



Summer Edition

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Sunday, June 24, 2018

Open Air Service & Picnic

10:00AM



Sunday 8th July -

Presider the Most Reverend Caleb Lawrence

Sunday 15th July -

Presider the Rev. Heather Robinson.

Formerly Rector of St John's, South Cowichan and now a priest of the Diocese

Life Together

Just as Christians should not be constantly feeling the pulse of their spiritual life, so too the Christian community has not been given to us by God for us to be continually taking its temperature. The more thankfully we daily receive what is given to us, the more assuredly and consistently will community increase and grow from day to day as God pleases”
(Dietrich Bonhoeffer – “Life Together”)



One of my “heroes” of the Christian faith of the past 100 years has been the Lutheran pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. In the 1930's he was a leading Christian voice in opposition to Hitler and the Nazi regime. When the Second World War started, he had the chance to stay in America, where he was living at the time, but chose to return to Germany, to be with his people during the war. Eventually, he was arrested for being part of a plot to assassinate Hitler, as an attempt to shorten the war and reduce the suffering of the German people, including the Jews. He was executed by the Gestapo just days before the concentration camp in which he was being held was liberated by the Allied forces.

Although he died at a relatively young age, he left behind many writings and ideas, which have continued to inspire and challenge Christians in the subsequent 70 years. One of his most influential books was called “Life Together”, which was an exploration of how Christians can live in community with one another and gives practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups.

A church is basically a Christian community; we live together, worship together and minister together. The Christian faith was never intended to be a solitary, individualistic endeavour; it was always intended to be something done in community. It began with the small community of Jesus and the 12 Apostles, although we can also see how others, such as the siblings Mary, Martha and Lazarus, or Mary Magdalene, were part of that growing community in various ways.

All that we do at St Philip's should be part of this living together in community. It is as part of our community life that we offer our time, abilities and resources for the good of the whole community, whether that be in reading lessons or leading prayers on a Sunday or keeping the church grounds free of weeds. We are all part of the community and we all have a part to play in sustaining this community.

I recently came across a rather extended section from Bonhoeffer's book which struck me afresh as being highly important and worth reading, re-reading and meditating on. I am including it in this newsletter in the hope that we can all read this and learn from Bonhoeffer's wisdom and experience as we seek to build a better community together at St Philip's.

From 'Life Together' by Dietrich Bonhoeffer:

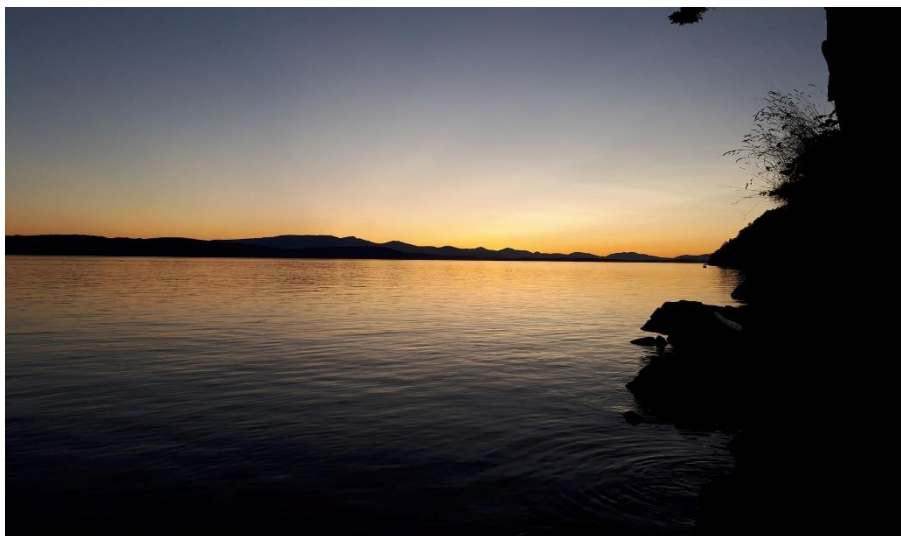
Innumerable times a whole Christian community has broken down because it had sprung from a wish dream. The serious Christian, set down for the first time in a Christian community, is likely to bring with him or her a very definite idea of what Christian life together should be and try to realise it. But God's grace speedily shatters such dreams. Just as surely as God desires to lead us to a knowledge of genuine Christian fellowship, so surely must we be overwhelmed by a great general disillusionment with others, with Christians in general, and, if we are fortunate, with ourselves.

By sheer grace God will not permit us to live even for a brief period in a dream world. He does not abandon us to those rapturous experiences and lofty moods that come over us like dream. God is not a God of the emotions but the God of truth. Only that fellowship which faces such disillusionment, with all its unhappy and ugly aspects, begins to be what it should be in God's sight, begins to grasp in faith the promise that is given to it. The sooner this shock of disillusionment comes to an individual and to a community the better for both.

A community which cannot bear and cannot survive such a crisis, which insists upon keeping its illusion when it should be shattered, permanently loses in that moment the promise of Christian community. Sooner or later it will collapse. Every human wish dream that is injected into the Christian community is a hindrance to genuine community and must be banished if genuine community is to survive. He who loves his dream of a community more than the Christian community itself becomes a destroyer of the latter, even though his personal intentions may be ever so honest and earnest and sacrificial.

Because God has already laid the only foundation of our fellowship, because God has bound us together in one body with other Christians in Jesus Christ, long before we entered into common life with them, we enter into that common life not as demanders but as thankful recipients. We thank God for what he has done for us. We thank God for giving us brothers and sisters who live by his call, by his forgiveness, and his promise. We do not complain of what God does not give us; we rather thank God for what he does give us daily.

David





Nyota Pascaline is a nurse at Nyarubuye Health Center in the Eastern Province of Rwanda. She recently received training in Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI)

from Partners in Health as part of PWRDF's All Mothers and Children Count program. The four-year project is funded by generous donors across Canada, along with a 6:1 match from Global Affairs Canada.



Since 2005 Partners in Health (PIH), which is locally known as Inshuti Mu Buzima, has been working with the Rwandan government to improve healthcare within the country. Since the end of the genocide in 1994 the country has seen its infant mortality plummet from almost 245 infant deaths per 1,000 births to now just under 40 deaths per 1,000 births in 2015, however there is still work to be done. Rwanda is in desperate need of modern medicine and healthcare, and PWRDF has collaborated with PIH to help make it a reality. PIH has worked on reducing infant malnutrition and illness, providing in-home medical support and training for volunteers and medical staff.

Training Staff

Nurse Nyota Pascaline is upgrading her skills.



In her training, Nyota learned how to assess and diagnose illnesses in children under five years old, as well as counsel parents about treatments and when to return for follow-up appointments. "I benefited a lot of things from the IMCI training that I did not have before the training," says Nyota. "The knowledge and skills that I acquired from it are very useful in my daily work."

Nyota continues to receive ongoing mentorship and support from IMCI to help her master her skills in providing medical treatment to children under five and to expand and put the skills that she learned in training to practical use. She says PIH support through the AMCC funding project, supported by PWRDF, has made a positive impact on the entire Nyarubuye Health Center in improving staff knowledge and capabilities.

Volunteers making a difference

PIH also supports a volunteer program in Rwanda called Pediatric Learning Initiative (PLI). This program trains youth who recently graduated from secondary school, typically with support from PIH, on early childhood development and the importance that play has on children's development.

PLI volunteers at Rwinkwavu District Hospital came across a young boy named Theoneste, who had recently been in an accident and was feared to have cognitive impairments as a result. Theoneste showed signs of brain damage like impaired speech, unusual behavior and forgetfulness. This was devastating to the boy's parents who praised Theoneste as a happy and healthy child prior to the accident.

Two PLI volunteers, Livine Nisingizwe and Alice Umulisa, began working with Theoneste encouraging him to play with different toys and played communication games with him. After a few days Theoneste's communication skills began to improve, he asked the volunteers to play ball with him and began to recognize his parents. After this he recovered quite quickly, thanks to Alice and Livine, who were thrilled with his progress.

Theoneste's mother was so happy to see the improvements he made and was grateful for the encouraging support of the PLI volunteers.

Home visits increase support

PIH also supports the Health Center Malnutrition Program at Nyamirama Health Center. This center has been able to provide a Social Worker home visit program, thanks to the generous support of PWRDF and its donors. This program allows social workers to observe potential causes of malnutrition that may not be obvious during hospital visits.

Saidate is a 31-year-old mother of four whose youngest daughter was enrolled in the program due to a diagnosis of Moderate Acute Malnutrition. Her daughter received SOSOMA, a porridge type food supplement high in protein, as well as oil and sugar. Saidate made the porridge for her daughter three times a day and saw her improve significantly, gaining three kilograms.

Saidate and her four children.



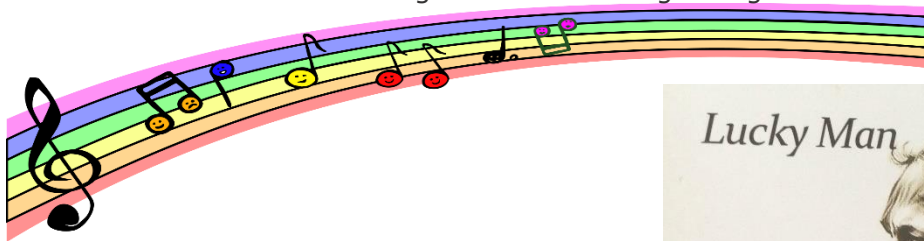
After Saidate had taken her daughter home she was visited by Isabelle, who is the social worker who conducts home visits from Nyamirama Health Center. During this visit Isabelle observed that Saidate had learned how and when to prepare a balanced meal for her children. She also observed other family issues that were not discussed during the hospital visit, such as the amount Saidate was working and that she was raising her four children alone.

"When you are facing problems in your life and when you have visitors come to your home it is comforting to me. Isabelle gave me advice on how to use even just a small amount of food to prepare a good meal and improve meal frequency for my child," Saidate said. Isabelle feels that the home visit program sponsored by PIH and PWRDF has helped to make improvements to the health of the children in the Malnutrition Program and allowed her to give better advice to parents.

Family conflicts can negatively affect a child's nutrition – conflicts such as how to spend money, how to raise children or just general stress in a home. Identifying these sources of malnutrition may not be obvious during a hospital visit but are much easier to see during home visits.

"There was a family I visited who when I arrived I realized they had been having conflicts, but the mother never mentioned it before during malnutrition visits," says Isabelle. "Since I was doing the home visit I was able to talk to the mom and dad and we resolved the conflict."

PWRDF is extremely proud of its partnership with Partners in Health and all of the life-changing work that has been done to improve the health of children and families in Rwanda and looks forward to continuing to make a lasting change.

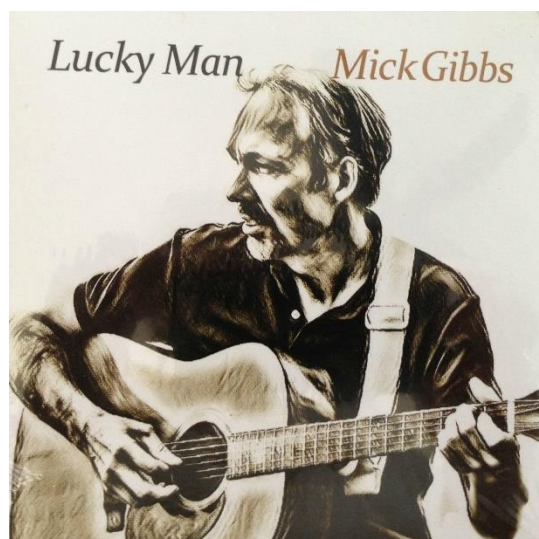


Our own Mick has recorded a wonderful CD of songs that he has written, some you will have heard in Church, some maybe not.

This are for sale at the very reasonable price of \$10, get yours today.

Contact Mick at mickgibbscomposer@gmail.com

Or call 250-327-8567



Sylia and Colin Bell



at the wedding in Hoi Ann, Vietnam of their Son Mark and Daughter-in-law Alyscia. About 60 guests attended and they had such a fun time. The sun was shining, the day was magical and the memories will last a lifetime

Roberta, Don, Britta and her partner Drew

went to visit Erik and KIRSTEN and grandkids Ari and Vaughn in Uzbekistan in March. We have over 1,500 pictures of our visit to Uzbekistan and tours along the silk road but attach only these two teasers: shadows of our family on the wall of Islam Karimov's house in Tashkent, Uzbekistan (Karimov was the first president of independent Uzbekistan) and our kids, their partners and grand kids at the Mohamed Amin Khan madrasah and minaret in Khiva.



A cute story



A little anecdote from the ladies' tea. As I was preparing my granddaughters for the Tea...braiding their hair, telling them stories of my grandmother and how she helped me learn the social

niceties...I told them the reason I wanted them to go to these kinds of events was so that they learned how to be more "civilized".

At the tea they were very well behaved and looking lovely in their pretty dresses they were admired and smiled at by all the ladies. Part way through, Taylor, the eldest, 9, learned closer to me and in a hushed voice said "nana...I noticed there are no men here. Is that because they are not civilized?" *Wendy*



The Baptism of Oscar. Grandson of Frances and Rod



In mid May our son Murray, his wife Jemma and their son Oscar came to visit us from England and we had a wonderful visit with them. Oscar was born in November 2016 and Rod and I travelled to England to

spend his first Christmas with them. When I was packing for the some lovely I'd saved since 1978 as we were would be baptised

Jemma had such a was quite poorly possible to do that, later visit.



trip, I included Christening clothes that Murray was baptised in expecting that Oscar some time during our visit. Unfortunately, difficult delivery and after, that it just wasn't so we postponed it until a



As we still didn't get to do it on our next visit there,



Jemma

asked if Oscar could be baptised

during their May visit to us, and David agreed that he would be happy to baptise him. So, as many of you witnessed, our beautiful grandson was baptised at St. Philips on Sunday, May 13th during our 10am service. Oscar was such a good little boy; he played in the library with Jude until time came in service for the baptism, and then he came out with his parents. He only ran around the altar a bit – clunking around in his new shoes, but when time came for the actual baptism he was a star and didn't flinch when David did the pouring of the water. What a super special occasion it was for us to have his baptism here on this beautiful Island. We had sandwiches and cake after the service and Oscar got to visit with some of our parishioners, showing off the lovely baby blue outfit that his mum dressed him in – he looked like such a little English boy, which of course is what he is!

Thank you all who shared this special occasion with us, and thanks to David for officiating at the service too!

Frances and Rod



That's that done says Oscar

The Church ladies had their Garage Sale on Friday April 20th and Saturday April 21st.

This time on the Saturday instead of closing the sale at 11:30am we kept the doors open until 2pm as we do on the Fridays. We cleared \$2392.00 after all expenses; the greatest amount for many years. I think keeping the doors open longer on the Saturday could well have had something to with this success, who



knows?!?!

Many thanks to all the members of the congregation who put in so many hours on the Wednesday and Thursday prior to the sale setting up, pricing and sorting the many items which come in, also the work that is put in on the days of the sale itself. the sale would not happen without all this help. Many thanks to everyone!!

Anne Henderson





The Spring Tea was held on Saturday May 5th from 1:30pm to 4pm. This was our first Spring Tea. A charge of \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children was levied. A bake table was set up as was a white elephant table. Once again, many thanks to the Ladies who set up these tables ahead of the event and worked on the day itself on these tables. Many thanks to the ladies on the previous day who set up the tables for the tea. Thanks, should also go to the Ladies who were working in the kitchen the previous day making sandwiches, buttering bread, peeling and squishing many hard-boiled eggs, mixing salmon and mayo and ham and relish to make wonderful egg, salmon and ham sandwiches which were greatly enjoyed by the people who came to the tea! There was also much cutting of the daintiest and arranging of the sandwiches onto plates on the day of the tea itself. There was much fun and laughter. The amount of money raised was \$1016.00 but after expenses we actually cleared \$758.97. *Anne Henderson*

I was just coming home and worrying about all the stuff going on in my life, my family's lives, my friends' lives, and what's happening in Washington, Moscow, North Korea, the Middle East, Hillary Clinton's scandals, Donald Trump, Fox News, CNN, MSNBC, the downgrading of our military, the terrorists infiltrating our borders, the illegals and refugees, the total disrespect for law and order, and how our country is rapidly losing it's sanity and it's Christianity.

Then I saw a yard sign that said:

NEED
HELP?
CALL JESUS

800-555-3787

*Out of curiosity and
desperation, I called the number.*

A Mexican with a leaf blower showed up.



Plant Sale



The great annual plant sale was a big success again this year. Many thanks are due to the gardeners of the church who donated not just plants but their time and energy potting up, potting on, planting seeds,



rooting cuttings and dividing perennials. The Mid-island Rose Society also very generously donated plants that they had not sold at their sale.

We were able to offer a wide variety of interesting plants and our customers made good use of the Master Gardeners who volunteered their time during the sale.

Thank you once more: to those who donated, helped set up, sell, count cash and take down; to those who came and bought; to the Master Gardeners and for the blessing of good weather.

Jude & Yvonne



NORMAN ROSEWALL: A GENEROUS ARTIST

The renovations to the original St. Phillip's By-the-Sea heritage church building in the late 1970's was a labour of love with many community members lending their skills and knowledge to breathe new life into the unique, integral part of our small community.

One of those community members was Norman Rosewall. He was born in downtown Nanaimo in 1921. In 1956, Norman bought a piece of waterfront property from his uncle in Lantzville at the bottom of Sebastian Road. He then spent the next two years building the family home while working full time and commuting from Nanaimo. He finally moved his family into their new home and into Lantzville in 1958. As a long-time resident of Lantzville, Norm was a generous and talented carpenter and carver, and his wife, Georgina was, and still is, a member of the Lantzville congregation.

The original idea was to build the furniture pieces for the church out of driftwood. To this end, in late 1975, Norm and Georgina made the driftwood Cross as a rustic nod to this plan and to pay homage to the "By-the-Sea" part of the church's name. This was the first of many pieces of art made and donated to the church.

The next piece Norman made was the Salmon carving in early 1976. This was made from a log that had washed up on the beach in front of the Rosewall's home on Sebastian Road. Norman often got the materials for his creations in this way, as storms broke apart log booms and waves pushed the logs high above the tide lines. All his works of art were made by hand in Norman's basement workshop.

During a conversation with Martin Dohm-Schmidt, the Anglican Priest newly assigned to St. Phillip's, it was decided that Norm would make some more furniture pieces for the church, the beginnings of which were the Reader's Table, Paschal candle holder and the Credence Table, all started in 1976 and worked on over the next year or so.

The next large piece was the altar, started in 1977. This intricate, stunning work of art was made from the same yellow cedar planks as the Credence Table. The six-foot altar was carved with the iconography and symbols of the church including the Cross, the Circle of Eternity, doves, the Christmas rose, the broken chains of death, bursting pomegranates, oak branches and three fish in a circle, and all resting on two lion feet.

Between 1977 and 1978, Norm also created a series of carvings of the 12 Stations of the Cross for St. Phillip's. There are 14 carvings depicting Christ on the day of His crucifixion. Each one was lovingly and faithfully created and still hang today in the "new" church of St. Phillip's By the Sea. This undertaking was more time-consuming, but Norman had some help with the initial drawings. You could say the 12 Stations became a family affair as he rushed to have them done in time for Easter 1978.

Three of the now-completed pieces, the Paschal candle holder, Credence table and altar table were dedicated May 4th, 1980.

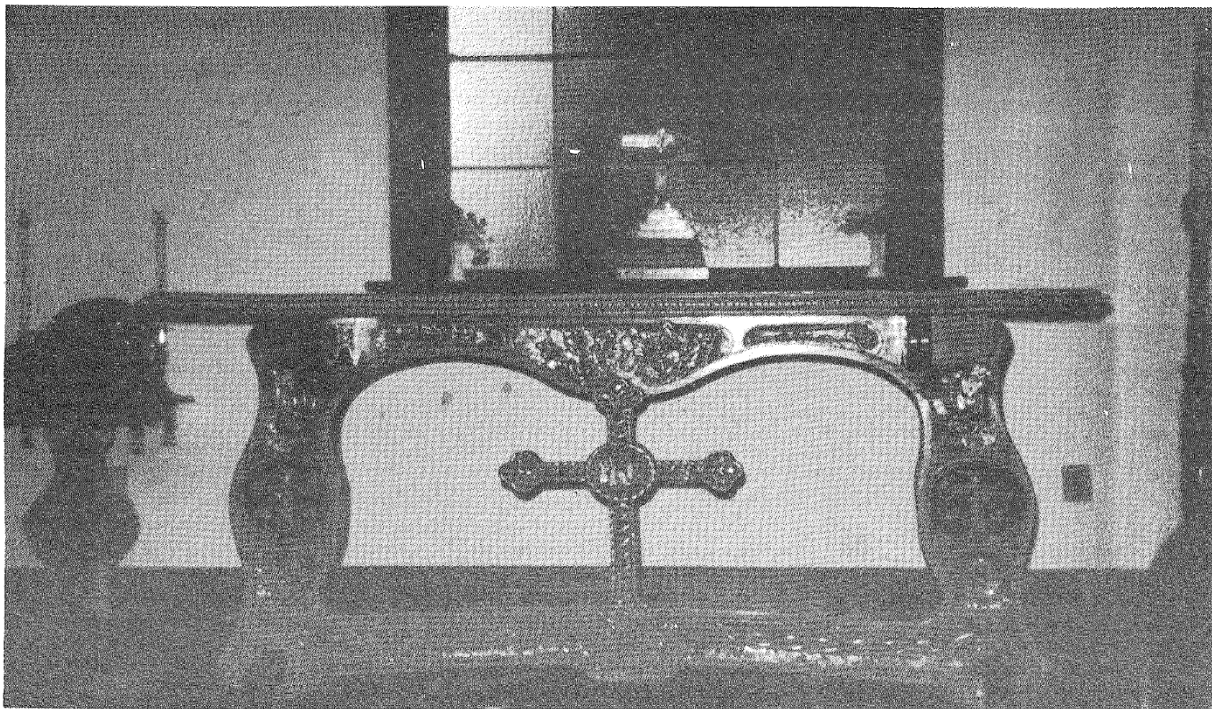
Norman spent his life as a very active member of the Lantzville community, including as a Charter member of Lantzville's Legion Branch #257. A modest man, Norm's joy was always in the creation of the piece, not in anticipation of any accolades. He and his talent were well respected both within the Lantzville community and outside of it. Norm was very pleased with how the pieces turned out, but was uncomfortable with the praise he received for this effort. Norman's artwork can be enjoyed to this day in the Church, the Lantzville Legion, and, in the homes of family and many friends



Many thanks to Georgina Rosewall, for this article and wonderful information on the carvings in our beautiful church

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For Lantzville:

NORMAN ROSEWALL ALTAR

At St. Philip's-By-The-Sea in Lantzville things are moving along at a steady pace - the congregation is growing and the renovation of the building is nearing completion. The church has been painted inside and out, the wiring has been re-done, insulation has been put into walls and ceilings, a new floor has been installed in the basement, and new carpet and specially designed light

fixtures have been installed in the church. All of these improvements have been financed by the ladies of the parish through rummage sales and teas plus grants given specifically for this purpose from legacy funds. The original plan was to build the sanctuary furnishings from driftwood - however, little did we know

at that time that we had a "master resident carver" in our midst.

Norman Rosewall was born and brought up in Nanaimo (his grandparents came over from Cornwall, England, around 1860). Norman received his schooling and has spent all of his working life, apart from service in the Navy during the war, in and around Nanaimo. In high school, so the story goes, Norman failed to pass an important course, woodworking, and was told "you will never make a carpenter." To prove the teacher wrong, Norman not only built his own home on the beach in Lantzville, but he spends a good portion of his leisure hours carving.

During the last three years he has carved a Paschal candle stand and a Credence table; his latest gift to the

church is a magnificently designed and carved altar. The credence table and altar are both carved from yellow cedar planks and the same symbols have been used for both.

The altar is designed with a single pedestal scalloped frame base and is 6 ft. x 2 ft. x 3½ ft. high. In the center of the base is a large free-floating cross Botonne, or Budded Cross, suggesting the young or immature Christian. In the center of the cross is the Iesugram "IHC" surrounded by the Circle of Eternity. In the upper corners of the frame is the dove, signifying the Holy Spirit and the Presence of God. On the sides of the frame is the symbol of St. Philip, the Budded Cross with two loaves of bread. In the lower

corners is the Christmas rose, symbolizing the Nativity of our Lord. On the lower half of the frame are the broken chains of death and just below the cross are two bursting pomegranates, symbol of the Resurrection and the power of our Lord, who was able to burst the tomb and come forth. Above the cross are Oak branches, symbolizing everlasting life. In the center of the altar top are three fish in a circle signifying that man's salvation comes from the Triune God. The whole altar rests upon two lion's feet.

This altar has added tremendously to the worship of our congregation. We are indeed blessed to have such generous talent in our midst in Lantzville.

M.D.

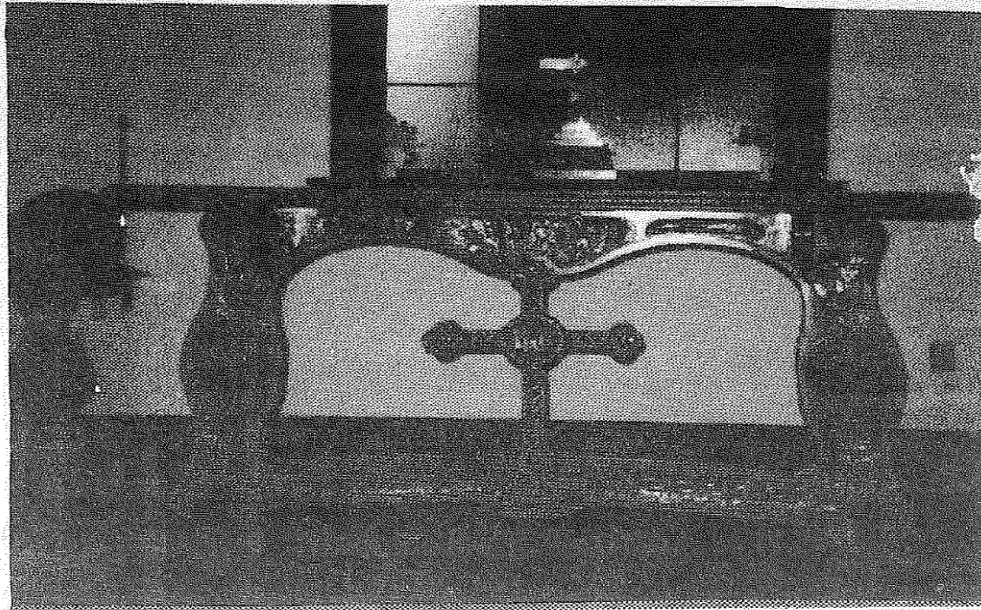
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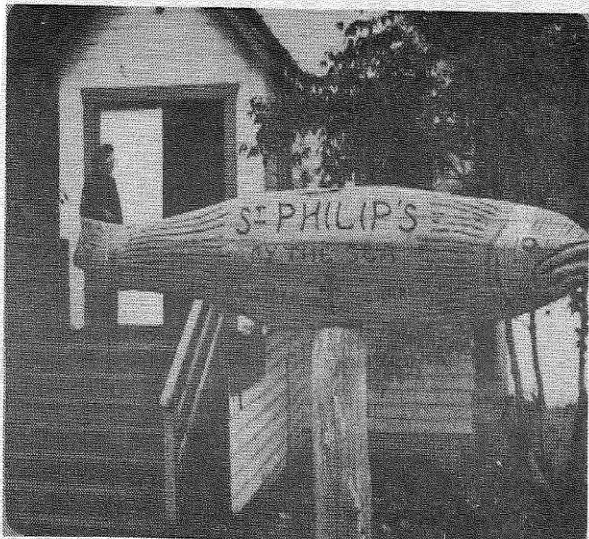
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From a cedar log washed up on a local beach Mr. Norman Rosewall carved this huge fish to enhance the church grounds and catch the eye of passing motorists.

and today





Station 04 - Jesus meets his mother.jpg



Station 05 - Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus.jpg



Station 06 - Jesus meets Veronica.jpg



Station 07 - Jesus falls for the second time.jpeg



Station 08 - Jesus meets the Women of Jerusalem.jpeg



Station 09 - Jesus falls for the third time.jpg



Station 10 - Jesus is stripped.jpg



Station 11 - Jesus is nailed to the cross.jpg



Station 12 - Jesus dies.jpg



Station 01 - Jesus Condemned.jpg



Station 02 - Jesus takes up his cross.jpg



Station 03 - Jesus falls for the first time.jpg



Station 13 - Jesus is taken down from the cross.jpg



Station 14 - Jesus is laid in the tomb.jpg