

St Cuthbert's Anglican Church

St Cuthbert's, a place for everyone.

April 2018

The Messenger



Our Interim Pastor writes ...

Dear Friends,

"Every day is a mini Easter," intoned the university professor.

These words have stayed with me since I first heard them about five decades ago.

I do not recall the class or the professor's name or the occasion; I remember the quote because of its impact and importance.

If "every day is a mini Easter" then the annual celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead must be our maximum Easter.

As we approach Easter 2018, let this be our Easter message to ourselves and every person with whom we come in contact.

We do it because ...

We are the Easter people, touched by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We are God's church in the world, the outward visible signs of God's love for all people.

We are ambassadors of Jesus, presenting the good news of his gospel to others and pointing them to God.

We do it because Christ is risen, because he has overcome sin, temptation, suffering and death – every obstacle preventing individuals from having a living relationship with God.

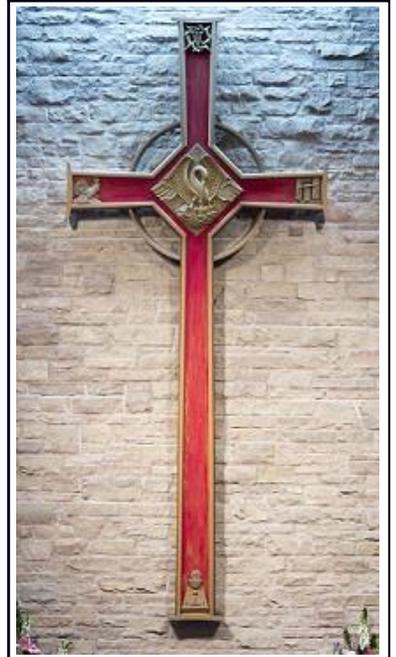
Jesus/God did it because of love, and we respond for the same reason.

That is why we celebrate Easter with great joy and jubilation.

That is why we share, by word and action, the marvellous news that "Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, Alleluia!"

Happy Easter to you and yours,

Hollis



SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist (Music Monthly)

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Eucharist with Full Choir, Cuthbert's K.I.D.S. (Sunday School), Coffee Hour.

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Migrant Worker Welcome Kits - Update from Jane Andres



My name is Jane Andres and I've been involved with the Caribbean farm workers for the past 13 years. My friend Jodie Godwin and I started preparing packages for the men on neighbouring farms when they arrived after realizing that some of them had been travelling almost two days with little to eat.



We were given some free bags from Scotia Bank and used them the past 2 years. When the bags were no longer available this year I designed new ones and ordered 250 which I paid for myself. I was inspired by the story of Elijah telling the woman to find as many empty jars as she could and God would fill them with the oil she needed.



Word spread throughout the community and I had to order another 250. With over 1000 Caribbean and Mexican workers in the area we can't reach every farm however we are making a big difference on the farms that do get them!

Thanks so much to Lori Kennedy and the good folks at St. Cuthbert's Church for making a difference in the lives of these hard working men and women. I wish you could be here to see the smiles on their travel weary faces when they see the Welcome Kits waiting for them. They are so surprised and grateful to be remembered and appreciated in such a practical way!

Thank you again for your generosity!!

Blessings,
Jane Andres

News from Carolina Yoselin Quir

Cuthbert's K.I.D.S. Sponsored Child

Dear sponsor:

I want to thank you for having me in your life and prayers, I am glad to hear that I have friends in other country, I want to let you know that I am studying hard in order to have good marks and make my parents proud and also to you.

In want to tell you that in my country we are having spring time and in my community we are preparing our lands to sow our products like vegetables and potatoes.

I say goodbye. I am looking forward to hear from you all, your activities. I send you cordial greetings.

Carolina



A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to Ron Clements, Malcolm Little and Ray Nyhuis for the work they have done in replacing the counter top and new basin in the men's washroom. Thank you also to Guy Armstrong for patching holes in the wall of the parish hall with new dry wall and plastering and sanding the area.



You have done a wonderful job and we are grateful for the work and for saving us the expense which would have been involved.



Congratulations to Barb and Paul McCallen on the birth of their fourth grandchild, Braden. Braden is not only their 4th grandchild but 4th grandson. He arrived on Feb. 2nd weighing in at 5 lbs. 11 oz.

His arrival made Logan, 3 1/2, a big brother. Braden's parents are their eldest son Ryan and wife Amanda. He is thriving and putting on weight like crazy! In this pic, he is being held by his proud Papa, Paul. Nana is equally thrilled as are Uncle Darren, Aunt Virginia, cousins Rory (6) and Owen (3 1/2).



The McCallen name is definitely secure and we have a good start to a family hockey/baseball team!

If you have a special family event you would like to share in The Messenger, please contact Lori in the church office.



Yes, it's that time of year again. Time to kick off the annual flower sale fundraiser. Help yourself to a

brochure or 5 and share them with friends, neighbours and family. The deadline for the orders is **Sun Apr 21**. The delivery date is **Wed May 16th** with pick-up between **4pm- 8pm**. I will need a few helpers on delivery day to help pick and organize the orders. Please let me know if you can lend a hand. Proceeds support our core ministries of Worship and Music, Pastoral Care, Children and Youth, Adult Education, Outreach, Diocesan National and International Missions.

Ready, set, dig!

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BISHOP MICHAEL'S GIFT AND FAREWELL

Bishop Michael's farewell is to be held at the Cathedral on **Saturday, 21st April from 1p.m.-4.p.m.** All parishioners are invited to attend.



It has been suggested that a money gift of \$250 be given by each church in the diocese. If you would like to make a small contribution to this gift, please place it, clearly marked, in the collection plate. We are not able to give tax receipts for gifts.

WAYS TO DONATE

Pre-Authorized Giving



We ask that you kindly consider participating in our Preauthorized Giving Programme (PAG).

Making your donation by using the PAG is easy to do and provides the Church with much needed consistency of cash flow to support our ministries and maintain an even flow of income throughout the year. Using PAG also reduces our administrative time and cost devoted to paper work and bookkeeping exercises. A strong message was delivered at our Town Hall meeting last year that having universal participation in PAG is vital to achieving our parish vision.

We hope you will help us do that. PAG forms are available in the narthex, the foyer and church office.

STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP

Lisa Di Veto, Consultant Stewardship, Legacy Giving, Fund Development, has kindly agreed to hold a stewardship workshop **following the 10.a.m. service on Sunday 8th April** at the church. We encourage as many as possible of the parishioners to attend.



Donate Through the United Way

Does your employer have a United Way donation program? If so, did you know that you can direct your donations to St Cuthbert's? Many people don't designate their United Way donations. By specifying a charity like St Cuthbert's Anglican Church, you can make sure your donations are used locally and put towards issues that you believe in.

Please consider directing, all or part, of your United Way donation. Simply designate your donation to St Cuthbert's, using charitable number 108099771 RR0084.



Western Heights

Western Heights Montessori Academy runs an after school program at St Cuthbert's and are expanding to offer a Half-day Toddler & Casa Program.



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- Oakhill Campus: 1541 Oakhill Drive (15 months to 12 years) Tel: 905-849-4777

Due to increased demand, a new Half-Day program (9am - 11:45am) at our Oakhill Campus (located within St Cuthbert's church) is now open for registration! This program will be made available for Toddlers and Casa aged children beginning. Our half-day program will also include French, Mandarin, Music and Yoga classes. Book a tour and/or register by contacting us using the information below. Receive a special registration discount when mentioning this ad.*

Tel: 905-849-4777

Email: maplegrove@westernheightsmontessori.com

Are We the Good Shepherds of Our World?

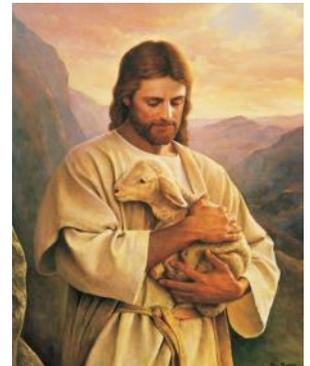
This and other questions may be considered as we present our next non-Eucharistic service at St. Cuthbert's on **Sunday, April 22 at 10 am.**

This type of service enables us to delve deeply into the Bible readings for that day. In addition to the commentary on the specific readings, we will sing hymns and hear anthems focusing on the theme – good shepherd.

That Sunday has also been designated "Good Shepherd Sunday" by our Anglican Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario (seven dioceses in Ontario) as a way of focussing attention on the issue of homelessness. "Communities across the province of Ontario are experiencing a significant crisis of homelessness and housing affordability that increases marginalization and social isolation for many of our most vulnerable citizens."

You can learn more at <https://www.province-ontario.anglican.ca/homelessness>

If you wish to receive Holy Communion on April 22, please attend the 8 am service.



From the Music Director's Desk

March 2018

As we enter into Holy Week, the music is varied, very deep and meaningful. Telling the story through song. Majestic and glorious are the hymns of Easter Sunday. On the organ, we will then hear the trumpets, tubas and mixtures to bring forth these great melodies. These are sounds that are not used during Lent.

On April 8th at 10am, there will be an Easter Lessons and Carols, presented by members of the congregation and the chancel choir. The service was put together by Rev. Hollis and will certainly be something you will want to attend. On April 30th, the Mens' Choir will return to sing at the 8am service. We will endeavour to have that particular group sing again before the summer.

The hymn basket was a hit and all hymns have been sung except one. After Easter the basket by the piano will come out again and feel free to put in suggestions that we can use throughout the spring and summer months.

Have a blessed Easter and Spring

Alison L. Slaats



Welcoming Newcomers

There is a need to place more emphasis on welcoming visitors and newcomers to our Parish. Some printed material describing Church Services and activities is being developed which will be useful as a hand out. Greeters will play a key role in identifying visitors and introducing them to others in the congregation and hopefully a warm and friendly relationship can be developed. Any questions or suggestions on this matter can be directed to John Venner at 905-849-9771.



Property Maintenance Team

It is hard to believe that the building extension was added in the year 2000, we think of it as being new but it is in fact 18 years old. We have had to do very little maintenance since and the facility has been in constant use by ourselves, St Vartans, after school programs now run by Western Heights, Alcoholics Anonymous, Girl Guides, Oakville Fiddle Orchestra and running groups. This constant use has taken its toll and it is now beginning to look a little tired.



We now have a property maintenance team in place which is looking after the required repairs. These volunteers are offering their time and talents to do as many of the repairs themselves, thereby controlling our expenses and helping the balance sheet at the end of the year. The team comprises Ron Clements, Ray Nyhius, Guy Amstrong, Malcolm Buck, and myself.

The projects already tackled are:

- Repairs to the flat roof over the small hall. The diocesan adviser came and assessed the problem and said we could do the work ourselves and extend the life of the roof another 5 years
- Handrails outside the church rusted through and requiring welding work.
- Replacing the counter top in the men's washroom which had suffered water damage and some vandalism. We took the opportunity to add a third washbasin (for some reason the Ladies Washroom originally had three basins and the men's only two). Western Heights School paid part of the repair costs.
- Patching the holes in the wall of the main Parish Hall and repainting.
- Replacing some broken and missing ceiling tiles in the main Parish Hall.

Future projects are:

- Filling the bird nesting holes in the parging on the outside of the main Parish Hall.
- Repainting the old youth room and converting it into the new Rector office.
- Repainting the old rectors office so that it can be used as a meeting room.
- Malcolm Buck is getting quotations for the replacement of the air conditioner in the offices. This work was postponed last year to ease the financial situation, but Corporation has decided to go ahead this year.
- Further patching and repainting in various places throughout the facility.
- Repairs to the uni-lock brick paving at the front of the church.
- Sealing cracks in the concrete paths to slow down future deterioration.
- Repainting the handrails at both entrances.
- The youth are looking after the painting of their new room with the help of Alicia and Guy Armstrong.

If anyone would like to join the team and offer their talents please let me know.

Malcolm Little

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Services

Please extend this invitation to your family, friends and neighbours.



Palm Sunday, March 25 – We recreate Jesus' triumphant entry into the Holy City of Jerusalem.

8:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist, Blessing of Palms, Singing and Coffee Hour.

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Eucharist, Blessing of Palms, Procession, Singing, Cuthbert's K.I.D.S. and Coffee Hour.



Maundy Thursday, March 29 – We recreate Jesus' last evening as a human on this earth.

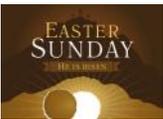
7:30 p.m. Contemporary Eucharist, Hand-washing, Stripping of the Altar.



Good Friday, March 30 - Our Christmas Tree becomes our Good Friday Cross – we meet Jesus at the cross.

10:00 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy, St. John's Passion, Singing, Hot Cross Buns at Coffee Hour.

3:00 p.m. Traditional Stations of the Cross.



Easter Sunday, April 1 – Happy Easter 复活节 – We celebrate Jesus' resurrection – He is Risen.

8:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist, Singing.

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Eucharist, Singing, Cuthbert's K.I.D.S., Youth Group, Coffee Hour, Easter Egg Hunt.



Easter 2, April 8 – We continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

8:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist.

10:00 a.m. Easter Carol Service – Through words and music we relive the events and message of Easter. The choir and readers will retell the gospel story and we will be given our commission from Jesus to go and share the good news with the whole world.

