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Easter

One of the important promises of Easter is that the present moment and its possible distress, diagnosis, or misfortune does not have the last word on our lives. There is always the possibility of God's grace wiggling its way to the surface of our lives bringing something new.

In the Easter morning story of John's Gospel there are three themes that shine through. The first is how we might see and believe – or not. The second is the power of hearing our true name spoken into our present distress. The third is having the patience to endure the difficulties that simply come with being a human being.

Brought by Mary, Peter and the other disciple look into the tomb. They believe they see an empty tomb. That is after all what they expected to see. Before their eyes is a pile of unwrapped linen – no body and no rational explanation. The men return home.

Mary then looks again in the tomb – but brings more of herself to the experience. She looks with her heart not simply her mind. She sees an angel. And afterwards she allows herself to feel the full weight of her grief at Jesus' death – and Jesus joins her. We may face the same choice many times daily. Our lives flow pretty much from our expectations. The more we're able to be present to any moment or situation in our lives, the more likely we are to see grace rather than emptiness – and to know how deeply we are accompanied through out our entire lives.

That this entire story takes place in a garden is yet another invitation to remember God's abiding presence with us – we're once again in the garden of Genesis – and all that God saw was good. Even you and me.

Easter is about hope and God's good grace to help us be the people we were born to be, named to be at our baptisms. The present day and its blessings and trials is our window into the reality of the resurrection for us. Can we bring our selves fully into our own lives, hear our name called, and have the courage to wait for God to move in our lives.

May this Easter season be a blessing to you and be a reminder and a gift of God's possibilities to bring something new and unexpected to our lives.

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LITURGIES & SPECIAL EVENTS

2023

Sun, April 2 **Palm Sunday Services** at 8 am & 10:30 am.

Wed, April 5 **Wed Night Church** at 7 pm.

Thurs, April 6 **Maundy Thursday Service**, with stripping of the Altar at 7 pm.

Fri, April 7 **Good Friday Ecumenical Service** at 10:30 am.

Sat, April 8 **Morning Prayer** at 9am, followed by decorating the Church for Easter.

Sun, April 9 **EASTER Services** at 8 am & 10:30 am.



Wednesday Night Church



MINDFUL SILENCE:

Ancient Tools for Growing Seasons

Welcome to this films series featuring Phileena Heuertz and her book Mindful Silence: The Heart of Christian Contemplation.

The series includes 8 films with Phileena and a discernment and discussion guide.

This series will begin on Wednesday April 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Annual Meeting Summary

Our Annual Vestry Meeting was held Feb. 26, 2023 after the 10:30am service.

Our Wardens elected are Karen James (People's Warden), Lil Booth (Rector's Warden), and Judy Giberson (Deputy Warden). Our Diocesan Synod delegate is Karen James. Other members of Parish Council include Arlene Adamson, Jill Shupe, and Gill Tucker.

SAVE THE DATE !

Our Diocesan Bishop, The Right Reverend **Susan Bell**, will be with us on **Sunday, June 11.**



On March 12, 2023, a revised statement of Revenue and Expenses for 2022 was distributed.

Total Revenue	\$ 185,056.56
Total Expense	\$ 185,662.93
Net Income:	\$ -606.37

For 2023. our Budget is as follows:

Total Revenue:	\$ 195,000.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 195,000.00

Ways We Can Help Our Community

Bikes Needed for Migrant Farm Workers.

The Bike Program for Migrant Workers is low on actual bikes to give out. If you or

anyone you know has a used 'adult' bike that they would

like to donate, please contact **905-685-3500**, or email migrantfarmworkers@niagaraanglican.ca. They will arrange pickup from you. More information can be found [at https://migrantfarmworkers.ca/](https://migrantfarmworkers.ca/)



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GRACE PANTRY

(Emergency Food Bank)

A Shared Ministry between Niagara Falls Christian Ministries and St. John's.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Thursdays – 6pm-9pm

Sundays – 1230-330pm

Call Christine at 905-356-5634

Or Darlene at 289-686-3406

Bring non-perishable items or grocery store gift cards any Sunday in October or November.

Recommended:

Kraft Dinner – Cookies – Cake Mixes – Pastas – Pasta Sauce – Juice Boxes – Granola Bars – Canned Soups – Formula Milk – Diapers – Small Soaps – Women's Hygiene Products – Peanut Butter.

See Pastor Rose for more info, or call or text at 647-464-3774 or 289-296-1212.

Breakfast Club Need

We continue to collect red jam for the breakfast program at St. George's in St. Catharines. They provide a take-out meal for sixty to ninety guests every day. We are their 'red jam provider.



Gift Cards to Dollarama, Dollar Tree, & Giant Tiger:

Stacey Allegro, Community Nurse, is collecting gift cards in any amounts to assist hospital clients needing everything from clothing to toiletries to activity books. Turn in to the Wardens or the office, in an envelope marked Stacey.

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