



# Christ Church, Rawdon

## 1822 – 2023

### Transfiguration & Lent 2023



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

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*"After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here.*

*If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."*

*While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"* Matthew 17:1-5

*My beloved sisters and brothers of Christ Church Rawdon. Since the Church Year began on the first Sunday of Advent, we have travelled with Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem [145km]; from there to Egypt [700 km] fleeing Herod's wrath, then back to Jerusalem [another 700 km] to present the 40-day-old Jesus at the Temple, and finally back to Nazareth [135km] where Jesus grew and prepared to begin his work of preaching and challenging religious hypocrisy, imperial power, and so very many social norms.*

*This coming Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, we see for the first time a glimpse of the power and the authority which dwelt in the person Jesus. He is met on the mountain by Moses and by Elijah. These towering figures of Israel represent the LAW and the PROPHETS – and their standing with Jesus, illuminated by divine light pouring out of Jesus and pouring down from heaven upon them, is there for all who hear the Gospel to understand that Jesus is to be seen as fulfilling both the legal and the prophetic traditions of Judaism – binding together in his person the deeply-engrained schism which had existed in Judaism for centuries.*

*We think that transfiguration only happens in Scripture and happened only to Jesus. I suggest to you that that which transfigured Jesus was the love of God which poured out in words that echoed in Peter's, James', and John's ears and hearts, in words which leap out of scripture and echo in our ears and hearts too: 'This is My Son, whom I love; with whom I am well-pleased'. The transfiguring love of God is the same transfiguring love of parent for child, of grandparents for grandchildren; of those who are in love and who seek to bless the other more than to be blessed themselves. Like Anna, whose wisdom from her young 84 years enabled her to bless and encourage Mary; so too are those who have been loved, who have loved, who have known and shared love able to change the lives of those around them by the blessing and grace of a gentle and encouraging word of blessing and pride.*

**"THIS IS MY CHILD, WHOM I LOVE; WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED"**

*Every parent has felt the same about their own sons and daughters; has spoken similar words of affirmation and pride; and has experienced the joy of seeing child / grand / niece or nephew grow and laugh and thrive. We are blessed with a handful of children in our parish – let us speak that blessing, share the transfiguring love of He who was transfigured before Peter, James, and John; and remember, as we walk down the mountain and into the desert for the 40 days of Lent, that we, too have been loved and called beloved; and have been upheld and cherished – for with each of you is God well pleased.*

Fr. Rodney A. Clark+

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## Worship Schedule

Feb 19, 10:30	Feast of the Transfiguration. The Rev. Rodney Clark
Feb 22, 16:00	Ash Wednesday Service. The Rev. Rodney Clark
Feb 26, 10:30	The First Sunday of Lent, followed by <b>Annual Vestry Meeting in the Hall</b>
FRIDAY Mar 03	World Day of Prayer. Service Time and Location to be confirmed
Mar 05, 10:30	The Second Sunday of Lent. The Rev. Rodney Clark
Mar 05, 19:00	Lenten 'Singing the Blues' Singalong – Gospel Revival Music
Mar 12, 10:30	The Third Sunday of Lent. The Rev. Rodney Clark
Mar 19, 10:30	The Forth Sunday of Lent. The Rev. Rodney Clark <b>Mothering Sunday will be celebrated with simnel cakes and coffee</b>
Mar 26, 10:30	The Fifth Sunday of Lent. Instead of a sermon, there will be Lenten Story
Apr 02, 10:30	Palm Sunday. The Rev. Rodney Clark

## Activities in our Parish Hall

**SUNDAY @ 09:15, beginning April 02,** United Church Worship Service. **MONDAY @ 19:00:** AA.  
**TUESDAY @ 19:00:** ACW Military Whist Card Party. Cost is \$3. **WEDNESDAY @ 19:00:** CA.  
**THURSDAY @ 19:00:** NA. **FRIDAY @ 19:00:** Masonic Lodge: The second Friday of each month

## INSECT PLAY REHEARSALS

**Prologue:** 11:30-12:00; **Act 1:** 12:00-13:30: Fe 20, 27, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27, & Ap 3, 10.  
**Act2:** 13:00-14:45: Fe 28, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28, & Ap 4. **Act 3:** 13:00-14:45: Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, & Ap 6.  
**Epilogue:** 15:00-16:30: Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, & Ap 5.

**Dress rehearsals** April 12 & 13 @ Rawdon Golf Resort. Starts @ 10:30

**Performances @ Rawdon Golf Resort: April 15 @ 7:30; April 16@4:00.**

**ACW:** Feb. 23 @ 13:30. ZOOM or in person t.b.d. Mar & Apr meetings still to be set.

**Quilt Guild – In the Anglican Hall: Feb 25: 9:00** Workshop, Personal Projects; 11:00 Meeting; 12:00 Lunch. \$4.00. All welcome). Ends at 3:00. **March 18: 09:00** Workshop, Three Yard Quilts; 11:00 Meeting; 12:00 Lunch. \$4.00 All welcome. Ends at 3:00.

## Activities at the Rectory

**THURSDAY Mar 9<sup>th</sup> 09:45-11:15, Extended Corporation**

**THURSDAY March 23, 13:30 ACW, UCW, WI: Mothering Sunday Tea**

**THURSDAY Apr 13<sup>th</sup>: 09:45-11:15, Extended Corporation**

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MONDAY: 13:00 Urban Polling in Rawdon. Start location changes each week - contact Gail.  
TUESDAY: 9:00 Breakfast Club & Wellness Center, Grace Anglican Church, Mascouche.  
WEDNESDAY: 10:00 -11:30 Community Health Education Virtual Zoom.  
THURSDAY: 10:00-13:00 Christ Church Hall, Rawdon.  
FRIDAY: 10:00-14:00 Friday Friends at the United Church Hall, Rawdon.

**RRA: Tues, Feb 21st, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, in the Anglican Hall**  
Adults \$10 & Children 12 & under \$5. For info, contact Brent Parkinson: 450-834-5698

FRIDAY February 24<sup>th</sup>: 19:00: Card party in the United Church Hall

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**WI: MONDAY March 6<sup>th</sup>.** Meeting will be by Zoom.

**C.I.M.:** Annual General Meeting: Feb. 25 @ 14:00 at the CIM, 3588 rue Metcalfe.  
You can pay your membership fee at the door.

**Legion Activities:** Mon, Wed, Fri: 09:00 Exercise Group. Mondays 13:00 Bingo.  
Tuesdays 13:00 Darts. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 17:30 Pasta Supper. Thursdays 19:00 Cribbage  
Saturdays 11:30 BBQ; 13:00h Darts. **Special Events:** 22 Feb: 17:30 Supper; 26 Feb: 09:00 Breakfast

**Lilies for Easter: To order Lilies in memory of loved ones for Easter, please prepare a cheque for \$25, payable to Christ Church Altar Guild. For more information, please contact Ann Allen @ 450-834-2492 / [ann\\_hotpink@hotmail.com](mailto:ann_hotpink@hotmail.com) Deadline to order is SUNDAY MARCH 26<sup>th</sup>**

**ADVANCE NOTICE: CHRIST CHURCH AUCTION & BAZAAR will be held on SATURDAY, JULY 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Parish Hall Grounds, from 09:30-15:30**