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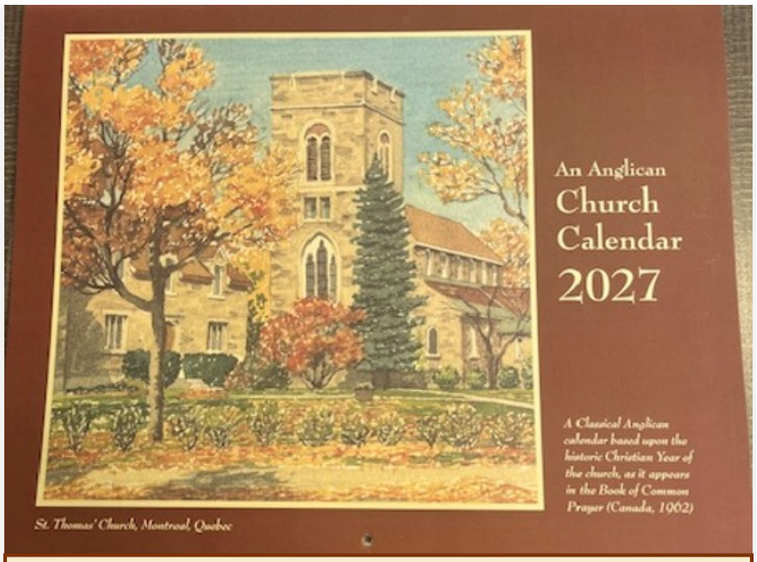
WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER
The Reign of Christ

8:00am Holy Eucharist
Traditional (BCP). Said service

10:30am Holy Eucharist
Contemporary (BAS) with Music
Refreshments & fellowship follow in the Parish Hall

25th NOVEMBER (Chapel)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Traditional (BCP). Said service.



Church Calendars are now available to purchase at the parish office. These attractive calendars feature watercolours of churches from across the country. They also include the Sundays, Holy Days, Saints' Days and seasons of the Church Year, in accordance with the calendar from the Book of Common Prayer (1962) of the Anglican Church of Canada. They are ideal as a special Christmas gift. Calendars are $14 each. Available during office hours or by request on Sundays. Limited quantity.

Kids' Christmas Event:

Carol singing, ornament-making, cookies, hot chocolate, a festive photo op, and Christmas trees for sale. Saturday, ***December 5, 4:30 PM—5:30 PM*** *at* ***St. James' Anglican Church, Paris*** *(8 Burwell Street). The event will conclude in perfect time for you to grab a spot to watch the Paris Christmas Parade at 6:00 PM, just steps away from the church.*
Questions? Contact



TUES 24th NOVEMBER	Tai Chi Foundations	9:00am
TUES 24th NOVEMBER	St. Vincent DePaul Community Lunch	11:30 am
WED 25th NOVEMBER	Contemplative Prayer	9:15am
WED 25th NOVEMBER	St. Vincent DePaul Community Lunch	11:30 am
WED 25th NOVEMBER	Lynn Valley Voices	4:00 pm
WED 25th NOVEMBER	Parish Council Mtg	4:00 pm
THU 26th NOVEMBER	Choir Practice	4:00 pm
THU 26th NOVEMBER	Con Brio Practice	6-7 pm
FRI 27th NOVEMBER	Tai Chi Foundations	9:00 am

Is Jesus a king?

Well, no. He will not issue decrees.
He will not ride in with a sword,
or exercise the trappings of power.

He will simply love.
But the love he so fully embodies
is the One Great Force of the Universe,

the Big Bang of all being,
the Constant to which
all else is relative.

Empires and kingdoms,
armies and tyrants are all puny
in the face of Love.

One can either bend the knee
to a lesser idol—to power, say,
or fate, or the self—

or live under the rule of Love,
the absolute law of grace,
the reign of the mercy of God.

Don't fool yourself: you're not free.
Your heart will follow one god or another:
the love of power or the power of love.

You choose.



A voice from a vacant pew

By Carl Micks

I HAD THE PLEASURE last summer on a rare quiet Sunday in cottage country of being able to attend a service at the local seasonal church. Aside from funerals it was the first time I have attended an Anglican service in nigh on twenty years.

Part of my attraction was the building itself, being older and of wooden construction. I was not disappointed. The day was warm and bright, with the usual weekend noises of traffic and beachgoers, but upon entering I was transported to a cooler place with the dark wood and that musty smell of a wooden building that has been closed off. In my shorts and golf shirt I was transported back to my time at church camp with the little wooden chapel on hot bright Sunday mornings.

I am pleased to say that while the service was from the Book of Alternative Services, the incumbent selected the version that most closely resembled that in the Book of Common Prayer, so I was not at sea following the proceedings.

I am also pleased to report that the congregation was warm and inviting to a stranger in their midst and I enjoyed a cup of tea with them after the service on the side lawn.

Last summer was my first summer retired. As the fall approached I looked to what post-retirement needs I was required to fill. Physically, that is not a problem as I play and ref hockey. I was fortunate that an acquaintance of mine asked me to be a test reader for his books, so I had a bit of intellectual challenge to replace that from work. As the year went on I continued to look for options and discovered a noon hour service. Based upon my summer experience I decided to dip a toe into the waters of Anglicanism again.

The service followed the same format as the summer, and that added to my comfort. Again, the congregation and clergy both were warm friendly and inviting to me.

At some level, I knew this would be the case. So why twenty years away?

Good question I say to myself. My lack of attendance was not an issue of faith. I did not have any reverse Road to Damascus situation. Indeed, given my experiences, it was family, faith and for those who know me, hockey, which carried me through the darkness I experienced. If anything, faith is stronger as a result.

So, I have to ask, why now? A summer opportunity which triggered nostalgia for a time that has long passed, combined with my familiarity with a service generally not in use and a building with dark wood and actual pews and kneelers?

I don't know. And doubt is a hallmark of a true Christian journey. In a recent action movie, the protagonist was continually asked, "Are you back?". For much of the run time he did not know. And neither do I.

Many people come and go from parishes. Often in our transient society they simply move to another location. Still others, such as myself, slowly slip away. The Church has many community outreach and support activities that serve the parish and local communities well and spread the Word through action. Perhaps thought can be given to a form of outreach when long term members start to disappear. A simple phone call may disclose why and offer encouragement to return. It could be a new physical restriction, simply needing a ride to church. Or it could be a more complex challenge. One does not know unless one asks.

While I cannot say with absolute certainty that a call or contact would have changed my trajectory, I do know that my address and phone number have never changed over the last 40 years and I never received that call.

Carl Micks is a "cradle" Anglican, former server, Sunday school teacher, youth leader, chair of the Opening of the Courts Committee and warden, who also served on a board of management for several years. Carl is also a lawyer who recently retired from a career in finance.

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FOR THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY



Movember is here again and with it, Bob Vankerrebroeck's upper lip again has a strange growth on it. This year he's raising funds for the Canadian Cancer Society. Their mission: "In trusted partnership with donors and volunteers, we improve the lives of all those affected by cancer through world-class research, transformative advocacy and compassionate support."

Bob is requesting that any donations/cheques be made out to Canadian Cancer Society and dropped off at the church. He will need your full name and address so that tax receipts can be mailed at a later date. For more information please call him at 519-582-2292.





SILVER BELLS

Ric Ashley has signed us up again to help with the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign 2026. Our day is Saturday 5th December. All you need to do is offer to do a 1 or 2 hour stint and maybe tinkle a bell? There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church. You only have two locations this year to chose from. Thanks.





Together let's help everyone have a Merry Christmas

Red Envelope Sundays: November 29 & December 6

Again this year, our "Christmas Baskets" are being distributed centrally by the Salvation Army. Their team expects to support even more families than in the past, and our Trinity team again hopes to count on our congregation's **amazingly generous** contributions to help provide delicious Christmas dinners to those in need! Please note one change this year: **cheques must be payable to Salvation Army.**

Where to get envelopes: Available at the church entrances and in the office on both dates.

How to give: Make cheques payable to the **Salvation Army.** Place your donation inside the envelope, write **Christmas Baskets** on the memo line, and drop it in the collection plate or hand it in to the church office.

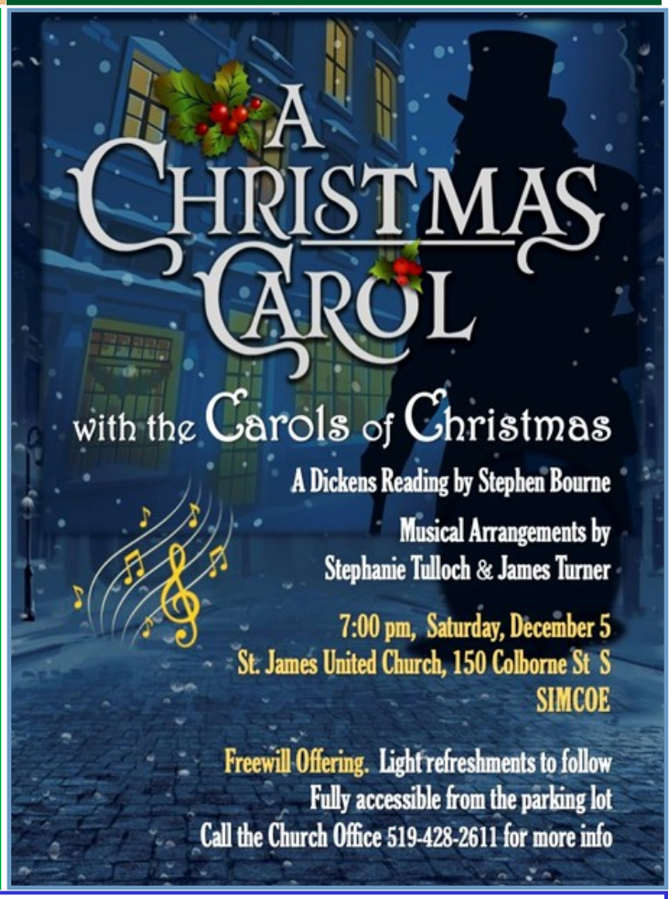
Tax Receipts (Very Important): Because donations are receipted directly by the Salvation Army, please be sure to fill in your contact information (**name, address, email, and amount**) on the front of the envelope to receive a receipt for donations of $20 or more.

Thanks in advance for your support!









Christ the King Sunday

The final Sunday of the church year is the Feast of Christ the King. Pope Pius XI established the feast in 1925, seeking to counter the rise of secularism and atheism by reasserting the sovereignty of Christ. Though the named feast is a 20th-century innovation, the theme of Christ's kingship is central to scripture and the entire history of the church. On Christ the King, the culmination of the church year mirrors the culmination of scripture, where Christ bears the title: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" (Revelation 19:16).