



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SUNDAY 19th APRIL

Second Sunday after Easter

8:00am Holy Eucharist

Traditional (BCP). Said service

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Contemporary (BAS) with Music, Choir, & Sunday School
Refreshments & fellowship follow in the Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL (Chapel)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

Traditional (BCP). Said service.



MON 20 th APR	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00pm
TUE 21 st APR	Tai Chi Foundations	9:00am
TUE 21 st APR	SVDP Lunch	11:30am
WED 22 nd APR	SVDP Lunch	11:30am
THU 23 rd APR	Last SVDP Lunch for this season	11:30am
THU 23 rd APR	Choir Practice	4:00 pm
FRI 24 th APR	Tai Chi Foundations	9:00am



Archbishop Sarah Mullally has issued a statement, standing in solidarity with Pope Leo XIV in his calls for peace .

“I stand with my brother in Christ, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, in his courageous call for a kingdom of peace. As innocent people are killed and displaced, families torn apart, and futures destroyed, the human cost of war is incalculable. It is the calling of every Christian – and of all people of faith and goodwill – to work and pray for peace. We must also urge all those entrusted with political authority to pursue every possible peaceful and just means of resolving conflict.

“As I prepare to visit Rome later this month to meet and pray with Pope Leo, I am mindful of his call to keep our eyes open to the suffering of the world, and our gaze fixed on our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ – the image of the invisible God, in whose image and likeness every human being is made. In him, we recognise that we are children of the one Father and members of a single human family. Prayer is not an escape from the world, nor a turning away from injustice; rather, it is a turning towards God in the midst of it, confronting evil, seeking God’s will, and becoming instruments of transformation and peace.

“As Christians, we are called to stand in solidarity with all who suffer, and to respond with compassion and love. Christ’s self-giving life, lived for the sake of others, reminds us that the command to love God with all our heart is inseparable from the call to love our neighbour as ourselves, especially the neighbour who suffers, who is displaced, who lives in fear, and who longs for peace. Time spent with Anglican Primates from across the Communion at my installation in Canterbury was a reminder of how many conflicts continue beyond the front pages of our news, yet demand no less our concern and prayer.

“Our shared humanity has long inspired peacemakers across generations, whether Christian or not. That vision gave rise to the United Nations, founded amidst the ashes of the Second World War. Many decades on, our generation must recommit itself to its Charter, upholding human rights, international law, and the dignity and worth of every human life. As the Pope has recalled, we echo the words of Pope Paul VI on his first visit to the United Nations: “No more war.”

“I therefore urge Anglicans across the Church of England and the Anglican Communion to join with His Holiness in raising our voices for peace and justice throughout the world. Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, blesses the peacemakers and calls them children of God. In a time marked by hatred, division, and violence, may we be steadfast in that calling – witnesses to hope, agents of reconciliation, and bearers of God’s peace in a wounded world.”

Trinity, Simcoe

Kitchen Renovations

Hi folks, the Wardens and Parish Council would like to give you an update on our planned Kitchen Renovation project. The local Health Unit has commented numerous times on the condition of our kitchen floor, we did replace some tiles a few years back and now more tiles have lifted and have cracks in them.

So it has been decided to put in a completely new floor, and as we have to remove the large fridge, sink and dishwasher, it was decided to paint the ceiling and walls at the same time. This work will start on April 23, after St. Vincent de Paul has finished for this season, and if everything goes to plan we should be finished by April 30. The estimated cost for the flooring and painting is \$5342.15 before tax. Plus there is a cost to disconnect and reconnect appliances. In addition, our current commercial dishwasher, which is over 25 years old, has developed a leak. We have already spent approx. \$500 to install a new door gasket, only to find the leak may be coming from the booster tank, we are not sure. To complete the repair on the booster tank may cost us up to \$3000. Therefore it was decided to purchase a new commercial dishwasher at a cost of \$7754.00 before tax. We should have the new dishwasher delivered by the end of April or sooner. This should align nicely with the rest of the kitchen renovations.

So what does this mean all of us? There will be limited access through the kitchen, no coffee hour on Sunday April 26 or Wed April 29. Anyone needing access to the Office will have to come via the back door.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Wardens and Parish Council



Easter and Christian Hope

Father Richard Rohr, author and director of *The Centre for Action and Contemplation* said this in his Easter Sermon:

“I often wonder why so much of human life seems so futile, so tragic, so short, and so sad. If Christ is risen, why do people die before they begin to truly live? Why has there been nonstop war? (See Kathryn for the list developed by her on a rainy day!) Why are so many people imprisoned unjustly? Why are the poor oppressed? Why do we destroy so many of our relationships? If Christ is risen, why is there so much suffering? What is God up to? It really doesn't make any logical sense. Is the resurrection something that just happened once, in his body, but not in ours?

I believe the resurrection of Christ is saying that the final judgment has already happened. It's nothing we need to fear. It's nothing we need to avoid or deny. God's final judgment is that God will have the last word! Easter reveals that there are no dead ends; ultimately, nothing is going to end in tragedy and crucifixion. Of course we look around us, at history and at life in its daily moments and it seems, “No, that isn't true.” And yet, ever and again, here and there, more than we suspect, new life breaks through for those who are willing to see and to cooperate with this universal mystery of resurrection.

Easter is the feast of hope. This is the feast that says God will have the last word and that God's final judgment is resurrection. God will turn all that we maim and destroy and hurt and punish into life and beauty.”

These powerful words of hope are seen in the Celtic Cross. So many of us love the early Anglo-Celtic representation of Christianity a Cross, with a circle. There is much speculation as to what the circle represents. Druidic sun symbol, Roman God of the Sun, the unity of the Trinity, the circle of life, these and other ideas have all been associated with it. Unfortunately, we do not have written accounting from those early days of Christianity. However, like many symbols this cross points to something that eternal and beyond words. For me it is that, in spite of the suffering that the cross represents, God can embrace it all, and transform our suffering into healing

hope. There is a reason that our early Celtic ancestors loved creation and especially the creative cycle of the death of Winter, the Resurrection of Spring, the Joy of Summer and the beautiful transformation of Autumn. They believed that this was our fate as well, not just once in our lifecycle, but many times throughout our lives.

Resurrection isn't a “once upon a time” event but an ongoing reality in which we partake. Fr. Richard goes on to say, in his Easter

Sermon:

“What the resurrection reveals more than anything else is that love is stronger than death. Jesus walks the way of death with love, and what it becomes is not death but life. Surprise of surprises! It doesn't fit any logical explanation. Yet this is the mystery: that nothing dies forever, and that all that has died will be reborn in love.

So, to be a Christian is to be inevitably and forever a person of hope. God in Christ is saying this is what will last: My life and my love will always and forever have the final word.”

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Here is the link to the full sermon blog: [https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogb#search/meditations%40cac.org/](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogb#search/meditations%40cac.org/FMfcgzQgLFnhgsjpQvfmChwvmZGLjNs)

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A PRAYER FOR PEACE

by Pope Leo XIV

Lord Jesus,
you conquered death
without weapons or violence:
you shattered its power
with the strength of peace.

Grant us your peace,
as you did to the women
filled with doubt on Easter morning,
as you did to the disciples
who were hiding in fear.

Send forth your Spirit,
the breath that gives life and reconciles,
that turns adversaries and enemies
into brothers and sisters.
Inspire in us to trust
in Mary, your mother,
who stood at the foot of your cross
with a broken heart, firm in the faith
that you would rise again.

May the madness of war cease
and the Earth be cared for
and cultivated by those who still
know how to bring forth,
protect and love life.
Hear us, Lord of life!

Roasted CHICKEN Dinner

APR 22
\$16
4:30-7PM

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BE A STAR & BRING A JAR

During the month of **March** there will be a box at the back of the church for donations of Jars. Perhaps during lent, if you have large collection you might want to "give up" a Jar or two? Or maybe your Lenten practice is to just to give? What exactly are we are looking for?



Jar Specifications: ♦ Jam jar size or smaller
♦ Clean and with it's original lid ♦ Jars I would like- is to be decorative- by that I mean- it might be - oddly shaped, have beveled sides, or it may have glass embellishments.

Thanks. **Marlene Robinson.**

For more information:

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Clothing Giveaway

Friday April 17 6-8PM
Saturday April 18 8:30-11:00AM

St. James United Church
150 Colborne St. S.
Simcoe



Mother's Day Brunch

St. John's Anglican, Woodhouse
879 Norfolk St. S, Simcoe
Sunday, May 10th, 2026
Seatings: 9am, 10am, 11am, 12am
Please call 519-426-4461 for Tickets
Walk-ins Welcome!

Adults / \$20
6-12 / \$10
5 & under / free

Proceeds support our Cemetery Board and upkeep.

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday
9:00am-12:00 noon



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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Chloe (Backus curator) and the staff have completed an application for the next 'Great Save' competition, which is supported by the National Trust of Canada. The Backhouse Mill project has been selected as one of the finalists and voting starts on 7 April and goes to 24 April. The winner of the competition receives \$50,000 and the runner ups receive 10,000 and 5,000. Here is the link

<https://nextgreatsave.us.launchpad6.com/NextGreatSave2026>

The mill is in need of some urgent repairs. With the above money, these repairs would go a long way to completion.

I cannot stress enough the importance of voting... Everyone can vote once every day between April 7 to the 24th. All you have to do is register with your email address and go to the website each day and record your vote. The more votes, the more chances to win.

Thank you.



Did you know the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's is the biggest event in Canada supporting Alzheimer's disease?

*Last year, across Canada, we raised more than \$7.2 million - the highest total ever - marking an incredible year in the history of the Walk for Alzheimer's. Funds raised support programs and services in the community they were raised - **but we can't do it without you!***

Or why not sponsor our very own Judy Wilson!? Judy will be taking part in the Walk for Alzheimer's at the Lion's Park in Jarvis. You can find Judy at church on Sundays at 8:00am and Wednesdays at 10:30am. Judy will be at the 10:30am service on Sunday 10, 17 and 24th May too. Alternatively, we can collect donations at the church office.

Or call Judy
 519-426-1638




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To keep our hearts focused, please take a quick moment to ensure your devices are tucked away and set to silent before the service begins.

Thank you for helping us all stay present.

