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

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

As I write this message our world is in shock. Just days ago Haiti was decimated by the extreme forces of nature; the small nation has been torn apart by a powerful earthquake. We still do not know the full extent of the devastation. We see the pictures and film footage in the papers and on television but what we are seeing are images of destroyed buildings and scenes of those who were fortunate enough to have survived the earthquake striving to cope with the reality of their altered lives. Certainly it will cost millions of dollars to feed the survivors and even millions more to rebuild the homes, offices, stores, and even churches that have been destroyed. The thought of it all is overwhelming.

What is even more overwhelming, what we do not see and what is still a matter of speculation is the full cost of the quake in human life. Ten, twenty five, fifty, seventy five thousand? The number keeps rising. The loss of human life in such proportion is staggering and almost beyond our human comprehension. And in the midst of it all, God is! God, the giver of all life, is in the midst of us, mourning with those who mourn, weeping with those who weep, struggling with those who struggle, reaching out with those who are reaching out and dare I say, dying with those who have died.

God knows the value of life for he gave it to us. God knows the fragility of life for he lived and died as one of us. And we, God's people, are called to live life in the knowledge of its value and its fragility. An expression I once heard exhorts us to "live each day as if you are going to live forever" but also to,

"live each day as if it were your last!" We are called to value and treasure life, our own and that of others, not just in times of devastating natural disaster, but each and every day.

There is a very wonderful traditional "Anglican" prayer that reads, "O God, whose days are without end and whose mercies cannot be numbered: make us, we pray, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life..." While events such as those that have happened in Haiti remind the world of the truth captured in the words of this prayer, we are called to live our lives in the reality expressed in those words.

Pray for the people of Haiti now in the time of their extreme and urgent need and pray for the people of the whole human family each and every day. Help the people of Haiti in any way that you are able now in this time of their great need and as you are able, help the people of the whole human family each and every day. In all ways and at all times remember to value life for it comes from God. Life is short; life is uncertain; life is sacred; life is a gift of God.

Blessings always in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord.

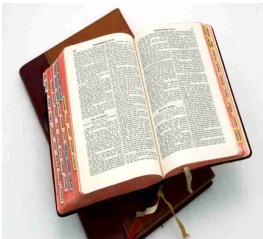
Rev Richard Miller

SENIORS' LUNCHEON

The next Seniors' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday February 17, 2010; 11:45 – 1:15 pm. A three course meal including salad, hot entrée, dessert, tea or coffee for \$8.00 per person will be held at Gordon Graydon Secondary School "Skylight Cafe", 1490 Ogden Avenue. To reserve a seat please call Ellen Shilton at 905-276-7443 **BEFORE SUNDAY, FEB. 14TH**. Rides available upon request.

Haiti Relief

Bishop Poole would like you all to know that the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund has already sent some relief funding to Haiti. The people of Haiti need our prayers and support. Their Cathedral, Seminary, Bishop's House, Diocesan Offices and four Churches all lie in ruin. Please pray for the people of Haiti. Also remember their family and friends who live here in Canada who are desperate to know if their loved ones are okay. For those who would like to donate toward the relief fund they can do so through their website www.pwrdf.org.

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The Wednesday Morning Bible Study, led by the Rev. Richard Miller will be exploring the Book of the Acts of the Apostles continuing from January 13, 2010. The study begins immediately following the 9:15 am mid-week Eucharist.
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It is with regret that the Incumbent and Wardens accepted the resignation of our organist, Tim Isherwood as of January 31st. Tim is moving on to be the organist in another parish

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

The Parish of St. Luke will hold its Annual Vestry Meeting
On
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010
following the 10:30 am Service

A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

All Members of the Parish are invited and encouraged to attend this important annual business meeting in the life of our Parish.

A SATURDAY NIGHT MOVIE

Saturday, February 27

7:00 pm

St. Luke's Fellowship Hall



"Ruth", an original musical, filmed before a live audience at the world-famous *Sight and Sound Theatre* in Lancaster, Pa. This treasured Biblical story brought to life reminds us that, whoever you are, and wherever you've been, God has a plan for you.

Lenten Study Group-Anglicanism 101

A Refresher Course that will cover the history, theology, structure and worship of the Anglican Church will be held on four Saturday mornings, Feb. 20 and 27, March 20 and 27 led by the Rev. Richard Miller. Breakfast 9:00 am and Study 9:30 to 11:00. This is a wonderful opportunity for inclusion as part of your Lenten discipline.

Just a reminder – the Food Chest, located at the rear of the church is always open to receive your non-perishable food donations.



**SHROVE TUESDAY, ASH WEDNESDAY, LENT
AT ST. LUKE'S**



ASH WEDNESDAY

Begin your Lenten Journey by attending Ash Wednesday services, Wednesday, February 17

9:15 am – Holy Eucharist

7:30 pm – Holy Eucharist

Imposition of Ashes at both Services

Do you have your dry Palm Crosses from last year? If so bring them to the church by Sunday, Feb. 14th, place them in the basket located on the table at the rear of the church. These crosses will be burned and their ashes used at our Ash Wednesday services.

LENT

Our Lenten journey will continue every Sunday at our 8:30 and 10:30 am Services as well as our mid-week 9:15 am Wednesday Eucharist. The Saturday Morning Lenten Study Group – Anglicanism 101 will be held on Sat. Feb. 20-27 and March 20-27. Breakfast at 9 am and study 9:30 – 11 am.

READ A BOOK DURING LENT

Once again we plan to have a book table available during the season of Lent. These books will be culled from the Church library and the libraries of the Reverends Ric Miller and Don Beatty. There will be no time limit for the loan, but please return them by Easter week. Read a book for Lent. It may change your life.

Speaking of Lenten Reading– Have you seen these books missing from the Book Table from last year:

Christ the Lord- by Anne Rice

Christian Healing- by Mark Pearson

The Crown and the Fire- by Tom Wright

Please return them to Canon Beatty or drop them off at the Church Office.

Our Parish Calendar

Every Week

Sunday **8:30 am** **Holy Eucharist - Coffee Hour**
 10:30 am **Holy Eucharist - Coffee Hour, Nursery, Church**
School

Wed. **9:15 am** **Mid-week Eucharist**
 10:00 am **Bible Study - Exploring the Book of the Acts of the**
Apostles

Thurs. **9:30 am** **Joy in the Morning Bible Study**
 7:30 pm **Joy Music Team**

Special Events

Tues. Jan. 26 **10:00 am** **"Family Tree" workshop-and following four**
Tuesdays

Mon. Feb. 1 **7:15 pm** **Advisory Board**

Tues. Feb. 2 & 16 **1:30 pm** **Dorcas Meetings**

Tues. Feb. 9 **7:30 pm** **Worship Group Meeting**

Thurs. Feb. 11 **1:30 pm** **Threads of Love**

Sun. Feb. 14 **Ministry of Healing - following 10:30 am**
service

Tues. Feb. 16 **5-7 pm** **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (see page 3 for details)**

Ash Wed. Feb. 17 **9:15 am** **Holy Eucharist-Imposition of Ashes**
 7:30 pm **Holy Eucharist-Imposition of Ashes**

Sun. Feb. 21 **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING-following 10:30 am**
Service

Sat. Feb. 20, 27, March 20,27 **Lenten Study Group-Anglicanism 101 (See page two**
for details)

Sat. Feb. 27 **7:00 pm** **Movie Night-Fellowship Hall**

Looking Ahead

Sun. March 14 **Mothering Sunday**
Sun. March 28 **Palm Sunday**
Fri. April 2 **Good Friday**
Sun. April 4 **Easter Day**

**Watch for a complete listing of our Holy Week and
Easter Services in the next issue of "The Beacon"**