

St. Thomas' Anglican Church



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WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

April 14th & 15th, 2012

Come and worship with us on:

Thursday—10:00 a.m.—Quiet Communion

Saturday—5:00 p.m.—Contemporary Communion

Sunday—8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion

Sunday—10:30 a.m.—Holy Communion



Weekly Notices



Last chance to purchase tickets to the **Mission to Seafarers' Fundraising Dinner** on April 30th. Tickets are available from our reps, Margaret Irwin and Garry Barker. Further details are on the poster in the entry.

Our new **HOUR OF PRAYER** sessions have begun. Tuesdays from 11:30—12:30 in the Chapel. Prayer is offered for our city & nation, family & friends, our church, and much more. Everyone is welcome to join in this important work of our church.

Mothers' Union Flea Market/White Elephant Sale—will be on Saturday, April 28th. Please set aside donations (no clothing). For more information, call Georgine @ 475-0139. Proceeds to go to M.U. and Camp Gitchigomee.

The **2012 Women of Faith Event**, "Celebrate What Matters", will be in St. Paul, MN Oct 19-20! **Janis Barker** is our contact for further details. Registration is requested by April 30th so that transportation arrangements can be confirmed.

The **A.C.W. Spring Deanery meeting** is in Nipigon on Tuesday, April 24th. A bus is being chartered so that all may enjoy the ride. The cost will be approximately \$10 per person. Contact Joyce Fossum @ 577-7381.

Altar Guild Members' service of Corporate Communion will be this Sunday, April 15th. The Altar Guild extends our thanks to members, **Margaret Napierala** and **Diane Simmons** for making the memorial table covering, which was dedicated on January 29th.

Mother's Union Soup Lunch will be held after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, April 22nd; either sit down or take out; by freewill offering. Takeout will be available after the 8:30 a.m. service as well.

Please encourage youth aged 13-24 to register early for this year's **Diocesan YOUTH SYNOD** to be held at Camp Manitou, Whitefish Falls, Ontario, Saturday, August 4th—Tuesday, August 7th. For more information and registration forms, contact Ellen in the Parish Office.

Weekly Notices continued...

Advisory Board Meeting this Sunday, April 15th @ 7:00 p.m. in Haddon Hall. Everyone welcome.



All are welcome to Join Pastor Doug at **Grandview Lodge** on Wednesday, April 18th @ 10:30 a.m., for an informal service of Communion and song.

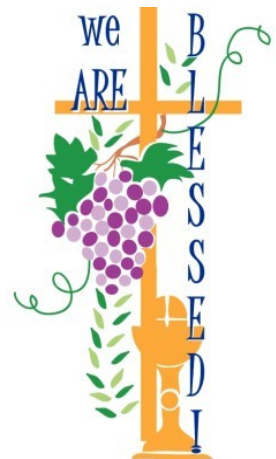


Jazlyn 'jumps for joy!'



After many months of deliberations, discernment, and a thorough interview process, the Concurrence Committee, in a unanimous vote, recommended to the bishop that **Rev. Douglas McClure** be offered the position of permanent, full-time Incumbent at St. Thomas Anglican Church. Bishop Stephen Andrews has agreed that Doug is called to St. Thomas' and has made the appointment with his prayers for Doug & Lesley, and the people of St. Thomas', as they begin this new ministry together. And as people's warden, Greg Koza said in his announcement on Sunday, "the best part is that Doug has accepted!"

CONGRATULATIONS PASTOR DOUG !!!



We continue to proclaim the Good News of Easter, because Easter is not just a day but a season. In fact, it's an eternity. An unknown author once wrote these words:

*"Blessed are those to whom Easter is not a hunt but a find;
Not a greeting but a proclamation;
Not an outward fashion but an inward grace;
Not a day...but an eternity."*

I pray that all of us have found the true meaning of the Resurrection and have the courage to proclaim what we have found. May we be filled with the inward grace that can only come from a relationship with Jesus Christ. And may we be encouraged in knowing that we can spend eternity in perfect love, peace, and joy.

At this past Holy Saturday service, one of our parishioners remarked at how beautiful the stained glass windows looked. The way the sun was shining on them at that particular hour made them exceptionally glorious. As I turned the page on one of my daily devotionals, it happened to be a picture of stained glass windows in another church and it was entitled: 'Light in the Darkness.' And that is exactly what the Resurrection has given us—new light, new hope, new joy!

For many of us, these past few months have been a time of darkness, uncertainty, fear, and even hopelessness. But God has helped us to persevere, and we are now, sometimes through tears of joy, expressing that roar of relief and exhilaration. It is a new beginning for us now. We can move forward with the visions that were set at our past visioning retreat—one of which was a makeover of church property. The stained glass windows remind us of what we already have and inspire us to continue to build on the gift of this magnificent church building that God has given us. A blind person once asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eyesight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!" The Resurrection tells us that Jesus, the living Lord, is on the move, and we are called to follow in His footsteps. We bring the good news to others by the proclamation of our words and by our actions. Let's not lose our vision.

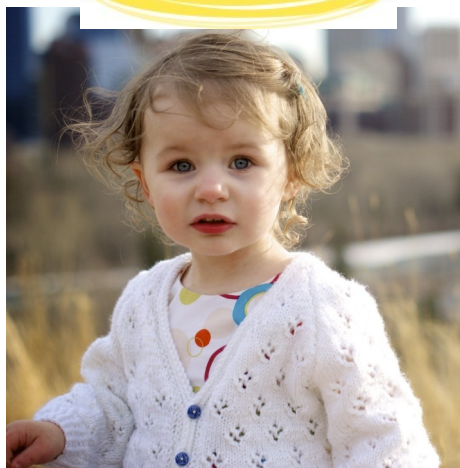
My grand-daughter, Jazlyn Joy, is someone who brings hope into my life. She is my little angel of encouragement for a brighter future. Whenever I feel down or discouraged, I think of her. She is also an absolute bundle of energy. She is so filled with excitement and enthusiasm. I wish I could somehow bottle it and give us all a 'Jazzy shot' of exhilaration. She jumps out of her 'big girl bed' every morning with her two feet planted firmly on the floor and says, "Okay! Okay!" It's a new day and she's on a mission. We too have a mission ahead of us. There's no time to waste. Emma Woodhall-Bache once wrote:

*"I love the sweet smell of dawn—
Our unique daily opportunity to smell time,
To smell opportunity—
Each morning being a new beginning."*

It's a new beginning for us at St. Thomas. Do you smell time? Do you smell opportunity? 'Okay! Okay!' Let's get going!

~ Lesley Joy McClure

There are angels amongst us.



*"Sometimes life drifts slow and steady
Undemanding, all arranged,
Then we turn—and life's off schedule,
In an instant all is changed.
Now we walk with steps uncertain,
Simple things seem hard to do,
Shadows loom to hide the future,
Every day brings challenge new."*

*Now's the time to gather courage
Take a breath; let trust begin,
Help will come from those around us,
Strength will come from deep within.
None of us are left unaided,
Though we falter, none need fall,
Even though we may not know them
Angels walk beside us all."*

~ Margaret Ingall



In a small English town, all was well at the local pub. Suddenly, amidst the fun and laughter, a frightened man ran inside and shouted, "Does anyone here own a big black dog with a white collar?" All was silent. "Oh my gosh!" yelled the man, "I must have run over the Vicar!"

Grandparent's Funny Answering Machine

Good morning. . . . At present we are not at home but, please leave your message after you hear the beep. Beeeepppp ...

If you are one of our children, dial 1 and then select the option from 1 to 5 in order of "arrival" so we know who it is.

If you need us to stay with the children, press 2.

If you want to borrow the car, press 3.

If you want us to wash your clothes and do the ironing, press 4.

If you want the grandchildren to sleep here tonight, press 5.

If you want us to pick up the kids at school, press 6.

If you want us to prepare a meal for Sunday or to have it delivered to your home, press 7.

If you want to come here for lunch after church, press 8.

If you need money, press 9.

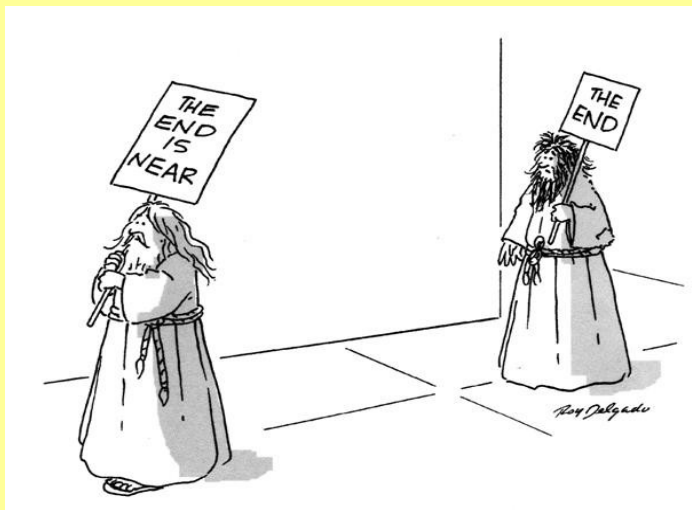
If you are going to invite us to dinner, or, take us to a restaurant, start talking - we are listening.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

Now I lay me down to sleep.. I pray the Lord my soul to keep.



After a very hectic week, a momentary lapse in concentration resulted in Pastor Doug confusing his kid's bedtime prayer with the offertory prayer.



The End...

