



Christ Church, Rawdon

*Located in the traditional territories of
the Haudenosaunee and the Huron-Wendat people.*



NB: Worship is now at 10:30 a.m.

To the Saints and Souls of Christ Church.

September 1st, 2022

I write to you as we prepare to kick-off the first autumn since 2019 where parish suppers, Christian Education activities, community and other events which had been suspended during the pandemic have returned. We are blessed with many generous people who give time, talent, goodwill, and prayer; and who work in many visible and invisible ways to strengthen the fabric of our parish and community. This fall will see two Potluck meals, a Turkey Supper, two Messy Church activity events for the young and the young-at-heart, folk & gospel sing-alongs, the Blessing of Animals on the Feast of St. Francis, and a visit by Bishop Mary who will preach and preside at Eucharist on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

September sees the work of painting and repair of the Rectory coming to completion. Over the months of June, July, and August, work to make the Rectory into a space where we will be able to worship, meet, study scripture, pray, and sing has been quietly completed. Where the parish office had been, a harmonium and a dressed altar ready for use are now found (the altar had been in the shed since before Fr. Edward's time, and the Eucharistic vessels are from the parish vault). In the dining room sits a large table with space for ten, and other chairs in the room sit ten more: this is an ideal space for meetings of Corporation, ACW, and Altar Guild. The living room seats six and will be used for study, prayer, and discussion. Please note, the Rectory is a parish resource: it WILL be open and available to facilitate and foster our shared ministry.

Work which had been underway since the spring will pick up and continue this fall. Items include the discussion, analysis, and determination of the wisdom of changing diesel furnaces for heat pumps (strongly encouraged by Synod) and/or electric furnaces. The discussions will take place in September, with a decision, God-willing, to be made at the October Extended Corporation meeting. The decision will be based upon sound economic analysis; comparing the cost of diesel which we know we will spend against the cost of the heat pumps + the electricity which we will anticipate consuming.

This fall the important work of pastoral visitation will be re-doubled. Since I began work as your Incumbent, I have visited approximately 40% of the people / of the households on the parish roll. The priority has been visitation of the ill, infirm, aged, and those with mobility challenges. This fall I will endeavour to add visitation of those with children, as I work to encourage involvement in the life and renewal of our parish. Community involvement will include Rawdon Elementary, ECOL, the Legion, the Heather, AA, CA, & NA.

Stewardship development will be an item of discussion at the October, November, and December Extended Corporation meetings, for that work is essential to ensuring the strength of the foundation on which the ministry and outreach of our parish stands. What form this will take will be learned through discussion, prayer, focus-group, and analysis of where we are today and where we want to see our parish five and ten years from now; both as a beacon of "Good News" in Rawdon and in the Deanery of the Laurentians.

I ask you to keep, throughout the fall, Rector's Warden, Marion; People's Warden, head of the Altar Guild, Flower Memorials and Ambry Candle, Ann; deputy wardens, Dave & Clare; treasurer, Brenda; web master Shari; organist Brigitte; ACW president, Sharon; coordinator of readers and keeper of the Book of Remembrance, John; pastoral care coordinator and envelope secretary Kirsten; cemetery manager, Brent; hall rental manager, Bob; and all others in our parish in your regular prayers; for it is your prayers which will empower all of us to serve.

In His name and service; Fr. Rodney A. Clark+

Autumn Worship Schedule

Sept 11, 10:30 the Rev. Rodney Clark; Season of Creation
Sept 18, 10:30 the Rev. Rodney Clark; Holy Cross
Sept 25, 16:00 Bishop Mary, St. Michael and All Angels
17:30 Potluck Supper in the Parish Hall
Oct 2, 10:30 the Rev. Rodney Clark; Blessing of Animals – Bring your pet to Church!
19:00 Gospel and Folk Sing-along and Compline in the Parish Hall
Oct 9, 10:30 the Rev. Rodney Clark; Thanksgiving
Oct 16, 10:30 the Rev. Rodney Clark + Rev Dr. Neil Mancor;
1st Messy Church event in the hall after worship
Laying to rest of the ashes of Elizabeth de Fougerville Nunn
Oct 23, 10:30 the Rev. Rodney Clark; AA, CA, NA, & Masons invited to join us
Oct 30, 10:30 the Rev. Rodney Clark; All Saints
Nov 6, 10:30 the Rev. Rodney Clark; All Souls
19:00 Gospel and Folk Sing-along and Compline in the Parish Hall
Nov 13, 09:00 the Rev. Rodney Clark; Remembrance Day [shortened Eucharist]
10:00 Remembrance Day Parade
Nov 20, 10:30 the Rev. Rodney Clark; Feast of Christ the King, and our Feast of Title
12:00 Potluck Lunch in the Parish Hall

Activities in our Parish Hall Throughout the Fall

MONDAY: The Insect Play, Act 1 rehearsals; 13:00-14:45, Se 12...No28
AA: 19:00-22:00
TUESDAY: The Insect Play, Act 2 rehearsals; 13:00-14:45, Se 13...No29
ACW Military Whist Card Parties: 19:00. Cost is \$3
WEDNESDAY: The Insect Play, Act 3 rehearsals; 13:00-14:45, Se 8...No24
CA: 19:00-22:00
THURSDAY: ECOL: 09:30-12:00; Starts Sept 15th
NA: 19:00-22:00
FRIDAY: Masonic Lodge: The second Friday of each month

Quilt Guild – In the Parish Hall

SATURDAY Oct. 15; 09:00-13:00: Workshop. Meeting @ 11:00; Lunch @ 12:00
SATURDAY Nov. 19; 09:00-15:00: Workshop. Meeting @ 11:00; Lunch @ 12:00

Activities at the Rectory:

WEDNESDAY, Sept 7th, Extended Corporation Meeting: 09:45-11:30
MONDAY, Sept 22nd, ACW, 13:30-15:00
WEDNESDAY, Oct 5th, Extended Corporation Meeting: 09:45-11:30
WEDNESDAY, Nov 2nd, Extended Corporation Meeting: 09:45-11:30

Other Community Activities

September 15-16-17: Quilt Guild Retreat
September 17th, ECOL 10th anniversary. Contact Diane at ECOL for details
September 23rd; 19:30, RRA Card Parties will resume. First will be at ECOL

SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

Sept 25th, 16:00; the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels + Potluck Supper in the Hall
Oct 2nd, 10:30; The Feast of St. Francis + Blessing of Animals. Bring your pet to Church!
Oct 2nd, 19:30-21:00; Gospel and Folk Sing-along & Compline in the Parish Hall
Oct 22nd, 18:30, Turkey Supper in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 5:30. Adults \$25. Kids 6-12 yrs. \$10
Nov 6th 19:30-21:00; Gospel and Folk Sing-along and Compline in the Parish Hall
Nov 20th, 10:30; Our Feast of Title + Potluck Lunch in the Parish Hall

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