



ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Growing on the Vine: Rooted in Christ, Nourished by Prayer, Maturing in Faith

WE AIM TO BE A CHRISTIAN CENTRE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD, BRINGING MEMBERS CLOSER TO CHRIST, PROCLAIMING THE WORD AND MAKING HIS LOVE KNOWN TO ALL.

WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT: WELCOMING EVERYONE, HELPING THOSE IN NEED AND SUPPORTING THE ENDEAVOURS OF OTHERS.



May 15: Canon Nancy induction by Bishop Peter





May 23: Black River Canoe trip 2022





May 28: Spring Yard Sale



May 29: Eleanor attending service, recovering after many months

Jun 11: Queen's Tea (cont'd on next page)





Jun 11: Queen's Tea (cont'd)





Jun 26: Celebrating Arthur Cole's 92nd



Jul 31: Celebrating Ted Foy's M.Sc. completion





June-July: Bruce Walker making a picnic table from recycled plastic 'wood'



Aug 3: Annual Pork & Corn Roast



Aug 21: Bruce and Paula leaving for another Camino





Aug 24: St. John's Deconsecration



Minister's message

In August, Anglican bishops from around the world gathered for the Lambeth Conference. This is a meeting that takes place roughly every 10 years, but for various reasons, (including a pandemic) has not happened since 2008. They gathered to worship, pray and discuss the work and direction of the worldwide Anglican Church. Many of the sessions, as well as the opening and closing worship and the bible studies can be found on YouTube “Lambeth Conference 2022”. Thanks to technology, it has been a real gift to be able to join in on the international work and voices of the church.

The Theme of the conference was “God’s Church for God’s world” and the business, or “work” of these meetings included various areas of focus... including sharing our faith, evangelism & discipleship. Much of the work was focused on our responsibility to the world - the call to social justice. Some of these areas included: Human dignity, The global climate crisis, Food insecurity & poverty, Reconciliation & Speaking out and challenging governments to justice. The Archbishop of Canterbury, in his 2nd keynote address reminded them and us that we are God’s people... and that the 2 billion Christians around the world have the ability and the power to change the world. If we live out our faith and take it seriously...

Of course, with the various cultures and social practices that are represented in a global gathering, the bishops at Lambeth did not agree on everything. However, I found it most hopeful that despite their differences, they were committed to continue to listen to each other, and walk together. In this current social climate, where it seems that if we disagree, therefore we are enemies... Even this modelling of disagreeing but walking together respectfully is a great symbol for us, as church to offer to the world.

So what does Lambeth 2022 have to do with us, here in our little corner of The County? I see it as a reminder for us to continue to share in the same work the bishops from around the world were doing. We need to continue to do our own personal work of growing as disciples, faithful followers of Jesus... and sharing his love with those we meet. We also need to continue our commitment to social justice - making our world, and our local community a better place through climate care, caring for the hungry & the homeless, reconciliation - and making a difference in the lives of others. God has been so very good to us... Let’s continue to join with Anglicans around the world to share His grace and love in the world.

Your sister in Christ,

Canon Nancy Beale+

Anglican Churches of St. Andrew’s and St. Philip’s

Wardens' report

It was a busy spring at St. Philip’s with two food drives, the canoe/kayak event, a Yard and Rummage Sale, and several post-service social events signalling that we were getting back to our usual activity level, post COVID. Our congregation elected to make masks optional during services but barriers were removed from the closed pews and coffee hour resumed.

In Bishop Oulton’s absence due to Covid, St Philip’s’ good friend, Bishop Peter Mason presided at the Service of New Ministry on May 15th when he officially installed Canon Nancy as our Priest.

To cover for Nancy’s vacation time, we had the pleasure of Ven Bob Hales’ leadership and Deacon Sharon Dunlop’s presentation on her penitentiary work as well as one Sunday with Bishop Peter and Easter Sunday with Wayne Varley. As a new venture, we held an afternoon service after a hot dog lunch on the 5th Sunday in July. We continue to appreciate the service leadership of Padre Blair and Deacon Fran Langlois on a regular basis, and the supplement to our music presentation by Mike

Langlois and Rosemary Cihlar. Ted's weekly Meditation Sessions are offering another element of support in this hectic world.

The de-consecration of our sister church, St John's Waupoos, has changed our profile as St Philip's now stands alone as the Parish of Marysburgh. We have been gifted several items of memorial and historical value from St John's for which we are most grateful and which will help us remember many special people and shared events. We are heartened to have members of that former congregation join us in worship.

The Leadership Team continues to meet monthly (except in August). On our future agendas will be discussion regarding improved thermostat management, streamlining the care of the church grounds, consideration of ways to have Nancy preside more frequently at St Philip's, our 100+2 year celebration on October 23rd, and continuing our journey with the First nations people toward healing and reconciliation.

We are most grateful to our members for the efforts to keep St Philip's a vibrant part of the Milford community and a contributor to those in need in this and other parts of the world.

Sally Cowan and Josef Cihlar, Wardens

ACW report

What a wonderful weather we are having this summer! When we see the devastation that floods and fires are causing in less fortunate places and, yes, countries, we know we are truly blessed to have our homes here in the County!

I realize that the farmers and gardeners among us are wanting more rain but I am quite happy it held off during the Pork & Corn Roast. The takeout meal was a complete success, although we did miss the leadership of Diane Walker who was self-isolating at home. I want to thank each and every person who took part in or supported the event in any way - you know who you are - THANK YOU!!

The Hastings/Quinte District ACW is holding their Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 4th, at St. Andrew's Church in Wellington. I have spoken with Mary-Ellen Closson, ACW president at St. Andrew's and they are hoping that we will help them with hosting the event. We are hoping all our ladies will come out to this event to meet old friends and new; to enjoy a lunch with other ACW members and clergy from throughout the district; to say farewell to Kathy Morgan and to welcome in our new president Pam Park; to remember and honour those who have passed away since our last meeting; to hear a "guest" speaker, and of course to worship together at the Eucharist with Bishop Michael.

St. Philip's ACW will be holding a Fall Yard & Rummage Sale on October 1st. This will be a "car boot" sale again in the church yard and parking lot with clothing again be in the church hall. Please start setting aside your gently used items which are no longer needed in your home and make plans to support the event.

All our ladies are invited to attend the next ACW meeting which will be held on Thursday, September 15th at 10 a.m. in the hall. Until then, God bless us all!

Alfie Deyo, President

Outreach report

We would like to begin with some words of thanks. Thank you to Elizabeth Hill for taking over the Lenten collection for Henry Budd College. Jean did a wonderful job for over twenty years and now it is well cared for by Elizabeth. Over \$700 was raised this year, thank you to all.

In May Emily and Ben Cowan once again took charge of the canoe trip on Black River. It was a beautiful day. We tried the new route starting at Guernseys and turning around at Creasy's. We came back to the church for lunch. Much appreciation to Harley and Karen for kindly providing our launch site and to Emily and Ben and all the Cowans for all their work in helping with canoes and preparing the lunch. For the first time, kayaks far outnumbered canoes!

Also thank you to Bruce for building out new picnic table now in our yard by the hall. It is made from recycled plastic as part of our efforts to take better care of creation.

In June St. Philip's donated the valedictorian award of \$100 for Athol-South Marysburgh School. This year's recipient was Ethan Thompson. Josef will be calling the school in September to ask about starting the reading program up again. If you are interested in helping children with reading please let Josef know.

The idea for the Queen's Tea originated with the Outreach committee and was organized with the help of Mary Brett, curator for our display, and the ACW. It was another lovely day and so much fun to be together. A big thank you to Eleanor Johnston for kindly filling in as our Queen!

We had a movie night in May and showed "The Secret Life of Bees". In July we added a potluck supper and showed "The Blindside". It was good to share a meal and watch a film together again. We hope to host more such evenings soon.

On behalf of the outreach committee, Sally and Elizabeth are working on invitations for our anniversary celebration in October.

The Outreach committee held another food drive for the Picton United Church County Food Bank in April, "Spring Cleaning". Cleaning products of all kinds are always needed. For August and September our focus will be "Back To School" items. We have been told that two items always in need are juice boxes and fruit cups. Thank you to all for your generous monthly food and or cash donations as well.

St. Philip's continues to generously support the work of the PWRDF and we have invited our diocesan chair Sophie Kiwala to speak to us about their work on November 13. Please keep them and their efforts in your prayers.

Many thanks to you all for your very generous support for the work of our Outreach committee. Meetings will be announced, and everyone is always welcome to attend.

Paula Walker, Chair

2021 Financial update to 31 March

After the first seven months of 2022, the period ending July 31, 2022, St. Philip's is in a good place financially. We started the year with a healthy bank balance of \$11,992 and to date our Operations revenue is \$34,272 (this includes Interest Income from the McCaw Memorial and ACW contributions). Our expenses to date are \$32,932.

Regarding parishioner's support for St. Philip's Operations, the donations received are exceeding the 2022 budget. You may recall that in September 2021 the wardens made a call for parishioners to consider a 12% increase in donations to the St. Philip's Operations. This call was heard! Here's a chart that you may find helpful, and we thank you all for your continued support of this commitment.

ST PHILIP'S OPERATION DONATIONS

	2021	21 less '20	%	2022 Projection	2022 Actual	OVER(Under)
January	\$ 1,888	\$ (829)	-31%	\$ 2,115	\$ 3,410	\$ 1,295
February	\$ 3,368	\$ (1,507)	-31%	\$ 3,772	\$ 5,890	\$ 2,118
March	\$ 3,788	\$ 18	0%	\$ 4,242	\$ 4,595	\$ 353
April	\$ 3,548	\$ 988	39%	\$ 3,974	\$ 5,367	\$ 1,393
May	\$ 2,263	\$ (127)	-5%	\$ 2,535	\$ 4,750	\$ 2,215
June	\$ 3,418	\$ 468	16%	\$ 3,828	\$ 3,924	\$ 96
July	\$ 3,238	\$ 768	31%	\$ 3,627	\$ 4,460	\$ 833
August	\$ 3,543	\$ (187)	-5%	\$ 3,968	\$ -	\$ -
SUB TOTAL	\$ 25,054	\$ (408)	-2%	\$ 28,060	\$ 32,396	\$ 8,304
September	\$ 3,578	\$ 798	29%	\$ 4,007		
October	\$ 4,173	\$ 1,548	59%	\$ 4,674		
November	\$ 3,073	\$ (786)	-20%	\$ 3,442		
December	\$ 6,087	\$ 317	5%	\$ 6,817		
	\$ 16,911	\$ 1,877	12%	\$ 18,940		
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 41,965	\$ 1,469	4%	\$ 47,000	12%	

At St. Philip's we also continued with our outward-looking generosity. Prior to July 31, 2022, we have collected **\$5,455** for PWRDF, all which has been transferred to PWRDF. In addition, we have collected **\$1,065** for the Picton Foodbank and **\$565** for Henry Budd College. These are numbers that we should truly be proud of!

If you have further questions, please send them along to treasurer@stphilipschurch.ca.

Respectfully submitted,

Glendon Walker, Treasurer / Elizabeth Hill, Systems Analyst

Building Committee Report

Summer is typically a grounds maintenance season, and that continued this year with Leigh and Deb looking after the lawn. Other small jobs were adding stronger screens to the tower louvers to keep out squirrels that took special liking to that shelter (Josef), and a repair of the water pump (Bruce).

The new addition to the grounds is a fancy picnic table that Bruce Walker built, using plastic boards made of recycled plastic - chosen to ease the plastic burden upon the environment and us all. Not an easy job, the boards were heavy and hard to work with; and the table is heavy to move – a disadvantage as well as an advantage. It is hoped that the table will be used by both parishioners and neighborhood visitors.

Ted Foy, Chair

St. Philip's Communications

For a family-sized church, St. Philip's has a pretty broad communication approach, which includes our parishioners, our friends and family, and our community. We like to keep our parishioners up-to-date on what is going on at our church, and also our Outreach plans. And then we also like to let the community we live know what is going on – we think this keeps us relevant.

You will notice a bit of a different look in the weekly bulletin “Growing the Vine”. With Paula and Bruce on their Camino pilgrimage, you will be receiving the bulletin from

stphilipsmilford@gmail.com. All the same great information on the readings for the coming Sunday and what is happening at St. Philip's is still there!

Not getting the bulletin? Send an email to stphilipsmilford@gmail.com and we will get you on the list!

And then there is our website, www.stphilipschurch.ca. We keep our website up to date on a weekly basis for our upcoming weeks' service, as well as posting the service recordings and the Prayers of the People on Sunday afternoons. Our “Welcome” page has been busy over the past months with all our activities and what is going on in the Anglican communion. We always have a link on our photos, so when you are checking us out, click on the Photo for more photos or information! If you know of something that you think we should post on Our Community, send your suggestion along to contact@stphilipschurch.ca.

We have good activity on our website as shown below, with the number of “visitors” (this would be individuals coming to our site) and “visits” (the pages people are going to) remaining high over the period from April to July 2022. This chart is busy, but basically it tells us that we usually have about 20 visitors to our site each day, and on average they go to 2 or 3 of our pages. Not bad for a small rural parish!



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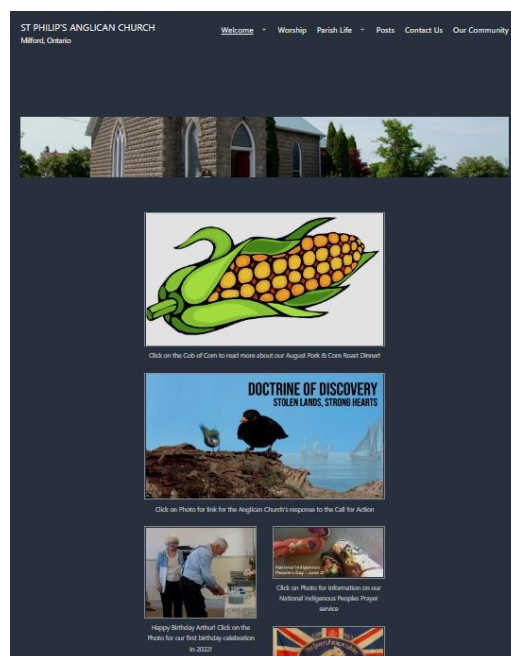
GROWING ON THE VINE

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15: 5

Worship

Sunday, August 21: Proper 21: Service of Morning Prayer at 11AM with Reverend Fran Langlois. Masks are optional.

Readings: Jeremiah 1 : 4-10, Psalm 71 : 1-6, Hebrews 12 : 18-29 and Luke 13 : 10-17.



We also have a Social Media presence. We are posting our recorded services on the St. Philip's Facebook page most weeks. This is a great way for people who get their information through Facebook to learn a bit more about St. Philip's. If you are a Facebook user, why don't you follow us @ [stphilipchurchmilford](https://www.facebook.com/stphilipchurchmilford)!

We found that we don't have much of a following on Instagram, so we aren't as active there. Think we should be? Let us know @ [contact@stphilipchurch.ca](https://www.instagram.com/contact@stphilipchurch.ca).

And then of course we have our Newsletters that are also posted on our website - no need to say much about that as you are reading one right now!

Lastly, there are our Posters and Flyers. For every event we have a discussion on when and where we should post our events. Usually, it is in the Milford Post Office, the Milford Library, Picton Foodland, and of course Walkers Garage and Greenhouse. For the Pork & Corn Roast we also posted in Sandbanks and at Fosterholme Market - in order to get some exposure for those camping and wanting a meal out. So if you think of someplace you would like to post a flyer, just let us know @ [contact@stphilipchurch.ca](https://www.facebook.com/contact@stphilipchurch.ca).

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Hill
Communications and Webmaster



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Pork & Corn Roast

Dinner includes:
BBQ Pork, Fresh Corn-on-the-Cob, New Potatoes, Salads,
Tomatoes, Roll and Pie

Wednesday, August 3rd, 2022



Only 100 meals available for pick up @ the church for take-out

Reserve your Meal ASAP by calling:
613-476-6065 or 613-476-1118
More info: [stphilipchurch.ca](https://www.stphilipchurch.ca)

St. John's is Deconsecrating

The closing of St. John's Anglican Church, Waupoos makes one think back to the role the church has played in North Marysburgh. When the United Empire Loyalists came to Marysburgh in 1784 after the American Revolution, they had many needs. After choosing lots on the Bay side or the Lake side, they went about building log cabins to provide shelter; and soon thereafter considered how they could attend church services in their new community.

They first met in homes that were large enough to accommodate them. Some of the more enterprising settlers built stone houses much like the David house high above the St. John's church. This was the home of Conrad David who gave the lot on the land below to the Anglican Bishop of Quebec in 1830. From the original documents, we see the wording of the bond that the Bishop's representative, Jacob Harvey, a Catechist, and Conrad David¹ signed and sealed on the 27th of September 1830. The church was in existence at the signing of this bond. The document refers to Saint John's Church and the wardens at that time - John Allen, Samuel Molyneux, and John Kerr.

Bishop Mountain of the Diocese of Quebec made a journey to the far western part of his Diocese and determined it was much too large, thus the formation of The Diocese Of Toronto in 1834, under Bishop Strachan. The Parish of Marysburgh (St. Philips in Milford and St John's in Waupoos) joined the newly formed Diocese of Toronto in 1839. Reverend J. Tooke was the first Priest, appointed in 1850.

The original church building, a wooden structure, remained until 1877 when the good people of Waupoos raised the money to build the church that still stands, with its beautiful view of Lake Ontario. The church was built of brick and stone, and consists of chancel, nave, tower, spire and vestry room. The interior was finished with stained pine, the font and the chancel furniture are of varnished oak. The building stands East to West, in keeping with the tradition in the area that folks lived either East or West of the Rock². St. John's was opened for divine service on December 13th 1877, completely paid for.

In 1920, when St. Philip's church burned to the ground, the congregants of St. John's came immediately to their aid, making room for them on Sunday during reconstruction and raising funds to help offset the cost of re-building. Typical of the warm hearts in Waupoos, these feelings carry over to building today. The late George Bellwood, a former member, stated that you had to get to church a half hour early in the 1930's to get a seat, not an easy task from George's Waupoos Island home.

The Deconsecrating of this historic church and the completion of its mission in this area took place on August 24, 2022 at 4: PM.

Bill Cowan UE (613-476-6065)

¹ Conrad David's father was Heinrich David, a Hessian soldier and the original Loyalist. He was given 200 acres of land for fighting for the British during the war. Heinrich David married well. His new wife was the daughter of the Duke of Hesse, a member of the German Royal family. We honoured the David family several years ago when Ed David, a direct descendant, and his family travelled from California to attend a special service at St. John's.

² From "East & West of the Rock" page 48, published 2005.

*Who is my neighbour?**

We are entering the Season of Creation. This is the time in the liturgical year when our attention turns toward the natural world and our role in it.

As I thought about this special season, the Parable of the Good Samaritan came to mind. A lawyer asks Jesus what he must do to earn eternal life. He knows the commandments to love God with all his heart, soul, strength and mind. And to love his neighbour as himself. But he seems to be confused about who his neighbour is. Jesus responds with a story of a traveller who was attacked by robbers and left for dead. Two religious people pass him by. A Samaritan comes to his aid. Jesus asks the lawyer who is the neighbour? The lawyer replies "The one who showed him mercy". Jesus replies "Go and do likewise." Note Jesus says "go and do". This is to be an action – not just to the lawyer, but to us as well.

We have no information about the robbers, who the victim is, nor the reason for the attack. We do know something about the religious leaders. We know that the Samaritan showed compassion to the stranger without regard to ethnicity or social class. How relevant is this parable to us today? The short answer is, it is very relevant in the way we treat all human beings regardless of ethnicity, economic status, creed.

Consider this parable in the context of our relationship with the natural world – animate and inanimate. Consider mining, logging and development – who would be the robbers? The victim? The passersby who do not help? Who is the good Samaritan?

The extraction of fossil fuels, minerals and elements over several decades has led to the devastation of surrounding lands, forests, peatlands and contamination of rivers and lakes. Who could be the robbers? Could it be the multi-national oil companies, mining companies, the forest industry, bottled water companies? Consider the victim. Could it be the earth, forests and trees, natural resources deep in the ground, the air resulting from the release of high levels of carbon into the atmosphere, the dwindling supply of clean drinking water? Consider the original people who have lived in the area for thousands of

years, facing depletion of food sources and unusable water supply. The centuries old migration pattern of caribou, etc. interrupted. Is this an extension of colonialism into the present day?

Consider the passers-by. Are they aware of what is happening but choose not to involve themselves? Could that be us and our “throw-away” lifestyle? The push towards purchasing electric vehicles could have a dark side because of the extraction of minerals and elements from the ground to build electric vehicle batteries. Could the extraction of these elements lead to a new environmental hazard? Consider the current extraction proposals for the “Ring of Fire” area in Northern Ontario.

Who is the “good Samaritan”? Could this be us? Could we take a critical view of our habits and lifestyles through an ethical lens to see where and how change for good can be made?

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.” Through Christ, the world came into being and humankind was commanded to take care of it; not to exploit or desecrate it.

Creation – the natural world – is our closest neighbour, we live in it every day. How do we follow Christ’s command to “go and do likewise” in our relationship with the natural world?

Rev. Canon Sharon Dunlop

Deacon, St. James’ Anglican Church, Kingston

* *Guest preacher at St. Philip’s; abbreviated sermon provided at Editor’s request*

Editor’s note: A rather long issue, reflecting our busy and multifaceted church life that has blossomed after two years of ‘drought’ caused by COVID-19. The deconsecration of the St.

John’s Church and the loss of our Parish sibling mars the present; but we look forward to worshipping with our St. John’s friends here at St. Philip’s.

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