

GREETINGS

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Thanksgiving for the gift of a child

Jesse Joel Olson—March 21/10

Funerals

James Lewis Ashton - Feb 6/10

Flora Zoe Nisbet - Feb 19/10

"Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory."

Pray for the following and their families:

Gregg & Margaret Eswick

Michael Evans-Smith

Dale Farnsworth

Mike Friesen

Edgar & Elsie Garland

Dean & Leah Garrett

Maryanne Garrett

Wyatt & Anita Evans

Betty Falkingham

Larry & Sharleen Friesen

Anne Frost

Elizabeth Garnons-Williams

Mac Garrett

Sandra Garrett

THANK YOU:

- **Sean Lopeter** and **McElheran Woodworks Manufacturing** for making the door handles for the church doors and also to **Glenn Stewart** for installing them.
- **Pete Robertshaw** for removing the window between the choir room and the church and replacing it with a bulletin board in the choir room
- Altar Guild for cleaning and polishing the pews and other wood in the sanctuary.



SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Since our last update, the advertisement for Incumbent has been closed and the journey to find a new Rector for our Parish is in progress. The details of the search are confidential but rest assured the search committee is hard at work and diligently seeking God's choice for this place.

As we've been engaging in this process, I have been reminded of the story where Samuel anointed David as king. I encourage you to read this story in the book of 1 Samuel 16:1-13. Some may think that searching for a new Rector is like hiring a new employee. In some respects, we do engage in the same activities as searching for a new employee such as reviewing resumes, checking skills and experiences against our Parish Profile, and conducting interviews. Where we differ is that we also engage in a process of spiritual discernment which relies heavily on praying and listening for God's voice. As in the story of Samuel anointing David, there may be some candidates that meet all our requirements but are still not the ones God has chosen. In 1 Samuel 16:7 God says to Samuel, "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (NIV) God knows the bigger picture and He knows the hearts of His people and just as with David, He has already chosen the one who will be our next ordained leader.

At this stage of the process, now more than ever I call upon the church to pray. You have a very important role in the selection of a new Rector – prayer is vital in spiritual discernment. The desire of those on the search committee is to find God's choice for this Parish and this is not an easy task. We need your commitment to pray daily. Pray for the person that God has chosen that they would hear and answer God's call. Pray that any obstacles be removed for this person. Pray for wisdom and discernment for the Bishop and the search committee as they review applications and interview, that we would hear God's voice say "This is the one". And pray for strength and energy for the search committee. This process has taken much time and effort but it has been such a privilege serving with such a hard working and dedicated group of people.

As we pray, let's also look forward with anticipation to what God is going to do in this place and get excited to meet God's appointed and anointed "David" for our Parish.

Janet Neubauer

Almighty God, who knowest the needs of thy Church in every place: Look graciously at this time upon the people of this parish; and give to them a faithful Pastor, who shall feed thy flock according to thy will, and make ready a people acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, call to this your Church and ours a true shepherd, a man or woman of God, a minister of Christ; and make us, with him, a church joyful in worship and united in witness, working, caring, praising, loving, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Timothy Dudley-Smith)

GENERAL SYNOD 2010

From June 3rd to 11th, over 300 delegates will gather in Halifax, Nova Scotia for General Synod (GS), the Anglican Church of Canada's national meeting. General Synod consists of elected lay and clerical members and the bishops from across Canada who gather to discuss national and international concerns of the Church. General Synod meets every three years for about a week and is the governing body of the national Church. The Primate is the chair of the proceedings of General Synod.

The theme for GS2010 is "Feeling the Winds of God – Charting a New Course" and the following is the planning committee's explanation of the theme.

Ministry Initiatives being brought to 2010 General Synod have a common thread: CHANGE ... This theme was born out of a desire and longing to put ACTION back into our ministry and mission. This theme calls us to FEEL God, to let the wind of God stir in us the faith to step out of the boat with Peter... There is risk in stepping out, but there is also opportunity. Remember Abraham, Moses, and the disciples all were called to step out of their comfortable life, leave it all behind and step out, go forth, and transform the world. This theme speaks to the transforming power of God's winds guiding us out into the world to live our mission and ministry together as the Body of Christ.

Although there will be a full agenda, the planning committee is building in times to worship and to gather together with the people of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, in celebration of 300 years of continuous worship in their diocese.

At our Diocesan Synod held in November, we held elections for members to General Synod from the Diocese of Qu'Appelle. The members to GS2010 are clergy, Rob Hardwick (Regina), James Merrett (Regina), Allen Doerksen (Moose Jaw); laity, Malcolm Tait (Regina), Janet Neubauer (Swift Current), Patricia Pratt (Punnichy) plus a youth delegate to be appointed; and of course Bishop Greg. There is much reading and study to do before June and we would value your prayers as we begin our preparations to attend this national gathering. God Bless. Janet Neubauer

A Prayer for the Church:

Holy God, navigator of our souls, hear us as we uphold The General Synod of our Church. Be with us in our yearning to chart a new course together, inspired by the presence of your Spirit. Give courage to our Bishops, our Diocesan Synods, and all our leaders as we move forward with Your blessing. For all we do, we do to Your glory, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

125th Anniversary Habitat for Humanity Build Update

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR BUILD?

People have been asking that question and wondering why they haven't heard anything since November 2009. Well, the reason there have been no updates is because there has been no news. But now there is!!

First: In the November update you heard that building began with a group from *Women in Trades from Careers in Construction* and the plan was to have the house 'key ready' (fully enclosed and therefore safe and secure) before winter so that our volunteers could begin work in late February or early March. This has been done however we cannot begin work on the house until Habitat for Humanity hires a supervisor for the site. Dennis Coutts, CEO for Habitat Regina, hopes that will happen soon which means that **building should resume some time in March.**

Second: We will be building the home for a **new family.** You will recall that there are several qualifications which a family must meet before they can be selected for a Habitat Home. It became clear that the Nabi family was not able to fulfill all these commitments and the Habitat Board of Directors had to make the difficult decision to deselect them. We know however, that there are many families who need a home and who are both willing and able to fulfill their responsibilities in the project. Watch for news of such a family selected for the Diocese of Qu'Appelle Build soon.

SO WHERE ARE WE NOW?

We have the forms and the list of names of all the people who have generously volunteered to either work on the site or deliver meals. **We hope many more people will consider volunteering in these ways!** As soon as we hear that a site supervisor has been hired we can begin to set up 'build days'. The number of days we are able to work on the site each week will depend upon the number of volunteers we have. Some of you may be able to commit to two, three or four days in succession. That would be great!

It is suggested that only **5 volunteers be on site per day** as the house is very small and it is difficult to keep more than 5 people safely occupied in such a small space. If some of you are travelling from out of town for build days you may want to keep those numbers in mind – **5 volunteers on site per day.** Why.....that's a car load!!!!

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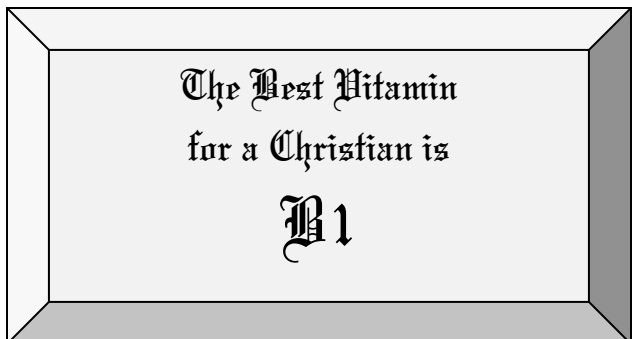
ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting reports and minutes are posted on the church website at www.t2.net/community/ststephens. If anyone would like paper copies of these, please contact the church office.

APRIL 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 EASTER Holy Communion 9:00 AM Pennant 11:00 AM Swift Current	5 12:00 Noon Prayer	6	7 1:30 PM Needles/ Natter 7:00 PM Choir	8 1:30 PM Ladies Bible Study 7:30 PM Guitar Group	9	10
11 EASTER 2 10:45 AM Morning Prayer	12 12:00 Noon Prayer	13	14 1:30 PM Needles/ Natter 7:00 PM Choir	15 1:30 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Vestry 7:30 PM Guitar Group	16	17
18 EASTER 3 10:45 AM Morning Prayer	19 12:00 Noon Prayer	20 2:00 PM ACW Meeting	21 1:30 PM Needles/ Natter 7:00 PM Choir	22 1:30 PM Ladies Bible Study 7:30 PM Guitar Group	23	24 ACW Tea 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
25 EASTER 4 10:45 AM Morning Prayer	26 12:00 Noon Prayer	27	28 1:30 PM Needles/ Natter 7:00 PM Choir	29 7:30 PM Guitar Group	30	

The 1st Sunday of
 each month
Rev. David Nevett
 will be celebrating
 Holy Communion.



MAY 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 EASTER 5 Holy Communion 9:00 AM Pennant 11:00 AM Swift Current	3 Deanery ACW Meeting 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM	4	5 1:30 PM Needles/ Natter 7:00 PM Choir	6 7:30 PM Guitar Group	7 1:30 PM Palliser Leadership Event	8
9 EASTER 6 10:45 AM Morning Prayer 2:00 PM Pioneer Lodge 3:00 PM Prairie View Lodge	10 12:00 Noon Prayer	11	12 1:30 PM Needles/ Natter 7:00 PM Choir	13 7:30 PM Guitar Group	14	15
16 EASTER 7 10:45 AM Morning Prayer	17 12:00 Noon Prayer	18 2:00 PM ACW Meeting	19 1:30 PM Needles/ Natter 7:00 PM Choir	20 6:30 PM Vestry 7:30 PM Guitar Group	21	22
23 Pentecost 10:45 AM Morning Prayer 2:00 PM Golden West 3:00 PM Heritage Towers	24 STAT CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	25	26 1:30 PM Needles/ Natter 7:00 PM Choir	27 7:30 PM Guitar Group	28	29
30 Trinity 10:45 AM Morning Prayer	31 12:00 Noon Prayer					

LEADERSHIP EVENT

On May 7th, Trailview Alliance Church will host *Leadercast* – a one day leadership event featuring the world’s best leaders speaking about leadership principles that matter most. The purpose of this global simulcast is to develop leaders at all levels, positions and stages. To find out more about the event and the guest speakers, check out the website at www.chick-fil-aleadercast.com/. If you are interested in attending, please contact Janet Neubauer for more information and tickets.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Resumes April 11 with a look at the Fruit of the Spirit

GUITAR GROUP

Classes are on
Thursdays' at 7:30 PM

NEEDLES & NATTER

MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 1:30 PM

ALTAR GUILD

MEETS EVERY SECOND MONTH

CHOIR

MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 pm

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN (ACW)

The ACW members will be very busy in the next couple of months. As usual they will be preparing tray favours for the residents of the Palliser for Good Friday. Then, on April 24 will be the ACW Spring Tea to which everyone is invited for angel food cake, strawberries, and ice cream. On April 17, Sandra Hill will be attending the Qu'Appelle Diocesan ACW Annual Meeting in Regina, as the delegate for the Cypress Deanery ACW. Other ACW members are invited to attend as well. Monday, May 3rd is the date of the Cypress Deanery Annual meeting which will be held here at St. Stephen's. Our theme is WE ARE OUR SISTERS' KEEPERS, and the guest speaker will be pastor David Manley from Consul. Pastor Manley has recently spent time in Haiti. All Anglican women are invited to attend, and the lunch fee (\$8.00) should be paid to Marion Giverhaug, treasurer, the week before. Cypress Deanery includes southwest Saskatchewan to the American and the Alberta borders, and includes the parishes of Gull Lake, Maple Creek, Shaunavon, and Swift Current. Submitted by Sandra Hill

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday afternoon Bible Study Group will meet on
April 8th, 15th and 22nd at 1:30 PM
Gail Siemens' - 720 Whyte Avenue
This will be the last study at this time.

PWRDF

PWRDF responds to massive destruction in Haiti January 13, 2010 - **Action By Church Together** - Hundreds, maybe thousands, of people were buried alive when a major earthquake struck Port-au-Prince, the capital of impoverished Haiti on Tuesday. The magnitude 7.0 quake sent panic-stricken people into the street.

The city is without electricity, the telephone network was broken down. The UN headquarter was collapsed. People with no where to go.

Episcopal Diocese of Haiti caring for 23,000 quake survivors in at least 21 encampments. The Haitian diocese suffered greatly with the quake. A number of the diocese's 254 schools, ranging from preschools to a university and a seminary, were destroyed or heavily damaged, including the Holy Trinity complex of primary, music and trade schools adjacent the demolished diocesan Holy Trinity Cathedral. More than 100 of the diocese's churches have been damaged or destroyed. This is a desperate time in Haiti and though they have lost much, they still have an important asset, the people of God, who are working continuously and tirelessly to take care of them

A 15-year-old boy had his leg amputated without the use of any anesthetic or pain medication. He had lost his mom and dad in the earthquake. He is just one of many, many children who are living in this horror.

We need to think of the survivors of Haiti and those administering help in our prayers. If you have not done so consider giving a donation to the people of Haiti.

The work of the PWRDF is ongoing. We are planning another lunch in May and a garage sale in June. Please start thinking of things you may want to get rid of for our garage sale. We appreciate all the support that has been given to date and welcome your continued support.

In Faith - Join Hands - Inspire Hope

Carol Wells/Cheryl James



Bishop's School for Choristers

August 15 - 22, 2010

St. Philip Anglican Church, 3018 Doan Drive, Regina

Early Bird Registration: \$100 (\$75 for additional child(ren) in same family)

After July 1: \$125 (\$100 for additional child(ren) in same family); Extra fee if requiring a billet: \$45

Registration fees reduced this year! Sign up early to guarantee a spot. Pay the fee on the first day of camp.

Fun * Fellowship * Christian Discipleship
for children 7 years & over through *Music and Song*



Sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle

For more information contact Archdeacon Rob Hardwick at rob.hardwick@sasktel.net.

INTERNAL REVIEW

Each year at the annual meeting, we appoint someone to conduct an internal review of our financial records. We are thankful to Gordon Meadows who has willingly and efficiently performed this ministry the past few years. To keep everyone in the congregation informed, Vestry decided to publish the mandate of the internal review and Gordon's report to the congregation. If you have any questions on this, please contact one of your Vestry members.

Internal auditing is not a function that will permit expressing an opinion on financial statements, which are intended for external users such as Canada Revenue Agency or the Diocese. While an internal auditor can perform a variety of functions, such as performance and management auditing, we do not expect our internal auditor to appraise Vestry's decision making as to whether or not they are making the most efficient use of the resources available. An internal audit of St. Stephen's should focus on the following areas:

- Assets are safeguarded;
- Internal controls are in place to the extent practical;
- Recorded entries are valid and documented;
- Expenditures are authorized by budget or Vestry resolution;
- Transaction accounting is complete and proper;
- Transactions are recorded in the proper fiscal period;
- Financial information reported to Vestry is in agreement with accounting records;
- Year-end financial information reported to members is in agreement with accounting records.

On February 18th, 2010, Gordon Meadows wrote the following report:

"On today's date, I completed an internal audit of the financial statements for St. Stephen's Anglican Church for the year ending December 31st, 2009. This audit was conducted according to the guidelines that were instituted in the last 2 audits I performed. Based on this audit, I would like to report that all of my investigations indicated that everything was in order and is being handled in a satisfactory manner and according to the instructions as set down from Vestry."

Janet Neubauer

Diocese of Qu'Appelle Pin

A lapel pin denoting "The Crest" of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle has been created in celebration of 125 years as a diocese. These will be sold for \$4.00 each and the profits from the sales will be split equally between Camp Harding in the Cypress Hills and the Bishop's School of Choristers. If you would like to order one of these pins or see what they look like, please contact Janet Neubauer at 773-2424. Let's help our children's ministries in the diocese and buy a pin.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

God is inviting us to participate in His work and He needs every one of us – each one playing the part for which we were designed. I'd like to share with you some current opportunities at St. Stephen's where we can answer the Lord's call and participate with Him in His work.

We are searching for additional people willing to participate in the recording ministry. This would include editing and burning the recorded services to disc for our lending library. Teresa Gibbens has been doing a remarkable job at editing our services for the radio broadcasts and we've received many compliments from those listening to the services on radio. However there is a large amount of services that need to be edited to update our lending library. Teresa would find it helpful to have a team of people serving in this area – no experience necessary and training provided. Please contact Teresa if you are interested in this ministry and would like more information.

Our website ministry will be undergoing some changes this year. Ray Salmon, who has been looking after updating our website from his home in Nanaimo, has decided to retire from this ministry effective this summer. So we are looking for someone with an interest in this area in order to continue providing communication and outreach through our website. Please contact Janet if you would like to know more about this ministry. Please think and pray about stepping out in faith and participating in one of these ministries. May the Lord bless you as you explore a possible new area to serve the Lord.

- Janet Neubauer

Diocese of Qu'Appelle LAY RETREAT 2010

(Silent Retreat for Women and Men)

St. Michael's Retreat, Lumsden

FRIDAY, APRIL 9th through SUNDAY, APRIL 11th

Theme: Revisiting the Stories of Easteras though we were there

The Rev. Willie Lourens, *Conductor* The Rev. Joyce Hilton, *Chaplain*

Cost: \$155.00 per person

For Further Details or to Register for the Retreat

Complete the online form at: www.quappelle.anglican.ca

OR Complete a form (copies at church) and send to:

Anglican Lay Retreat c/o 267 N. Scarth St Regina, SK S4R 2Z6

QUESTIONS?? Please call: Lorraine Hardwick

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Diocesan Representative

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KID'S PAGE

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

John 8



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**"I am the light of the world, and of life.
Whoever follows me will not walk in the dark."**

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Deadline for next Newsletter

May 15, 2010



We are looking for regular submissions from the user groups of the church as well as from members of the congregation. If you have any stories, pictures, ideas or suggestions please let me know. Submissions can either be sent via email - jgates@sasktel.net , left at the church office or by contacting me at 773-7367.

Thank you for your submissions - Jill Gates/Editor