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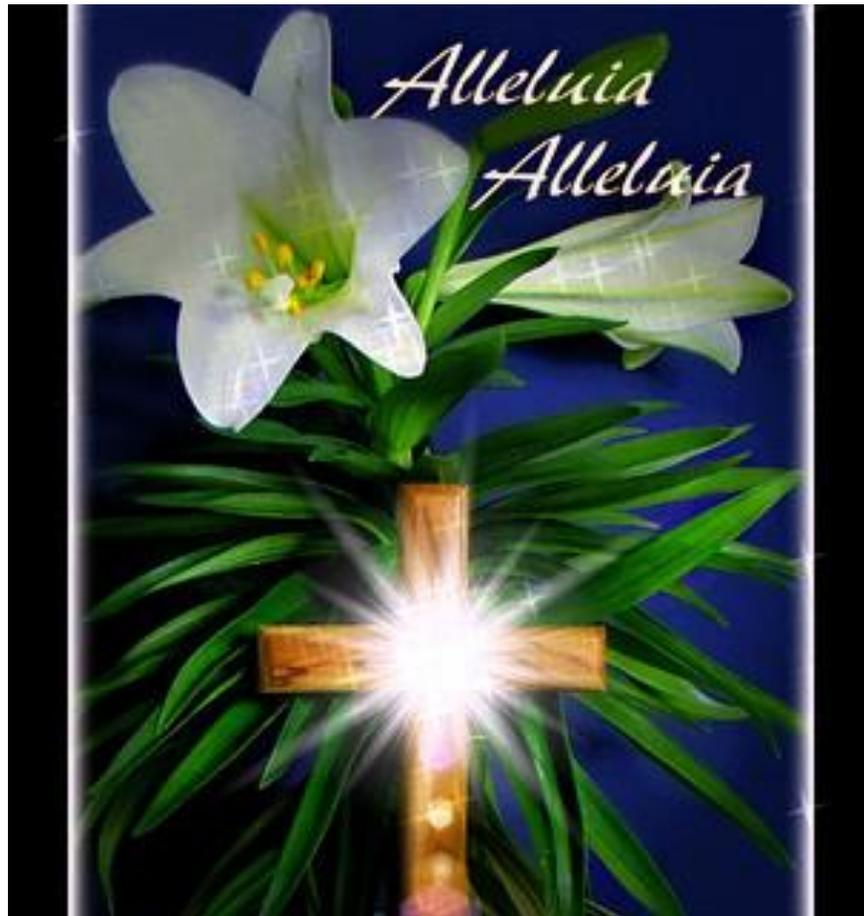
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional: *Holy Holy*

#13 SB

THE GREETING

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Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy**

Children's Time Rev. Canon Simon Bell

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.**

GLORY TO GOD

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

All: **and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day (Prayer of the Day)

All: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: **Acts 11:1-18**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So, when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.

As I looked at it closely, I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'

And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: 148

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
People: **praise him in the heights!**

Leader: Praise him, all his angels;
People: **praise him, all his host!**

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon;
People: **praise him, all you shining stars!**

Leader: Praise him, you highest heavens,
People: **and you waters above the heavens!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD,
People: **for he commanded and they were created.**

Leader: He established them forever and ever;
People: **he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Leader: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
People: **fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Leader: Mountains and all hills,
People: **fruit trees and all cedars!**

Leader: Wild animals and all cattle,
People: **creeping things and flying birds!**

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples,
People: **princes and all rulers of the earth!**

Leader: Young men and women alike,
People: **old and young together!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
People: **his glory is above earth and heaven.**

Leader: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
People: **for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!**

SECOND READING: **Revelation 21:1-6**

A READING FROM BOOK OF REVELATION

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the

Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

(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 John

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

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now, I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon: Rev. Canon Simon Bell

The gift of meaning in the midst of suffering

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

I was in one of our local cemeteries and I saw this enormous tombstone that had Harley Davidson motorcycle, a Mustang, a larger trailer and a suburban home with a double garage on it. One of the things that market researchers tell us about Barrie is that there are a significant proportion of our neighbours who get their value and meaning from the things they can accumulate on their driveways in front of those garage doors alongside their suburban home. The trucks, cars, trailers, boats, RVs and motorcycles we see whenever we walk or drive through our local neighbourhood tell us something about what people in our community value. I get it; it is not simply the objects that matter, but the lifestyle choices that they represent. But, none-the-less, it raises the question in me, "Is the entire object of life to have a secure enough income to afford 'the stuff' that allows me to have this 'life style'".

Every now and again somebody will ask me one of those basic human questions, "What is the purpose of being a human on this earth?" "Why are we here?" "What am I meant to fill my life with?" To be honest, and often when I am looking at all the "stuff" we accumulate to fill our lives, life sometimes

seems profoundly pointless. And often, when we are in the midst of simply surviving from day to day, it can be tough trying to understand the big picture and make sense of where our value as a human being might come from.

This morning we have two readings from the follower of Jesus called John. We have his account of Jesus' life, the Gospel (Good News) of John, and we have the book we call the Revelation of John or Revelations. Both of them are very different books indeed. Both of them are written at the end of John's life when he is living in a far-flung eastern corner of the Roman Empire that we think of as Asia Minor – sort of where Turkey and Greece are now. Both of them are written to Gentiles (not Jewish) followers of Jesus and both of them are written at a time of mounting conflict between the followers of Jesus and the Roman state.

In this sense they were intended as a way of both explaining what it means to be a follower of Jesus to those who called themselves Christians who had not come from within the Jewish faith (as John had). And as a way of encouraging those followers of Jesus at a time of profound conflict when they were faced with the prospect of suffering or being persecuted for their faith.

The little portion that we read from John 13 is part of the last four chapters of John before Jesus is crucified that describes his last evening with the disciples that we call the "Last Supper". It is a window into the anticipated death of Jesus and all the chaos in the life of his followers that follows it. In John's Gospel these four chapters make sense of the death of Jesus for his followers and thus make sense of life: they give the big picture of what God intends and explain what gives us meaning in the midst of suffering.

The portion that we read from the book of Revelation is from the second last chapter of the book and is part of the grand summing up of God's purpose. It follows a raft of chapters about suffering and martyrdom and they give us a window into the final unfolding of the human story. In light of the fact that the letter is written to the church in Asia Minor where John spent the last few years of his life and written from a little island called Patmos, that the Romans had exiled him to, gives us a window into the intension of God for us as humans – the stuff that gives us meaning.

In essence these two portions of the Bible give us two bookends between the death of Jesus and the end of humanity as we know it. They give us a glimpse of human purpose in the midst of a world of suffering.

Understanding suffering and therefore meaning

There are different ways humans deal with suffering and therefore meaning in life. One way to deal with suffering is to suggest it is an illusion that we can escape through mindfulness: simply being aware of ourselves in relationship to the greater whole. Another way to deal with suffering is to suggest we deserve it (it is our karma) and that to rid ourselves of it we truly need to suffer it as a way of working it off. A more palatable option for many of us is that suffering is real, but that we can escape it through accumulation: we can create a financial and material buffer between us and suffering through having "stuff". Something we see our neighbour do every week.

As I have said before, the Hebrew Scriptures we call the Old Testament and the early Christian texts we call the New Testament never really give us an explanation for the origins or meaning of suffering. We can try and put a couple of thoughts together if we try to suggest to us that suffering is a cause of human action, but it really is a rather weak argument. One way to deal with human suffering is to simply reconcile ourselves to its reality: suffering just is part of the nature of being human. The question that the Bible deals with is not what causes suffering, but rather how we find meaning in the midst of a world of suffering.

In John's Gospel we have John's account of Jesus' explanation to his disciples of the meaning of his own suffering. Throughout the Hebrew Scriptures to "be glorified" or "glory" is always associated with knowing the presence of God in our life, rather than this weird Western notion of us being honoured or recognized for something. The passion or suffering and death of Christ does not make sense because he gets a medal at the end for endurance. It only really makes sense because we recognize the capacity that God in Christ has to enter into our world of suffering out of love or compassion (to suffer with) as a companion to us. In this sense life is given meaning, not through the denial of suffering or the embrace of suffering as deserved punishment or the accumulation of "stuff" to shield us from suffering, but rather in the companionship of God with us in the midst of our suffering.

John echoes that idea in Revelation 21 (vs.3) where he says, "See, the home of God is amongst mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be God's people, and God will be with them." That meaning is granted to us in Jesus both in this life and the next. Death is simply a transition from knowing that in the midst of our suffering, to knowing that when "death ... and mourning and crying and pain will be no more." Our baptism, as a form of death and resurrection, remind us of that.

But how is that sense of meaning made real for us in the nitty and gritty of life? Well Jesus deals with that in the commandment he leaves his disciples at the end, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35). In other words, our meaning in life is derived from the fact that we make that compassionate companionship real for each other.

My own meaning is not derived from me denying your suffering (Oh suck it up) as if it is an illusion or me suggesting that you deserve to suffer because you are so hideous to me or my buffering myself from your suffering by the accumulation of stuff; but rather in me entering into your suffering with you: to be compassionate/loving. But it does not end with the people we like or get on with or we can easily identify with because they are just like us. As Jesus reminds us, we are called to love our enemies as ourselves.

In our first reading that we had today from the book of Acts we have Peter defending his action of baptizing the whole household of a Roman soldier called Cornelius in a Roman town called Caesarea. The Roman officer called Cornelius and the Roman city of Caesarea represented to this Jewish follower of Jesus everything that he would have hated from the unclean food, to the unclean company to the very enemy who had occupied the land and made the Kingdom of Israel a puppet of Rome and a brutal regime for cheap labour and punishing taxes.

Yet Peter defends his action of baptizing them in these words, "If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" In other words, if God showed them the same compassion as God showed us and called them into a trusting relationship/companionship in all of life then who am I not to show them that same compassion in companionship by baptizing them into the life we share? And, throughout history, we can say that over and over again, "Who am I to refuse somebody the compassion that God has already shown them?" Amen

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (#15)

(In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, “Hear us, Lord of Glory!”)

Leader: That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader: That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader: That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader: That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader: That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader: That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened; let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader: That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

CONFESSION 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: *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

#350 HB

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

All: Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #3:

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **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 thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup on wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All: Therefore, Father according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and made them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

By whom, and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: 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 #8:

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

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:

Glorify Thy Name

#19 SB

Lord Be Glorified

#35 SB

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

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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 Fr. Simon:

Celebrant/Preacher: Rev. Canon Simon Bell
Bread: Rev. Canon Simon Bell
First Reading: Maggie Prentice
Psalm: Cheryl McPhee
Second Reading: Laura Johnston
Prayers: Norm Savill
Gospel: Margaret Paradis
Servers: Beth Steffler
Music: Gayle Haley
Audio/Visual: David Paradis
Chancel Ministry: Diane MacCormack
Sidespersons: John Snow, Randall Townsend

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

Judy Hill; Pauline, Craig & Brewster Family; Ida; Victoria Paradis; McPhee family; Lynn Venkat; Shirley Hatch; Val Firman; Edna Goyette; Frances McInnis; Gail Jones; Brenda & Family; John & Family; Bruno, sons & all the family; Matthew Canning; Bill Canning; Donna, Ray, Nancy & Chris Wilson; Ida; Cecilia Mowat; Stephanie; Alvin Maynard; Nova; Irene; Kayla; Kim Middaugh; Wilma; Sally; Jim & Barb Tomkins; Ron and Karen; Braedy; Karyn; Rev. Janet Mitchell; Sharron Snider; 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:

Lorraine Whitwell; Steve & Jade; John; Celeste & parents; Colleen; Elizabeth Cresswell; Martin Bertelsen; Stephen Bertelsen; Theresa & Pete; Valerie; Darlene Jessem; Doreen; Brenda & Brian; Derek; Jaxon Croft; Sean; Rose McIntyre; Vayda; Daniel Leibovich; Barb Semsch; Rose Court; Mark Ralston; Jackson; Phil & Kathy C.; Bob Anderson; Nancy Perault; Marco Romita & Rose; Sharon Z; Adesh; Lisa Marie; Joyce Antony; Bill & Cathy Gray; Dave Lawrence; Livia & Neil Purcell; Sheila Green; Carrie Snow; Sheri Scott; 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; Deborah Hall; Jen Galicinski; Arlene; Joan Gough; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Wendy Goodyer; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin; Tanya Wade-Vargas.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

Scottish Episcopal Church

In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Community of Deacons – Archdeacon Kyn Baker

Pass The Word

May 15, 2022

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

Sunday School

We are open again! 10:00 a.m. Sunday service.

Messy Church

Our next Messy Church date is May 28th, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Fun and fellowship for families. Crafts, story time, music and prayers, simple supper. For more information contact Rev. Susan.

Yard Sale

We are planning a church yard sale for Saturday the 4th of June. We will send out more information closer to the time, but please put this date in your calendar and hold on to things we might be able to sale. Contact Beth Steffler for more information.

Movie Nights

We are going to alternate between Friday and Thursday nights for movies as we have some who would like to come out but can't make it on Fridays.

Thursday, **May 19th**, 7:00 p.m. - Movie – “**The Family Stone**”, starring Diane Keaton, Sarah Jessica Parker, Rachel McAdams.

Friday, **June 10th**, 7:00 p.m.– Movie – “**At Bertram's Hotel**”, starring Joan Hinkson as Miss Marple.

Thursday, **June 16th**, 7:00 p.m. - Movie – “**The First Wives Club**”, a comedy starring Bette Midler, Goldie Hawn, Diane Keaton.

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

Book Club

Thursday, May 19th at 1:30 p.m. in church. We will be reading *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by Desmond Tutu & Delai Lama. If you would like more information, please contact Michelle: michelle_e_sinclair@yahoo.ca OR 705-737-9895. Please feel welcome to join us even if you have not read the book.

Summer Day Camp

We will be resuming our summer Day Camp. It will be held **July 25th to July 29th**. If you are interested, please contact the church office as soon as possible as space is limited and it will be a first come first served basis.

Mini Meals Sale – Trinity ACW

Trinity ACW do a fundraiser for local Barrie charities by selling prepared meals. They include: **Shepherd's Pies** -Lg. \$7.00/ Sm. \$5.00; **Meat Pies** – Lg. (6") pie - \$7.00/ Sm. (4") pie - \$5.00; **Soups** - Squash, asparagus, beef barley, or bean and bacon -- \$6.00; **Potato Pancakes**, 2 per pkg. - \$1.00. Please **call Mae at 705 734 1888** to place your order and arrange for pickup. Pickup is also available after Church on Sundays but must be ordered ahead.

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL NEWS FLASH!!!

We are seeing good things happening, here, at St. Margaret's. The COVID restrictions are being lifted, attendance is increasing on Sundays and there is a light that is promising good things to come for the balance of the year.

Our expense budget is focused on a slow start with a gradual build to year end. We are keenly aware of the dollars needed to drive the programs, the Clergy and staff and other operating costs. We are confident with our expense numbers. Revenue is what we need!

FIRST QUARTER RESULTS – Q 1 – 2022

Did you know?	77% of annual revenue (congregation) Main methods are Envelopes & PAG Monthly budgeted - \$14,753
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Expected PAG & Envelope	as of March 31 st 2022 \$44,257
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Actual PAG & Envelope	as of March 31 st 2022 \$35,027
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Revenue Shortfall	as of March 31 st 2022 (\$9,230)
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Your Stewardship Committee