

Christ Church, Rawdon

Summer 2018

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In Touch

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SUMMER-EARLY FALL CALENDAR

- Tuesdays **ACW Card Parties**, 7:30pm (*Military Whist weekly throughout the summer, in the Parish Hall*)
- July 14th Christ Church **Auction & Bazaar**, 9:30am-3pm, in the Parish Hall & field outside
Furniture, Crafts, Food, Books, Plants, Drawings
6pm, **Supper** at Legion Hall, Tickets: \$15 adults, \$7.50 children aged 5-12 (free <5 yrs)
Tickets must be purchased in advance. 450 834-4457 for information. The Auction and Bazaar move to Sunday in case of heavy rain; the Supper stays on Saturday regardless.
- July 19th 2pm, Service at **Lakeshore** Hospital
- July 22nd 10am, Service at **St John's, Masonville** (Lehane Road) (*no service at Christ Church*)
- July 31st 2pm, Service at **St Anne's** Residence, Chapel
- July 31st 7:30pm, **Military Whist** in the Parish Hall, supporting the Fulford Residence. *The Fulford Residence, a home for senior women, located in downtown Montreal, has strong historic ties to the Anglican Church.*
- Aug. 11th Laurentian Deanery **Picnic** at Harrington Community Centre
- Aug. 16-19 Patchwork Guild Annual **Quilt Show**, Parish Hall (benefits Christ Church)
- Aug. 28th 2pm, Service at St Anne's Residence, Chapel
- Sept. 8th 7:30pm, Wexford Fund **Card Party**, Parish Hall *The Wexford Fund supports our pamphlet ministry & provides refreshments after the Sunday service.*
- Sept 9th 10am, **Annual Wexford Service** (*no service at Christ Church*)
- Sept. 2pm, Service at **Lakeshore** Hospital (*date to be confirmed*)
- Sept. 25th 2pm, Service at **St Anne's** Residence, Chapel
- Deanery ACW Meeting**, in Rawdon (*date to be decided*)
- Oct 6th 10am, **Blessing of Pets** at Christ Church
- Oct. 7th 10am, Parish Celebration of **Harvest Thanksgiving**, Christ Church

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FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners,

At last, after a long hard winter that seemed to hang on forever, summer has finally arrived. Summer is a wonderful time for both recreation and re-creation, a time for renewal. That may include travel or maybe involve staying closer to home but whatever your plans are for this summer, please know that God is there with you in all of your activities and can be found in the family, friends and other people whom you encounter in the course of those activities – just as they hopefully are encountering and experiencing God in you.

If your summer plans have you close to Rawdon this year, we have a number of special activities planned. Our Auction & Bazaar is set, weather cooperating, for July 14th and this year the daytime portion will take place in the Parish Hall and in the field alongside the hall. That evening there will be BBQ Supper, held at the Legion Hall on Albert Street. We are very grateful to the Montcalm Memorial Branch for their generosity in making this supper happen. Thank you also to the Rawdon Multiethnic Centre (CIM) who have again allowed us to store items for the auction in their back shed and to all who have contributed in various ways. We hope to see you there.

Later on in the summer, we will have special Sunday services at St John's, Masonville, (thank you, Shirley) and at the site of St George's, Wexford, special Military Whist card parties to aid the women living at the Fulford Residence and to support our own Wexford Fund, a deanery picnic (this year in cooperation with the Laurentian "Messy Church" program), the Rawdon Patchwork Guild's annual Quilt Show (which benefits Christ Church) and other activities, So there will be plenty going on – and that's just what's happening in and around the church.

However you spend this summer, I hope it is a time of renewal and refreshment for you.

May God be with you,

Fr. Michael

P.S. Although many of us may go on holiday during the summer, unfortunately our bills do not. That is no less true for the church than it is for the rest of us. It costs approximately \$11,056 a month, to keep Christ Church open, the lights on and other bills paid. To do that, we need **your** help. Please remember Christ Church in your charitable giving this summer and, if you're going to be away, please consider sending your regular contributions for that time, or at least a part of them, before you leave. Contributions to Christ Church can be mailed to:

Christ Church, 3537 Metcalfe, Rawdon, QC J0K 1S0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank God for generous people! Although we depend on our regular givers to keep our church doors open, every once in a while we get a surprise gift in the way of a bequest or gift following the death of one of our ex-parishioners or the family of same. In March we received a gift in the amount of \$5,800 from a gentleman in Montreal, with no ties to Rawdon at all. When times are difficult these donations are vital to us. This year, for example, our heating costs were \$3,000 more than other years, the toilet/pipes in the church had to be replaced at a cost of \$915, then a tree had to be cut in St. Felix de Ramsay at a cost of \$1,800. So, we budget, we hope we get the funds to cover the budget, and then the unexpected happens.....both the good and the bad! **Brenda Purcell**

OUR CONDOLENCES

It is with sadness that we have learned of the following deaths among our parish family since our last issue of ***In Touch***:

- Thomas Parkinson** (April 12) **Lydia Hubbard** (April 17)
- Walter King** (April 18) and **Simone Beaudry** (June 2) *son and mother*
- Russell Weir** (April 23) **Victoria Barrie** (April 24)
- Richard Downing** (May 13) *brother of Cheryl Way*
- Judith Asbil** (May 17) *wife of Henry (Hank) Asbil & aunt of Carol Edward*
- Walter (Wally) Rourke** (May 21) *brother of Odium, David, Howard & Pearl*
- Imelda Kenny** (May 31) *at the age of 102, mother of Valerie Rothdram*

Our deepest sympathies to their families and all their friends.
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them.

WARDENS' REPORT

This issue of In Touch gives your Wardens a chance to bring you up to date about what is happening in our parish. Spring has finally arrived, although on some days we're still not quite sure. A big thanks should go out to the tireless volunteers that again did a wonderful job of cleaning up the church and cemetery grounds. This was an enormous job and this year, because the number of volunteers was down, a two day clean-up was necessary.

The church gutters were cleared of their pine needle debris by more volunteers. The result is a free flow of water down to the drains once again.

Our Auction Bazaar is fast approaching and there has been a scramble to make all the necessary arrangements. This year the event will be held on the Church Hall property to provide a more visible site. Parking will be on Metcalfe Street and also in our field. Volunteers are still needed for some tasks and you can contact Merle Parkinson or Brent Parkinson for more details. We are also asking that people bring items they wish to donate to the auction on the day of the event or call Brent Parkinson if a pick up is necessary.

Earlier this year our Hall received a lighting change. All the old incandescent lights were removed and LED bulbs were installed. This not only increases the amount of light in the hall, it will also greatly reduce our future electrical costs as these bulbs consume 16 watts of power each compared to the old bulbs of 100 watts each.

Debra-Lee Batyi is currently scheduled to have her knee(s) operation on June 22 and we want to wish her and Henri all the best, both during the operation and after with her rehabilitation. Several members of the Parish have stepped up and offered their assistance in this trying time for them.

We want to wish you a wonderful summer, good health and happiness.

Marion Loffelmann, Rector's Warden

Cheryl Way, Deputy Rector's Warden

Ann Allen, People's Warden

Dave Bennett, Deputy People's Warden

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**NOTE:** Thanks to Shirley Tinkler, this issue of **In Touch** contains a few items from a September 1930 issue, of our parish newsletter then called **Parish Messenger**. ENJOY! Look for more in the next issue.

**"THE NEEDLE AND THE KNOT"**

*With prompt precision to and fro, the needle comes and goes,  
No lack of toil; —be it so, yet everybody knows the thread that lacks a tiny knot,  
Will never mend our clothes.*

*In life this lesson we may learn, we work and plan with pains;  
Yet if no purpose marks each turn, in vain we look for gains.  
One little knot to pin our faith, is worth a deal of brains.*

*The Spirit with its Thread of Life is knotted at both ends,  
Thus God begins, sustains in strife, and peace with victory sends,-  
A living faith that runs with God, brings hope that always mends.*

W.M. Trivett

**ARE THERE TOO MANY CHURCHES?**

*Each of us, at one time or another has heard a public speaker deplore the multiplicity of Churches, and argue that we should either have union or close some of our churches. Perhaps there are too many sects to be found in the country today, each professing alone to teach the truth, and composed of members who drift from one "ite" or "ism" to another, as fancy or pique may dictate, but when the number of churches who differences we believe to be more fundamental is considered, we may well ask: Is the problem that we have too many churches or is the problem that people do not go to those churches they have? It would seem that there are only too many churches because people are not going to church.*

*There is probably no community in Canada where the churches are well filled twice on Sunday and in many places churches are only half filled and in summer the clergy often have the disheartening experience of preaching to a handful of people and rows and rows of empty seats. But, in the Anglican Church at least, if only fifty percent of the parishioners came to church, church accommodation would be at a premium, instead of that we find that the congregations of very few Anglican churches average half the number of families on the parish list, let alone half the parishioners. While this condition maintains (as it does in all denominations, not only in the Anglican) there is no time or place to say that there are too many churches. Rather say there are not enough church-attending members of churches.*

*Celebrating birthdays : James Elmer Asbil, Sept. 26, 1928; Kenneth Albert Hanna, Sept. 20, 1926; Edward Eli Copping, Sept. 5, 1919.*

**AUCTION – BAZAAR \*\* JULY 14<sup>th</sup>, Starting at 9:30 a.m. Beside Church Hall**

We have moved this event back to the middle of July so it will not conflict with the long week-end and another annual auction in the community. We are going to try holding it on the field between the church hall and White's Funeral Home thus having access to the hall. We are hoping that people passing by will stop. We suggest and encourage people to park in the field off of Rectory Gardens and walk across to the Hall. The field can be accessed from the Rectory on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue or by rue Rectory Gardens on Metcalfe.

The Bazaar part of the day will include home-made baking, handicrafts, plants, books and nearly new items, etc. for sale, plus games for all ages. There will be a snack bar with hotdogs, sandwiches, beverages and strawberry shortcake for sale. The RRA ladies have been working hard on a lovely quilt which will be one of the many prizes to be won on the draw. The day will end with a BBQ supper at 6:00 p.m. at the Legion – thanks to the Legion cooks. Tickets are only \$15, \$7.50 for children 5-12 (5 and under are free). Tickets MUST be bought in advance.

If you have items to donate for Auction or any of the other tables, please bring them the morning of July 14<sup>th</sup> or contact us before to make arrangements for drop off or pick up. Spots are available to any crafter who would like to sell their goods. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know. **Merle Parkinson, mparkinson@explornet.com , 450-834-3535.** In case of bad weather on the 14<sup>th</sup>, the event could be postponed to the next day. Please follow us on Facebook as Rawdon Family Fair.

SEE YOU ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup>! BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. **Merle Parkinson**

**STRONG WOMAN VS. WOMAN OF STRENGTH**

A strong woman works out every day to keep her body in shape, but a woman of strength looks deep inside to keep her soul in shape.

A strong woman isn't afraid of anything, but a woman of strength shows courage in the midst of her fear.

A strong woman won't let anyone get the best of her, but a woman of strength gives the best of her to everyone.

A strong woman makes mistakes and avoids the same in the future, but a woman of strength realizes life's mistakes can also be blessings and capitalize on them.

A strong woman walks sure-footedly, but a woman of strength knows when to ask for help.

A strong woman wears the look of confidence on her face, but a woman of strength wears grace.

A strong woman has faith that she is strong enough for the journey, but a woman of strength has faith that it is in the journey that she will become strong.

Author Unknown, submitted by **Barbara Ferguson Falle**

**MEMORIES**

While courting my soon to be wife, Lois, I learned that her father, Stanley Denman, was an engraver by trade and was hired every year to engrave the names of the NHL hockey players that won on the Stanley Cup. So, one evening, as I watched him engrave each name, he decided that we should all celebrate the Canadiens win by toasting them with champagne. With that, he poured some into the Stanley Cup and we all stood around and raised the cup in their memory. Sadly it's been a long time since. **Derek Morris**

**PATCHWORK GUILD OF RAWDON**

This quilters' guild started in 1988 under the sponsorship of Christ Church ACW. The Rawdon Guild is an organization for quilters to work together, to learn and share quilting methods and ideas. We usually meet the third Saturday of each month at the Anglican Church Hall at 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. for a workshop, but break before lunch for a short business meeting to learn and discuss quilting news.

Every autumn a weekend retreat is held as a getaway to sew and quilt. Lately our annual retreat is at a seniors' residence in the quiet mountainside near Ste. Calixte.

Our quilting projects are completed in time for an annual exposition held at the Church Hall in August which this year will be held from August 17-20, 2018. Before exposition closing, a quilt assembled and quilted by guild members is raffled to be won by a lucky visitor. Come visit us! See the new displays! You could be the next lucky winner of a recently made quilt. **A Quilter**

**TWITTERINGS**

- Congratulations to two of our oldest parishioners, **Peggy Wilcox** who turned 97, and **Clifford Parkinson** who turned 96, both in May.
- **Claire Tinkler** and **Irene Scott** are proud to welcome another great granddaughter, **Maya, Jonathan Tinkler's** second child. Also **Howard and Bernice Rourke** have another great granddaughter, **Esau, Alexis Rourke's** second child.
- **Rev. Brian and Sally Vickers** daughter, **Katie**, was married recently.
- **Frank and Nellie Dyball's** granddaughter, **Jean Gravel**, was recently married. **Graham and Sheila Christopher** recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. **Lois and Derek Morris** celebrated their 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary.
- **Todd and Kim Rourke** are moving to Ottawa. **Sandy Montgomery Scott** is moving to Toronto.
- We all send our best wishes to **Sharon Tinkler**, who has returned home following hip surgery and a lengthy convalescence. A speedy recovery to her sister **Donna Rourke, Ada Evans** and **Francine Girard** all of whom are suffering from falls with resulting broken bones.
- Best wishes also to **Debra Batyi** who is doing well following surgery on both knees.
- Congratulations to **Andrew Asbil**, Dean of Toronto Cathedral, who has been elected coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Toronto. Andrew is the son of **Bishop Walter Asbil** and his wife, **Mavis**, as well as the nephew of **Verna Asbil Negm**.

**FOND REMINISCENCES SPARKED**

A few weeks past, during our Sunday morning service, included in our prayers for the church, was the Anglican Diocese of Sodor and Man. The mention of this diocese brought back many happy memories of times spent on the Isle of Man.

At the outset of WW11, my father was transferred from England to Belfast, Northern Ireland, to take up a post at the Belfast Loch Electricity Power Station. En route, no doubt our parents considering that the Isle of Man would be a safer place than NI, my sister and I were left with our grandparents in the seaside village of Derbyhaven, at the very south of the Isle of Man. I note as the story goes, that one bomb did fall on the Isle during the war, resulting in little damage.

For a couple of years or so, we attended primary school at a girls' school in nearby Castletown. This involved a walk of some 2 miles each way, no transport being available. We attended the Sunday service in the little church in the Derbyhaven, recalling the celebrant once being the Bishop of the Diocese of Sodor and Man.

Following rejoining our parents in NI, where I remember picking up shrapnel from the bombs dropped on us overnight, we moved to Shropshire in England and completed our schooling, spending many summer holidays at Derbyhaven, sailing our boat called "The Bat" – why The Bat, I don't really recall – and trawling for mackerel. Quite often, I would go out early in the morning, rowing the retired fisherman who lived next door, in his small boat, to lift his lobster pots.

Now, since hearing the prayer for the Diocese of Sodor and Man, it struck me – why the word "Sodor"? Man I understood, refers to the Isle of Man, but Sodor? My subsequent research has resulted in the following. The Norwegian Diocese of Sodor was formed in 1154, covering the Hebrides and the other islands along the west coast of Scotland. The name in the original Norse was *Sudreyjar* (Sudreys or "southern isles"), in contrast to *Nordreyjar* (the "northern isles" of Orkney and Shetland). The Isle of Man was included in the southern isles. This diocese was a suffragan (a subordinate) of the Archdiocese of Trondheim.

Norway controlled all these islands until 1266, when they were ceded to Scotland. The Isle of Man was detached from the Scottish islands and came under the jurisdiction of the Kings of England in 1334. Thereafter, it was held by feudal Lords of Man (the Stanleys, Earls of Derby, from 1406 to 1736 and the Dukes of Atholl from 1736) until the lordship was purchased by the British Crown in 1765.

The right to appoint the Bishop of Sodor and Man belonged to the Lords of Man and continued to be exercised by the Dukes of Atholl after the reversion in 1765 until it was surrendered to the Crown in 1828. The Isle of Man has never been incorporated into the Kingdom of England, or the United Kingdom but is a Crown Dependency. In common with the rest of the Church of England, at the English Reformation under Henry VIII, the Diocese left the Roman Catholic Church.

The Church of England is divided into two provinces, Canterbury and York, and although the Isle of Man is not part of England, the Diocese of Sodor and Man is a Diocese of the Church of England and is part of the Province of York. It is the smallest of all the dioceses and for this reason it is exceptional that it has its own bishop and unique due to the fact the Bishop of Sodor and Man is *de facto* a member of the Legislative Council of Tynwald, the Manx parliament.

Since the Isle of Man is not part of the United Kingdom, the bishop is never a Lord Spiritual and cannot sit in the House of Lords of the United Kingdom. Nevertheless, in common with other Church of England Crown Appointments, the appointment of the bishop is still made on the advice of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, even though she or he has no other authority in the Isle of Man. However, unlike diocesan bishops in England, who are formally elected by the canons of the cathedral church in accordance with HM The Queen's *conge d'elire*, (*Permission to elect a bishop, granted in the Church of England by the Crown to the dean and chapter of the cathedral of the diocese*), the Bishop of Sodor and Man is presently appointed by HM The Queen by letters patent.

**John Clague**

## **THE LAST PAGE**

About two years ago now, Fr. Robson asked me to again take part in the production of ***In Touch***, our longstanding church newsletter. After some thought I agreed to serve for a while as its editor, secure in the knowledge that Verna, Brenda and Fr. Michael would assist me in delivering a renewed product that hopefully would appeal to the readers.

Over time, I believe we have accomplished our objectives as we have received both positive and negative responses from parishioners, some of whom live far away. As editor, I have enjoyed meeting with several of you to interview you for your life story.

***In Touch*** has also reported on the various church events that take place throughout the year, some just in time for publication. To make this happen, we must all thank Brenda Purcell for her dedication as production person, responsible for fitting every word on to the pages that you read. Believe me, it's a daunting job requiring many hours of her time each issue.

Lately, however, two things have happened to cause me to think about the future. First, because we are only about 40-50 regular folks in church most Sundays, it has become difficult to bring forward interesting stories of interest to the readers. We all know each other very well, so what else is there to say? Then there are a lot of folk that are either too busy to be bothered submitting articles or stories, or who absolutely refuse to be interviewed for their life story. And, of course, as editor I have been at a disadvantage, being a so-called newcomer of twenty-five years, which hindered my ability to really connect in the community.

However, in very recent days, I have begun to have certain medical problems, which, at age 87, cause me to consider what lies ahead. The "C" word is now part of my vocabulary and our family, now living mostly in the United States, are telling me and my good wife of 63 years – "step back, relax, let someone else come forward to become involved with, not only the ***In Touch***, but other chores that often take up ones time".

I am blessed with two lovely daughters, grandchildren and two great grandchildren as of this writing, all of whom live elsewhere with their families.

And so, my friends, I have decided to step down from ***In Touch*** as of this summer issue and to spend my remaining days with Lois and my local friends at card games, lunches and suppers so long as my arthritis, diabetes, cancer and whatever else comes along, permit me to function.

I have notified Fr. Michael recently of my intentions and have agreed to see this issue put to bed under Brenda's care. Now, it's up to you.

Just let me say THANK YOU to all who supported me as editor these past years. Should the new editor want to interview me for my life story, you are welcome to do so. My story will fascinate the reader.....I'm sure. It's one of a kind. **Derek Morris**

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