

ST. MATTHEW'S

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PASCHAL LETTER 2021

THE REVEREND GEOFFREY CHAPMAN

Dear Parish of St. Matthew's,

"In sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life," says our Book of Common Prayer. It is a strange and poetic turn of phrase from Thomas Cranmer: we hope with surety and certainty. The scriptures also contain this strange contradiction: we have deep trust in our belief that, as the Apostle Paul writes to the Romans, "nothing can separate us from the love of God," and yet we do not fully know the mind of God.

For many Christians, especially in those in the West speaking Latin-based languages, we have always approached the gift of the Resurrection with joy but also caution. It is so huge and precious a gift, perhaps we are reluctant to accept that it was freely given to us? Surely Jesus meant to give this gift to the worthiest among us, and deny it to the least worthy?

I fear this tradition of cautious optimism regarding the Resurrection of Jesus Christ has hobbled the joy and universality of our faith. I wish to live out my life and ministry proudly proclaiming that not only does God love us, but that death and hell have been fully, totally and completely defeated through the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. I invite you to do the same this Easter.

I have recently been reminded by Franciscan Friar Richard Rohr in our study of his *Universal Christ*, that Christians in the East celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ quite differently from our traditional Easter celebrations in the West. In Eastern Christian iconographies of the Resurrection, every depiction shows Christ leaving not just an empty tomb, but an empty hell.

In these icons we can see broken locks and shattered chains in an empty prison cell. Tied up is a defeated Satan lying at Jesus's feet. Adam and Eve, bewildered, are lifted up into the daylight along with the People of Israel and the *whole* of humanity.



Every Resurrection icon in the East shows Jesus not just raised from the dead but bringing all of humanity into life. It is triumphant and joyful, but this event is also final and complete.

The phrase, "*Christos Anesti*", Greek for "*Christ has been raised*", is in the past tense. This event has already happened. Christ has been raised, death has been defeated, and our task is to rejoice and be glad. We are not hoping to be given the gift of Resurrection in the future. The Resurrection happened two millennia ago, and yet we celebrate it as a human race every Easter Sunday - indeed every day!

Christ has been raised! Alleluia!

Traditionally, in Eastern Christian Churches such as the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, the Easter Vigil is epic, wild, joyous and profound. The paschal flame that is lit during the Easter Vigil service from the Empty Tomb itself is not shared in silent reverence, but with reckless abandon. To be completely honest with you, I would not have the courage to attend this service with that combination of open flame and enthusiastic revelry. It is a legitimately dangerous worship service. It is far closer to a rock concert "mosh pit" than a pious liturgy. I believe the intensity of this liturgy is commensurate with their paschal theology - they understand what big a deal the Resurrection is to our life and to the life of the world.

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WARDENS' WORDS

VALERIE NEEDHAM

*Glory to God, whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.*

It has been over a year since the global community began living with the Covid-19 pandemic. Over a year of illness for many, long-haul recovery for some and even death. Over a year of social distancing, mask-wearing, lockdowns and isolation. Over a year of adjusting our lives to this new reality, of grieving the loss of family contact and worship in church. And now, with the arrival of vaccines, there is a ray of hope after this dark time.

Despite these travails, we have found ways to cope. At St. Matthew's, this has meant joining together virtually in worship on Sunday mornings and in weekday Morning Prayer, of sharing our faith in *Conversations*, Bible study, Sunday School, Meditation Groups and meetings held via Zoom. Remarkably, these virtual gatherings, although not quite the same as in-person meetings, have nurtured our souls and brought us closer together in some ways.

We are blessed to have the spiritual leadership of the Reverend Geoffrey Chapman, who arrived at the end of April 2020. Rev. Geoff has done a remarkable job of getting to know the parish and parishioners despite the handicaps of the time. How we appreciate the scholarship and energy that illuminate his homilies. How we appreciate his technological expertise that is so well used as he edits our virtual services of worship. How we will appreciate his wisdom as we move toward a non-Covid world and we can gather and worship in-person again.

We are grateful for the spiritual care of our Honorary Clergy; The Reverend Canons Kevin Flynn, Allen Box, Jim Beall, and the Most Reverend Barry Curtis. Archbishop Curtis and Fr. Flynn have led very well-received Sunday morning *Conversations* throughout the year. Fr. Beall has assisted Rev. Geoff with pastoral care and Fr. Box has led in services and Morning Prayer. Thank you all so much.

Very happy news is that on March 9, 2021, Bishop Parker appointed The Reverend Professor Kevin Flynn to the Cathedral Canonry of the Name of Jesus and as Canon Liturgist of the Diocese. Congratulations, Canon Flynn!

So many people work to support the work and worship of St. Matthew's: Altar Guild members who dress the sanctuary with season-specific frontals and flowers; the cantors who sing, masked, at services; our sextons Robina Bulleid and Bob Richards; our Parish Administrator, Catherine James-McGuinty. And many others. Thank you all.

A virtual Vestry via Zoom was held on Feb. 28, 2021. Walt Draper led us through the financial reports and the proposed budget for 2021. Thanks to the ongoing generosity of parishioners and the Jubilee forgiveness of the Diocese, St. Matthew's ended 2020 in the black. An almost balanced budget for 2021 was proposed and passed.

Some of the initiatives for 2020, approved at Vestry on March 1, 2020, have been placed on hold until the immediate constraints of the pandemic are over.

Your Wardens have been busy acquainting themselves with their new roles and responsibilities and look forward to working together with Rev. Geoff in the coming year. We are grateful for the ongoing support of the newly retired wardens (Rick Trites, Julia Lipinska, John McBride and Ed O'Meara) as we move ahead. There is much to do! We will keep the parish apprised of our work via e-Blasts and in future issues of the *Pulse of the Parish*.

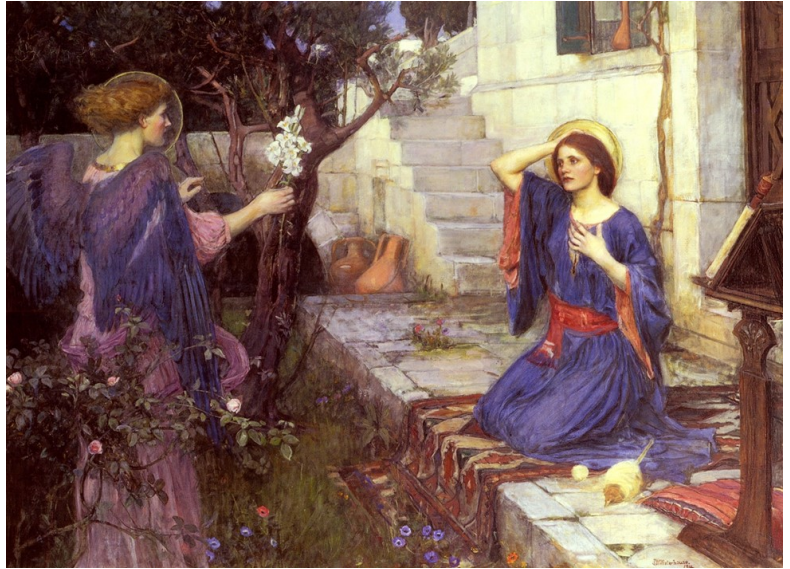
As we begin this Holy Week, may we give thanks for all that has sustained us during this past year. For the love of God and family and neighbour. For the community of St. Matthew's. For the Holy Week and Easter services that have been lovingly prepared for us by our clergy, by our Director of Music, Kirkland Adsett and by the parishioners and musicians who have participated. A full list of Holy Week and Easter services can be found on page 6.

May the blessings of this Easter Season bring joy and comfort to you and your families.

Valerie Needham, Rector's Warden
Julie Helleur, People's Warden
Tom Barnes, Deputy Warden

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION, MARCH 25, 2021

THE REVEREND CANON KEVIN FLYNN



The Annunciation by John William Waterhouse

The story of the angel Gabriel's encounter with Mary is a story about a God who speaks through various messengers, who is therefore heard or not heard, whose presence can never be demonstrated.

God is one who speaks when we may not be listening, and God is therefore at the mercy of our interest and response. God may say what we do not want to hear and may challenge the values that have provided us with equilibrium.

God is also one who may not speak at all as we yearn to know what only God can tell us; that we are not alone and life is heading for fulfillment saturated with joy.

When the Virgin Mary hears this God she is made extremely lonely. She becomes isolated from the moral values of her time and from the one love of her life. She must go on as before, giving no hint to others of the effect of God's message on her life. But Mary listened and understood.

If God speaks, we must try to understand what God says. We must also understand what it means to *listen*. At the heart of listening for God's Word is a certain neutrality and stillness, avoiding evaluating the sense of God's presence.

And there must be courage, because there is the risk of being influenced by preconceptions. To listen to what life says, in the many forms and voices in which it speaks, is the only way to avoid the world of private fantasy, the only way to be *present*. Unwillingness to listen is a

decision in favour of one's imaginary picture of life; it is to play creator and make one's own world and settle for one's personal alternative to reality.

It is wise to acknowledge the difficulty of listening. The scriptures have much to say about prophets doomed to have no response but people's deafness or their rage.

Jesus seems to have been less furious, and less despairing in the face of the unlistening. He had a habit of concluding some comment on life with a saying about hearing and insight. He said it so often it is a kind of refrain, "If you have ears to hear, then hear."

This remark is a flash of light revealing Jesus's wide understanding of the human condition. The truth may not be bearable or it may not have sufficient meaning for the person just now to set them thinking in a constructive way. Truth must have its moment.

But there is always the moment for some truth, in the sense that God is present in every situation, wishing us to do or to suffer or to enjoy something, and ready to help this experience carry some fresh realization of God and God's purpose.

And this is always a blessing because the fruits of prayer (mercy, pity, peace, and love) blossom, then, within each life and throughout the world. To believe this is to face life with a hopeful, indeed expectant, attitude. It is going to be all right.

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Every Easter Sunday, millions of Christians in the East read the Paschal Sermon preached by John Chrysostom in 407 CE, in which he declares, "Let no one fear death, for the Saviour's death has set us free." He draws upon the parable of the workers who are all paid the same rate, regardless of how many hours they worked - all receive the great reward of Christ's Resurrection! It is a brief but exhilarating sermon.

Imagine preaching a sermon so wonderful it must be recited every Easter day for the next 1600 years!

I write these words to you this Easter because I wonder if the reason we Anglicans in the West are not nearly as excited about Easter as our Christian brothers and sisters in the East is because we fear, deep in our hearts, that there is an asterisk to the Resurrection.

Perhaps we think that Easter probably applies to us, but perhaps doesn't apply to our neighbours, or to other religions or cultures? In our diverse society, an Easter meant just for insiders and church-goers might not only be a

little sad or embarrassing, but may feel even shameful to celebrate publicly. Why make public an Easter celebration meant only for church insiders?

I believe we need to join our Eastern Christian brothers and sisters and declare to the world without subtlety, "Christ has been raised," and so have *you, whoever you are!* Come one and all to celebrate this gift to the world.

And even if you miss every service between Christmas and Easter, and even if you don't care, death has been defeated for you too! Easter is a universal, cosmic celebration, and should be a source of pure and ecstatic joy.

I heartily wish you, your loved ones, your pandemic-ensconced neighbours, and everyone in our whole entire world and cosmos a happy Easter!

Christ has been raised! Death has been destroyed!
Alleluia!

Geoff+

Every Sunday morning at 9 am. for the past 24 weeks, Archbishop Barry Curtis has led a faithful group of parishioners in *Conversations* via Zoom. Through prayer, Scripture, poetry and small group discussion, he has created a safe place to share their faith.

The final session will be held on Sunday, March 28, after which Archbishop Barry and Lois will prepare to return to Victoria, BC. Safe travels, Barry and Lois and thank you.

But fear not! *Conversations* will continue with Canon Kevin Flynn providing leadership. The first session with Canon Flynn will be held on Sunday, April 11. Thank you very much, Kevin.

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Any program of prayer is intended to train our minds to bring these Christian considerations into focus at will, recalling and trusting what we believe to be true about life as a whole, even when our world has contracted to some sharp bit that is cutting into us now. This training is a lifelong affair, very uneven, with many stops and starts.

There is always some part of us that shrinks from that experience. We can see that tension even in the Mother of God herself as she is depicted in innumerable paintings of the Annunciation. She is often depicted as young, childish, innocent, nothing more than a schoolgirl doing hand work or at her studies, who is suddenly confronted with the Angel.

In her body redemption will be prepared. She is shocked, astonished. In her face horror and rejection mingle with acceptance. The motif we see in her occurs in women and men today.

Mary's is an emptiness of self that waits for God alone to fill it, a state that endures losses and unmet longings and ungranted prayers, without seeking compensations and distractions to fill the void, because such faith believes that God will give himself and his meaning in his own time.

The feast of the Annunciation of the Lord to the blessed Virgin Mary points to this absolute openness to God and aspires to it. We are left wanting to breathe its free yet dedicated atmosphere.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CHARLES NIXON

We are approaching spring and Eastertide with hope as days lengthen and temperatures improve while knowing that our Covid journey is not yet over. Can I say patience with impatience?

I would like to reflect first on how well we did in addressing the challenge of giving in a pandemic world last year. It was a challenge for us all and we saw increased PAR givings and new ways of giving through Canada Helps as well as traditional forms of giving.

We are blessed by your generosity in the face of adversity and it has allowed St. Matthew's to carry on. Below is a table showing the number of contributors by giving level for 2020.

Thank you!

Amount of Contributions in \$\$\$	Number of Contributors
0 – 99	33
100 – 499	57
500 – 999	38
1,000 – 2,499	51
2,500 – 4,999	35
5,000 – 9,999	23
10,000 +	6

The number of contributors was fewer than last year, perhaps due to the church being closed for so many months for in-person services resulting in fewer visitors and newcomers.

2021 will be equally challenging as our return to in-person worship is still some way off. I am pleased to note that givings for the first two months of 2021 are in keeping with those in 2020, although they lag givings in 2019 for the same period.

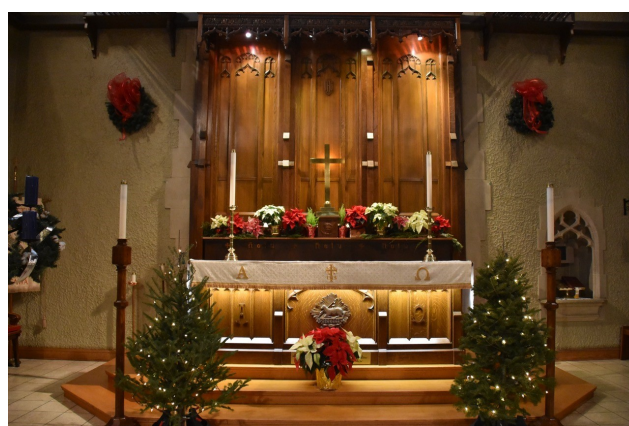
The costs of running St Matthew's are incurred on a monthly basis and so having your givings match that monthly pattern as much as possible certainly helps.

Please contact Brian Effer at StMattGlebe-PAR@gmail.com to increase your givings or to join the PAR giving group! You can also continue to use Canada Helps, send or drop off cheques to the church or contact the church office to give by credit card.

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Thank you, each and every one, for all that you do for St. Matthew's in different ways by offering your time, your talent and your treasure. We are a vibrant community of faith and we will continue to be so with your ongoing support.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2020



SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER, 2021

We invite you to join us for the following virtual services during Holy Week and Easter

Date	Time	Service
Sunday, March 28	10 am	Palm Sunday, The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman
Sunday, March 28	2 pm	The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John, The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman <i>This is a special offering for this year, featuring a recitation of the Passion with instrumental music.</i>
Monday, March 29	8.30 am	Morning Prayer, Students of the Anglican Studies Program, St. Paul University, Canon Kevin Flynn
Tuesday, March 30	8 am	Stations of the Cross, Canon Allen Box
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Wednesday, March 31	4 pm	Tenebrae (Darkness), Canon Jim Beall <i>The name of this Service identifies its most conspicuous characteristic: the gradual and progressive darkening of the Church during the course of the Liturgy, which presents in dramatic form the increasingly dark narrative of our Lord's Passion, through the plainchant singing of Psalms and other passages of Scripture.</i>
Thursday, March 31	8.30 am	Morning Prayer, Students of the Anglican Studies Program, St. Paul University, Canon Kevin Flynn
Thursday, April 1	7 pm	Maundy Thursday Service, The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman
Thursday, April 1	8 pm to 8 am	Overnight Vigil, Parishioners, with music <i>We are broadcasting a live, overnight Vigil on YouTube with silence and music performed by Director of Music, Kirkland Adsett.</i>
Friday, April 2	11 am	Good Friday Service, The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman
Saturday, April 3	8 am	Holy Saturday Matins, Canon Kevin Flynn
Saturday, April 3	8 pm	The Great Vigil of Easter, live on Zoom, Canon Kevin Flynn <i>Our regular parish Zoom link will lead you to a special Easter Vigil, with readers on Zoom and a live feed into our Parish Church (technology permitting!)</i>
Sunday, April 4	10 am	Easter Sunday Service, The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Morning Prayer will be celebrated via Zoom, Holy Monday through Maundy Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Join students of the Anglican Studies Program at Saint Paul University for these services. For the Zoom link and for the order of service, email Canon Kevin Flynn at kevinwflynn@gmail.com

On March 19, 2021, Ottawa moved again into the Covid-19 Red Zone.
There will, therefore, be no in-person services of worship during Holy Week and Easter.

MY SATURDAY WITH GEORGE HERBERT

CLAIRE BRAMMA

On the morning of February 27th, with a large cup of coffee in hand, I set aside some time to catch up on a blog that I often enjoy reading (<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/blog/>). But I knew that I couldn't dwell on it too long because I had a fast approaching essay deadline for one of my courses, "Anglican History and Theology".

As I began reading, I learned that this was the day that the Church of England (as well as the Anglican Church of Canada) commemorates George Herbert, who was a 17th century English priest and poet. You can read more about Herbert in the Anglican publication *For All the Saints*: [For All the Saints](#)

The blog post of the day was a poignant offering of thanks and praise for Herbert's poetry which illuminates the experience of communion with God in Christ, in a variety of settings both individual and collective and through different forms of prayer. I then read a few of Herbert's poems and quickly became inspired, losing myself in the imagery and feelings created through his words. I was also reminded that some of his poems were set to music, most notably *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*.

Before I knew it, 2 hours had passed, and the thought of my school assignment loomed over my head. The assigned subject for this essay was the examination of a doctrinal topic relevant to the Reformation, incorporating primary source writings from the 16th and 17th centuries. The light bulb turned on – in Herbert I found an important 17th century voice to be included in my essay; but even more, I knew that I had found a poet companion for my own faith journey!

According to Christian historian Stephen Neill, Herbert is "*par excellence* the poet of Anglicanism." Throughout the rest of the morning, I delighted in Herbert's experiential view of fundamental topics of the Christian life such as love, prayer, worship, and the sacraments.



Inspired by Herbert's poetry, I incorporated his experience of communion with Christ as reflected in two of his poems, *H. Communion* and *The Banquet*. (The paper was titled "The Real Presence of Christ in Holy Communion: A Reformed View".)

H. Communion describes how the consecrated elements of the sacrament change a person in their heart and soul, bringing forgiveness and freedom from sin as well as holistic nourishment and restoration.

The Banquet offers a dramatic description of the feelings evoked in Holy Communion and expresses that although Christ's sacrifice is both difficult to bear and comprehend, it mysteriously stirs us into thanksgiving and experiencing divine joy. Both poems are available online through the *Christian Classics Ethereal Library*:

[H. Communion](#)
[The Temple, Complete Poem Index](#)

In this season when so many of us are fasting from physical participation in the sacrament of Holy Communion, Herbert's poetry might perhaps provide some consolation as we experience spiritual communion with Christ. May we be reminded of this truth each day, as our risen saviour Jesus Christ proclaims: "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20b)

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BOOK REVIEW:

THE END OF YOUTH MINISTRY?

BY ANDREW ROOT

AÏCHA DUCHARME-LEBLANC

What is the purpose of youth ministry? Is there a future for it? These are the two guiding questions that led Andrew Root, Professor of Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary in St. Paul Minnesota, on a one-year quest to discern the answer to these important questions.

I believe this book speaks to the youth ministers of today, providing them with guidance about how to design their ministry to meet the challenges of working with young people within the church today.

Through interviews with parents and youth workers, Root identifies changes in parenting styles in the last few decades. He contrasts the style of the 1980s when parents gave their children much more freedom to do what they wanted (think Elliot in Spielberg's *E.T.*), to the current helicopter-parenting style in which parents are inclined to program all aspects of their children's lives.

This transition has also influenced the way today's parents view their children. They strive to protect their children and ensure that they thrive in multiple activities to "find their thing" and develop a solid identity. In truth, Root highlights that parents want to guarantee happiness for their children, but in their efforts, they, along with other socio-cultural constraints, are slowing down their children's emergence into adulthood as well as their emotional development. As a child of the early 2000s, I can relate to this.

However, this form of parenting hasn't just had an impact on children, it also has had an impact on youth ministry which really took off in the 1980s, dubbed *the fast times*. Back then, children were growing up too fast and youth ministry served as a way to slow-down the process.

Thus, in today's culture where growing up has slowed

down, youth ministry seems no longer needed and can't compete with other activities such as sports, music lessons and academic projects, which are perceived by parents as more important for the development of their child's identity.

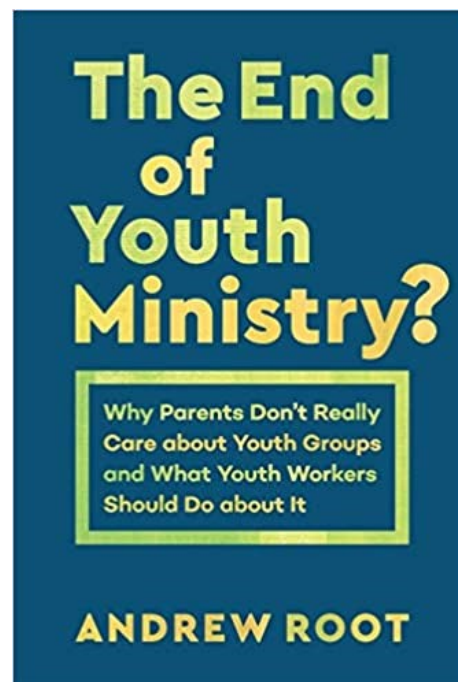
Finally, in using the case study of one particular youth ministry, Root offers a renewed answer to the *why* of youth ministry: Joy. Not happiness but *joy*, as in joy in friendship and rejoicing in Jesus Christ. Rather than providing entertaining and fun events and games as in the past, Root contends that youth ministry is all about fostering joy related to Christ within youth.

Root sees this concept as encapsulating the important impact youth ministry can have on youth. I couldn't agree more, because if youth ministry can cultivate Christ-related joy in its young people then in my view meaningful work has been done for their benefit.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I believe it does a tremendous job in challenging the current models of youth ministry and presents a convincing argument that youth ministry should strive to foster joy.

However, I will say that this is not a light read. The blending of an engaging narrative enriched by pop-culture references with a multitude of academic and philosophical concepts requires very careful and attentive reading.

Nonetheless, I hope that with the insights of this book in mind, my youth ministry practices will be strengthened.





ENDURING THE TEST OF TIME TAKES PERSISTENCE AND PLANNING

BILL NUTTLE

In ancient times, the harbour at Athens was home to a ship highly valued because it once belonged to the fabled King Theseus. It is said that the ship was maintained in a seaworthy condition for hundreds of years. Parts were replaced as they wore out or rotted. Over time, all pieces of the ship eventually were replaced, yet the ship of Theseus was preserved.

St. Matthew's Church has existed at 217 First Avenue since 1898 through a similar process of renewal. The present church building replaced the smaller, original church in 1930. Since that time, the building has gone through several cycles of renewal.

Notably, the basement was renovated in the mid-1990s to incorporate a kitchen, classrooms, the church office and space devoted to the music program. More recently, the exterior stonework was restored and a new roof added in 2017.

The need for renewal continues. Each winter brings a rash of problems with the nearly 100-year-old heating system, which are dealt with by gradually replacing worn out parts,

as a matter of course. In 2018, engineers conducted a thorough review of the condition of the building in its present state. The assessment also looked ahead to identify major repairs that will be needed over the next 30 years.

Later this year, the Property Committee intends to launch a major building renewal project to address areas in need of immediate attention. The 2018 assessment identified three areas as high priority – the heating system, the foundation, and the stained-glass windows. The proposed building renewal project will focus on making improvements in these three areas.

These improvements will have immediate benefits to the church. Improvements to the heating system will make the system more efficient and reduce costs. Improve-

ments to the foundation will allay concerns over the long-term stability of the structure and will reduce the flooding that occurs now when

the snow melts or it rains hard. Improvements to the stained-glass windows will reduce drafts, further reducing heating costs, and repair deterioration that has occurred over the long life of these windows.

In addition, the project will develop a road map for eventually replacing the current heating system. Since the time of the 2018 building assessment, efforts to combat climate change have gathered momentum, and St. Matthew's must be ready to do its part. This will mean shifting to a heating system that runs on renewable energy when the time comes to replace the natural gas-fired boilers that provide heat to the church now.

Ultimately, the goal is to preserve St. Matthew's as an Anglican community based at its present location. The work required now to maintain the church building in a "seaworthy condition" is well beyond what is currently budgeted for annual operation and maintenance. We anticipate that the total cost will be around \$1 million, similar in magnitude to the new roof. That is why the Property Committee is developing this as a special project and will explore several sources of revenue including grants, Diocesan support and fundraising as we move forward with this essential work.

More information will be provided as plans develop through the year. In the meantime, anyone interested in helping with this project is encouraged to contact Bill Nuttle, co-chair of the Property Committee, by email: wknuttle@gmail.com



TREASURES BOUTIQUE GOES ONLINE

PEGGY NANKIVELL

Launched in early March, St. Matthew's online Treasures Boutique achieved more than \$2,000 in sales in its first two weeks. The boutique, which sells art, antiques, books, furniture and jewellery, was built on the platform used for last November's successful auction.

The idea for the online boutique was proposed by Jane Oulton, who has managed the triennial live auction's "Silver Vaults" for many years. She noted that we had a lot of merchandise in the store that could be sold online because in-person sales were not yet possible due to pandemic restrictions. Tom Martin and Peggy Nankivell, with the assistance of the platform-provider Auctria, adapted the website to handle straight sales rather than auction-only events.

The website has the same clean look as the November auction site and -- according to purchasers -- is easy to use. From the organizers' point of view, it is also simple to monitor sales and upload new items including photos, descriptions and prices.

Items, some costing as little as a few dollars, are being added virtually every day so shoppers are encouraged to keep watching the store catalogue. Curbside pick-ups can be made on Friday and Saturday mornings from

10am to noon.

We have also introduced a "Spring is in the Air" themed selection that is sure to garner more interest.

The store will help offset the revenues lost by the Great Glebe Garage Sale which has been cancelled again this year. People and businesses who participate in that fabulous neighbourhood sale are asked to contribute 10% of their revenues to the Ottawa Food Bank and St. Matthew's has always done that in the past. This year, we will contribute at least 10% of online boutique revenues to the food bank.

We are also very interested in securing items suitable for the site such as interesting books, 45s and other vinyl records, and collectibles such as comic books and sports cards. If you would like to donate items such as these please contact Carolyn McMaster at: carolyn.mcmaster@hotmail.com.

Please visit www.charityauction.bid/ and let your friends know.



REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

WALT DRAPER

This financial update follows on the positive results from 2020. St. Matthew's ended the year with a surplus thanks to parishioner commitment and the benefits from the Government of Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy. At this point in time the messages are similar.

The budget passed at Vestry committed parishioners to maintain their offerings at the same level as 2020. Results to date, while positive, indicate it will be a challenge to meet this target. Even though the church is closed, costs continue for personnel and operations supporting St. Matthew's ministries.

The Diocese recently announced that the March assessment would be forgiven. This forgiveness has the same conditions as the 2020 Jubilee benefit whereby the Diocese does not expect to be repaid for the forgiveness. As result of this forgiveness, the 2021 Budget forecast is expected to break even with revenues equaling expenses – truly good news.

And so, the takeaway message is as follows:

- expenses are being maintained at a minimum thanks to a no-frills budget and the March Diocese Assessment forgiveness.
- revenue from parking rentals, the TELUS lease, fundraising and parishioners at least equalling 2020 donations will allow us to meet the obligations of the 2021 budget passed at Vestry.
- At Vestry I noted the fact that for the majority of the months in the year (i.e. 8 or 9 months), revenues fall *below* expenses and it is only in December that revenues catch up to expenses.

Consequently, monthly financial statements and forecasting results to year end cause considerable concern year after year! Payments to the Diocese have been withheld for 60 to 90 days because there are not sufficient funds in the current account to meet these obligations.

This is a familiar pattern of revenue receipt, repeating itself regularly prior to 2020. It could be said that there is nothing to worry about because the year-end results for the last several years have worked out positively. The point remains, however, that the messaging throughout the year falls into pattern of concern reflecting the cash shortfall. Giving earlier in the year could result in a new narrative every month similar to the joy and relief shown at year end!



THE THOUSAND DOVES PROJECT

PEGGY NANKIVELL

On the first Sunday of Pentecost, the nave of Christ Church Cathedral will be transformed by the installation of a flock of white origami doves seemingly flying overhead.

The doves, symbols of peace and hope, are intended to raise awareness of the Ottawa Diocese's refugee ministry which works with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada to facilitate the identification and placement of refugees in the Ottawa area.

"The Thousand Doves Project celebrates the welcoming aspect of bringing refugees into our country and recognises the contributions that they make," says Peggy Lister, chair of the Diocese's Refugee Ministry Panel.

Although awareness of refugee issues has somewhat declined over the past couple of years, many Diocesan refugee applications are in the works, she says. Overseas, several approved families await the lifting of pandemic-related restrictions so they can settle here.

Modelled after "Les Colombes", a 2017 art installation in London's St. Martin-in-the-Fields Anglican church, the project is also a fundraiser for the Diocese's Refugee Ministry.

The Thousand Doves Project in Ottawa was developed by Karen McBride, a member of the Refugee Ministry Panel, who was impressed by the original Michael Pendry creation.

The project envisions the making of at least 1,000 doves with a goal of raising at least \$10,000 by collecting pledges of \$10 per dove. Uptake has been good and more than 600 doves are already promised by individuals, community groups, Sunday school children and others.

The Diocese website provides links to videos that show how doves can be made from regular printer paper -- a fun project during the pandemic.

Project organizers suggest that churches within the Diocese could bless doves made by their parishioners prior to their installation at the Cathedral.

Professional art installers Barbara Brown and Daniel Sharp have volunteered to create a wire grid above the Cathedral nave to support the doves.

It is hoped that pandemic restrictions will be raised enough to allow public tours of the inspirational installation. For more information about the project or to make a donation, visit: <https://www.ottawa.anglican.ca/>



**THE THOUSAND
DOVES PROJECT**
spread the wings of hope

Anglican Diocese of Ottawa's refugee sponsorship ministry

Building on 40 years experience, our diocesan refugee ministry has been able to support hundreds of the world's most vulnerable people to have a new beginning in the Ottawa region. Together, we can do even more to help our global neighbours who are forced to seek a safe place to rebuild their lives.

With your help, the people of the Diocese will celebrate and support this work by creating 1,000 paper doves and, beginning on Pentecost Sunday, spreading their wings of hope above the nave of Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa.

NEWS FROM FACES

TOM MARTIN



FACES Applying for a New Sponsorship

FACES has supported newcomers integrating into Canada for over five years now. Although we had no new sponsorships in 2020, we were busy providing additional support to some of our needier families.

Covid-19 has impacted us all, but even more for newcomers who find themselves in a new country alone, sometimes isolated, in search of some social interaction and looking for a job or taking classes virtually to enhance their employment opportunities. For this reason, we ensured that all our families had the support from our great team of volunteers to get them through these unprecedented times.

In 2020 we raised over \$19,000, all of which has been deployed to assist our refugees including the completion of two formal sponsorships. We are very thankful for the support we have received from our donors, especially for the contribution of over \$6,000 from the phenomenally successful St Matthew's Online Auction in November.

Last year it was our intention to wind down FACES and not commit to further sponsorships, continuing to support previously sponsored families as required with available funding. However, we have committed to one more sponsorship to bring over an Iraqi couple, the sister of one of our currently supported refugees.

This is in the early stages of a long and arduous application process. If successful we estimate the couple may arrive two to three years out. FACES is confident that the \$30,000 for this private sponsorship with no government assistance can be raised prior to the couple's arrival. Fundraising activities will start after the application is completed and approved.

Rashid is College Bound!

Rashid is a graduate in Computer Engineering from Al Mamon University College in Baghdad and worked as a network specialist. He lived at home with his mother and sister in Baghdad. His father was a retired military officer

who was mysteriously murdered years earlier due to the ongoing sectarian violence. In 2016, Rashid's life was also threatened.

Having witnessed the violence and tragic fate of his father a few years earlier, Rashid knew he had to leave Iraq. With the help of his friends, he immediately went into hiding until he was able to flee to Turkey, leaving behind his family and friends. FACES became aware of Rashid's situation from his cousin, who with her husband and two boys, was being sponsored. After almost two years in Turkey as a refugee, FACES' sponsorship of Rashid was approved, and he arrived in Ottawa in the cold of winter in February 2019.

Since arriving, Rashid has been working on his English. In addition to the standard ESL courses, he also attended Algonquin College English proficiency program with the intention of applying for a two-year IT Technician Diploma Program.

Rashid successfully completed the English Proficiency and applied to the IT program. He was recently accepted into the program and will be a full-time student beginning this May. While brushing up on his English, Rashid bought a car and now drives for Uber Eats to support himself as a student. He also enjoys getting out to play soccer on weekends.

During the four month break between completing the English proficiency and the start of his college courses he is enrolled in an on-line Cisco Networking Certification course to add to his credentials. Rashid looks forward to going back to school in May, hopefully in person.

It has been a challenging few years for this somewhat shy young man, especially the isolation of living alone in a pandemic, but he now has a bright future ahead of him. Rashid is very thankful for all the support he has received from FACES and St. Matthew's.

We wish Rashid all the best in his studies and continued journey.

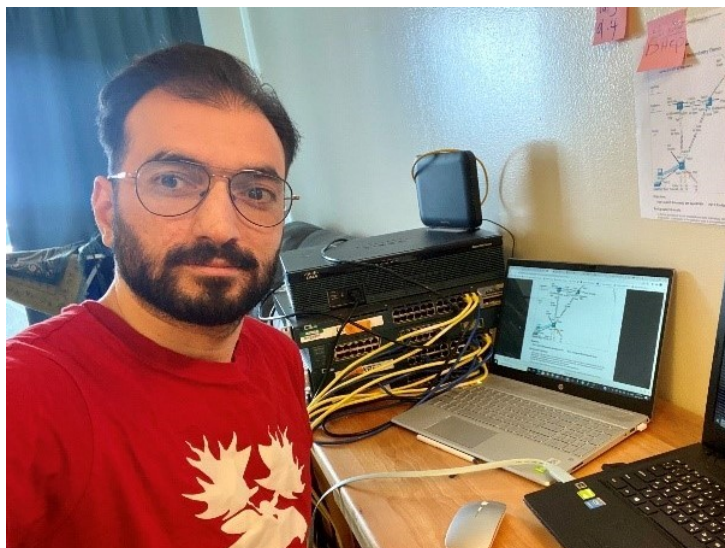
Dear FACES and St. Matthew's,

I would like to thank you for the support that I have received from FACES and St. Matthew's Church. We all agree that the first two or three years can be challenging, but the coming years will be better and more stable.

Because of Canada and your support, I feel safe now and I am looking forward to reaching my goals. Once again, I would like to thank everyone who helped settle me in my apartment, supported me financially (even with a dollar) and especially for every person who gave me moral support.

Many thanks to my host family, they made me feel that I was one of their family when I lived with them for two months. God bless you all and Canada.

Rashid



SPRING INTO GREEN

MARG TERRETT AND VIRGINIA LINDSAY

As we enter Spring once again, St. Matthew's would like to initiate a GREEN project in which we all can participate. How can we, the members of St. Matthew's, start to make a difference? If we each play a small part, collectively we make a big difference.

Statistics show that individual actions have an effect. We hear talk daily about how our environment is being destroyed by people. Large industries are culprits to be sure. But air quality has improved in large cities during the pandemic because individuals have been using their cars less frequently.

As stewards of God's creation, we all can do our part to help protect and rejuvenate the environment. Guidelines for environmental salvation are: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

We are constantly reminded to Recycle. The city has programs to encourage that. What we don't have is strong motives to Reduce and Reuse.

We need a plan.

Let's start by sharing our personal successes. This past year, all of us have had to try to do things differently. Have you found a new way to Reduce or Reuse? Keep it simple, things that are easy to do.

Then, choose a new idea to try out. Once we are good at that we can choose another and so on. We can even suggest to our neighbours that they select something from the list, too.

Let's all do our part to protect our precious gift from God and help make St. Matthew's the Greenest Parish in Ottawa. We will start locally but aim for influencing the province, the country and the world!

Send your Reduce and Reuse success stories to us at greeneststmatts@gmail.com. We will compile your suggestions from the stories submitted and publish them in the *Pulse of the Parish* and in the Sunday Bulletin.

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE

GWYNNETH HEAVEN CORNFIELD

"For Heaven's Sake" is a new series streaming on CBC GEM that parishioners may find of interest. It is a true crime comedy documentary about the unsolved disappearance of my Uncle Harold Heaven in 1934 in Haliburton, Ontario. My great nephew, Mike Mildon, and his friend Jackson Rowe wrote and produced the 8-episode series for CBC and CBS in the US. Most of the documentary takes place around Minden and our family homes on Horseshoe Lake and yes, we are in it.

In 1897, Harold Heaven's father (my grandfather) Cecil Heaven was an Anglican student priest serving in Minden, Ontario. Services were in Minden and outlying churches including St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake. On his way to Maple Lake, Cecil passed by Horseshoe Lake and was taken by the view of three islands. The memory would stay with him and later he would purchase land there.

In June 1900, Cecil was ordained a priest at St. John the Evangelist Church in Ottawa. In September he married my grandmother, Millicent Davis. During the next decade he served as rector for churches in Balderson and Lanark, as well as in the Diocese of Niagara, and Berthier-en-haut in Quebec. Their six children were born during this time. Harold, born in 1902, was the oldest, followed by Geoffrey, then twins Bernard and Boyd (my father), Eric (died in infancy) and Gwynneth (died tragically in 1924 of blood poisoning).

For a short period during this time Cecil was a master at Ashbury College, and, while rector at Berthier, he was headmaster at the local grammar school. He continued in his vocation as a teacher at Highfield in Hamilton, and Trinity College School in Port Hope. He then returned to Hamilton as headmaster of Hillcrest School (now Hillfield Strathallan College) and continued as an Associate Rector at Church of the Ascension, Hamilton.

In 1915, my grandparents became "cottagers". They bought 72 acres with frontage on both Horseshoe and Mountain Lakes. The view from the old farmhouse of the three islands was Grandad's favourite. For the first few summers the family travelled by train to Gelert near Haliburton, then by horse & buggy to the farm. A rented cow supplied milk and mail came by stagecoach to a nearby farm. This farmhouse, "Cedar Glen", is the house from which Uncle Harold disappeared.



Harold Heaven

Uncle Harold studied Forestry at the University of Toronto and spent several years in the north prospecting and working in mining. Early In 1934 he purchased an extensive parcel of land from the McCracken brothers which consisted of approximately 6,000 feet of lake frontage on Horseshoe Lake.

He planned to develop the property for cottage use during the summer as well as building the log walls for his own cabin. At the end of the summer, he decided to stay on in his father's cottage to continue this work.

At the end of October 1934 Harold mysteriously disappeared – never to be heard from again. This is where the series "For Heaven's Sake" begins.

Mike and Jackson are writers, actors and comedians. They portray amateur detectives trying to solve an 87-year-old cold case. Along the way there is humour, intrigue, quirky family scenes and some raunchy language. Ultimately, sensitivity and respect for Harold's memory shine through. All of our Heaven family members are proud of what these young men have created.

The families of Uncle Harold's three brothers continue to gather in Haliburton regularly in every season. The New Year's bonfire in the opening scene has been our tradition for the last 50 years! We all feel deeply rooted in our Haliburton homes.

How to watch the series:

The Trailer: [Trailer, For Heaven's Sake](#)

CBC GEM: [For Heaven's Sake on GEM](#)

Apple Devices: [For Heaven's Sake on Apple Devices](#)

TV: If you have Apple TV, Amazon FireStick, or any other smart TV that provides the GEM app on it, you will be able to watch the series directly on your TV.

THE WAY WE WERE: SCOUTS AND CUBS, GIRL GUIDES AND BROWNIES AT ST. MATTHEW'S

NEVILLE NANKIVELL



St. Matthew's 26th Scout Troop, early 1930s

Do any of our parishioners know the names of any of these boys and men in this early 1930s' photo of the St. Matthew's 26th Scout Troop?

The photo was preserved by scout troop member Stan Cutler and came to us by way of his stepson Richard Maundrell. Richard's father, Charles Richard (Dick) Maundrell, was also in the 26th scout troop and a member of its Wolf Patrol. Both Stan and Dick are known to be in this photo, but so far, we haven't been able to verify their positions in it. Both men served overseas during the Second World War.

Stan returned to Ottawa where he worked for many years for Boy Scouts of Canada. Dick was killed in action in Normandy (see footnote).

Scouting was once one of the strongest youth activities at St. Matthew's with its 26th Scout Troop founded in 1931 for boys aged 12 to 16 years and the Wolf Cubs shortly afterwards for ages 8 to 12. A second section of scouts was formed in 1933. Photos taken outside the church in the late 1930s show 65 scouts and some 50 cubs and in 1996 the 500th scout was invested into the 26th troop. As well, a Rover Group for young men aged 18 to 23 existed

until the Second World War. Many of its members enlisted in Canada's armed forces when the war broke out.

For a while in the 1930s the scouts owned a property called Crown Point on the Ottawa River which was used for summer camps. After the war St. Matthew's also sponsored a Sea Scout Troop when it had to leave its base at Hopewell Avenue Public School. On the initiative of George Ashe, it was merged in 1947 with our scout troop and had its own cabin south of the city on the Ottawa River. Its membership grew to 90 boys. In 1993 their leader Warne Hannan retired as "Skipper" after 28 years of service. Just beforehand, he had been honored with the organization's Sea Scouting Medallion in recognition of his "tireless promotion of this branch of scouting in Ontario."

Also, in 1947, a pack of Brownies (the 25th) under the leadership of Marion Ashe was formed for girls aged 6 to 9, followed by a second pack (the 52nd). Their membership ranged from 24 to 36 girls, which was larger than the movement's regulations stipulated. Many of the Brownies went on to become Girls Guides (ages 9 to 12), two groups of which were formed at the church, the first in 1953.

For many years after the war St. Matthew's also sponsored groups for older girls called Pathfinders (ages 12 to 15) and Rangers (16 and older) but eventually they lost their links with the parish.

As the church neared its 1998 centenary, it still had active scouting groups that included cubs, girl guides, a co-ed group called Beavers (ages 5 to 7), and Sea Venturers (for boys 14-17).

While scouting and guiding membership directly affiliated with St. Matthew's declined after the 1990s, many of the boys and girls and their leaders kept up a close association with the church, particularly as a visible presence at Remembrance Day services.

Footnotes: Dick Maundrell, a graduate of Glebe Collegiate and Queen's University and a lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Artillery, was one of the 48 St. Matthew's parishioners who died in military service during the two world wars.

They are remembered in the profiles written for the St. Matthew's War Memorial Project, an initiative of parishioner Kevan Pipe and completed in 2018 as part of special services to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Their names are displayed on wall plaques in the south-east corner of the church.



BARING MY SOUL

JOHN MCBRIDE

A few weeks after Christmas I received an email from, I thought, Rev. Geoff, asking me to do him a personal favour. It is not unusual for a warden or deputy to help out on confidential matters, so I replied "OK" to the gift certificates that he would like to confidentially distribute.

Post Christmas this seemed like a reasonable request. I visited the Shoppers Drug Mart in the Glebe and presented the seven Amazon certificates to the cashier. The cashier looked at me and asked why I wanted the certificates. Somewhat indignantly I replied that it was for a local minister.

She was unimpressed and called the manager. He grilled me further and I showed him the email and request. Needless to say, I was not happy. My priest needed my help! He asked if I had spoken directly to Rev. Geoff and I said that I had not, that he was a busy man. I looked at Geoff's email address and although it was different from the usual one, I assumed it was his personal address.

I stepped back and called Rev. Geoff but no reply.

A moment of pause. I returned the certificates and went back to the Church to sign cheques. Amongst the paperwork was an email from Tom Martin with the exact same email request that I had received.

Tom is a little brighter than me! I had been scammed !! I returned to Shoppers and spoke to the owner and his staff and thanked them for saving me \$700. They had been well trained.

That afternoon I called another church on a different matter and in that conversation, spoke with a volunteer who had received the same email as Tom and I. Unfortunately, their Shoppers was not as diligent, and they lost the \$700. The volunteer and I commiserated over our embarrassment. In this day and age of scepticism how could we be so gullible??

Sheepishly I asked Corporation if St. Matthew's could share the pain and so St. Matthew's has made a donation of \$200 to that Parish. Names withheld to protect the embarrassed!

St. Matthew's

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Sunday 10 am

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*St. Matthew's is a vibrant Christian community that
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Together, we celebrate all that we do at St. Matthew's to the glory of God and in loving service of our neighbours.



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