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*16th Sunday after Pentecost*

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8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Processional:** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

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THE GREETING Rev. Susan Snelling

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**Celebrant:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God,

**People:** **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Kyrie** *Lord, have mercy.*  
*Christ, have mercy.*  
*Lord, have mercy.*

**The Collect of the Day** (Prayer of the Day)

**All:** **Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

Rev. Susan: **Children's Time**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15**

READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, a where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the

sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard.

In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

PSALM: **91:1-6, 14-16**

**Refrain: I will protect you and bring you to honour.**

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." **R**

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. **R**

You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. **R**

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation. **R**

SECOND READING: **1 Timothy 6:6-19**

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF TIMOTHY

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

*(All stand for the Gospel)*

**Reader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According To Luke

**People:** **Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ**

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house--for I have five brothers--that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them. He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

**Sermon:** Rev. Susan Snelling

Prayer

I have had an interesting week. In Diocesan meetings, I have heard our Bishops speak about their experiences at Lambeth. Experiences of meeting with others: who lack resources, who operate in countries where Christianity is illegal; who struggle in the places where "mission" is illegal; who are bewildered when the government burns down church buildings and then denies there was ever a building there, confiscating the land.

In our new context of regional ministry and team ministry, which is energizing, I have been aware of how tired the clergy and laity are in many parishes. I can hear it in their voices, more than see it in their faces. Wrestling with being church in our new reality of: covid; online presence; decline in numbers; fear of becoming ill; deficits. A spectrum across the Diocese from congregations without masks, sharing the common cup, and hosting coffee hours to congregations still fully masked, not using the common cup, or hosting coffee hours and everything in between.

At a personal level, I am dealing with some grief around my son and his family moving to New Brunswick. And in our parish, we have experienced a month of grief with the recent deaths of key members.

In the yearly church cycle, we are observing the Season of Creation which brings grief, anger, fear, as we consider the state of our fragile island home and our responsibility as stewards in God's creation.

Into the midst of this swirl of thoughts and emotions and recognition about the level of transformation required in our institution and in our lives, I find myself confronted by the reading of Lazarus and the rich man.

It is a perfect example of things being turned on their head.

- ✚ From the title placing Lazarus the beggar first ahead of the rich man.
- ✚ To the fact that the poor, insignificant man is named, while the rich and famous man is not.
- ✚ Who is the story about?
- ✚ Who is carried to Abraham's side by the angels?
- ✚ Who is unceremoniously buried in the ground?
- ✚ Who needs whose help?

The great reversal Jesus so often proclaimed - not as an idealized future even, but here and now. We recall Jesus getting down on his knee to wash the feet of his disciples. Peter put up a stink. He did not think it was appropriate for Jesus - the leader - the teacher - the one who was revered to do the work of a servant or worse a slave.

To put it in modern language, Jesus checked his privilege. We know he did the unexpected. He associated with tax collectors, sinners, Samaritans, women, lepers. People on the outside of polite society. He went to the margins and invited people into the circle -widening the circle for everyone. But in this parable, Jesus is also describing the consequences of the choices that we make.

Guy Morrill who was a holistic stewardship writer said:

- ✚ A necessity is something indispensable to well-being.
- ✚ A convenience is something that though not essential, makes living easier
- ✚ A comfort is something that brings satisfaction without extraordinary expense.

The words from the author of 1 Timothy are probably very familiar to us, "we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it." And "the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil." Rather than focus the material goods and lack there of, I think what Jesus is trying to get across to his listeners is that what truly matters in life, what is priceless, are the values that we live by, and our implementation of those values. As listed in First Timothy they are:

- ✚ righteousness,
- ✚ godliness,
- ✚ faith,
- ✚ love,
- ✚ endurance,
- ✚ and gentleness.

The rich man in the parable is lacking in all of these qualities, focused clearly on himself, until something happens that drastically changes his circumstances. And then it is too late to go back and rewrite or revise history. His choices in life were clear and consistent. His priorities were established.

Our hope comes from God, from God's love and faithfulness to us. One of the passages of scripture I have been working with over the past two weeks is the story of Peter and six of the disciples going fishing after the death of Jesus in the gospel of John. They go out all night and do not catch anything. When a man appears the next morning and realizes their circumstances, he suggests they go back out and cast their nets on the other side. Then they can barely get all the fish into the boat and to shore.

When they do get to shore there is a fire burning with fish on it and bread and Jesus has made them breakfast. How glad they must have been to go ashore for a meal with their friend. He restored them, restored their bodies and their souls with his presence and his compassion. He does the same for us. Just as Lazarus in our story is drawn to the side of Abraham in heaven. God provides for us.

What does God require of us? Endurance, righteousness, godliness, love, faith, and gentleness. The challenges may be many. In the world's eyes we may lack many things, but we are called to serve a God of compassion and mercy who is faithful to us always.

We extend that compassion and mercy, that generosity to those with whom we live regardless of circumstance - recognizing all persons as fellow children, fellow heirs with us of God's promises.

Let us pray,

God of infinite possibilities and of great imagination,

We thank you for the gift of your child Jesus - for the stories he told, the wisdom he passed on, the life that he lived. A life of love and inclusion.

Continue to challenge our assumptions and worldview so that more and more we live out your vision for us.

**People:** Amen.

*(Time allowed for Silent Reflection.)*

## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE #3

(Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, "**Lord, hear our prayer.**")

**Leader:** Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians; that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** We pray for Riscylla Shaw, our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers; that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** We pray for Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority; that your people may lead quiet and peaceful lives.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the City of Barrie, and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women; that you will show your goodwill to all.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them; that you will be their help and defence.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those preparing for baptism, (for those recently baptized); that they may be strengthened in the faith.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone; and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

## CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

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Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*(Silence is kept.)*

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**People: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## THE PEACE:

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: *Alive, Alive*

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## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**All: Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #5:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

**People:** **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

**People:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: we give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cared for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

**People:** **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

**People:** **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread and share in the life of the family of your children.

**People:** **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit,

now and for ever.

**People:** **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Celebrant: As now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### BREAKING OF BREAD #2:

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

#### LAMB OF GOD:

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

### THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymns:

*Spirit Song*

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*Surely the Presence*

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#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All: Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### THE DOXOLOGY

**All: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE BLESSING:

Celebrant: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

**People: Amen.**

REMINDERS: *Birthdays/Anniversaries/Announcements*

Recessional: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

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THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

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**Assisting Rev. Susan Snelling**

Celebrant/ Preacher: Rev. Susan Snelling

Anointers: 8:30 n/a

10:00 – Altar n/a

10:00 – Office n/a

First Reading: Beth Steffler

Psalm Reader: Cheryl McPhee

Second Reading: Jim Blogg

Prayers: Norm Savill

Gospel: Margaret Paradis

Servers: Beth Steffler

Music: Craig Snider

Audio/Visual: David Paradis

Chancel Ministry: Diane MacCormack

Sidespersons: Bill Goodyer

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:**

The Anglican Church of Burundi

**In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:**

Lay Ministry and the Education for Ministry Program

**This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:**

Wanda Hogan; Gail Jones Family; Goodyer Family; Alvin Maynard & Ken Maynard; Dave & Diane Lawrence; Katlin; Toby; Livia & Neil Purcell; Kevin McDonald & Family; Leta Broomes, Renee Walton, the Broomes family, Kathryn, Gayle & Patrick Haley; Gladys Pecholcs; Maggie Prentice; Kevin & Marie Lemoine; Stephanie; Owen; Bob Hill; Rose Court; Virginia; June Hinkson; Gail Jones; Judy & Don; Frances & Farrell; Arthur; Brody; Linda; Anthony Stone; Ida; Shirley Hatch; Edna Goyette; Frances McInnis; Ida; Cecilia Mowat; Nova; Irene; Kayla; Kim Middaugh; Sally; Ron and Karen; Braedy; Karyn; Peter Hubbard; Sally Smith; Marilyn Lloyd.

**The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God's healing touch and grace:**

Peggy Russell; Lequita Adkins; Stephanie; Rev. Janet Mitchell; Matthew Canning; Brenda; Jim & Barb Tomkins; Donna, Ray, Nancy & Chris Wilson; Lorraine Whitwell; John; Celeste & parents; Stephen Bertelsen; Theresa & Pete; Valerie; Darlene Jessem; Doreen; Derek; Sean; Rose McIntyre; Vayda; Barb Semsch; Phil & Kathy C.; Nancy Perault; Sharon Z; Adesh; Lisa Marie; Bill & Cathy Gray; Dave Lawrence; Sheila Green;

Carrie Snow; Carl; Mark & Erin; Wally Raymond; Christine; Audrey Moody; Lynda Raye; Garn Mennell; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Michelle Sinclair and mom; Jane & Ron Lewis; Marilyn Foley; Bill Snow; Jen Galicinski; Arlene; Joan Gough; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Wendy Goodyer; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin.



## Pass The Word

September 25, 2022

**ACWs and women's groups** - former Nottawasaga Deanery from ACW Holy Trinity, Clearview, located in Duntroon, Clearview, Simcoe County.

It has been a while since we were in contact as Covid-19 intervened. However, our ACW has postponed twice hosting Deanery Day since 2019. After considerable thought, we are now inviting you to attend on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at Holy Trinity Clearview in Duntroon, formerly Church of the Redeemer.

Registration at 9:00am with morning snacks

Service at 10:00am

Guest speaker at 11:00 am - donations to support their charity

Lunch at noon - groups to bring potluck salad or dessert. HTC will provide main course

Short business meeting at 1:45 pm

Safe Home at 2:30 pm

Please reply to:

Peggy Hutchison at 519-922-2033, takes a message after several rings if not picked up immediately, or by email to [mhutchis1000@gmail.com](mailto:mhutchis1000@gmail.com)

### Knock Your Socks Off

Once again, we are collecting socks, underwear, hats, mitts, etc. for those in need. Any donations are greatly appreciated. A bin is at the front door. Many thanks.

### Elmvale Zoo Trip (14191 Simcoe County Rd 27, Phelpston)

Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. Prices: Children \$15.95, Adults \$23.95, Seniors \$20.95. We will meet in the Zoo parking lot at 2:00 p.m. Please arrange a ride ahead of time. Please contact Jennifer Reid if you have questions (705) 790-3189.

## **Bible Study of Paul's letters to Timothy**

Please join us for a nine-week study of Paul's letter to Timothy between 7:00 and 8:30 each Thursday evening at St Margaret's starting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September both in-person and via Zoom. Please contact Canon Simon for more information.

**Further Information:** The **Barrie Homelessness and Housing Justice Network (BHHJN)** is hoping to take the attached letter to Barrie City Council in September accompanied by the signatures of as many citizens and organizations in the community as possible. The BHHJN is an unofficial group made up of community advocates, including shelter workers and church leaders. Thank you to Jen Van Gennip and Sarah Tilley for their work on this, drawing on the letter developed by Toronto housing activists. The letter asks what actions the City and County might take to address housing and homelessness issues in Barrie. Certainly, the issues need provincial and federal action, but the BHHJN wants to get this in front of Barrie City Council before the fall election is in full swing!

## **Book Study: Jesus for the Non Religious**

We will be having a book study on Bishop John Spong's book "Jesus for the Non-Religious." We will be meeting at Trinity each Friday at 11:00 for an hour starting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September and running for 9 weeks. If you wish to join the group then it would be best to pre-order the book and we could make some copies available to share if needed. Please contact Canon Simon for more information

- **Rooted and Rising: Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Crisis**

An inspiring collection of essays written from a wide variety of denominations and perspectives of religious traditions. These stories of personal struggles to speak for climate justice and those most affected raises a number of questions.

- ✚ Is climate change a moral issue?
- ✚ Where are the widespread responses from the religious communities?
- ✚ If we know that the poor and vulnerable will suffer most from the effects of climate change, where are the religious voices to speak for justice?
- ✚ Where are the programs and people who will process the mourning about the unravelling of ecosystems and social systems?  
These essays contain hope and visions for transformative action in the face of the challenges. But
- ✚ Where do we begin?
- ✚ What can we build on?

**Author and activist Brian McLaren says of the book:** If you're part of the 'choir' regarding climate change, if you get it, if you're on board, this is the book you need now. It will help you keep singing, even when politicians and corporate leaders prove themselves bigger fossil fools than before, even when the news is bleaker, even when you lose hope for the tenth time, but still can't give up. This book put new steel in my spine and fired up my resolve. You need this book, and the Earth needs you to take its message to heart.

**Study Group led by the Rev. Susan Snelling  
Tuesdays Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 25, Nov. 1,8,15 7-9pm. On Zoom**

Book required – Please let Rev. Susan know if you are interested as soon as possible at 705-220-3739 or [smsatgoodshepherd@gmail.com](mailto:smsatgoodshepherd@gmail.com).



### **Men's Breakfast**

Please join us at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday October 5th for our monthly men's breakfast at the Breakfast House on Bayfield Street. Please contact Canon Simon at [priest-stmargaretbarrie@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:priest-stmargaretbarrie@toronto.anglican.ca) for more information or to join the breakfast via Zoom.



### **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* St. Margaret's Women's Breakfast Club**

Starting third Wednesday of October 19<sup>th</sup> - We will meet at the Breakfast House on Bayfield Street at 8:30. Please contact Rev. Susan Snelling at [revsusan@roger.com](mailto:revsusan@roger.com) for more information or to join the breakfast via zoom.

### **Effect Hope**

"Effect Hope" (Leprosy Mission) continues to collect stamps. Thank you to St. Margaret's. Keep up the worthwhile work. Please mind your stamp borders (1/4" surround borders needed). There is a sample shown on the Leprosy Envelopes on the Anglican Bulletin Board in front of the office. Thank you for your help.

**Daily Devotions** – team of writers at Good Shepherd, St. Margaret's and Trinity – contact Norm Savill [nsavill@bell.net](mailto:nsavill@bell.net) to be included or check the parish websites.

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School has begun again at 10:00 a.m. Sunday service.

**Exercise Classes** have begun with Jenn Reid every Monday at 7:00 p.m. at church. If you would like more information, please contact Jenn at (705) 790-3189.

**Messy Church** – Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, running 4:00-6:00 p.m. For more information, please speak to Rev. Susan at [revsusan@rogers.com](mailto:revsusan@rogers.com)

### **Movie Nights**

Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

**\*\*\*\*We would really appreciate donations to the foodbank for Movie Nights.\*\*\*\***

### **Book Club**

If you would like more information, please contact Michelle: [michelle\\_e\\_sinclair@yahoo.ca](mailto:michelle_e_sinclair@yahoo.ca) OR 705-737-9895. Please feel welcome to join us even if you have not read the book.

### **Covid Update**

We have returned to the Green Phase in our Diocesan response to Covid. This means that all restrictions have now been dropped including wearing of masks, physical distancing, sharing the Common Cup and hospitality around food. This means that we will need to exercise our own discretion and care and that we will need to respect the choices that others make. We will do our utmost to retain a safe and healthy space for worship and community activities. We will reintroduce the Common Cup for the Eucharist and coffee hour after services

when the conditions allow.

### **Covid Shot Update**

Just a reminder that to be a volunteer at the church you must have your COVID immunization shots. Proof of vaccination will still be a requirement for those participation in leadership and ministry. If you have already told us of your first two shots, thank you. If you have had any others since your 2<sup>nd</sup> shot, can you please bring in your confirmation showing the dates so we can update your record. Once again, thank you so much for volunteering to help our church.