

Easter Edition

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Services for Easter 2019

The Sunday of the Passion with the liturgy of the Palms

April 14th

8 am Book of Common Prayer. 10 am – Contemporary Service - Palm Procession beginning outside

Maundy Thursday

April 18th

7 pm Meditation, Foot Washing and Communion

Good Friday

April 19th

10:00 am Way of the Cross

Holy Saturday

April 20th

8 pm The Great Vigil held at St. Paul's, Nanaimo

Easter Sunday

April 21st

*8:00 am Sunrise Service at the beach (at Oar Road)
10:00 am Easter Service with the Flower Cross*

Being disciples of Jesus

As you may know, Bishop Logan has called for our diocese of islands and inlets to enter into what he calls a “season of discipleship”; a time to reflect upon what we understand by the term “discipleship” and also to take whatever actions we need, as individuals and as congregations, to deepen and strengthen our discipleship. How can we become better disciples of Jesus Christ? What does it mean for me – here and now – to be a follower of the way of Jesus?

I have been thinking for some time about these kinds of ideas. Discipleship is a word that we may throw around from time to time, assuming that we all know what is meant by it. Sometimes, we may also assume that discipleship looks the same for everyone; that there is a particular pattern that we all have to adhere to.

I want to take things back to the most basic concepts. For me, being a disciple of Jesus Christ is simply about deciding to walk the way of Jesus, following his teachings and trying to live my life as someone who, through Jesus, is connected to the very life of God. Disciples come in all sorts of shapes and sizes; disciples may do very different things; but at the heart of it all, I think that there are a number of common factors that unite all disciples.

First of all, a disciple is one who takes time to pray; one who prays individually and with others; one who prays especially the prayer that Jesus taught his followers to pray.

Secondly, a disciple is one who pays attention to the Bible; one who reads the Bible for themselves and engages with it, seeking to discern what is good and right and holy through that engagement.

Thirdly, a disciple is one who is active in some way; one who continues to seek ways to put their faith into action. Faith is never a passive, private matter; it affects all that we do.

And fourthly, a disciple is one who gives generously of their time, their abilities and their resources; they give to the church as the community of disciples and they give to others as a way of demonstrating how they share God's compassion for the world.

For me, this “season of discipleship” is about asking some very simple and yet

vitaly important questions of ourselves:

- * How do I deepen my own discipleship of Christ?
- * How do we, as a community of disciples, deepen our communal discipleship?
- * How do we encourage others to join us in being disciples of Jesus?

Perhaps, as we move through Lent towards the joy of Easter, you might like to take some time to ponder on these questions for yourself. Identify ONE step that you can take to deepen your own sense of being a disciple. Identify ONE step that you think we could take as a church to deepen a sense of being a community of disciples.

Let us continue to dedicate ourselves to live together as followers of the Risen Christ. Alleluia!



The Mid Island Rose Society is having its annual sale of perennials, shrubs and annuals on Saturday, April 27th at 5128 Parton Dr. Nanaimo from 8am to 2pm.

Most of the proceeds are for charities. Last year a total of \$2,000 was given to an assortment of local charities.

The Rose Society meets on the third Monday of most months in the North Nanaimo Library meeting room and new members are always welcome.



For more info phone Barbara Samarin 250-390-2805



SWEET MEMORIES

St. Philip's by the Sea Sunday school circa 1970's, anyone remember any one here?



HOLY HUMOUR

During these serious and troubled times, people of all faiths should remember these four great religious truths:

- 1. Muslims do not recognize Jews as God's Chosen People.**
- 2. Jews do not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.**
- 3. Protestants do not recognize the Pope as the leader of the Christian world.**
- 4. Baptists do not recognize each other at the liquor store.**



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Rose Ellen Lawrence

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than wedding halls. The walls of
hospitals have heard more prayers
than the walls of churches.

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you love. Life is
so very precious.

PWRDF

Do you know the mission statement of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund?

A graphic with a purple background. On the left is the PWRDF logo, a globe with colored segments and the text 'PWRDF' below it. To the right of the logo, the text 'Mission Statement' is written in white. Below this, the mission statement is written in white text: 'As an instrument of faith, PWRDF connects Anglicans in Canada to communities around the world in dynamic partnerships, to ADVANCE development, RESPOND to emergencies, ASSIST refugees and ACT for positive change.' To the right of the purple box is a photograph of a young girl with a bright smile, wearing a floral patterned top.

*The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is **your** social action branch and as such does much to help Anglicans understand the work done to fulfill this mission. You can read about current work in "Under the Sun" the PWRDF insert in the Anglican Journal three times a year. It is exciting work which positively affects the lives of thousands of people in various countries around the world.*

Thank you to those who purchased gifts through the World of Gifts. Many gifts are still available for purchase for Father's Day, Mother's Day or to celebrate birthdays etc. It is a wonderful way to give a gift for those who do not need any more material things!

PWRDF does not just do work around the world and in indigenous communities in Canada. It provides learning opportunities for Anglicans here in Canada. During Advent many of us received daily reflections on Women in the Bible entitled "Empowering and Empowered Women" and coming up soon is the Lenten resource for this year ... I have received this every year for several years and find it helpful.

Lent 2019 Resource

*PWRDF's Lenten resource, *Our Lenten Journey through the Waters of Baptism*, provides an opportunity to pray, act and give while deepening your understanding of the work of PWRDF and partners. Go to the [website](#) to download the PDF (available March 4) or (as I do) subscribe are there signing up have a look at some of the featured stories or watch the videos. Here is a story to receive a reflection in your*

inbox every day. The website is PWRDF.org. While you are signing up have a look at some of the featured stories or watch the videos. Here is a story you can read there:

For Rwandan farmers no two growing seasons are alike and dealing with unpredictable weather can mean a struggle to maintain a healthy farm. When crops fail in areas that are already impoverished, results can be catastrophic.

Amazina Nyiramaronko is a farmer in the Kayonza district of Rwanda where she is the caretaker for her five grandchildren who help her around the farm, but when crop yields are small, she struggles to feed her family.

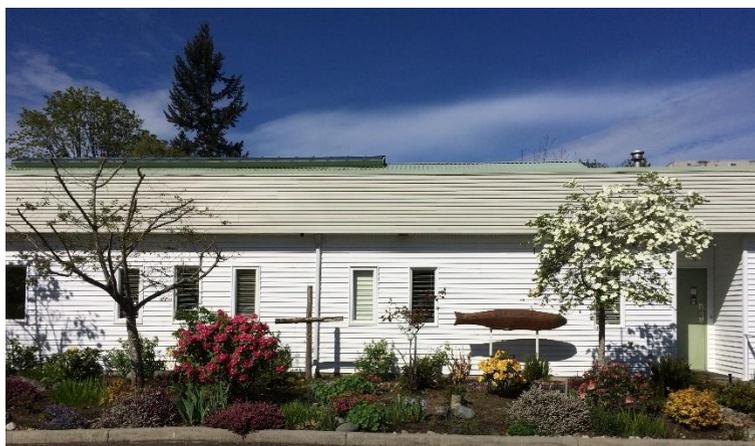
Recognizing Amazina's need, PWRDF partner, Partners in Health (PIH) enrolled her in their Program on Social and Economic Rights (POSER) program, a food security program that is assisting 2,500 families across three districts in Rwanda. The program is supported by PWRDF's All Mothers and Children Count Program with a 6:1 match from Global Affairs Canada.

Since her enrollment in the POSER program Amazina and her grandchildren have learned a variety of sustainable farming techniques which have significantly increased her crop yield year after year. Not only has she learned about farming she has also learned about dietary diversity and the importance of nutrition for proper health and growth.

Amazina's new, larger crop yields have allowed her to increase her household income significantly. She has been able to pay for health insurance for her grandchildren and has even opened a savings account where she saves about \$10 US per month. She's also helped improve the livelihoods of others in her community by hiring neighbors to work on her farm.

With her new income Amazina said she would like business skills and to know how to better manage her money. In response PIH is helping to provide training programs to help POSER program beneficiaries to manage their money better.

When asked if she would like to say anything to Canada Amazina clapped her hands enthusiastically and with a big smile said, "Thank you, thank you, thank you!" "Don't forget us," she continued. "I will never forget what you have given my family. Please pay it forward and continue to help. I request you receive blessings from Almighty God".



The Gardening Group

The flower beds around the church are maintained by a small group of volunteers

The ladies of the group do the weeding, shrub pruning and planting and if you would like to join us please

talk to any of the people named below, we would love to have you, there are too few of us.

If you have a plant which you would like planted in the church beds, please talk to Anne Tennant or Jude Chillman so that we can decide the best spot. The church gardens are a peaceful spot in which to get some fresh air or a little exercise and a chance to add beauty to our environment.

Our group consists of Anne Tennant, Ellen Davies, Mary and Nicole McDaid, Anne Henderson and Wendy Elliott.

The Plant Sale is on Saturday May 11th from 9 am until 2 pm, so now is the time to set aside plants when you split your perennials, herbs, rhubarb and berries. Shrubs and small trees are very welcome, also annuals and edibles. Tell your neighbours we would like donations of plants and pots for transplants. Don't discard your pots if you purchase plants from nurseries, leave them neatly stacked by the shed to be used by anyone who has plants to donate.





Garage Sale St. Philip by the Sea

GARAGE SALE -APRIL 12 - 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

- SAT. APRIL 13 - 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Your church needs you.

Garage Sale setup - Weds. April 10 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Thurs. April 11 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

We are very sorry, **but we are unable to accept:**

Mattresses, Bed Pillows, TVs, Suitcases or Computers.

We do accept gently used clothing and bedding, kitchen items, toys, baby items

All help is greatly appreciated even if you come for just an hour or two. We also need a couple of strong people, men or women, to help price tools and electrical items.

On Wed. April 10 at 9:00, we will need as many people as possible to remove chairs to the storage room and to setup tables in the body of the church.

On Wed. and Thurs. we will need help to sort and price items for sale. If you can stay for a while, bring a can of soup for the pot to share at lunch time. This is a time for the people of the parish to get together and have fun and fellowship that comes from doing something together.

We will accept items for sale from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and 5:00pm to 7:00 pm on Wed. April 10 and 9:00 am to 3:00pm on Thurs. April 11.

We will need extra help on Sat. April 12 at 2:00 pm to pack up leftover items and set up the church for Sunday services.

As you can see, we will have a very busy four days. This is a very big fundraiser for our church. The Church Ladies Group are organizing this project but without all our parishioners we will not be able to make this happen. Any help on any of these four days is appreciated.

If you need items picked up, please contact Catherine Cembella - ph. 250 - 585 - 8309 or e-mail - donaldcembella@yahoo.ca

SPRING TEA & BAKE APRIL 27

Sale and Gift Table is on Saturday, April 27 from 1:30 to 4:00 with setup and sandwich making on Friday, April 26 and the morning of April 27.

The prices for the Tea are: Adults \$10:00, children age –6–12 - \$5:00 and children 5 and under are free. We gratefully accept donations of baking for the Bake Sale from the Parish and friends. Any help with the Spring Tea would be muchly appreciated also please contact Catherine Cembella – ph. 250 - 585 - 8309 or e-mail - donaldcembella@yahoo.ca



*On the left Great Granddaughter **Eloise** with her Aunty Katie & Uncle Charlie*



*This is **Charlotte**, our second Great Grandchild, born to our Grandson Greg & his wife Jamie pictured with our daughter, Sally on the right*



*"They ploughed the roads and scattered rock salt on the ground;
but it just kept on snowing: my car is now a
mound."*

On Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th of February,
Nanaimo and Lantzville (along with most of the
Island) experienced a very heavy fall of snow.



On the
Tuesday morning, I
managed to make it to the
church briefly, by driving as far as Petsmart and
then walking down Lantzville Road from there.
I managed to take these photos as a reminder of
the stunning scenes. Within a couple of months, of
course, we will all



have forgotten the snow and be grumbling



about
heatwaves and
the dangers of
forest fires.
Such is life on
the Island!



David

A little garden on a bleak hillside

*Where deep the heavy, dazzling mountain snow
Lies far into the spring. The sun's pale glow
Is scarcely able to melt patches wide
About the single rose bush. All denied
Of nature's tender ministries. But no,
For wonder-working faith has made it blow
With flowers many hued and starry-eyed.
Here sleeps the sun long, idle summer hours;
Here butterflies and bees fare far to rove
Amid the crumpled leaves of poppy flowers;
Here four o'clocks, to the passionate night above
Fling whiffs of perfume, like pale incense showers.
A little garden loved with a great love.*

Amy Lowell 1874–1925

It's not too late to donate!

Anything, absolutely anything, garden-related in good condition that you do not want will be happily taken off your hands and put in the **Great Big Annual St Philip's Plant Sale** which is on **Saturday 11 May** from **9.00am–2.00pm**.

If you can donate any garden tools, decorations, plants etc. please bring them along to the church on **Friday 10 May between 2.00pm and 5.00pm** when we will be setting up for the sale. If you are unable to deliver please contact **Jude Chillman** (jude.chillman@shaw.ca or 250 585 1345) or **Yvonne Downey** (yvonedowney@shaw.ca or 250 751 7897) and they will arrange collection. Donations of a non-organic variety can also be dropped off at the church when convenient – please put them tidily beside the shed.

Great Big Annual St Philip's Plant and Garden Sale



WHEN: SATURDAY 11 MAY, 9AM–2PM

WHERE: ST PHILIP-BY-THE-SEA ANGLICAN CHURCH,

7113 LANTZVILLE RD, LANTZVILLE, BC V0R 2H0

Fantastic bargains in locally-grown plants, seeds, garden tools and decor.

Master gardeners will be with us through the day to help with your gardening questions.

Shrove Tuesday – Preparing For Lent



Tuesday, March 5th continued a long tradition of community outreach for St. Philip-by-the-Sea Parish. It was Shrove Tuesday, commonly known as “Pancake Tuesday” and the men of the Parish were at their best in preparing a “Fat Tuesday” feast for parishioners, friends and neighbours in the Lantzville neighbourhood. Under the leadership of Leo Lawrence and Malcolm Atkinson food was bought and prepared, tasks were assigned, and everything made ready, all in a spirit of happy banter, joking and

anticipation. Several spouses were seen around the edges, giving advice and offering information and suggestions, and a number of children were enlisted to roam the dining area to serve, clear up, and help everyone enjoy the gathering.



All was ready for the 5:00 opening – the dinner time squeezed in between a mid afternoon bridge card playing group and an evening



singing group (the St. Philip building is a busy community event centre!), and people started arriving. There were elders and young people, families and singles, all lining up to feast on the fresh fluffy pancakes and the hot tray of sausages. The tables saw people talking, sharing, getting to know one another in the midst of the meal (with many coming to the food counter for seconds – and even thirds!)

It was made clear that there was no charge for the meal, but that donations would be welcome. Those who could, did, and the generosity was tremendous. More than \$400.00 was received, much more than was needed to cover costs, with the netted amount supporting the ongoing ministry of the parish. In addition, several people browsed through the recent setup book section and went away with interesting reading material, including the complete poems of Robert Service ("There are strange things done 'neath the midnight sun, by the men who toil for gold ...").



All in all, a great gathering around tables, and much appreciation and compliments accorded to those who provided the food and friendship. It was what a church community can be, and is meant to be, reflecting God's love for all in this small corner of God's world.



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THE THIRTEENTH MONTH!!!!

Stewardship is “**managing God’s house**”, and right now St Philip’s is doing this important task on a shoestring, with little to no reserves, or savings in the bank for emergencies, or dry spells, and very little being devoted to Outreach.

Two years ago, your Stewardship and Finance Committee met and discussed how we might start doing a better job of “managing God’s house”? Our first step was to re-emphasize the need for regular, and dependable revenues through the promotion of the Electronic Collection Plate. We are pleased to report that quite a number of you have listened, electing to adopt this approach and have signed up. Congratulations to those folks, and we urge more of you to consider the Electronic Collection Plate for your monthly giving.

So, we were on the right path; a more sustained source of revenue.

Then we introduced the concept of a “Thirteenth Month”, and in 2017 and 2018 this initiative was fairly successful in generating funds for the Operating Reserve. The funds donated to date, which amount to just over \$8,000, are still being held in the Operating Reserve, and could be applied to this year’s forecast deficit; but then we would be back to where we were two years ago – facing a deficit with no reserves.

In the opinion of your Council, St. Philip’s is close to being “one pay cheque away from financial disaster”. We have about one month’s expenses in the Operating Reserves, so we need to do something more right now.

As I said on Sunday at the AGM, it would not take very much to address this year’s deficit; folks could consider adding the equivalent of a cup of coffee to their weekly offering, or we could each embrace the idea of the Thirteenth Month by providing an extra contribution that is the equivalent to our normal monthly donation. Some of you might like the first idea, but the Thirteenth Month would, in my mind, be easier for most of us – especially those of us who don’t drink coffee.

So, you might ask: “How can I do this?” If you are able, you could make a one-time extra “monthly” contribution by putting that extra month’s contribution in a separate envelope marked “13th Month” and placing it in the offering. If each of us were to add that extra month, no matter what our normal monthly contribution might be, we would raise our revenues

nearly \$12,000 which would allow us to once again focus on our Outreach efforts which we have been sadly neglecting these past few years.

Please consider this; pray about it; become a good steward of God's house, and let's get St. Philip's focusing outward and contributing more of our efforts to God's greater world.

Respectfully

Tony

Kirsty McIlwaine & Ian Montgomery's son!



Nanaimo-born Callum Montgomery was taken fourth overall by FC Dallas in the MLS Super Draft Friday morning. Photo courtesy University of North Carolina Charlotte.

A budding soccer star born in Nanaimo had his name called early in the 2019 Major League Soccer Super Draft Friday morning in Chicago.

Callum Montgomery was chosen fourth overall by FC Dallas, following four seasons at the University of North Carolina Charlotte. Montgomery is also a former player and captain of the Victoria Highlanders Football Club. He is the fourth former Victoria Highlanders player drafted into the MLS.

An Arctic Homecoming

By Caleb Lawrence

As many of you know, Maureen and I began our married life in the Diocese of the Arctic, specifically in the community of Great Whale River on the southeast coast of Hudson Bay in Northern Quebec. I had earlier spent two summers on that coast while a student in university and came to know the area and its people while working with them to construct a new church and mission house. Prior to my graduation the Cree people asked the Bishop if I could come back as their minister. (They had a priest there, but his work was focussed on the Inuit and learning their language.) Great Whale River was and is a unique community made up of largely Inuit and Cree First Nations, with a much smaller number of non-indigenous people, both French and English.

To make a long story short, I moved there in early 1965 to begin almost 15 years as part of this wonderful mix of races, languages and cultures, almost all of whom were members of the Anglican Church. Through the years we journeyed together to understand what it meant to be a Christian community made up of people (Inuit and Cree) who historically had regarded each other as aliens – even enemies. Maureen and I were married in July of the following year. Our three children were all born in the north and were regarded as fully members of the community. While ministry could not be described as easy, and sometimes even frustrating, we were blessed beyond measure. Together we reached out to each other across barriers of language, cultures and entrenched presuppositions about one another. We gained new insights into what it meant to be a Christian believer, to share Christ's love openly and grow together in how to live that out in all kinds of ways in practical day to day situations. We laughed and celebrated together, and we wept together through times of death and tragedy. We found our strongest personal support through times of sickness, accident, dispute and misunderstanding. We learned together, through worship in the languages of the people, Bible studies and Sunday Schools, and leadership training programmes. Lay and volunteer support was the backbone of parish vitality and strength. The parish became completely self supporting financially, and its outreach was among the strongest in the diocese.

39 years after leaving Great Whale River, the community invited us back. The community leaders had organized a week-long Awareness Programme, with a number of resource people giving presentations on dealing with developments and social issues. We were asked to participate as we were familiar with the situation back in the 1970s and before the James Bay Agreement of 1975 gave resources and autonomy to communities in the area to develop self government and self reliance as First Nations/Aboriginal peoples in that part of Northern Quebec.

Caleb and Tracy



Although we had maintained contact with a number of people, our arrival back in the community itself was a pleasant shock in many ways. We were amazed at the modern infrastructure all around. People live in comfortable homes with all modern conveniences and internet access to the outside world. In the community students have access to education through high school with predominately local teachers. There is a large sports complex with auditorium, gymnasium, indoor hockey rink and a swimming pool. Two stores offer a wide variety of goods, and there is a restaurant and even a Tim Horton coffee shop!

Maureen with friends

Beyond the physical structures however, it was the people who welcomed us with open arms. Since we last resided there a whole generation has been born, and now have families of their own. Another generation has all but passed, as many of those who had been leaders and elders in our time are now gone. Between the two we reconnected with those who included some of our godchildren and namesakes. To make connections we were constantly asking "Who were your parents" – or "grandparents??" We were able to visit some people



in their homes, to reminisce about times past, pray together and catch up in many ways. In the Awareness Week sessions, we shared slide presentations of scenes and people taken in the 1960s and 70s and took part in wide ranging question and answer sessions, largely in the Cree language. We were invited to lunch with elders in their modern support facility, and I was asked to preach and lead services in their modern church. The week passed all too quickly, and on the last evening the auditorium was filled with families who had gathered to be with us for an evening of song, visiting, feasting and gift giving. The next day many people crowded the departure area of the modern airport to bid us farewell. We left behind the ice and snow of the approaching winter and flew home

to the balmy temperatures of mid November Vancouver Island, exhausted but renewed by our reconnection with wonderful people with whom we had the privilege of sharing a major part of our lives.

LITTLE CHURCH MOUSE

STRESS COMES FROM
TRYING TO DO IT ALL ON
YOUR OWN,

peace

COMES FROM
PUTTING IT ALL
IN GOD'S HANDS



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Starting on Ash Wednesday through March 9, we will pray for The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) and its 60 years of ministry. Each of the following weeks, starting on Sundays, will begin with a statement from the baptismal covenant. These statements will focus our reflection, prayer, knowledge of and giving to PWRDF. Stories about the work of PWRDF partners in Canada and around the world will highlight programs that are supported by your generous donations. *You will receive a reflection every morning at 8 a.m. EST.*

As baptized Christians, we are called to live a life of reflection, prayer and giving. May this resource strengthen your faith and expand your knowledge of the ministry of PWRDF. Blessings for a Holy Lent and Easter.

Archdeacon Charlene Taylor

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[HTTPS://PWRDF.ORG/GET-INVOLVED/LENT2019/](https://pwrdf.org/get-involved/len2019/)

Every year PWRDF shares both Advent and Lenten journeys through daily reflections by email. Last Advent I shared this information with some members of the parish and had very positive feedback. I decided to forward this to you in the hope that you might find it a worthwhile daily reflection and preparation for Easter. If you wish to subscribe (free of course) please contact Maureen at mpicjl@shaw.ca