when he finds himself on a coast, he is usually found scuba diving under the water rather than boating on it.

Rev. Matt has travelled extensively, including a Naval deployment that circumnavigated the world and allowed him to visit 17 countries. He enjoys visiting the United Kingdom because of its rich history and its resemblance to Newfoundland; and he says that diving in Hawaii made a lasting impression on him. But the trip he describes as one he will never forget was one to Jordan, where he visited what is believed to be the baptismal site of Jesus.

As for volunteering in our Parish of the Valley, Rev. Matt says that our parish has an aesthetic beauty second only to its people, and that he felt warmly welcomed even before people knew him. Here, as he serves as a military chaplain locally and prayerfully while waiting as a transitional Deacon for ordination into the Priesthood, he also embraces the chance to work with the Parish of the Valley, calling it an honour to receive Anglican guidance and mentorship from our Incumbent, Rev. Matthew Brown, the other priests on our clergy team, and all of our parishioners.

Our Parish of the Valley is honoured to have someone volunteering with us with such experience, dedication, and faith. We look forward to working with Rev. Matt and helping him in any way we can; and we welcome him and his family wholeheartedly to our Parish of the Valley community!

## “Marriage in High Life”

In the last issue of Revelations we were able to read about a local funeral, so in this issue a wedding is offered. The



following is taken from the 9 Feb 1872 issue of the Pembroke Observer & Advertiser. Perhaps some of you will recognize the surnames of family or friends, since some, like Loucks, Irving, and Burritt feature prominently on stained glass windows at the Holy Trinity Church we know today.

“Fashionable Wedding. – It is our pleasing duty to chronicle to-day, the marriage, at Holy Trinity Church, in this Town, on Wednesday morning last, of H.H. Loucks, Esquire, County Crown Attorney, to Miss C. White, youngest daughter of Lieut.-Col. P. White, all of Pembroke. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Edwin Loucks, brother of the bridegroom and Rector of Morrisburgh, Ont., assisted by the Rev. A.C. Nesbitt, Incumbent of Holy Trinity. The bridesmaids were Miss Irving, daughter of A. Irving, Esq., County Registrar, and Miss Maggie Bell, of Pembroke; Miss Lamb, of Smith’s Falls, and Miss Thomson, of Ottawa, and the groomsmen were Mr. Gershorn H. Herrick, of Ottawa, Mr. P. White, Jr., brother of the bride and Reeve of the Town, Mr. J.H. Burritt, Barrister, and Mr. A. Irving, Jr., brother of the first bridesmaid. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. A.P. White. The costumes of the wedding party were very elegant. The bride wore a magnificent white silk, ornamented with lace, a lace veil, and the traditional wreath of orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were all dressed alike, in very airy looking dresses of white tulle, trimmed with pink, and it is needless to add that all looked charming. The bridegroom and his supporters all wore the morning suits which are *en regle* on such occasions. The church was thronged during the occasion with the youth, beauty, and fashion of our town, assembled to witness the ceremony. The front seats in the centre aisle were filled with the invited guests, amongst whom we noticed Mr. and Mrs. A. Irving, Mrs. J. Bell, Mrs. A.C. Nesbitt, Miss Cockell, Mrs. E. Loucks, and others. In the Chancel were seated Mr. and Mrs. D. Bell, and Mr. and Mrs. W.R. White, relatives of the bride. At half-past ten the nuptial knot was tied, and after receiving the congratulations of their many friends, and partaking of a wedding breakfast at the residence of the bride’s brother, Mr. P. White, Jr., the happy pair started upon their wedding tour. They have our warmest congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness.”

### FAN-tastic!

April saw a FAN-tastic upgrade for Holy Trinity Church



as the ancient ceiling fans were replaced and some much needed electrical work was completed nearer the



ground. A big thank you to Lazarus Electrical, who

demonstrated great care and respect for the property while moving and using the lift needed to reach the roof.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lookback

On 24 Apr 1976, The Ottawa Journal ran the following article about the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Holy Trinity Church Pembroke. It was written by Marion G. Rogers.

“The week of May 2-9, 1976, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Pembroke, will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their present church building.

There are great plans – and surprises – in the offing, including their special banquet to be held at “The Place”. Eating “out” was decided on so that all in the congregation can enjoy the party without the responsibility or concerns of a cater-at-home affair. But Holy Trinity’s history dates back far more than 50 years.

First it was known as the Pembroke Mission. That was when it included the townships of Pembroke, Westmeath, Stafford and Wilberforce, and services were held in a variety of homes.

In 1855 the first recorded services in Pembroke were held in a building loaned, rent free. Used for church purposes only, it became known as “The Chapel” and belonged to a Mr. T.A. Brigham.

For a time the Orange Hall then the Town Hall were used. In 1863 a church building was begun – “...opened for services in 1864” according to one historian. (Other historical notes give the opening as 1867).

It is said to have been of Gothic architecture, with massive and enduring timbers and was located at Cecelia and Pembroke Street East.”

As the town spread westward and the site of the church was seemingly left behind, other pieces of property were acquired from time to time by the parish. Then the lots presently in use came into its possession.

From 1906 plans for a new church were being considered. A new rectory was begun in 1909. Before the church building was begun the First World War cancelled out all thought of building for its duration.

It wasn’t until June 30, 1925 that the laying of the cornerstone finally took place. The new church – the present one – was opened and dedicated Jan. 17, 1926.

On Jan. 17, 1944 – 18 years after opening, and 80 years after the opening of the first Holy Trinity, the church was

consecrated by Rt. Rev. Robert Jefferson, third Bishop of Ottawa.

The big russet tone brick church stands in a large property on Renfrew Street, lawns at the front, a parking lot at the back – the rectory beside the church.

Furnishings are all dark oak with the ceiling oak beamed in squares, the background an eggshell tone.

All the windows are stained glass pictures of Bible themes – all are memorial. In each transept the window is one from the first church building – also stained glass picture and memorial.

The organ in the earlier church was an Estey. It's now a Casavant installed when the church was built, and a joint memorial from a number of the congregation.

Dividing the chancel and sanctuary from the nave of the church is a beautifully carved roode or choir screen, while to the left facing the chancel is a small altar for use at early, or private Communion services.

Under the church is their large basement hall with two kitchens – a large one to handle banquets – a small one for smaller events. The hall is equipped with curtain dividers to form Sunday School class rooms.

Ven. Stephen B. Kenward is rector."

### **Truth and Reconciliation Outreach: Quilts for Survivors** (by Marie Cheesman)

In the last issue of Revelations, I shared with you about *Quilts for Survivors* and their goal of sending a comfort quilt to any residential school survivor that requests one or that one is requested for, as a symbol of support, respect and love for those who have undergone this trauma. We are delighted that several of our quilters here at Holy Trinity are busy stitching and that we will have a variety of quilts, quilt tops and blocks ready to ship by early October.

If you would like to help out, they are requesting:

- 16" quilt blocks (16.5" unfinished)
- Lap-sized quilt tops (48" x 64")
- 2.5" quilt binding, any colour
- Completed quilts, any size
- Financial donations to offset the cost of materials (thread, backing, batting)
- \$30 medium-sized prepaid Canada Post shipping boxes

*Note:* we are asked not to include travel or school-related fabrics or fabrics with a religious theme.

More information can be found on their website: [www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca](http://www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca).

Additionally, Holy Trinity's ACW has very generously committed to raising \$600 in support of this outreach effort through our Coffee Hour free will offerings to be directed towards the cost of shipping quilts to survivors.



We would gladly welcome similar fundraising efforts from other churches in the Parish - possibly a special collection? If you decide to hold a fundraiser, please let me know ([cheesman@bell.net](mailto:cheesman@bell.net)) so that all of the proceeds can all be included in one package.

Please mark **Friday, September 22, 2023** on your calendar to have your contributions dropped off at Aborn House in Pembroke; the office is open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 12 noon. Please also remember to include your name on your donation so that we can share that with the organizers. The Parish of the Valley will recognize Truth and Reconciliation Day and all of our donations on Sunday, October 1.

### **Out For A Walk? Check For Ticks!**

Ontario is home to different types of ticks, but of particular concern is the blacklegged tick, also known as the deer tick, which can carry the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*, which each year causes Lyme disease in at least 5.7 of every 100,000 Ontarians. Most cases occur from June through August, when we spend our time outdoors. Early symptoms can include a ring-shaped rash expanding out from the bite, and flu-like symptoms like fever, headache, muscle and joint pain, and fatigue.

You can help prevent bites by covering your legs if you are walking in brush or fields, and by checking yourself (and your pets) when you get home. If you do find a tick, you should put it in a small container and take it to Public Health for identification because the area north and west of Renfrew is not identified as a risk area for Lyme disease, and authorities want to track its spread. If you suspect you or your pet have contracted Lyme disease, see a physician / veterinarian as soon as possible.

For more information, check the Public Health Ontario website.

### **What Is A Rood Screen?**

St. John's Eganville and Holy Trinity Pembroke are blessed with beautiful carved wooden rood screens. But



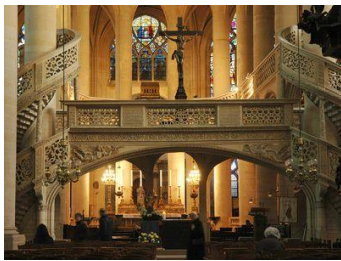
do you know how rood screens came into use in the Anglican tradition?

Rood screens appear to have become popular in the Middle Ages or the early Renaissance to separate the choir, or chancel (the area around the altar) from the nave (the section used by the laity). It was generally installed along with a rood, which is the Old English word for cross, or crucifix.



Rood screen in the St James Church, Avebury, Wiltshire, England

While the first rood screens were actually known as rood beams because they were supported by one beam that spanned the nave at the entrance to the chancel. It was later that a rood screen was added from the floor to the beam, and in some cases, a rood loft was also added above the screen. The loft, or gallery, displayed the rood and



Rood screen in the church of Saint-Etienne-du-Mont, Paris

statues of the Virgin Mary and St. John, as well as holding candles that were lit for festivals. This loft was also called the singing gallery because on special occasions, minstrels performed from there after climbing the rood stairs that were either built into the stone chancel wall or on a freestanding turret rising from the floor of the church.

Rood screens and lofts were mainstays of churches across England and Europe from about 1300 to 1550. The most elaborate one was in the Albi Cathedral in France and was carved around 1500. But when King Henry VIII established the Anglican church, he ordered that the rood and everything above the rood beam be removed, leaving only rood screens that were from that time forward to be called chancel screens. Some English screens remained intact or have been restored, but by 1800 both screens and lofts were almost eliminated across Europe until, in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, churches built in the Gothic Revival style reintroduced them.

#### A Spring Treat (by Pat Burn)

This is not about something to eat, but about something quite different.

I'm generally quite a clean and tidy person – fussy even, but not when it comes to my car. My car is usually a mess;

quite dirty and containing a lot of stuff that doesn't belong in a car.

Hitherto, I have occasionally taken it to the car wash, where I would give it the minimum wash and a desultory vacuum cleaning. It looked a bit better for a while, but not a whole lot and not for long.

This year is different. Because I am aging and now have quite a bad back, I decided to get it professionally cleaned. This is something I have previously desired, but thought too expensive and frivolous for my modest means. This would definitely be a one-off treat.

Well, when I went to pick it up, I was stunned. Wow! It looked and smelled as if it had just come off a car lot. Lovely. What a wonderful job these businesses do.

Now I am walking around it to admire it and I hardly dare get into it. But this will pass and it will no doubt fairly soon return to its slovenly self (it is *black* inside, which doesn't help at all).

I may or may not get it properly cleaned again (I think I might!), but it has been a wonderful treat and a small blessing this spring.

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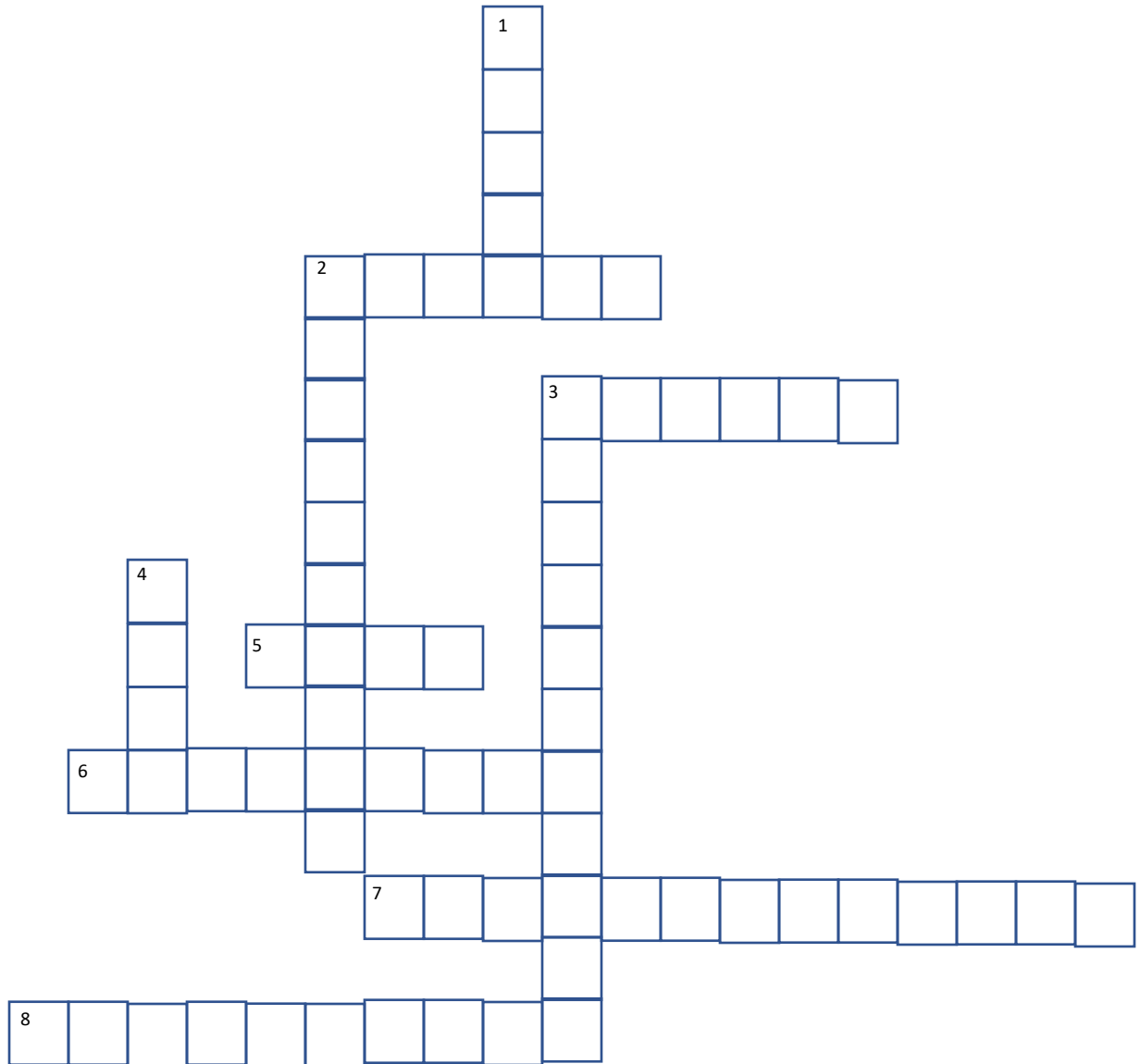
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# Pentecost Crossword



## ACROSS

2. This Pentecost was special because the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ filled the disciples.
3. Only after they were \_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy spirit did the disciples speak in tongues.
5. A violent \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven suddenly came into the house where they gathered.
6. This is the Greek word for fiftieth (the fiftieth day after Easter).
7. The day of Pentecost was a very special day; not ordinary, but \_\_\_\_\_.

## DOWN

1. Because of the Holy Spirit, now the believers had this to be witnesses to everyone.
2. The fire from Heaven \_\_\_\_\_ the new power and presence of the Holy Spirit in them.
3. Pentecost was also called the day of this, when the people brought an offering.
4. It looked like tongues of this separated and came to rest on each of the disciples.