

God willing, **the baby lambs are scheduled to come next week!** They will help us think about Jesus our Good Shepherd. They plan to be here for Sunday School... wearing their diapers.

Thank you very much to all who contributed money to the Mobile Medical Clinic for the **Diocese of Ho. In total, \$1,995** was raised here at St. George's and has been sent and we have heard that the full amount has been raised! **Praise be to God!**

The **Prayer Book Society of Canada** has a new, **free App** called 'Common Prayer Canada'. It is highly rated and easy to use.

As discussed at the Parish Annual Meeting, the Vestry has plans to begin to enhance **St. George's Green Space (SGGS)**, especially the side lawn off Church Street. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have volunteered to help, as have some people from the Congregation. The purpose of this project is to bring glory to God by highlighting the life and beauty of His Creation. It is hoped that **SGGS** will be a place where people gather from our Congregation and from our neighbourhood. It would be helpful for the long term, to have a **simple sketch or logo** that represents this project. If you would be willing to help with the design, please contact the Church Office. The **final 'product' is to be ready for Rogation Sunday, May 9th.**

Operation Livestream requires volunteers to read Lessons at Morning and Evening Prayer through the week. If you would be willing to help on an occasional basis (i.e. once a week), please contact the Church Office. More information will follow.

St. George's Day (April 23rd) is fast approaching. As part of our celebration, we will plan to re-open the Altar Rail for the Holy Communion. Please **stay tuned** for details.

'**How Shall We Forgive?**' a five part webinar with Archbishops Edwards and MacDonald is set for **Monday evenings at 7:00pm** in St. George's, beginning **April 19th**. You may also ZOOM-in from home. Please register to receive the ZOOM link, or plan to come in person to the Church!



St. George's Church is a downtown spiritual center where traditional Anglican liturgy, parishioners and the needs of our community are valued.



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Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

The Octave Day of Easter April 11, 2021



Parish Prayer Chain: To pass a message on to the Parish Prayer Chain, from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. please the Office. After Office Hours, please contact Cathie @ 855-7969 or cdingwell@gmail.com

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8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 81. 1-4	p. 434
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
Collect and The Epistle	p. 190
Gradual Psalm: 118. 22-25	p. 484
The Holy Gospel	p. 191

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 56, 57	p. 399
First Lesson: Isaiah 51. 1-16	(Pew Bible page 600)
Second Lesson: Luke 24. 13-35	(Pew Bible page 851)

10:00 A.M. –HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm – sung *As newborn babes, alleluia: desire ye the sincere milk of the word, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing we merrily unto God, our helper: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Glory be...*

Hymn: **696** (All for Jesus-571)

Children's Talk

The Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
The Collect and Epistle	p. 190
Easter Anthems	p. 182
The Holy Gospel	p. 191
The Nicene Creed	p. 71

Hymn: **427** (Monks Gate)

Homily

Offertory Hymn: **235** (St. Osmond)

Intercession

Confession, Absolution p. 77

Thanksgiving p. 78

Consecration p. 82

Hymns during Communion: **232** (St. Agnes); **627** (Ewing)

The Lord's Prayer p. 85

Gloria in Excelsis p. 86

Recessional Hymn: **167** (Hyfrydol - 397)

5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalms: 111, 112	p. 477
First Lesson: Exodus 15. 1-18	(Pew Bible page 65)
Second Lesson: John 20. 24-end	(Pew Bible page 875)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Colin & Margaret McLeod, Leon Aiken, Elizabeth Woodhouse

*"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."
His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Anne Preston*

Flowers on the Altar have been placed to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Phyllis Mann from the Mann family.

This Week in the Parish

The Daily Offices of **Morning and Evening Prayer** will be prayed at **8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday – Saturday**, respectively. In addition:

Monday	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Thursday	"Imitation of Christ"	7:00 a.m.
	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.

"But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. Hebrews 13. 16,17

Daily Bible Readings

A modified schedule from the Prayer Book's Table of Lessons

Sunday	Ezra 4	2 Peter 3
Monday	Ezra 5	Jude
Tuesday	Ezra 6	I John 1:1-2:6
Wednesday	Ezra 7	I John 2:7-end
Thursday	Ezra 8: 15-end	I John 3:1-12
Friday	Ezra 9	I John 3:13-4:6
Saturday	Ezra 10: 1-19	I John 4:7-end

The Rector's Corner

The effects of Jesus' Resurrection are both personal and corporate – for you and me, and for the Church. They are for now and forever: they impact everyone who has lived, who is living now and who will ever live. Christ's Resurrection from the dead has implications for all that is seen and for all that is unseen – the visible and the invisible.

Why? Because by trampling down death and all the forces of death, God the Holy Trinity has demonstrated the strength of His almighty power and the depth of His love. Nothing can stop Him. The Way of His mercy and goodness; His beauty and holiness; His truth and grace has been established and will endure unto eternity. And, that perfect, heavenly Way, which exceeds all that we can desire or comprehend, has been offered to us in the risen Christ. As Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father but by Me". (St. John 14.6)

But our fallen nature bucks at this exclusive, narrow Way. It wants something broad and easy – nothing too serious. It whispers, "Let's keep our religion comfortable and convenient. Let's keep it light." But what about the Bloody Sweat, the Cross and Nails, and the Last Breath? The Love of God which came down to us, and which is in us by the Holy Spirit, is anything but comfy. It is creative and life-giving. It breathes life into dead relationships. It sees the invisible pain. It lifts up the fallen. It confronts what is false. It illuminates the darkness. It forgives and it heals.

We are meaning all of that when we say, "I believe in one Baptism for the remission of sins". An effect or benefit of Jesus' Resurrection is our adoption. In Baptism, we are washed. The burden and the stains of our sins, with all the guilt, are removed. Mystically but truly, the risen Lord comes to us by His Spirit. He comes in Love to set us free from sin. He wants us to experience the remission of sins in every area. As the One Who bore our sins in His own Body and died and rose again, He alone can do that. So He comes in Love to offer a new birth and new life – a spiritual birth and His own Resurrection Life. Everlasting Life.

Since life requires food, the Lord Jesus says, "I am the Bread of Life". He wants us to be sustained and to grow in the new life, and

so He sets a place for us at His Table. We come and put out our hands and receive the Holy Communion of His Body and Blood to preserve our body and soul unto everlasting life. We take and eat in remembrance that Christ died for us, and we feed on Him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. This is a Resurrection action – we do it because we believe Jesus lives. Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

April 2021 Vestry Meeting Briefs

- The Finance Committee reported that revenue from January 1 to March 31, 2021 was \$50,187 with expenses totalling \$57,166. Vestry is thankful to all parishioners who have continued with their weekly donations.
- The Group Committee reported that the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers can now meet indoors. There will be a day camp to be held on April 24th.
- The Building Committee reviewed the projects for which quotes are being sought. They are: 1) completing the repairs to the Bell Tower 2) painting the Church foundation 3) Replacing the shower and painting the bathroom off the Ladies' Parlour 4) painting the main entry of the church 5) repairing plumbing and painting of the ½ bathroom at the Rectory 6) repairing and painting window trims at the Rectory.
- The Audio-Visual Upgrade was discussed, and all comments and concerns received were reviewed. Vestry decided to form a committee (the Rector, Bill Millett and David Jessop) to review all options and report back at the next meeting. The suggested site of the workstation has been abandoned.
- The Green Space Project is getting underway. There will be a committee to oversee the project. The Cubs are going to build birdhouses and the Scouts are willing to build the above ground garden boxes.
- The Eastertide Series will begin on April 19th and run for 5 consecutive Mondays on Zoom. Parishioners have the option of watching from home or from the Church Hall.
- The next Vestry Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 11, 2021.