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Mothering Sunday at St Barnabas by Wendy Dowhaniuk

The concept of giving daffodils is to celebrate the British tradition of Mothering Sunday, which occurs on the fourth Sunday of Lent. In England, children “in service” were given the day off by their employers on that Sunday, to return home and visit their mothers. Daffodils were in full bloom in the *wild*, in great profusion, at that time of the year, and were picked by the children and taken home as a gift for their mothers, much like our Canadian offering of flowers to mom on Mother’s Day.

The Mothering Sunday daffodil-giving tradition was in place at St. Barnabas when my family arrived from Britain in 1947. Then the flowers were purchased by the altar guild. However, by the early 1980’s the cost of daffodils had soared and for a few years were replaced by chrysanthemums. My family wanted the tradition to continue in its original form, so funded the purchase of daffodils each year thereafter.

Rosemary and I continued with this family tradition after our mother died, as a symbol to her memory. Today both of us, and some of my family members spend Saturday preparing 100 of the tightly budded flowers by wrapping the end of each daffodil stem in wax paper, and binding it with an elastic ready for presentation to the congregation Sunday morning after Mass.

Clodagh Bancroft, John Bacher, Marie Cleverly, Eleanor Lancaster, and Ron and Muriel French (parishioners who have been members for over 50 years) will remember many years ago, when on Mothering Sunday the children of the parish each received a flower to give to their mother. Some mothers received 1 or 2, while others received 4 or 5 depending on their number of children. Now we have slightly altered that tradition to ensure that every lady in the parish receives a flower, and even the gentlemen, reflecting the fact that they too had mothers.



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, April 09, 9:00 am and 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday, April 13, 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 14, 1:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 15, 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 16, 9:00 am and 10:30 am

What Easter Means to Me by Eleanor Lancaster

Easter – Christ is Risen – Alleluia

Resurrection surely brings to us all, a sense of renewal in both body and spirit.

I wonder if because of Christ's resurrection, which occurred with the arriving of spring that we all feel renewed, as God's wondrous world around us is renewed.

Being rather earth bound, I feel very near God in the great outdoors as Easter approaches and the weather warms up across southern Ontario. To see the return of the migrating birds, to step outside in the early morning and hear their joyful singing. It gladdens my heart. And then a walk through my garden brings a wonder of the little bulbs I planted last fall that are now bursting forth with scented, colourful flowers after a rough and bitter winter. It is certainly one of God's great miracles.

When our children were little, the commercial part of Easter played a large part in our lives. There were Easter bunnies (real ones), that became a bit of a disaster with the arrival of six baby bunnies. And baby chickens (also real) which were raised as a school project. This also became a dilemma when they started crowing early in the morning from their cages in the basement.

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Town Hall Meeting Number Six

Important information please read carefully.

This was our final Town Hall meeting with Fr. Thomas, regarding the future of our church, before his, *Report on the Discernment Process at St. Barnabas Anglican Church*, goes to the Bishop. See the following excerpts from his report.

“Recommendation for the future of the parish and the congregation’s ministries.

All of the following recommendations are dependent upon the congregation’s ability, over the next 3 – 5 years, to develop a balanced budget without drawing down the capital in their endowment bequests, and other designated reserve funds.”

“Viability

1. In meeting or exceeding the benchmarks set by the Diocese, the congregation has demonstrated an ability to creatively adapt and recover from the recent crisis and, **should be released from Administration as soon as appropriate staffing can be provided.**
2. **It is a viable community worthy of ongoing support and encouragement.**
3. **The property should remain in the ownership of the Church and should not be sold or returned to common use.”**

While I have only mentioned one small part of Fr. Thomas’ nine page report, there is much more of importance in the document. . Please study the *Report* so you know fully what is expected of us if the Bishop approves his recommendation.

After taking a short break to review the *Report*, we voted overwhelmingly for its acceptance.

Soup for the Soul – Fundraiser

A hearty thank-you to the soup chefs!

March 05	<i>Vegetable Barley</i>	Roger Tulk
March 12	<i>Vegetable chowder</i>	Annie Vaughan
March 19	<i>Chicken Mulligatawny</i>	Eleanor Lancaster
March 26	<i>Chicken Vegetable</i>	Jennifer Jeffries
April 02	<i>Tuscan Vegetable Barley</i>	Marian Gayder

New Choir Member

Welcome to Jennifer Jeffries who joined our choir last month, and who brings many years of choral experience from her days in the St. James, Merritton choir. Welcome Jennifer, to our choir and to our church.



The Hallway Roof Leak!

Once again that leak has come to plague us.

If memory serves me right, this will be the fifth time we will be paying to have it “fixed.” Over the years it has been patched and re-patched, then a full roof re-surfacing done from end-to-end over the hallway four years ago. That leak short-circuited our fire alarm

controller and **it** had to be replaced, plus, ceiling and wall plaster patching, a repainting of the whole badly stained hallway ceiling, and painting of the wall from the Great Hall double doors to the handicap washroom. It was costly. Then another leak occurred 18 months ago, showing in the same spot as before, after we thought a “flat roof” expert roofing company had finally sealed the leak, but it was not to be.

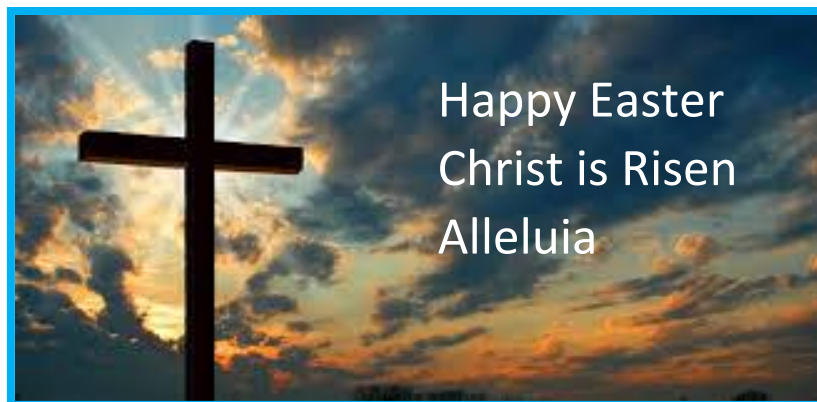
Now that we have Fr. Chadwick on staff who is a Civil Engineer, and is working with the Property Committee, hopefully the root cause of the problem can be permanently fixed!

Name Tags

To help keep our church friendly, the Communication Committee has recommended, and the Leadership Team approved, the use of name tags. Starting in a couple of weeks, name tags will be handed out by the Greeters to all who attend our two Masses on Sunday. Your given name will be printed big and bold followed by your surname. The tags will be on a lanyard for wearing around your neck, and for your name to be easily seen. As one wit said, “it’s cheaper than a tattoo.”

Visitors will have a “VISITORS” name tag with their name written in.

The tags to be deposited in a collection box, by the door when you leave the church.



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