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*To know Christ and to make Him known in worship,  
fellowship and service.*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lent has begun! Following a wonderful Shrove Tuesday evening here at the church we celebrated Ash Wednesday with two services of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes. The Ash Wednesday service always pierces my soul and my heart because it, more than any other service in the church year with the exception of Good Friday, reminds me of my human brokenness and my dependence on God. But the service also nurtures my soul and fills my heart with hope and expectation because I am reminded of the forgiveness that comes from the God of all mercy through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

During the Ash Wednesday service we are invited to observe a holy Lent and we are reminded of our need to prepare ourselves for the great celebration of Easter. Self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and reading and meditating on the word of God are spoken of as ways by which we can prepare and by which we can observe a holy Lent.

I was raised with the practice of giving something up during Lent. You know, giving up something you really like - perhaps chocolate or going to the movies. It is a form of fasting. I was never very good at that.

Over the years I have heard people speak about a Lenten discipline of taking on something special, something helpful to others or the community. I think this would be considered almsgiving. I'm a much better almsgiver than I am a faster.

Talking with God is another Lenten discipline that we might consider. Notice that I said talking with

God not to God. Talking with God is prayer and it involves both speaking and listening. I have never been able to explain it but prayer is powerful and there can never be too much prayer.

A further Lenten discipline is that of allowing God's ways to become our way. Reading the Bible is a good thing and it certainly enables us to learn what the Bible says. But reading and meditating on the Word of God, allowing God's Word to move beyond our brains and find place in our hearts, is a path that, when followed, truly allows God's to transform our lives.

Taking stock of our lives and of where God is in our lives can be challenging, especially if such stocktaking results in a profound sense of contrition and the deep desire and intention to amend our lives. Standing before God and acknowledging our human brokenness and expressing our heartfelt desire to amend our lives to God's will is true self-examination and penitence.

Regardless of the personal Lenten discipline or practice we choose to undertake during Lent it is important that we all remember that the reason for undertaking anything is to deepen our relationship with God and with others.

How will you prepare yourself for the great feast of Easter? What Lenten disciplines will you use?

However you observe this time of preparation that we call Lent I pray that it will be a holy time for you.

Blessings always in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Ric Miller*

## SENIOR'S LUNCHEON

**Next Seniors' Luncheon:  
Wednesday, March 31, @**

**11:45 – 1:00.** This luncheon has been moved to the **last** Wednesday of the month due to March Break. The cost \$8 for a 3 course hot meal, coffee and tea



included. Meet us at Gordon Graydon Secondary School, Ogden Avenue at 11:45 am in the Skylight Café. To reserve a space call Ellen at 905-276-7443 between Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Highlights of the Vestry Reports

Presented at the Annual Vestry Meeting  
Sunday, February 21, 2009

**Incumbent's Report:** The Saturday morning meetings held in the spring of 2009 resulted in identifying five areas of ministry priority at St. Luke's. Five groups were established to develop these ministries - (1)Worship,(2) Pastoral Care, (3)Teaching and Learning, (4)Proclaiming (5) Welcoming. It is a hope that every member of St. Luke's become involved in the ministry and future of our parish.

**Warden's Report** -Philip Shilton-People's Warden and Lorna Books-Rector's Warden.

Their report indicated that the window project is now complete although donations towards the cost are still welcome. Currently they are looking for a new organist to replace Tim Isherwood and although they produced a very realistic budget the budget does put us in a slight deficit position.

**Outreach:** Faithworks program which funds social ministries and agencies across the Diocese received \$3,545 from the parish of St. Luke's. Local recipients of our Outreach Funds included Mississauga Life Centre (\$750.) Heart

House Hospice (\$1250.) Our Place Peel (\$1,500.) Open Door (\$2,000.) The Church Army (\$250), Dharkan Indo-Pakistani Christian Community in Canada (\$250.) (outreach continued)

The parish also contributed \$1,325 to the National Church's Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

*Ed. Note - Reading the Outreach Report we learned a new word identifying members of the parish "St. Lukians" !!!!!*



## OUTREACH COMMITTEE – 2010

As you can see by reading the following the Outreach Committee doesn't sit still for too long.

One hundred and twenty guests enjoyed a delicious Pancake Supper, Shrove Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, raising \$768.00 for local Mississauga Charities. A great time of fellowship was had by all. Special thanks to **NO FRILLS**, Dixie Outlet Mall, **METRO**, Applewood Plaza and **LOBLAWS**, Credit Landing for their generous donations. To our very own youth group who acted as servers, many thanks for a job well done.

**To All the Workers**

**and to those who donated pancake syrup,  
pancake mix, and bacon**

**THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH**



## International World Day of Prayer

*The 2010 International World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church on Wed., March 10 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please plan to attend.*

*“More things are wrought by Prayer than this world dreams of.”*

**The Ministry of Healing will be available following the 10:30 am service Sunday, March 21 and Sunday, April 18**

REPORTS FROM THE GROUPS

**Pastoral Care: PRAYER CHAIN**

The Pastoral Care Group has proposed establishing a Prayer Chain for the parish. We are looking for people who would commit a few moments each day to uphold the needs of the parish and special needs as they arise, in prayer. A meeting for all interested will be held on **Sunday, March 14 following the 10:30 am service** in the Vine Room. Those who agree to be part of this Prayer Chain will be expected to familiarize themselves with the Diocesan Sexual Misconduct Policy by attending one of the Workshops offered by St. Luke’s in April. For further information please see Canon Don, or one of the members of the Pastoral Care Group.

**SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY WORKSHOPS**

sponsored by the Pastoral Care Group will be held at St. Luke’s on **Saturday, April 10 from 10:00 am to 12 noon** and again on **Monday April 12 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm**. It is expected that all who work in ministry at St. Luke’s will attend one of these workshops. This includes Church School Teachers, Nursery Care, Youth Leaders, members of the Pastoral Care Group, Pastoral Visitors, Churchwardens and other church officers. All interested people are invited to attend.

**Proclamation:** Thank you to the members of the Proclamation group for providing Advent Devotional booklets titled “Wake Up To Joy” as we

prepared for Christm as and again providing a booklet of Lenten Reflections on the Parable of the Prodigal Son, writings by Henri J. M. Nouwen, as preparation for Easter.

**Worship: Palm Sunday** services will include our regular liturgy and close with the procession of the palms. All will be invited to join in this procession, singing Palm Sunday hymns, as we move from the Church to circle the church property, returning the nave for the closing prayers and blessing.

**Good Friday:** The Worship Group, along with members of our Church School leaders are preparing a special Good Friday Children’s programme to be held concurrently with the regular 10:30 am Good Friday service.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010

**The Rt. Rev. Philip Poole  
Area Bishop for the  
York Credit Valley Area  
Of the Diocese of Toronto**

will visit the parish of St. Luke’s. Bishop Poole will preach and celebrate the Holy Eucharist at our 10:30 am service. Plan now to attend to welcome our area Bishop.

READ A BOOK DURING LENT



Again this year selected books from the Parish Library and the libraries of Ric Miller and Don Beatty will be available during the Lenten Season. The tables are located by the Parish Library Shelves in the Parish Hall.

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# GOOD FRIDAY unday, Marc

*h 14<sup>th</sup> is celebrated as Mothering Sunday in our Anglican Church. There are many different stories as to the origin of this mid-Lenten Break. One is that it honours the "Mother Church" in Jerusalem. Another is that it was an old English custom when the young apprentices, who often worked away from their home town, went home to visit their Mother's on this particular Sunday. There is also another old English custom of "giving a Mothering" evolved from the ancient practice of giving gifts to the Mother Church. Subsequently Mothers of all sorts became beneficiaries, with the children buying or baking a*

*S Mothering Cake. Another story is that the cake was called "Simnel" after two children named Simon and Nel. You may know of other stories around the origin of Mothering Sunday and Simnel Cake. Simnel Cake has become the traditional Easter Cake and the top is often decorated with eleven almond paste balls which represent the apostles.*

*With thanks to the baking skills and kindness of Betsy Davidson we will enjoy a taste of Simnel Cake during our coffee hour on March 14<sup>th</sup>.*

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All Children are invited to a special Good Friday Programme to be held on Friday, April 2, 10:30 am. This programme will run concurrently with the regular Good Friday Worship service but will focus on the story of the Good Friday events at a child's understanding.

## St. Luke's Lent-Easter Schedule

Sunday, March 7	10:30 am	Visit of our Area Bishop-the Rt. Rev. Philip Poole
Sunday, March 14		Mothering Sunday – Simnel Cake
Sat. March 20-27	9:00 am	"Anglicanism 101" led by the Rev. Ric Miller
Sunday, March 28	8:30 am	The Liturgy of the Palms
Palm Sunday	10:30 am	The Liturgy of the Palms and Procession

## Holy Week and Easter

Monday, March 29	7:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Tuesday, March 30	7:30 pm	Service of Compline
Wed. March 31	7:30 pm	Tenebrae Service
Thurs. April 1	7:30 pm	Celebration of the Institution of the Lord's Supper
Maundy Thursday		
Friday April 2	10:30 am	The Veneration of the Cross
Good Friday		Special Children's Programme
Sunday April 4	8:30 am	Easter Day Eucharist



**EASTER**

10:30 am

Easter Day Eucharist-  
Special Music with the Falgarwood Brass**Looking Ahead**

Wed. April 7

7:30 pm

A Seven Week Study on "The Face of Jesus in the  
Gospels and in the Early Church" led by Canon  
Don Beatty

Sat. April 10

10:00 am

Sexual Misconduct Policy Workshop

Mon. April 12

1:30 pm

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