



REVELATIONS

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Clergy Team Message

In the season of Easter, the season of resurrection and life, we celebrate the hope and new life in baptism that lies before us.

Throughout this season, we are beginning our worship with a Thanksgiving for the Water of Baptism and for the gift of forgiveness and new life that it offers. This alternative gathering rite for the Book of Alternative Services has been approved for trial use by the Council of General Synod and authorized by our diocesan bishop, in keeping with Anglican liturgical custom.

Holy Baptism is the sign of new life in Christ. Baptism unites Christ with his people – and that union is both individual and corporate. To be a Christian is to be part of a new creation which rises from the waters of Christ's death into the dawn of his risen life. Christians are not just baptized individuals; they are a new humanity.

While we have been keeping the baptismal waters always before us through the Thanksgiving for the Water of Baptism in this Easter Season, we are also celebrating Holy Baptism at a number of times and churches in the coming weeks!



On April 19 at the Easter Vigil, Maria McBride (Pembroke) was baptized, and on Sunday, May 4, Mable Stinson (Whitney) was baptized. In the coming weeks, we are looking forward to welcoming still more members into God's family through Holy Baptism: Sarah Coles (Pembroke), Charles and Lillian Plummer

(Pembroke), Jayda and Sebastian Brenyo (Petawawa), Anna Dopierala (Eganville), and Cullen Johns (Pembroke).

Please keep all those who are recently baptized, and those preparing for baptism, in your prayers as we give thanks for the Easter promise of resurrection and life.

Thanks be to God for the gift of baptism that we can celebrate together as a parish in this season!

Rev. Matthew, Rev. Gillian, Rev. Nick,
& Rev. Christine

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY'S

Soup & Sandwich Lunch



Soup & Sandwich Lunch at Epiphany

The spring Soup and Sandwich Lunch was again a big success at Church of the Epiphany, Barry's Bay.



Held on April 25, almost 250 lunches were served! Church of the Epiphany

offers pre-ordered delivery or take out, walk-in take out, as well as a dine-in lunch. A selection of homemade soups, homemade sandwiches, and a wide variety of homemade pies mean that there



is something for everyone, all of it delicious!

Even though there was a little bit of rain, it did not dampen the spirits of those eagerly lined up at the door before the doors even opened, waiting for the opportunity to enjoy good fellowship and good food.



Thank you to all of the volunteers who made it possible, and thank you to everyone from our wider community and from across the parish who joins in for Soup & Sandwich Lunch!

We will see you for the next Soup & Sandwich at Epiphany in the Fall!

Daniel and Florence's work empowers and equips people to make a living, while surrounding them with prayer and the support of a loving faith-based community.



Daniel and Florence from Impact Zambia Visit the Parish of the Valley

On Tuesday in Easter Week, the Parish of the Valley was pleased to welcome Daniel and Florence Mayapi from Zambia.

The Holy Trinity ACW graciously hosted a luncheon reception at Holy Trinity Pembroke and members from across the Parish of the Valley gathered to hear from Daniel and Florence. They shared about their work of promoting local skill development in rural Zambia in a Christian context.



After hearing about their work from Rev. Allan Studd for many years, and more recently from Rev. Allan and Wendy Wilker-Blakley - both of whom have spent time with them in Zambia, it was an honour to meet Daniel and Florence in person and to host them in our parish.

Although this was not a fundraising visit, the Holy Trinity ACW surprised Daniel and Florence with a cheque for \$1000 to support their continuing missional work in Zambia.



Thank you to all from across the parish for your ongoing prayers of support for their work.



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Tales from the Organ Bench

Submitted by Jim Dunn

After reading my colleague Phil Cottrell's article, "The Church Organist" in the last edition of *Revelations*, it prompted me to ponder and relate some thoughts and stories of my own organ playing over the past many years.

First of all, I have to say a huge thanks to my dearly departed mother who insisted on me taking piano lessons, which eventually ended up with me in the organ playing fraternity. I give thanks for this insistence to this very day. Music has been and always will be a huge part of my life. Thanks again Mom!

As Phil stated, sometimes there are hiccups. I have had the good fortune to play many times at St. Stephen's in Micksburg. The organ there has been, shall I say, a bit temperamental. When it is working it is great, but the odd time it acts up.



One time we were perplexed and tried everything to get the lower keyboard working. After several fruitless attempts the technical support person (a.k.a. Myles Buttle) picked up one end and dropped it. Problem solved. It worked pretty well for a long time after that!

I was playing at a funeral one time, and I remember thinking while driving there, "Well at least I don't have to worry about the organ because it has been working just fine." HOWEVER part way through the service it started making rather loud crackling sounds. So I shut it off with the hopes that it would clear up, which it did for a little while. And then it happened again and again - but fortunately not during singing of any of the hymns. The organ has been fine ever since. It just so happens that the organ was donated by the mother of the person whose funeral was that day. Was it a coincidence?!?

At this point in my life, I am eternally grateful and extremely thankful for my music. I cannot imagine my life without it. I thoroughly enjoy playing the organ and all that it entails. It has truly been an honour and privilege to have played at so many church services, weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc. over the past years. Thank you one and all for being a part of my remarkable journey. GOD BLESS.



Wide Smiles for All Through Education

Over the last few weeks, we have been delighted to begin to hear from Kenneth Kasule, Director of *Wide Smiles for All Through Education* in Uganda. He has been sharing the journey of 20 years of *Wide Smiles*, the number of students lives impacted over that time (spoiler, for those who have not yet heard from him: it is in the 1000s!), and what their plans are for the future.



We hope that, in the coming weeks, you will take the opportunity to join in one of the post-church fellowship times across the parish, even if it is not at your "usual" church!

Upcoming opportunities to hear from Kenneth include:

- Sunday, May 11: Holy Trinity, Pembroke
- Sunday, May 18: All Saints, Petawawa

- Sunday, May 25: Visiting a church in Toronto
- Sunday, June 1: The Parish of St. Barnabas, Deep River
- Sunday, June 8: St. Paul's, Cobden
- Sunday, June 15: St. John's, Tramore
- Wednesday, June 18: Farewell Potluck at St. John's, Eganville - everyone is welcome!



Truth and Reconciliation: National Indigenous Peoples Day and the 94 Calls to Action

Submitted by Rev. Christine Muise and Rev. Gillian Hoyer

On June 21, Canada celebrates National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day that recognizes and celebrates First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples of Canada. The National Indigenous Day of Prayer began in 1971. This day was then first formally celebrated as a holiday in 1996, as National Aboriginal Day, after it was proclaimed by then Governor General Roméo LeBlanc, and then in 2017 the name was changed to National Indigenous Peoples Day. June 21 was chosen for many reasons, but in particular because it is the summer solstice.

In 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission issued its six-volume final report, which outlined 94 Calls to Action. These calls are a call to the Canadian Government and the churches involved in the Indian Residential School System to make changes and take actions to begin to right the horrifying wrongs of the Residential Schools.

These calls are not partisan; they are part of the Legal Settlement to which the Government and the Churches are responsible. The government and the churches are made up of people. The responsibilities are for you and me. To date, only 17 of the 94 have been completed and many of them are meant to be lived into relationally.

For many of us whose families came as settlers and immigrants, the horrific legacy of the Residential Schools and the Indian Act has only recently been brought into consciousness. For the Indigenous Peoples across Canada, the legacy and impact of their experiences has been devastating.

I (Rev. Christine) have known the realities of the intergenerational trauma of the Residential Schools since my early teens. Two of my closest friends had experienced trauma and abuse at the hands of relatives who had been residential school survivors. One, Tina, died by suicide at 20 years of age during the stress that came through the justice system in the prosecution of her father. At the time, I was an undergraduate student studying criminology. I quickly learned the about the disproportionate amount of Indigenous people who were incarcerated, who were in the child welfare system, and the role the Indian Act.



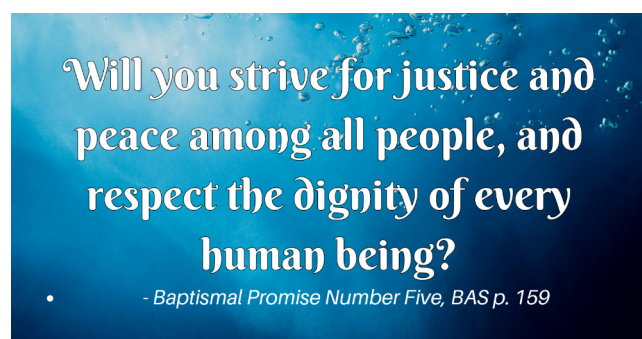
When I began my studies at the Vancouver School of Theology (VST), in 2003, our Dean, the Rev. Wendy Fletcher shared with us her research of the Residential Schools and the Church of England. Wendy had dug into records and archives and brought attention to the realities of poverty, lack of medical support, and the abuses of power. At that time, she was being heckled when speaking in Anglican Churches for even mentioning that children had suffered at these schools.

In 2004, the Director of Indigenous Studies at VST, the Rev. Doctor Martin Brokenleg, of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, deepened our understanding of the impacts of the Indian Act, Residential Schools, and the ongoing impacts in families. It was Martin who taught us about the

importance of land acknowledgements; Martin spoke of them as 'water on rock' that slowly over time we would come to understand that we 'live, move, and have our being' on land that has been stewarded for generations by the First Peoples.

In 2005, Melanie Delva was hired as the Archivist for the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster and the Provincial Synod of BC and Yukon. Like many archivists in the Anglican Church of Canada, she ended up becoming very involved in the document collection during the Truth and Reconciliation Commission related to Residential School Records. She then became the Reconciliation Animator for the Anglican Church of Canada and helped author a report entitled, *One Step on a Journey: The Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement and the Anglican Church of Canada-Lessons Learned*.

Fulfilling the 94 Calls to Action and seeking to right the wrongs of the Residential Schools will take dedicated motivation, relationship and time. Basic human rights are still being denied to many Indigenous Nations: clean air, shelter and safe drinking water. Resources to help address the intergenerational trauma and endemic poverty are needed. We are called upon to be friends, to work to build new relationships, and to continue to hold our governments, churches, and fellow citizens accountable for our responsibilities. As we journey in Christ and through this season of Easter and the remembrance of baptism, we hold before us our baptismal promise to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being."



To learn more about the Anglican Church of Canada's involvement in Residential Schools, please visit: <https://www.anglican.ca/tr/schools/>.

To read the apology that then Primate, Archbishop Michael Peers issued on behalf of us all, please visit: <https://www.anglican.ca/tr/apology/>.

To read the 94 Calls to Action and other reports from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, please visit: <https://nctr.ca/records/reports/>.



For the last number of years, the Parish of the Valley has participated in organizing an ecumenical National Indigenous Peoples Day Prayer Service in Eganville on June 21. This photo is from last year's service. Please stay tuned for information on commemorations for this year.

Emoji Hymn Challenge

Each line of emojis represents the title of a well-known hymn from *Common Praise*. Can you figure them out?

1. 🕊️🕊️🕊️👑🙏🙏
2. ✨🙏🙏🙏
3. 🙏👑👁️👁️
4. 😊😊🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏
5. 🌍🙏🙏🕊️

Here are the hymn titles to use:

- For the Healing of the Nations (CP 576)
- Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! (CP 1)
- What a Friend We Have in Jesus (CP 532)
- Be Thou My Vision (CP 505)
- Amazing Grace (CP 352)

Keep reading this issue of *Revelations* to find the answers!



Spring Rummage Sales!

Spring Rummage Sales are always big events in the Parish of the Valley! Our two rummage sales this spring, at Holy Trinity Pembroke and All Saints Petawawa, were again a big success.



Thank you to all of the volunteers, everyone who donated items to sell, and all who came and shopped. We could not have done it without you!



Holy Trinity Cemetery, Pembroke Columbarium Now Offering Niches for Sale

Last Fall, the new granite columbarium at Holy Trinity Pembroke's cemetery was installed. It sits in the centre of the cemetery, with beautiful granite benches nearby where all members of the community can sit and take in the natural beauty that surrounds them and remember their loved ones.



Niches are now available for purchase. Each niche can accommodate a maximum of two standard size cremation urns and comes with a brass name plaque.

If you are interested in learning more, or wish to purchase a niche, please speak with Robert Hanson, Cemetery Board Chair, at 613-401-4172 or roberthanson@cogeco.ca.

Spring Cemetery Services in the Parish of the Valley

Cemetery Services are one way that our communities come together to honour our roots, give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us, and raise funds for the continuing care of our cemeteries.

Beginning in June, a number of congregations across our parish hold their annual Cemetery Services.



Cemetery Services being held in the month of June follow. Dates and times for cemetery services held in July and August will be announced later this spring.

Sunday, June 1 at 2pm: St. Thomas, Rankin Cemetery

Sunday, June 8 at 2pm: St. Patrick's, Lower Stafford Cemetery

Sunday, June 15 at 11am: St. John's, Eganville Cemetery, held in the church

Sunday, June 22 at 2pm: St. Stephen's, Micksburg Cemetery



Easter Communion Bread

A Favourite Recipe of Rev. Matthew, used this year for the communion bread at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday at Holy Trinity Pembroke

1 & ½ cups of whole wheat flour
¾ cup of all-purpose white flour
¾ teaspoon of baking soda
¾ teaspoon of salt

2 tablespoons of vegetable shortening at room temperature
¾ cup of cold water
3 heaping tablespoons of unpasteurized local honey

Combine dry ingredients, mixing flour, soda and salt thoroughly in a large bowl. Then add the shortening, blending it into the dry ingredients by hand. Then gradually add the water, followed finally by gradually mixing in the honey.

Divide the dough into two equal size round loaves, approximately 6 inches in diameter and approximately 1 inch in thickness. Place loaves on a cookie sheet well-greased with shortening. Prior to baking, score the loaves deeply with a sharp knife – a pizza cutter also works very well for this. First score a central cross, so the loaf can easily be broken by the presiding celebrant at the altar, then score the remainder of the loaf into bite sized pieces.

Bake for 20 minutes at 375 degrees. Remove when golden brown and firm to touch.

Recipe adapted from "Let Us Give Thanks: A Presider's Manual for the BAS Eucharist" by David Holeton, Catherine Hall and Gregory Kerr-Wilson. Toronto: Anglican Book Centre, 1999.



Answers to the Emoji Hymn Challenge

1. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! (CP 1)
2. Amazing Grace (CP 352)
3. Be Thou My Vision (CP 505)
4. What a Friend We Have in Jesus (CP 532)
5. For the Healing of the Nations (CP 576)

How many did you guess?

Maybe you'd like to be creative and come up with your own emoji hymn titles!



**SEEKING
APPLICATIONS
FOR ORGANIST
POSITION:**
St. Paul's, Cobden

Applications invited for organist position at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Cobden

St. Paul's Church in Cobden is seeking applicants for the position of church organist beginning July 1, 2025.

The successful candidate will collaborate with our clergy team in providing leadership and accompaniment for congregational singing, including hymns and sung liturgy, as well as providing prelude and postlude music and other incidental music as/when needed. Regularly scheduled services are Sundays at 11 am. Morning Prayer is offered on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the

month; Holy Eucharist is offered on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays.

Punctuality and reliable transportation are required. Compensation shall be commensurate with experience.

Preference will be given to an applicant who:

- Is working at, or approaching, a Grade 10 piano competency level. Experience in organ playing would be an asset but is not essential if the candidate is willing to learn and open to challenges.
- Familiarity with liturgical worship would be an asset.

Interested musicians are invited to contact Alice Ferguson, Rector's Warden, at aliceferguson790@gmail.com or 613-646-7881 to ask for more details and schedule an audition time. Receiving a resume outlining relevant education and experience would be appreciated.

The deadline for applications is June 1, 2025.

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