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The Journey At St. Matthew's

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EASTER 2022

"We are called to share God's love as we welcome and care for our community"



A Message from Our Rector

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Easter proclamation signals a 50-day season of joy, culminating with the Feast of Pentecost (June 5, this year). Celebrating with family and friends. Feasting on good food. These are beautiful ways of observing the Easter season, but we are also invited to use these great fifty days to reflect on the meaning of Christ's resurrection. This may seem like an impossible task; after all, many people have attempted to do this only to come away with a sense that the resurrection is a mystery that can never be fully understood. Fair enough. Even so, we might ask ourselves: How does the raising of Jesus alter our understanding of ourselves? How does it alter our understanding and our hope for the future? What is the characteristic or shape of this future that we are all moving towards? **What exactly is "risen life"?** You see... once we get started, the questions keep coming! And this is a good thing, because it indicates that we are actually taking our faith seriously, and looking for ways of connecting what we believe with our everyday existence.

In his book **Surprised by Hope**, N.T. Wright notes that if we were to take away the biblical stories of the birth of Jesus, we would lose only two chapters of Matthew and two of Luke. However, take away the resurrection, and we lose the entire New Testament as well as most of the second century Christian writings. The resurrection is a life-changing, world-altering event. Please consider exploring the fullness of its meaning by using these 50 days to enter into some intentional work. This can be done by reflecting on some of the dimensions or implications of Jesus' resurrection, for example from all four gospels, and reviewing some of the abundant resources available in the topic (see follow up on p. 8).

Rejoicing with you in the life of the risen Saviour, the one who changes EVERYTHING,

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Our Anglican World

Learning, Covid19 Updates,
World Relief, and ... Soup

More on pages 5-8 ...

The yellow and blue colour theme, and Easter Egg (*Pysanky*) were chosen for this issue in solidarity with the people of Ukraine (see p. 13)

From Our Parish Council



MEETING NOTES: 2022/03/16

Hello Fellow Parishioners! Well, we're almost there! We had all our snow in February, and March has been too cold for the most part. Now that it's April, maybe it will warm up a bit more. Spring is a time of awakening.

Your parish council has been meeting every month over this winter. Here's what's been happening since our last report:

Finances— We currently carry a deficit of approximately **\$5,200**. Our Apportionment payment contributions are up to date.

Correspondence— Update on Diocesan Covid Guidelines: As of April 12, 2022, we will have more latitude for capacity and the use of our space; we will proceed with small steps. Letter from the Primate thanking us for our contribution to the Council of the North; we raised \$1330.00 from the Advent Soup Lunches, and Bake Sale.

Property— Door Security equipment is to be installed, and eavestrough repair information is currently being gathered. Our parking lot is in need of repair. Over time, we have had it sealed along with some spot-repairs, however, it has been years since it was resurfaced and doing so will be at a greater expense than the roof renovation. We need to create a priority list of current needs for repairs in the church property. On a positive note, the parish crafters' craft room has had an organizational face-lift and re-labelling of supplies. The hall storage room and stage area are next on the list. Thanks to Danielle Richer, Deb French, Nadine Donlon and Carol Caverzan for undertaking these projects.

Deacon Reports— Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick reports our continued Marlborough School Nutrition Program ministry, and backpack ministry for inmates. Rev'd Glenda Fisher continues her pastoral care ministry, and has re-instated in-person visits (respecting our diocesan guidelines).

New Business—

April 25 – May 8:	Rev'd Andreas will be on vacation.
May 15 – 16:	Diocesan Synod will be held in London.
May 30 & June 6:	Canterbury Elder College will be using the hall (for details, see p. 5)
June 2:	Ontario Provincial election will be held in our parish hall.

The possibility of a St. Matthew's Book & Bake Sale, including a hot dog lunch, was discussed, pending availability of parishioner Roger Wurdemann, owner of Juniper Books (<https://www.juniperbooks.ca/>) to attend and supply books for the sale. Council has yet to determine whether parishioners' books will be accepted. (**UPDATE April 11:** The project is not feasible for this spring; council will reassess for a fall date).

Roof Fund— At the time of our March Parish Council meeting, our Chili-Cook-Off was just getting underway. We are pleased to announce that this venture raised \$1080.00, which contributed to paying down our roof loan. Many thanks to the team of Margaret Kissau, Deb French and Nadine Donlon for undertaking this project, and to Rev'd Andreas for yet another fun-fundraising idea (see p. 11).

At the beginning of 2022, our Vestry passed a budget that included some significant increases. Our sincere 'thank you' to all who have been able to increase their offerings to St. Matthew's. We will continue to monitor our budget and expenses and report back to you regularly.

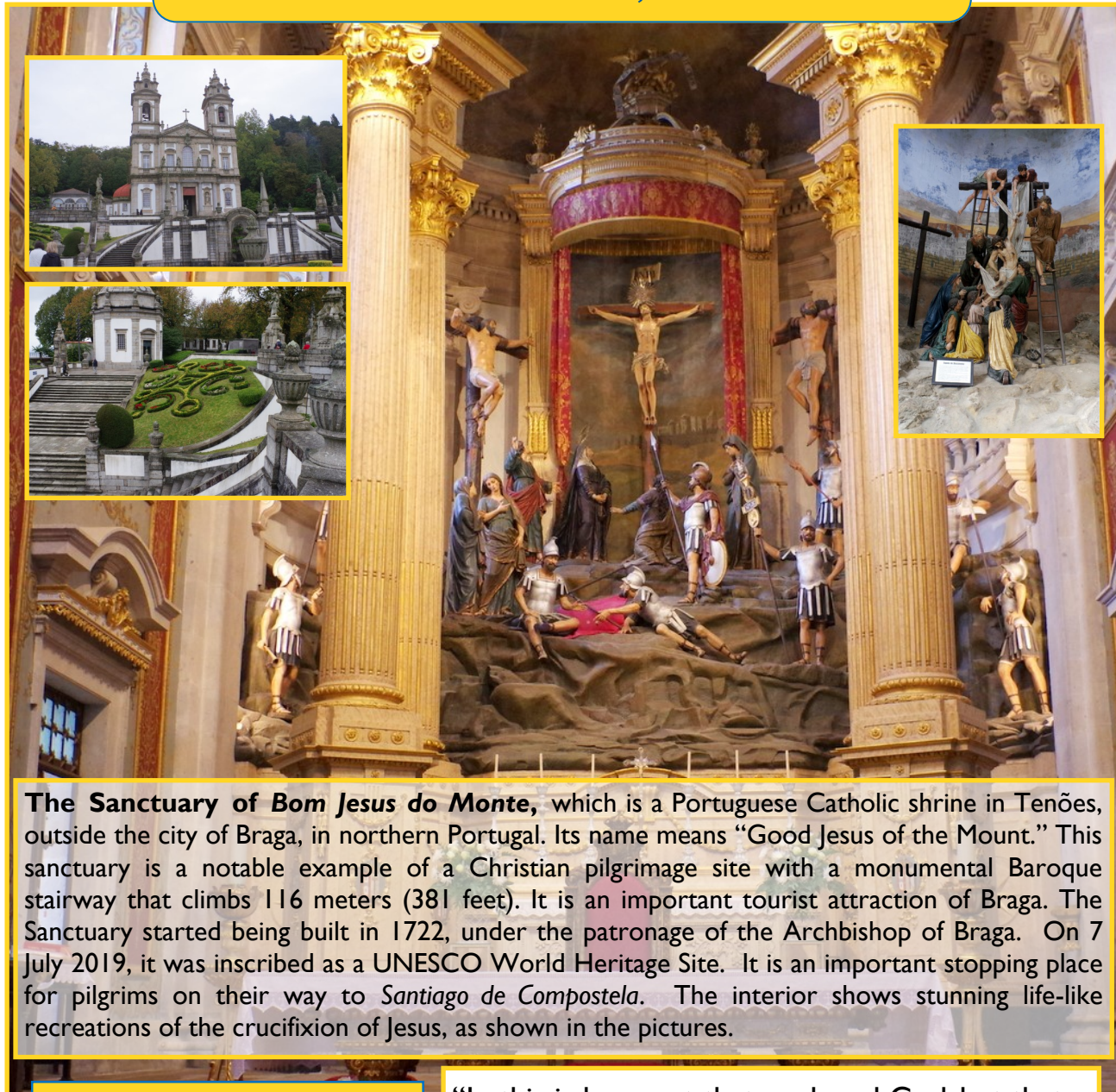
Your wardens, Jennifer McAlpine and Carol Caverzan

Our Parish Council meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month, starting at 7:30 PM, currently in a virtual conference format due to the pandemic.

Our next Council meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2022.

If you wish to attend, please contact our rector or our wardens.

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!



The Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte, which is a Portuguese Catholic shrine in Tenões, outside the city of Braga, in northern Portugal. Its name means “Good Jesus of the Mount.” This sanctuary is a notable example of a Christian pilgrimage site with a monumental Baroque stairway that climbs 116 meters (381 feet). It is an important tourist attraction of Braga. The Sanctuary started being built in 1722, under the patronage of the Archbishop of Braga. On 7 July 2019, it was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is an important stopping place for pilgrims on their way to *Santiago de Compostela*. The interior shows stunning life-like recreations of the crucifixion of Jesus, as shown in the pictures.

Text and Photography
by
Gordon Drake

“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation of our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” 1 John 4:10-11

A Blessed Easter to All!



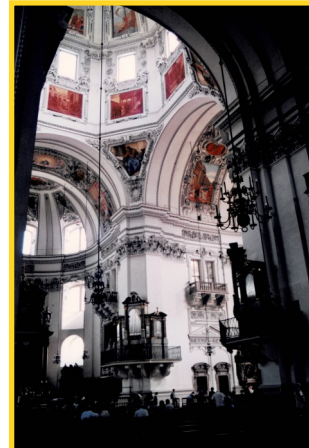
Special Offering envelopes are available in the narthex throughout this Easter Season

Cathedrals of the World

In this series, *The Journey* will be featuring photos, information, and stories about Cathedrals and Basilicas in Canada, and all around the world, as received from the congregation. If you would like to share some of yours, please talk to Sue Bernard or Irene Savva, or send to irene.savva3691@gmail.com. **We are looking forward to featuring all your contributions!**

In this issue:

From the Rev'd Andreas Thiel, photos inside the Austrian Cathedrals of Graz (photo, right) and Salzburg (far right):



And from Sophia Savva, a view of the façade of St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City, Rome, Italy (photo, left)

Liturgical Colours and the Pope's Shoes

Text and Photography by Irene Savva

Churches call for different coloured vestments to be worn by the priesthood throughout their calendar year, including footwear, in some cases. A while ago, I had a chance to visit the **Bata Shoe Museum in Toronto**; two shadow boxes in particular, caught my attention, containing shoes that had belonged to two Roman Catholic Canadian bishops, and a Pope.



Shown in the photo, left, the green shoes were worn by The Most Rev. Benjamin I. Webster (Bishop of Peterborough, 1954-68) during Ordinary Time, while he reserved the white pair for the Easter and Christmas Seasons. His successor, The Most Rev. Francis A. Marrocco (Bishop of Peterborough, 1968-75) wore the purple pair during Lent.

As for the red velvet shoes shown above, they belonged to Pope Benedict XV (1914 to 1922.) In Rome, the wearing of red shoes has been a papal privilege and tradition. Remarkably, the current leader of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis, made news headlines when he revealed that he prefers to wear plain, black shoes, unlike his predecessors.

Bata Shoe Museum - 327 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario <https://batashoemuseum.ca/>
<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/about-us/past-bishops.aspx>
<https://foreignpolicy.com/2013/03/15/just-how-radical-are-pope-franciss-black-shoes/>

Our Anglican World



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The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem
and the Middle East

The Lenten Series **“Lent from the Holy Land”** took place every Thursday evening in Lent, led by Rev’d Andreas on the Zoom platform. The series included the video reflections “A River through the Desert” provided by the Diocese of Jerusalem, followed by group discussions (more details on p. 8.)

COVID Measures Update – April, 2022

As of Easter, you will notice that a few things have changed, while others remain the same:

Signing in for a service is no longer required.

Capacity restrictions have been lifted. As we are permitted to increase the number of people at a worship service you will notice some of the pew barriers removed in the coming weeks.

Face coverings are still required for everyone over the age of 2.

We are still not permitted to serve food or drink indoors, however, with the approach of warmer weather, we are hoping to arrange outdoor coffee hour and fellowship following the 10 am service. Stay tuned!

As in the past, COVID measures may need to be adjusted, based on public health guidelines. Please be assured that we are constantly reviewing our St. Matthew’s COVID measures, making sure that they are in compliance with these, and the Bishop’s directions.



“On the Road Together with Christ”

The 182nd Synod of the Diocese of Huron
London, ON May 15-16, 2022

Let us support our clergy and lay delegates with a prayer, as provided by the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer:

“O Holy One, in your wisdom, guide and direct all our synod delegates, remembering especially those sent from this parish of St. Matthew’s.
May those called to serve in these responsibilities, strive to live a life directed by you.
May they always seek to be in your will, able to examine issues with care, so that the decisions of Synod may be to the building up of your church and to the glory of your Name; may we be truly unified as one in Christ. **AMEN”**

<https://diohuron.org/resources/synod-resources/pages/182nd-synod-of-the-diocese-of-huron>



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In a conversation with Rev'd Andreas, Will Postma, Executive Director of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) noted that, in just one month, Canadians from across the country have made donations in excess of \$280,000.00, in response to the humanitarian crisis in and around Ukraine. There is clearly a huge outpouring of support for this cause.

The director also pointed out that we must not forget about all the other areas around the world that are also suffering. As a way of recognizing this observation of other global needs, our rector chose the following recipe as the feature of one of our weekly **Lenten Virtual Soup Luncheons**. Please enjoy, share the recipe, and as always, **many thanks for your generous donations to the PWRDF!**

AFRICAN PEANUT SOUP (four portions)

1 tbsp	vegetable oil
1 clove	garlic, minced
1/3 cup	tomato paste
2/3 cup	creamy peanut butter
1/8 tsp	cayenne
4 cups	low-salt chicken broth

Place oil in a pot over moderate heat until hot but not smoking; add garlic, stirring, until golden, about one minute. Add tomato paste, peanut butter, cayenne, and a 1/4 cup broth; stir until smooth. Stir in remaining broth and simmer, covered, stirring occasionally, for ten minutes. Uncover, and simmer for another ten minutes, or until oil floats to the surface; skim excess oil.



Photo above, from left to right: Carol Caverzan, Deb French, and Nadine Donlon, sharing bowls of African Peanut Soup. This photo is to be included in director Postma's pre-Easter message. (Photo by the Rev'd Andreas Thiel)

For more on the PWRDF's emergency response, visit: <https://pwrdf.org/our-world-is-hurting/>



African Peanut Soup for the Soul By Carol Caverzan

St. Matthew's has had a history of holding *soup lunches* during Lent in support of the PWRDF. In recent years, COVID19 pandemic restrictions have prevented us from gathering in large groups in the Church Hall but, with yet *another* brain-child of our Rev'd Andreas, he has managed to keep our tradition going, albeit with a *slight* modification. Our weekly, on-line Lenten *soup recipes*, shared by Rev'd Andreas, and guest parishioner chefs, have been really well received, and impressive donations to the PWRDF have been humbly accepted in exchange.

Recently, at *chez* Nadine (see photo, above), a few of us enjoyed a newly made batch of **African Peanut Soup** in recognition of the needs in that corner of the globe. While "soup-ing" together, we reflected about the threefold joy in making soup, sharing soup, and supporting the PWRDF. Now, most of the submissions had been easily managed, however, as it often is in life, there is always 'that one' ... and this recipe was **that one** for us. At first sight of the title, it elicited a "Huh?? A soup with peanuts??" ... OH, but wait ... now the ingredients are read: no peanuts, BUT peanut butter, and another, "HUH". Next thought: do we blend it in, mix it in, purée it? Well, as the saying goes: "The proof is in the pudding", but in our case, the proof was *definitely* in the soup ... The tastiest peanut butter ... oops, no ... **tastiest soup ever!**

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Companions of Jerusalem

Jerusalem & Holy Land Sunday: May 29, 2022

Early in 2021, Rev'd Andreas was appointed by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada to the Advisory Council of the Canadian Companions of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The ten council members work as a team to strengthen the bonds that have been formed between General Synod and the Diocese of Jerusalem. One of the ways of doing this is by promoting **Jerusalem & Holy Land Sunday**.

On May 29, Anglican (and Lutheran) congregations will once again offer our prayers for the Christian witness in the Holy Land. In addition we will collect donations to support the multi-faceted ministry in the Diocese of Jerusalem.

This year, we shine a spotlight on the ministry of **St. Luke's Hospital (located in the northern region of the West Bank)**, particularly their neo-natal care department. St. Luke's Hospital is supported by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, and serves the medical and healthcare needs of some of the most vulnerable people in and around the city of Nablus, including a large Palestinian refugee camp. **The donations we collect on May 29 will enhance the vital care they are able to provide.**

JERUSALEM & HOLY LAND SUNDAY
MAY 29, 2022

I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU DESOLATE, SAYS THE LORD; I WILL COME TO YOU.
—JOHN 14:18

DID YOU KNOW that this is the 9th year the Anglican Church of Canada and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada will celebrate Jerusalem & Holy Land Sunday?

This year offerings and donations will support St. Luke's Hospital, a diocesan ministry serving the medical and health care needs of the most vulnerable people in the city of Nablus and the northern West Bank. A city of 350,000, Nablus is also home to a large Palestinian refugee camp. St. Luke's is the only charitable hospital in this area with a full range of medical services.

Are you interested in learning more about the Canadian Companions, and the Diocese of Jerusalem? More information can be found here:

<https://www.anglican.ca/gr/provinces/jerusalem/companions/>

<https://www.anglican.ca/gr/provinces/jerusalem/profile/>

<https://www.anglican.ca/gr/provinces/jerusalem/sunday/>

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Courses at Canterbury Elder College aim to offer a wide range of subjects that will appeal to a variety of interests. In particular, this spring the College will be offering the course

“Turks’ Journey of a Thousand Years from China to Europe” with instructor Farhat Sheikh, which will be held at our St. Matthew’s Church Hall in two sessions, on May 30 and June 6, each from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon. The cost is \$35. For more information on, and registration to, this and many other courses, please visit: <https://www.eldercollege.ca/classes> or contact: Laura MacMillan, Program Coordinator, at 519-253-3000 x 4944, or laura@uwindsor.ca

In further news, Canterbury College has been successful in getting a grant from the New Horizons Foundation to fund a Distinguished Indigenous Speaker Series, beginning in the Fall of 2022. This is exciting news that will provide a new channel of communication to tell the story of Indigenous customs and values, current issues related to the residential school system, and opportunities to apply Indigenous philosophies and ways of thinking to current issues affecting the world such as climate change.

What’s buzzing in the religious blogosphere? Visit our Diocese of Huron, and the Anglican Church of Canada websites: <https://diohuron.org/covid-19-resource-hub/>
<https://www.anglican.ca/about/departments/cir/digital-resources/>

And for other very good resources, also check out these websites:

Sisterhood of St. John the Divine (Toronto): <https://ssjd.ca/>
 Society of St. John the Evangelist (Boston): <https://www.ssje.org/>

The Resurrection — Exploring some of its dimensions and implications this Easter Season

By the Rev’d Andreas Thiel

Following up on my invitation to consider using these 50 days of Easter to do some intentional work, by exploring some of the dimensions or implications of Jesus’ resurrection, here are a few ideas:

- 1) Read through the resurrection and post-resurrection accounts in all four gospels. Take note of any similarities or differences that you notice. Which account appeals to you the most? Why do you think that is? And what is it about these accounts that gives you hope for the future?
- 2) Explore how other people have reflected on the resurrection. There are abundant resources available to us: print media, social media, conversations with friends, etc. An excellent place to start exploring is by reading a book on the subject.

Which reminds me, I think now is a great time for us to organize a book study! (Did I mention in my message, an excellent book by N.T. Wright? The title is *Surprised by Hope*) If you are interested in participating in a book study group, just say the word...

Rev'd Cathy's Corner

Outreach Ministry Updates:

Food for the Hungry: The food cupboard is regularly cleared, and donated food items are taken to Windsor Homes Coalition and Street Help, depending on the items that they are able to distribute. Please remember that Street Help is looking for items that do not require either cooking or utensils; they give out snack bags which have granola bars, juice boxes, snack packs like PB & crackers or cheese & crackers, fruit snacks, etc. It is the type of item that would be included in a child's lunch box. Other items like canned goods, cooking ingredients go the food bank at Windsor Homes coalition. **Thanks to Louise and Susan for sorting and delivering.**

Hiatus House: Items are collected, sorted, and delivered to this facility for abused women and their children on a regular basis.

Marlborough Nutrition Programme: We continue our weekly deliveries of 12 dozen muffins, and various individually packaged snacks for the nutrition trays for each classroom twice a day, so the children can choose what they wish to have. Our total donations cover about 10% of this programme.

Southwest Detention Centre:

Ten more backpacks are set to be delivered to the SWDC. The Volunteer Coordinator says that playing cards are a great item for the inmates to have, especially with covid shutdowns happening occasionally.



Photo from Irene Savva

Thanks to all for donations, and help with delivery.

**This Easter season, remember to donate to
Hiatus House, the South West Detention Centre,
and our Food Cupboard.**

Thank you for your continuing support!

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From the Desk of Rev'd Glenda



A River Through The Desert

Every Thursday evening since Lent began, a group of St. Matthew's parishioners, under the spiritual leadership and technical coordination of Rev'd Andreas, opted to take part in a Lenten journey with the Rev'd Richard Sewell, Dean of St. George's College in Jerusalem (pictured, right.)



We used the Zoom on-line platform to watch a series of short, descriptive videos of some of the places where Jesus had spent time, leaving his indelible mark: **The Desert; The Well; The Mountain; The Sea; The Road, The Garden.** We truly experienced a taste of the beauty, wonder and inspiration of the Holy Land. Rev'd Sewell was physically present in each video, providing us with panoramic shots, narration, and spiritually reflective comments relative to 'the land' and the spiritual connection with our lives today.

Rev'd Sewell explained that "Just as the written gospels testify to the word and works of Jesus Christ, so the land itself conveys that same message. We talk about salvation history as the Christian story from Abraham and Sarah to Jesus, as the way that hope unfolded for us. We can also talk about the Holy Land as communicating the geography of salvation because the land itself has the potential to convey the gospel of Jesus Christ in a very powerful way. This at least is the testimony of many millions of pilgrims who come to these lands every year."

Rev'd Sewell titled his Lent program, **A River Through The Desert** because for him, "A Lent series should aim to water our faith in the way that a river will cause the desert to flower and flourish in unexpected ways. In the desert, flowers, fruit, water, and shade are more precious because we might not have anticipated them. Likewise, time in a spiritual desert should not simply be about what we do without, but rather what we might surprisingly find. The opportunity in Lent to find some 'desert time' is not simply about a time of deprivation; we can see it as a time of enrichment."

For myself, I feel that my own faith has been deepened not only by the series, but also by the thoughtful and reflective sharing of all of us who spent time together each Thursday evening. Personally, I have found comfort in this Lenten spiritual experience and my longstanding desire to visit the Holy Land has most definitely been enhanced.

~ Glenda



To watch the "A River through the Desert" video series, and other interesting courses, visit Rev'd Richard Sewell's YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9KufIk3MHk3C6USd1gF_vw/videos

Celebrating this season

April

3 – Catherine Hillman
 6 – David Paraschak
 6 – Sandra Hall
 7 – Colin Allsop
 7 – Noah Allsop
 7 – Jacob Ritchie
 9 – Andreas Thiel
 9 – Erin Henderson
 9 – Nicole Sussens
 10 – Haylie Hancock
 10 – Michael Chantler
 16 – Ted Clarke
 17 – Mark Goldspink
 18 – Emma Westray
 21 – Tom Dunsmore
 21 – Scott Ritchie
 25 – Collin Patterson
 27 – Ryan Patterson
 30 – Chuck Boyd

Birthdays

May

2 – Caitlin Henderson
 4 – Jane Patterson
 10 – Irene Savva
 15 – Dianne Iannicello
 19 – David Goldspink
 21 – David Hitchcock
 28 – Jane Bayne
 28 – Jeff Wilkinson
 30 – Sharon Ritchie

June

1 – Glenda Fisher
 2 – Don Prodan
 4 – Margaret Jemison
 5 – Benjamin Hahn
 7 – Danielle Richer
 7 – Steve Sussens
 14 – Bill McAdam
 17 – Ted Felet
 20 – Pauline Patterson
 23 – Daryl Hudec
 26 – Louise Davis
 27 – Toni Ligor
 28 – Shawn McDonald
 30 – Sarah Finlayson
 30 – Kevin Patterson

April

23 – Roger Wurdemann & Louise Davis
 25 – Don & Pauline Patterson

Anniversaries

May

8 – Steve & Erin Pidhoresky
 14 – Onorio & Beth Felet
 17 – Chuck & Linda Boyd
 18 – Peter & Pat Lown
 19 – Richard & Ann Hucal
 22 – John Rossi & Patti Weir
 24 – Alan & Sue Trenhaile
 26 – Toni Ligor & Jen McAlpine

June

8 – Robert & Mary Grace Weir
 10 – Aaron & Melissa Bratt
 10 – Jeff Wilkinson & Sandra Hall
 20 – Donn & Jane Bayne
 21 – Bob & Margaret Kissau
 24 – Shawn & Linda McDonald
 27 – Al & Nicole McCabe
 30 – Brad & Stephania Allsop

Dates to remember:

National Volunteer Week— April 24-30.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,
 as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” – *1 Peter 4:10*

Provincial election— Thursday, June 2, 2022. Our Parish Hall will serve as an election polling station during the upcoming Ontario Provincial election.

Auto-deduction giving – Please consider this option, which helps us meet our monthly financial obligations. To learn more, change amount (a small increase can make a big difference!) or switch from credit card to bank account, please contact Beth Felet at (519) 969-3035.

News from the Pews:

We hope to hear from you soon!

Submitted by Jen McAlpine.

On Feb 24, 2022, a few of us parishioners attended a performance of “**Three Tall Women**”, by Edward Albee. St. Matthew’s own gem Mary Grace Weir played the lead. After the performance, I thought “hey, this is news from the pews.”

A brief synopsis of Three Tall Women: The main character is **A**, played by Mary Grace Weir. She is in the declining years of her life. The other 2 actors play dual roles. The one actor plays **A**’s lawyer and **A** when she is young and idealistic. The other actor plays **A**’s nurse and **A** in midlife before her decline. Another actor is **A**’s son and has no speaking part.

Last month, I had a chance to have a conversation with Mary Grace Weir, about her role:

Jen - How old were you when you were bitten by the acting bug?

Mary Grace - I loved to play pretend as a child. I would re-enact scenes from favourite television shows. I believe I was twelve when I decided I wanted to be a movie star and marry Harrison Ford.

J - Has the role of **A** been the most challenging in your acting career?

MG - Yes, **A** was the most challenging character I have played to date.

J - How does one prepare for a role, playing such a complex character?

MG - Being a pastor’s daughter, I’ve met countless people, including many who are older. When I first read the script, I felt a deep connection to it because of a life-long engagement I had with elderly people. In grade eleven, I took part in a co-op position as a care giver at a care home. There is another important element, such as careful reading of the script, keeping in mind the timeline, and her age of ninety-one/ninety-two. It’s a collaborative effort, careful discussion of events that happened in her life.

J - What did you find was the biggest challenge in playing **A**?

MG - When the character breaks down and cries in the first scene, because it’s so early on in the play, just making it believable to the audience was a challenge.

J - Do you get nervous?

MG - Not really! I really love doing this.

J - How did you learn all those lines, and make it seem so real and not rehearsed?

MG - October 2021 was our first read through and we worked on the play from there, on stage as well. It’s painstaking work at getting the lines in your head. My three years acting training helps me to break it down into sections, asking myself what I need in this section, finding out what I need from the other characters, and what it is that I’m trying to achieve. I had the lines memorized by the end of December.

J - What’s next?

MG - I’m doing choreography for Sandwich West Public School’s “Frozen Junior” which will go on at the beginning of June. In April, I have an audition, and I am also reading other scripts.

Photo from Jen McAlpine



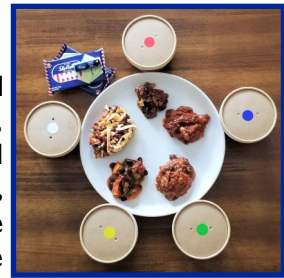
The Journey thanks Jen for this wonderful interview, and congratulates Mary Grace for her star performance, wishing her all the best in her future acting endeavours.

Update from Mary Grace: I will be taking one of the acting classes at the Shadowbox Theatre in April/May. They run a pretty good education programme with classes in acting, improv, and creative writing. For more information, visit: <http://www.postproductionswindSOR.ca/education-program.html>

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Take-Home Chili Cook-Off — February 2022

On February 13, each of five contestants picked up 20 colour-coded recyclable cups with lid. They cooked enough of their entry chili to fill the cups, and had them back the following week. On February 20, with social distancing measures in place, and a "chili-appropriate" blessing from our rector, each of 20 tasters/judges was able to get a sample of each entry, to take home along with saltines, a score sheet, and a roll of antacids, just in case (photo, right). Results were announced on Sunday, February 27. The BLUE entry received the most points, and contestant Mary Louise Drake was crowned as the master chef behind the winning creation (photo right). Everyone won in this contest, as it may be appreciated in the photo, far right, showing all the happy contestants with their prizes, from left: Mark Donlon, Ann Hucal, Jane Patterson, Mary Lou Drake, and Jen McAlpine.



Our Chili Cook-Off raised a total of \$1080.00, which will go towards the payment of our roof loan. Many thanks to contestants, judges/tasters, and the people who donated to the cause. Special thanks go to our rector, the Rev'd Andreas Thiel, for the concept and logistics design of the event, and last, but not least, to the dedicated organizers, pictured right, from left: Deb French, Nadine Donlon, and Margaret Kissau.



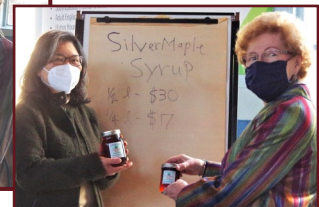
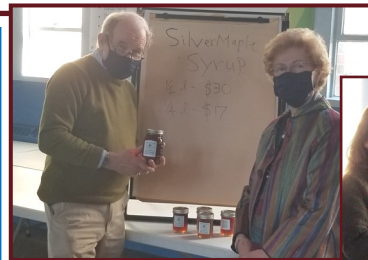
Photos by Gordon Drake
and Irene Savva



Maple syrup sale - Jars of homemade Silver Maple syrup, from the expert craft and generous donation of Gordon & Mary Lou Drake (photo below, left), were once again available for sale, making parishioners happy (photo below, right); So far, sales have raised over \$500, all going towards apportionment. There will be one more sale date, on Sunday April 17.

I enjoyed sharing communion with our own Joan M. on April 5, and although she hasn't been to St. Matthew's for over two years, Joan is looking forward to being with us again sometime soon. In the meantime she sends warm greetings.

Andreas



Pysanky are Ukrainian eggs coloured in intricate designs, by means of dyes and beeswax (as shown, left, and on front page). In pre-Christian times, the colours and patterns had specific meanings, and the eggs were used to convey messages, for example, **blue for good health, and black for respect and remembrance**; a spider meant patience, and a butterfly, transformation. In the 10th Century, when Christianity became the official religion of Ukraine, all pagan practices were banned, including Pysanky, but people continued this art in secret, and eventually the eggs were adapted and accepted as a Christian symbol, and specifically, to celebrate the Resurrection. (Photo by Irene Savva). **The blue and yellow theme in this issue was inspired by the flag of Ukraine** (shown, right.)



Thank you all for your contributions, please keep submitting them to Sue Bernard, Irene Savva or send to irene.savva3691@gmail.com. Any milestones? Submit a photo for publication! Also, please let us know of any updates needed on the birthday and anniversary page; **we apologize for any mistakes or omissions.**

Earth Day 2022 Invest in Our Planet

Earth Day is a global annual event to support environmental protection. The day is celebrated on April 22 every year

Friday,
April 22,
2022

Text from <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2022/> :

“While there is still time to solve the climate crisis, time to choose BOTH a prosperous and sustainable future, and time to restore nature and build a healthy planet for our children and their children, **time is short**.

The Earth Day 2022 Theme is **Invest In Our Planet**.

What Will You Do? Tell business leaders to get on board with a sustainable future or get out of the way. Tell your government leaders to launch the sustainability revolution TODAY. At a rally, a cleanup, with your vote, or your wallet, be heard however you are able. **A YEAR-ROUND EFFORT**—Today’s the day to TAKE ACTION not just because you care about the natural world, but because we all live on it. Every one of us needs a healthy Earth to support our jobs, livelihoods, health & survival, and happiness. A healthy planet is not an option — it is a necessity.”



**For all of us – today and for our future –
let’s INVEST IN OUR PLANET!**

**For Earth Day 2022, together,
for everyone, everything, every day...**



Everybody is Welcome!

Sunday Services (with some safety measures)

8:30 am & 10:00 am

Please note that registration is no longer necessary, and capacity limits have been lifted, but **the use of masks is still mandatory**.

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