

# St. Thomas The Apostle Anglican Church

110 Francis Street, Cambridge ON, N1S 2A1

## “KEEPING IN TOUCH – April 2021”

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A few notes to mark on your calendar:

1) **Pastor’s Steve vacation:** April 12-19

*For any pastoral emergencies during this time, please contact Rev. Canon Karen Kovats at (519) 623-3587*

2) **Sunday service (April 18)** will be led by Rev. Canon Karen

3) **Holy Week:**

Monday to Wednesday -> videos posted by 4pm

Maundy Thursday -> service will be pre-recorded and posted at 7pm

Good Friday -> 9am

Easter Vigil -> will be live...more info to come

Easter Sunday -> usual Sunday times

4) **Easter letters** are coming!!



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### City of Cambridge “Summer Swim Pass” on sale now

Valid for use at all five pools including Soper Park, George Hancock and Ed Newland opening for summer 2021! Buy [online](#) or in person before May 30, 2021 and save 40%

Summer swim passes are valid from June 1 to September 6, 2021.

Individual and group passes available. A group is a maximum of 2 individuals, 18 years plus: up to a maximum of 6 individuals in total. Primary account holder must specify names on summer group passes at time of purchase.

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### JOKE OF THE MONTH

Why did the Easter egg hide?

*(he was a little chicken!!!)*

# Easter Word Search

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JESUS  
MIRACLE  
REJOICE  
SAVIOR  
TOMB



## **Pastor's Ponderings**

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the voices sing and the bells ring, that Christ the King is risen!!!*

We have ended the forty days of Lent and now we celebrate the fifty days of the Easter season! Fifty days to remind ourselves and teach our friends, family, neighbours and our communities that the tomb is empty, the shackles, the chains of sin and death are destroyed. We are called to celebrate this incredible, wonderful and life-giving gift!! We are invited to feast with the Lamb! Come, eat the Bread of Life and drink the Water of Renewal. It is in this Paschaltide that we live in Christ who is glorified in every instance. We sing our praises and bellow our prayers because we are received, released and redeemed by Jesus' love. This is our Easter proclamation! Brokenness is repaired. Sickness relieved! Captors released! Lives of guilt and shame restored! Happy Easter and many blessings to you and yours! *Alleluia, Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!!*

Your Servant-in-Christ, Steve+

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### **Did You Know?!**

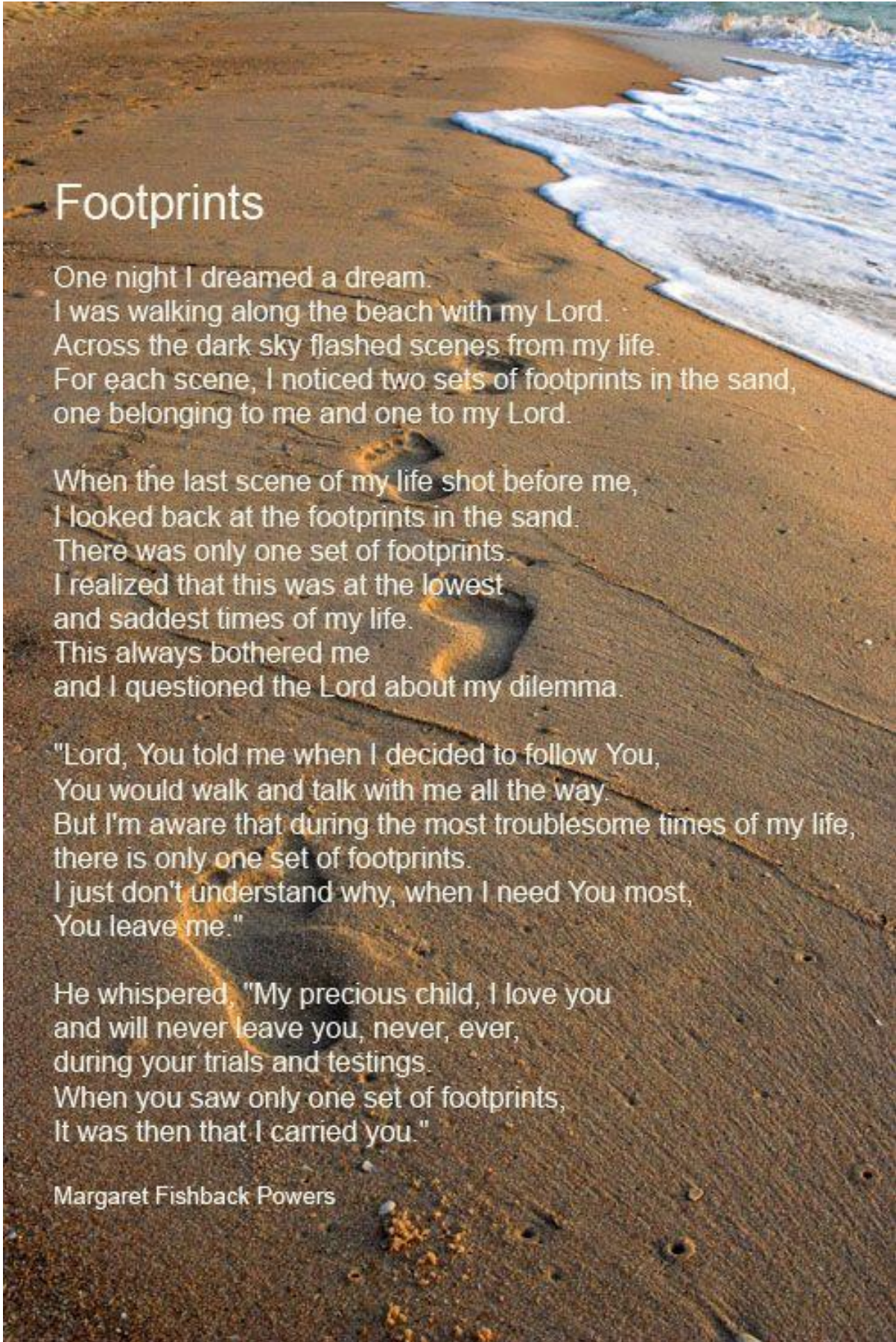
1. The idea of the Easter bunny was originated in the 1700s by what country?
2. The Easter animal, today the bunny, was originally what?
3. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?
4. When Jesus entered Jerusalem for His Triumphal Entry, why the donkey?
5. Jesus appeared to His disciples after the resurrection beside which sea?
6. When is "Easter Week"? When is the "Octave of Easter"?
7. The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as...?
8. Name two (2) Principal Feast Days in the Easter season/Eastertide? Do not include Easter!

### **Answers**

1. Germany
2. Hare
3. Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9)
4. A symbol of peace-according to the Eastern tradition, when a King was going to war, he would ride a horse. When he and his kingdom were at peace, he would ride a donkey.
5. Sea of Tiberias (John 21:1)
6. Is the week that follows Easter Sunday. The "Octave of Easter" begins on Easter Sunday (this year, April 4) and continues and includes the following Sunday (April 11).
7. Good Shepherd Sunday and Vocations Sunday. Traditionally it has been celebrated as a day to honour and edify those in the vocations of ordained ministry and the religious life (ie. Community of the Sisters of the Church (CSC)). It has (and should) be expanded to include lay ministers and ministries.
8. Ascension Day and Pentecost







# Footprints

One night I dreamed a dream.  
I was walking along the beach with my Lord.  
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,  
one belonging to me and one to my Lord.

When the last scene of my life shot before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
There was only one set of footprints.  
I realized that this was at the lowest  
and saddest times of my life.  
This always bothered me  
and I questioned the Lord about my dilemma.

"Lord, You told me when I decided to follow You,  
You would walk and talk with me all the way.  
But I'm aware that during the most troublesome times of my life,  
there is only one set of footprints.  
I just don't understand why, when I need You most,  
You leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you  
and will never leave you, never, ever,  
during your trials and testings.  
When you saw only one set of footprints,  
It was then that I carried you."

Margaret Fishback Powers



## A Chat with MARION MCKERSIE

by Susan Grenville



Marion Spinks was born at home in Brantford, near the present site of the Mohawk Church. Her Daddy, Harold, had immigrated to Canada from England at age 19. Her mother, Anne, was born in Canada, to parents who had also come from England. Both Anne's father and brother were killed in WW1, and Anne left school at age 13 when her mother became ill. She worked at the Brantford school for the blind, doing all manner of housekeeping chores.

Harold and Anne had 3 children; Marion, a sister 5 years older, and a brother 11 years younger. During the depression, Harold had to leave home to work for a farmer, where he earned \$10 a month, plus room and board. Most of his pay went home to support his family. While she raised the children, Anne worked from home, sewing baseballs for the Spalding Company. When Marion was 5 years old, they moved to Galt, where Marion attended Central School and Galt Collegiate.

Marion says her life was happy, especially with her best friend Joan McKellar and 3 other friends who chummed around together. They were an active bunch, with tobogganing in winter, biking, dances, hanging out at Mary's BBQ, and roller skating at the Galt Arena. She and Joan thought nothing of walking from Galt to the Preston Scout House. In winter, she and her Daddy were real hockey fans, cheering on the Galt Red Wings. For 2 weeks each summer, the Spinks family rented a cottage in Port Dover, and Marion's friend, Joan, was always a guest.

Eventually, an older fellow named George Lywood started to show up at the roller rink or at the high school, with his eye on Marion. They were married at Trinity Anglican Church when Marion was 17. Before their children were born, Marion worked at Preston Woodworking Machinery as a receptionist/typist, and then at the Gas company. They had 4 children: Bill, born in 1954; Tim, 1955; Denise, 1958; and Dan, 1965. Denise was born with hydrocephaly. She had many, many hospitalizations during her young life. Still, Marion says "When she was well, she was well!", happy and always smiling. Marion spent a lot of time with Denise at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto. At the same time, the family needed her income to help pay for all the medical bills and commutes to Toronto. She says that "The Lord gave us Mr. & Mrs. Greer", retired farmers who cared for the children while Marion was at work or at the hospital. Denise died in 1967, when she was just 9 years old. Marion's husband, George, died in 1977, when Bill was away at university, Tim was working, and Dan was just 12 years old.

Marion worked as a bookkeeper at Hespeler Furniture in Preston while raising Dan. It was there that she met Bruce McKersie. They were married at St. James Church, Hespeler, in 1982. Bruce had had to leave school in Grade 8, to run the family farm after his Dad became paraplegic. He became a boilermaker, and later a maintenance foreman. Bruce could fix anything. They bought a cottage near Wasaga Beach, where they spent their weekends while Marion enjoyed reading and knitting on the beach while Bruce enjoyed a large renovation project. When they purchased an old house, he renovated it himself. Together, they travelled Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and in BC north to Prince Rupert and south through the state of Washington. They drove west 14 times by various routes, sometimes through the northern U.S. states. Marion says the most beautiful place she visited was Osoyoos, BC, and that she would have moved there if she thought Bruce could enjoy the quiet of that mountain-ringed desert community.

While living in Galt, Marion attended both Trinity and St. David's. When she and Bruce married, they went to St. James, but came to St. Tom's when they moved to Shep's subdivision and later to Woodstock. Since Bruce passed away in 2009, Marion's involvement at St. Tom's includes being treasurer of the ACW, Altar Guild mistress, and super-baker/coffee brewer for the weekly coffee hour. Today, she has 14 grandchildren and 11 great grands. In between her frequent trips driving friends for shopping and appointments, she loves knitting, baking, and reading.

Marion says there is no loss more devastating than the loss of a child, and her loss of Denise is always present. She says you should always "Be yourself; love people; and don't judge people for who they are, because the Lord didn't put us on the earth to judge others." Good advice.

## Life Lessons Learned by Adults

*You know you're getting old when you stop to tie your shoes and wonder what else you can do while you're down there.*

*There is always a lot to be thankful for if you take the time to look for it. For example, I'm sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt!*

*One reason to smile is that every seven minutes of every day, someone in an aerobics class pulls a hamstring.*

*The best way to keep kids at home is to make the home a pleasant atmosphere and let the air out of their tires.*

*Car sickness is the feeling you get when the car payment is due.*

*Families are like fudge...mostly sweet with a few nuts.*

*Laughing helps. It's like jogging on the inside.*

*Middle age is when you start choosing your cereal for the fibre, not the toy.*

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### Whole Wheat Banana Bread

(submitted by Pat Anderson)

3-4 very ripe bananas, mashed ← *(I use 3 large bananas to total 1.5 cups mashed)*

2 tablespoons melted butter

¼ cup unsweetened applesauce    ½ cup sugar

1 egg    1 teaspoon vanilla

1 teaspoon baking soda    ¼ teaspoon salt

¾ cup whole wheat flour    ¾ cup all-purpose flour



Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray an 8.5-inch by 4.5-inch loaf pan with cooking spray and set aside.

Place mashed bananas, melted butter, and applesauce in a large bowl. Use a wooden spoon to mix together.

Add sugar, egg, and vanilla to banana mixture. Stir until well blended.

Sprinkle baking soda and salt over mixture and stir until well blended.

Add whole wheat flour and all-purpose flour last, stirring just until combined. Be careful not to over-mix or your bread will be tough.

Pour batter into prepared loaf pan. Bake for 35-55 minutes, or until brown and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Be careful not to over-bake your loaf, so check it early on. Mine usually only takes about 45 minutes to cook.

Cool on a wire rack. Remove from pan and slice to serve.