



# The Flame and The Cross

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St George's Church

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## *Rector's reflections at Vestry*

**I** thank all of us, the people of St George's. We have been faithful and energetic in ways big and small, all known by God. I have enjoyed sharing ministry with many of you and look forward to continuing to work with and amongst you in the year ahead. I can't begin to number all the ways people serve here; it all adds up to a huge amount of work being done for God. Thank you also for your loving support of me and my family in the past year, practically, prayerfully, with words of encouragement and gestures of love. In addition, because of the faithfulness and generosity of all of us, the community has been supported and we have ended the year not only with great accomplishments, but with a modest surplus.

Glory to God  
whose power working  
in us can do infinitely  
more  
than we can ask or  
imagine!

**M**ost of all, I thank God for his faithfulness in caring for St George's.

Our outgoing wardens deserve our particular thanks. All have served with incredible energy and dedication.

- Philippe Aussel: we have been blessed by your presence on the Leadership Team this past year. You have worked hard and given us much. After a hard year, it is right for you to take time right now.
- Ann Cumyn and Sue Winn have both served for a number of years with huge energy. Being a warden is a thankless task. When things are going well, all the credit goes to someone else. When problems arise, you get all the blame. You have helped this church navigate successfully through the departure of a minister, an interregnum, a search process, an induction of a new minister, all of which have been a huge amount of work. Moreover, because of your efforts, the building is in better repair, the organization is more organized and the ministry we share is richer and fuller. No one much likes boundaries and being organized, but without sound organization a ministry cannot function.

I am particularly thankful that God has brought us Kisha. When she came our way, I got down on my knees and gave thanks to God. She is someone who not only works with energy, vision and personality, but her foundation is her living faith in Jesus Christ. She is someone who, along with our precious Sunday School teachers, is leading our young people into faith in Jesus Christ.



*Neil*

## *Michelle Eason*

is someone we all remember with affection as our last curate and interregnum rector.



She now has her own parish, St Michael and All Angels, Pierrefonds, where she was inducted by the Ven. Michael Johnson on 20 January, 2011.

The service was well attended by members of St George's, clergy of the diocese and theological students, including her husband Lorne and our own Nicholas Pang.

# eadership Team

The expanded Leadership team has continued its work. This past year Philippe Aussel was welcomed to the team as Deputy People's Warden. Continuing as wardens were Susan Winn, Ann Cumyn and Jimmie Skerget. The team includes Kevin Glasgow as Treasurer, Gerry Zampini as Parish Council Chair and Richard Howarth as minute taker.



Many things were accomplished during this year; however the building continues to require necessary and cosmetic attention. Regarding the latter, an anonymous donation has been received to improve the men's and women's washrooms. The work is being carried out as this report is being written. From the outside, the church now looks cared for and welcoming. There is still work required within the tower and the flat roof over the office entrance needs to be redone.

A request for a grant to install washrooms for the handicapped was submitted to the Federal Government. Unfortunately it was not granted. We were unable to include an elevator or other type of access as the grant for which we applied had a maximum of \$75,000. The next round of Government monies available was for large projects with a minimum of \$500,000! It is expected that there will be a future opportunity to apply for a grant that will enable us to put in both washrooms for the handicapped and an elevator. The design of the stairs makes them completely unsuitable for chair lifts.

The leadership team has found time to review our mission and activities. Last spring we had a Parish Day facilitated by the Rev. Eleanor Caruana, incumbent of St James, Hudson. During this day we looked at our talents and how they fitted the various aspects of our parish life. We were reminded that enthusiastic church members were essential for things to happen.

Neil, Sue and Ann attended a stewardship workshop put on by the Diocese in October. Among the interesting ideas presented were the use of a narrative budget, the concept that members of a church should work towards giving 2% of their net income (that is income after all deductions) and the possibility of giving through pre-authorized deductions. The leadership team believes that these ideas should be part of the discussion for the next stewardship campaign.

The team would like to thank Sue, Ann and Philippe who are stepping down; we know they will still be around to help where needed.

## Lenten Lunches

are held at Christ Church, Beaurepaire on the six consecutive Wednesdays in Lent. They are served from 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

St George's is responsible for the lunch on 30 March this year; I hope you will come and have lunch with us. Or perhaps treat a friend to lunch on any Wednesday in Lent.

A hearty soup, bread-roll, cheese, dessert, coffee or tea are served. The cost is \$7.00.

All proceeds go to the PWRDF: a very worthwhile cause. Last year almost \$4,000 was raised by the five churches involved. It is a pleasant and easy way to reach out and increase our commitment to Mission.

As with all fundraising, success is not achieved alone; involvement by the Parish is essential. It really isn't a lot of work and many hands make the work easier and fun. With this in mind I will be asking for help; the opportunities are included below.

*Sue Tweddell*

## Opportunities

To help on the day from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. involves preparation, serving lunch and clean-up.

To help with baking beforehand. Many squares are needed for dessert.

To give us a donation to off-set the cost of making the soup. I make 5 large pots of soup (this year minestrone) in the church kitchen to serve approximately 120 people.

Paul and I will coordinate St George's day which is on 30 March.

Please let us know at 514 457 5397 if you are interested in helping or sign up on the sheet provided at the back of the church or downstairs. THANK YOU.

To help our **Shrove Tuesday** dinner. Sue Winn needs sausages, Richard Howarth needs pancake skillets and Donna Howarth needs pancake mix.



To help our **Seder Supper** on Maundy Thursday. Batches of stew need to be made at home; consult June Woodward at 694-7231 or [<june55@hotmail.com>](mailto:june55@hotmail.com)

*mea epistula quadragesimae coniuncta est.*

## Lent 2011

Dear Friends,

As we approach Lent for another year, we are reminded that our Christian lives have different seasons, each of which take on different characters. Christmas and Easter are times of joy and praise, Advent a time of expectation. Lent is an opportunity to truthfully look at our lives in relation to God. It is a deeply personal time, in which each one of us takes ourselves aside, into a quiet place, to be with God. Chapter 49 of the Rule of St Benedict (my favourite book by my favourite author) focuses on Lenten observance. It begins-

*Although the life of a monk  
ought to have about it at all times  
the character of a Lenten observance,  
yet since few have the virtue for that,  
we therefore urge that during the actual days of Lent  
the brethren keep their lives most pure  
and at the same time wash away during these holy days  
all the negligences of other times.*



Lent is an opportunity for us to re-examine our lives and think about those un-Christ-like behaviours we surrender to. Habit can be a great force for good or ill, and Lent offers a chance to shed bad habits and form good ones. St Benedict also says-

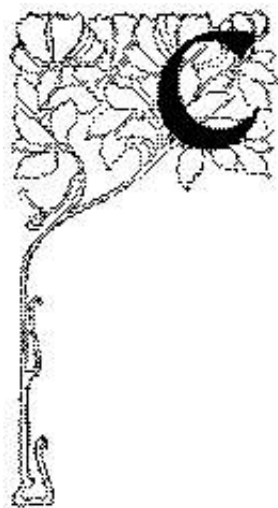
*During these days, therefore,  
let us increase somewhat the usual burden of our service,  
as by private prayers and by abstinence in food and drink.  
Thus everyone of his own will may offer God  
"with joy of the Holy Spirit" (1 Thess. 1:6)  
something above the measure required of him.*

Notice the words 'offer' and 'joy'. Lent is not a miserable season where we do without things in a trade off with God. Lent is a season when we give ourselves as a more perfect gift to the One whom we love and who has given Himself to us, a ransom for many.

Yours

 + *eil*





# Coming up: our holiest Season

Shrove Tuesday	8 March	5.00 p.m.	Pancake supper with sausages (if we have sufficient donations).
Ash Wednesday	9 March	7.00 p.m.	Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes.
Palm Sunday	17 April	8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion. Choral Eucharist and distribution of palms.
Maundy Thursday	21 April	5.30 p.m.	Seder supper, stripping of the altar followed by Gethsemane watch.
Good Friday	22 April	11.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Solemn Eucharist. Celebration of the Lord's Passion.
Easter Day	24 April	8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion. Choral Eucharist.

Other dates to remember:

- Every Wednesday in Lent, from 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m., lunches will be served at Christchurch Beaurepaire.
- Saturday, 9 April from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. will be Sunday School Craft Day.
- Friday nights, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. beginning on 11 March in the Chapel, Liz Carter has arranged for a unique, DVD-driven study, bringing the passion and resurrection of Jesus to life through dramatic storytelling and challenging teaching done in a highly cinematic style.

For more information contact Liz Carter, 514-426-2341, [lizzi36@yahoo.com](mailto:lizzi36@yahoo.com)

**Note** that the above calendar will be available in the church on a book mark in the pews. You might like to save this page and the two following for future reference.

**Also**, the editors would be very grateful for feedback from the congregation on this and all previous newsletters. Flowers or fulminations to <[htunmer@sympatico.ca](mailto:htunmer@sympatico.ca)> In addition, they acknowledge how unlike our parish is from the cartoon.

