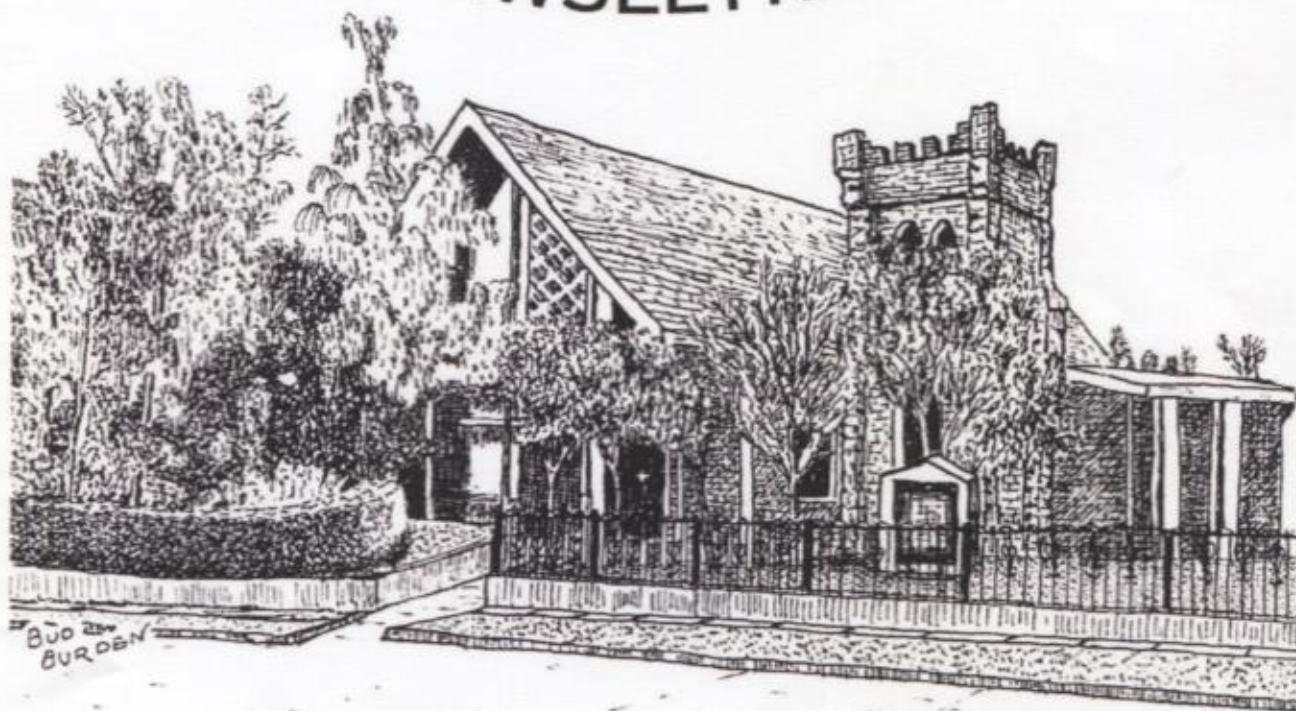


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When we first started planning a church newsletter, the first person to jump in and say, "I'd like to help," was David Dickinson. Besides being a keen supporter by suggesting and following through with ideas for articles, he spent many hours researching and writing the history of St. Barnabas.

David passed away recently after fighting a hard battle with cancer. We thank him for his many years of varied service to this church and ask for your continued prayers for his wife Maureen and their family.

This edition of The Parish Crier is dedicated to David Dickinson.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. (Job 19:25)

Christmas Service Schedule

December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Family Eucharist

9:00 PM Candlelight Holy Communion

December 25, Christmas Day

11:00 AM Holy Communion

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

The annual meeting of parishioners (AMP) will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2020 following the 10:15 AM service.

Continuing History of St Barnabas: Disaster Strikes

As it began its second half century, St. Barnabas looked forward to 1957 as a year of opportunity and progress under its new rector, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Leadbeater, who was appointed in late 1956 following the retirement of the Rev. Canon Birchall. With a parish roll of 600 families, amounting to a total of 1,500 active members and a Sunday school roll of over 500, it appeared that nothing could get in its way.

Then on the night of Friday, January 11, 1957 disaster struck when fire destroyed much of the building. The fire marshal's report listed the cause of the fire as a cigarette in a paint can. The fire was considered to be arson, with a young male member of the parish the culprit. In those days church doors were open from sunrise until sunset so it would have been possible for anyone to enter during that time.



Charges were not laid, however, he was later noticed serving time for another offence at the penitentiary in St. Albert. A member of St. Barnabas who was visiting the penitentiary was heard to say, "That's the person who set fire to our church."

Despite severe damage, however, all was not lost. The roof had collapsed over the chancel, thereby providing protection to the pulpit, organ, chancel furniture, communion vessels, and all but one of the stained-glass windows.



The parishioners showed a strong will and determination for the restoration of their church. The following morning, a group of volunteers moved the altar, lectern, and pulpit to the upper parish hall in readiness for services the following day. Music accompaniment was also made possible thanks to the Heintzman Company of Calgary, who kindly loaned the parish an organ.



The Rev. Dr. Leadbeater provided strong leadership to the parish. Plans to rebuild were put in place as early as January 13. At the services that day, Bishop Calvert came to preach and gave great encouragement. For his sermon, he chose as his text, "Let us rise up and build, so they strengthened their hands for this good work". Committees were organized, and work for restoring the church began.

Messages of sympathy and financial aid were received from various parts of the country. Meanwhile, during reconstruction, services continued to be held in the upper parish hall.

At a meeting of parishioners on February 12, 1957, it was agreed to demolish what remained of the old church with the exception of the tower which was to be incorporated into the new building.

With a satisfactory settlement from the insurance company, architect A. K. Sheldon was chosen to design the new church. A contract worth \$121,903 for construction was awarded to Bird Construction Company.

An additional \$38,000 was raised from the sale of debentures to parishioners while a bank loan covered the remaining cost.

On June 30, 1957, a sod turning ceremony took place. Mrs. G. Hawkswood, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Leadbeater, carried out the ceremony. On October 13, 1957 the corner stone for the new building bearing the inscription "The people had a mind to work." (Nehemiah 4:6) was laid by the Rt. Rev. G.R. Calvert, Bishop of Calgary.

Rising like a phoenix from the ashes, St. Barnabas was dedicated by Bishop Calvert on March 7, 1958. Incorporated into the new church were the altar, reredos, pipe organ, pulpit, lectern, sanctuary furnishings, and carillonic bells. The one window which had been destroyed was replaced with a memorial window.

In the summer of 1958, the Rev T. Nakayama, assistant priest, left the parish. Everyone was sorry to see him leave. He is particularly remembered for his work among the young people. Along with the rector, the Rev. Birchall, he had been instrumental in beginning a radio broadcast titled "Sunday School of the Air" which was broadcast each Sunday morning from a local radio station. He was also actively involved in restoring the carillon following the fire in 1957.

Two years after the disastrous fire came the sad news of the resignation of the rector, the Rev. Dr. Leadbeater, who had accepted a position with the parish of Holy Trinity in Edmonton. The parishioners were very sorry to see him leave as he had been such an inspirational leader through these difficult years.

In early 1959, the Rev. John G. Roberts from the

multi-point parish of Acme, Carbon, and Three Hills became the new rector.

It soon became apparent during the year that additional help was needed because of growth of the parish and the departure of the Rev. Tim Nakayama. At a vestry meeting in October, Mr. George Underhill who had served as lay reader since 1944, was appointed as a stipendiary lay reader. In May 1960, Mr. Underhill was ordained to the diaconate, priested shortly before Christmas, and appointed assistant curate.

In the summer of 1960, the rector, the Rev John Roberts, resigned. The Rev. Underhill carried the heavy load of parish work through the summer until the new rector, Canon J. W. Way was appointed in 1962. The Rev. Way came to us from Chilliwack, British Columbia that October.

Also in 1962, Mrs. Maude Riley gave a generous donation to the parish enabling it to redeem the balance of the building debentures, thus clearing the parish of all debt by year end.

A service of consecration took place on Sunday, February 3, 1963. For this great day, parishioners wanted the men who had given leadership at the time of the disastrous fire to be present to share in the happy occasion. With great pleasure, St. Barnabas welcomed the Rev. Dr. Leadbeater, and the Rev. Nakayama, and the Rev. Birchall.

With the parish now cleared of debt, the suitability of the rectory was once again discussed.

Several renovations had been made to make the residence more convenient, however, much was still left to be desired. A committee appraised the present property and considered the purchase of a new home for the rector. This resulted in a new rectory being purchased at 11 Ave NW, enabling the Rev. Way and his family to move in just before Christmas 1963.

At the end of 1965, the Rev. G. Underhill retired as assistant curate and was succeeded by the Rev. Canon E.N.P. Orme in January 1966. Canon Orme had been the Protestant chaplain at the Colonel Belcher Hospital for the previous 13 years.

In 1966, as a result of a change in Diocesan canons, the parish elected two women for the first time to the vestry, Mrs. M. Hitchen and Miss Winnifred Cape. The following year, the first woman, Mrs. P. H. Bastin, became a lay delegate to Synod. Mrs. Bastin subsequently served on the diocesan committee.

Late in 1968, the entire parish participated in a Mission Festival. Every organization undertook to prepare a visual display of the part played by the Canadian church in the mission work of the Anglican Church throughout the world. Displays included a Japanese tea ceremony, crafts from the Arctic and India, a model of an African village constructed by the Sunday school children, and a working model of the area by the Columbia Coast Mission, British Columbia. Great interest was created by the festival and the whole parish mission outlook was a success.

The next few years saw quick changes of staff. In 1969, Canon Orme retired and of the Rev. Douglas Skoyles arrived. The Rev. Skoyles soon left to become assistant curate at Christ Church in Calgary, opening the vacancy to the Rev. D.E. F. Moulden who became the new assistant at St. Barnabas. In 1972, Canon Way accepted the parish of St. Barnabas in Medicine Hat. He was succeeded by the Ven. R. B. Crowder who had been the executive assistant to the bishop.

Early in 1973, the Rev. Moulden left to become assistant priest in the parish of St. Mary the Virgin in Victoria, B.C.

Since the Rev. Crowder owned his own home and the rectory was now vacant, it was decided to take advantage of rising real estate prices by selling the property. The proceeds from the sale were invested so that a sizeable fund would be later if it became necessary to purchase another rectory.

In 1974, the Rev. Eric Haffenden informally joined the staff to help with Sunday services. The Rev. Haffenden was employed by the provincial department of health and welfare, but was available for as much assistance as needed. This arrangement continued for several years until his retirement from

the government and he became a part-time assistant priest at St. Barnabas.

To be continued...

David Dickinson



Reading some of the history of the Christian church, it really is a wonder that it survived through the early centuries when there was so much corruption, greed, and many more of the other provocations against God that Jeremiah preached about to the Israelites.

Born in 398 AD, St. Chrysostom - against his will - was made Bishop of Constantinople but soon began to clean house; he reduced expenses of episcopal banquets by half, sold its silver furniture, and did not mince words on the Church's lavish consumption.

He is reported to have said, "Do you pay such honour to your excrement as to receive them in a silver chamber pot when another made in the image of God is perishing in the cold?"

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Do not add one straw to the burden another is carrying.

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Funny how your memory finds things that happened years ago that suddenly you can't get out of your mind. Growing up in England, I lived two doors away from the Salvation Army hall and that's where I attended Sunday School. I woke up recently with a Sally Ann chorus in my head that warned of the dangers of alcohol. Founder General William Booth had experienced the problems of booze to working

class families and we sang: "Dare to be a Daniel, dare to stand alone, dare to pass the public house and bring the money home." I haven't thought of that in many decades.



"You should not think of prayer a matter of words, but as a desire for God." – John Chrysostom.



Most days are busy, busy but I had the pleasure of interviewing Denise DeNeve recently, executive director of the FCJ Retreat and Conference Centre, and it was like relaxing in a garden of peace. FCJ is the large building behind St. Mary's Roman Catholic cathedral. It dates back to 1885 as the Sacred Heart Convent but has belonged to the Sisters of the Faithful Companions of Jesus since 1980.

It is a wonderful place for a retreat or a variety of programs and workshops.

Our own Pat Barton has been associated with and a strong supporter of FCJ for close to 30 years.



One of my favourite authors and most admired of women is Dorothy Day, a devout Roman Catholic and the founder and publisher of The Catholic Worker newspaper, who spent the majority of her life living amongst the poorest of the poor in New York City.

She is quoted as saying, "If you are wearing a coat, the one in your closet belongs to the poor."

A bit too radical for me but I do take any good clothing I can get a hold of to the good folks at the Mustard Seed. I recently took pants that I'd kept for a long while that I thought I could slim back down into – but have reluctantly given up hope.

I would like to offer more items from parishioners via a drop off at the church and deliver them on a regular basis.

Please have a word with me if you are willing to do some sorting of your clothes and offer nice items for our less fortunate. A great Mission opportunity for the church.

It was a cold morning in September for the Blessing of the Animals service, so it was delightful to see so many people at church along with their dogs, cats, and hedgehogs. But looking out of the choir room window, I was struck by the number of people who had braved the cold to get to the flea market. Most never miss; it's a community gathering for most – I wish weekly attendance at St. Barnabas was as important to more. Oh, come let us worship.



"It's always an honour to serve communion for it gives me the chance to see faces of the faithful as Christ must see them." – Paul Mariani in "Thirty Days: On retreat with the exercises of St. Ignatius".



"The sea does not refuse entry to even the smallest river, hence its depth." Chinese saying

God Doesn't Take a Vacation

At a business breakfast meeting I was asked how I enjoyed our holiday on Maui and commented that the nice thing was to have no deadlines, no timetable – except for having to be at church before 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings.

"You go to church on holiday?" was the mystified response.

Yes, we do, and we try not to miss a service wherever we are, and certainly on Maui where we have attended Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church on two Sundays every year for the past nine years. This means that some of the parishioners make a fuss of welcoming us back and this year they offered Gwyneth and me the privilege of processing down the centre aisle to offer the pewter jugs of water and wine to the acolyte.

I'm sure many St. Barnabas parishioners are blessed when they worship at other churches while vacationing, and we would like to hear about your experiences for upcoming newsletters.

David Parker



Do You Pray?

What is prayer? Prayer doesn't just happen when we kneel or put our hands together and focus and expect things from God.

Thinking positively and wishing good for others is a prayer. When you hug a friend. That's a prayer. When you cook something to nourish family and friend. That is a prayer. When we send off our near and dear ones and say, "drive safely" or "be safe". That's prayer. When you help someone in need by giving your time and energy. You are praying. When you forgive someone by your heart. That is prayer. Prayer is a vibration. A feeling. A thought. Prayer is the voice of love, friendship, genuine relationships. Prayer is an expression of your silent being.

Keep praying always!

"I loved this interpretation of prayer," says Angela Wards who found it on Facebook.

Bible Study

Reading and discussion from the Books of Romans and Revelation are held Monday evenings at 7:00 PM until 8-ish in the parish hall boardroom. Contact Jim or Susan Norwood at 403 275-3874 or sjnor737@gmail.com.



The following timely notice was recently seen posted in a church: It is possible that on entering this church, you may hear the call of God. On the other hand, it is not likely that he will contact you by phone. Thank you for turning off your phone. If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, and talk to him. If you would like to see him, send him a text while driving.

Liturgical Colours

Liturgical colours highlight the church seasons and mark special occasions within the church year. The five basic colours that are used at St. Barnabas are blue, white, green, red, and violet. The exception to this is the time following the Maundy Thursday

service until sunrise on Easter morning when there is an absence of colour.

Liturgical colours are visible through the paraments which include the stole and chasuble of the priest's vestments, dorsal curtains behind the altar, antependia (cloths on the pulpit and lectern), altar frontal, veil and burse which cover the communion chalice, and bookmarks for the Prayer Book. These items reinforce the visual symbolism and the message of Christ.

*Prepare the way of the Lord,
prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see
the salvation of our God.*

These lyrics from a Taizé song expresses the theme for the first season of the church calendar: Advent: Blue is the colour of Advent; a time of preparation and anticipation for the miracle of Christmas - the Christ Child's birth, and Mary, the vessel for this miracle.

Christmas and Easter share the colour white which is often accented with gold. This colour bursts into the emotions of joy, celebration, hope and the resurrection. It is not only used for seasons, it is used for special occasions such as baptisms, confirmation, weddings, and funerals, and to mark significant religious days in the church calendar. White is the combination of all colours and the most important of all the liturgical colours.

Green occupies about half of the days in the church calendar and it is divided into two separate seasons. The first season begins after the celebration of Epiphany and continues until Ash Wednesday. After the celebration of Pentecost, the second season of green begins. The green season of Trinity continues until the first Sunday of Advent. Green is symbolic for nature, learning, knowledge, and religious growth.

The last two colours are red and violet. Red is a vibrant colour that represents blood, the passion of Christ, martyrs, and the flames Holy Spirit. This colour appears on Palm Sunday, the day of Pentecost, and sometimes for confirmation and Remembrance Day. When red and blue are mixed

together, they create the blended colour of violet. It is symbolic for the complex ideas of the royalty and sovereignty of Christ, and the individual's penitence and seeking to be worthy of Christ's sacrifice for all people: a blending of ideas.

The ideas and symbolism of the five liturgical colours of blue, white, green, red, and violet are used to create a greater awareness of the journey through the church year and to enhance the comprehension of religious ideas and fuller awareness of the life of Christ and his message.

Liz Knafla

Who's Who in the Pew?

Jane Mactaggart and Will White have been coming to St. Barnabas since 2017 when they sought a local church in which to get married. St. Barnabas was the first church they visited, and they didn't look any further! They married here in 2018 and have been regular "early Christians" at the 8:30 AM Sunday service for the past two years.

Jane grew up in Scotland, on the west coast Hebridean Isle of Islay (pronounced "EYE-luh"). As a girl she lived in the village hotel, where her parents and previous generations of Mactaggarts were proprietors. Jane was baptized at St. Kieran, Church of Scotland, in Port Charlotte. Islay is famous for local whisky with a strong flavour of peat smoke. Legend claims Jane's grandfather played a key role saving the flagging industry on the island by offering Islay single-malt "uisge beatha" for sale by the dram in the hotel bar. Jane and Will travel back to Islay as often as possible to visit Jane's mother who still lives on the island and to walk its single-track roads and ancient pathways. After graduating from the University of Edinburgh, Jane lived in The Hague working for Shell, followed by remote postings across northern Alberta, BC, and the Northwest Territories, as far as Tuktoyaktuk. She spent her first Christmas in Canada on an oil rig in Fort St. John, BC. The oil and gas business led Jane to Calgary, where she married and raised three children. Jane has one daughter who still lives in Calgary, one in Vancouver, and a son and daughter-in-law (and first grandchild on the way) in

Edmonton. Most days Jane walks past St. Barnabas on her way to and from work.



Will grew up in the American South, where many of his forebears have lived since British colonial times. He spent his childhood in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, and later his family lived for many years in the flat, sandy coastal plain of eastern North Carolina. Will was raised in Baptist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal church communities, and eventually baptized in St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Bath, North Carolina. Will's fondest memories are growing up "free range" in the country: roaming woods and fields, fishing, hunting, and enjoying regional culture, traditional Southern foods, and Appalachian "old-time" and bluegrass music.

While Jane went to cèilidhs in Scottish village halls, Will attended pig-pickins in eastern North Carolina farm country. If you ever need to harvest tobacco by hand, Will can show you how. Will emigrated to Vancouver in his late 20s and came to Calgary for medical school in his early 30s. Today Will works at the Foothills Medical Centre as an addiction psychiatrist, helping people who suffer with addiction and other mental illnesses. He teaches in the Faculty of Medicine and has taught addiction medicine to a generation of Calgary medical students. Will has two young adult daughters. All of Jane's and Will's combined five adult children have left the nest.

Will is lay assistant one Sunday per month and is a

member of the vocational discernment working group for fellow parishioner Marcus Herrel.



Storytelling Evening

Deanne Dare organized a storytelling evening in October that brought parishioners together to share with each other interesting events in their lives.

It was an evening of fun with a several folks keen to talk - helped by a glass of wine and goodies. The Rev. Eric Haffenden was one of the sages who brought laughter while relating some of the antics he got up to in his youth.



Jerusalem

The English hymn, "Jerusalem" written in 1804 by William Blake, an English mystic and poet, says Christ visited England:

*And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green.
And was the holy Lamb of God
In England's pleasant pastures seen*

*And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark satanic mills?*

We know that Joseph of Arimathea took Jesus body from the cross to his tomb. But were you aware that Joseph was a very wealthy tin merchant, a Jewish senator, an acquaintance of Pilate, an uncle of the Virgin Mary, a secret disciple and the guardian of

Jesus?

Joseph, who may have been in charge of mines, sailed to southern England on several occasions to visit the tin mines in Cornwall. Pliny the Younger, a Roman historian, describes a very safe landing place near St. Anthony near where the town of Falmouth is now located.

Did the young Jesus sail with him, perhaps as a carpenter? There is no reference in the Bible of anything that happened to Jesus between his birth and his ministry. Several English legends suggest Joseph and Jesus came to Cornwall: a miners' song, some hand-me-down stories and a Phoenician pictogram over a church door in St. Anthony which correlates with the carol "I Saw Three Ships".

Further north there is a tradition that the pair came in a ship of Tarshish (Hebrew meaning: "far across the sea from Israel") to Summerland (Somerset).

St. Augustine mentioned in a letter to the pope that Jesus had a house in Glastonbury, a town in Somerset, and this house is mentioned in the Doomsday Book as "The Secret of the Lord."

The British historian Gildas (516-570) wrote "Christ afforded his Light, the knowledge of his precepts, to our island during the reign of Tiberias Caesar."

Reference: This is a summary of an article from "This England" (Britain's Patriotic Quarterly) Autumn 2006, taken from a book "And Did Those Feet" by Glyn Lewis. Adapted by Warwick Pexman.

Chalking the Doors

An Epiphany tradition in some European countries is to mark with chalk the following message above a home's front door: 20 † C † M † B † 20. The numbers correspond to the calendar year (e.g. 20 and 20, for the year 2020); the crosses stand for Christ; and the letters have a two-fold significance: C, M, and B are the initials for the traditional names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar), but they are also an abbreviation of the Latin blessing "Christus mansionem benedicat", which means, "May Christ bless this house".

Baptisms



The baptism of Chloe and Claire Iwanicka on September 15 was a very special and happy occasion in the life of St. Barnabas. Community and many individual prayers were offered over a long period of time for the premature babies, so their entrance into the church caused an excited buzz among the pews. As Alethea and Don offered the twins to receive the sacrament of new birth, more than a few tears of thanksgiving were shed. In the photo above, Alethea is holding Chloe and Don is holding Claire.



Five generations of St. Barnabas parishioners are represented in the photo above. In the 1980s, Elsie MacDonald stitched the needlepoint shield of St. Barnabas and it was donated when Rev. Crowder presided. Elsie and John MacDonald's daughter, Ann, married William Butt at St. Barnabas on October 16, 1954 with the Rev. Birchall presiding. William's mother, Connie Butt, was the head of the afternoon chapter of the AWC. She and her husband James also attended St. Barnabas. Her family, the Slaters, were parishioners since 1910.

Ann and William's daughter, Susan, was married to Joe Marasco at St. Barnabas on March 19, 1988 by the Rev. Sinclair. Susan and Joe's eldest daughter, Emily, married Matthew LaRocque at St. Barnabas on December 21, 2013 with the Rev. Singh officiating.

Emily and Matthew's first child, Gwendolyn, was born September 8, 2019 and was baptized here on November 24 by the Rev. Bird. The baptismal gown was made by Susan, Gwendolyn's grandmother, from Susan's own wedding dress. The Most Rev. Kerr-Wilson celebrated at the eucharist that morning.

Blessing of the Animals Service

Approximately 20 beloved pets received a blessing on September 29 at the annual Blessing of the Animals service. Here, Lorne Kemp's dog Zeus receives a blessing. For more photos of the service, please go to the website.



Sunday School Materials

The Sunday School was recently blessed with a donation of \$1,100 worth of Godly Play materials from First Lutheran Church.

Many thanks to the Rev. Ruth Lumax at First United Church in Wetaskiwin who bridged the donation.



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

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How strong is your church vocabulary? The following terms are hidden in the puzzle. Look horizontally, vertically, and diagonally to find them.

ALTAR	ANTHEMS	BAPTISM	BAS
CANDLES	CHALICE	CHOIR	CLERGY
COMMUNION	CONGREGATION	CRUCIFER	FLOWERS
HYMNS	OFFERINGS	ORGANIST	PEWS
PRAISE	PRAYER	PSALMS	RECTOR
SACRAMENTS	SERMON	VESTMENTS	

Thank you to Margaret Klarholm for creating this puzzle.

The Memorial Corner

Our church honours those who gave their lives during WWI, WWII, and the War in Afghanistan with plaques and memorials. In this issue, we will learn about James Victor Agate.

James Victor Agate was one of four brothers who served overseas during World War II. He was born November 5, 1918, at Acme, became a teacher in 1939 and taught in Blue Ridge, Alberta. Victor enlisted in Calgary on July 25, 1941. After completing training in Canada, he was assigned as a Flight Sergeant to the Royal Canadian Air Force as part of Bomber Command in England, serving as a

navigator on long-range Wellington bombers. At 24 years of age he was killed when his bomber failed to return from a mine-laying operation along the northwest coast of Europe.



Victor was single; the son of William and Maud, and the brother of William, Richard, Stanley, Donald, Jack, Joan, Fay, and Ruth.

"When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today." J.M. Edmonds

Doug Noullett

Saint Barnabas. Community Garden



Did you know that St. Barnabas has a vibrant community garden on the south side of the church? Indeed, we do. It was started as an initiative by the Clyde family and has flourished ever since thanks to gardeners looking after their own plots while getting together periodically to weed, feed, and clean up the common areas.

Our four compost bins and three rain barrels make the garden organic. There are 18 raised plots which are rented and tended by parishioners and members of the Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association (HSCA).

The community portion includes three different types of apple trees (Parkland, Ruby, and Harcourt), pear, cherry, and plum trees.

Walk through and you will notice green runner beans, raspberries, asparagus, rogue lettuce (because someone put lettuce seeds in the compost), Jerusalem Hearts, and a variety of herbs and flowers. Enter through the east gate and you will be met with the sweet smell of thyme.

Over the six years since its inception, the garden has donated a significant amount of delicious produce to the HSCA, and you will often find fresh samples at the back of the parish hall which you may take home and enjoy.



I encourage you to spend some time there as it can be quite a meditative experience. And you may even see our resident bunny who thinks he lives in the Garden of Eden.

Joy Halvorson

I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them.

Ecclesiastes 2:5

Church Happenings

An order has been placed to install a wrought iron railing up the slope from the sidewalk leading to the main entrance of the church. You may also have noticed that a handicap button on the wall opens the main doors.

One of our most appreciated ministries is our support of the SAIT food bank. We thank Cathy and Doug Noullett for delivering the items collected each month. This ministry is being added to with the purchase of \$1,000 of gift cards for needy students with money from our Outreach Fund.

Our Parish Pantry is a supply of grocery and basic items available for parishioners who need help accessing supplies on an occasional basis. Please speak to Kersi and she will assist you in confidence.

Cathy Noullett will now purchase the staples (coffee, tea, sugar, etc.) for coffee hour, taking over from Jenny James. Thank you Jenny James for serving the parish in this capacity for many years.

Marcus Herrel has agreed to organize and lead a Welcome Ministry to ensure visitors are made welcome to the church.

Join us for a lively discussion with the Rev. Dr. Roy Darcus as we consider the poetry behind some of our favourite Advent hymns. Roy will be sharing his love of this music on December 1 and 8 at 9:30 AM in the chapel.

Jill Stroud has volunteered to take over the organizing of the duty roster of participants in Sunday worship in the New Year.

Thanks to many energetic volunteers, a busy Saturday morning church cleaning was held on November 23.

On November 24, The Reign of Christ, the Most Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson celebrated and preached at both services and joined us for a potluck lunch.

We look forward to the annual Advent Bake-Off on Sunday, December 8, and the Christmas Pageant on December 15.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!