

The Anglican Parish of Port-de-Grave

Vicar's Voice

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"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8

Now that Summer is finally here, we start to consider how we can 'get away' for a little rest and relaxation.

During the Summer months we often find ourselves away from our Parish church. When Sunday rolls around, we could be up at the cottage, off touring, or visiting family. It is necessary for us to take this time away in order to rest and renew our bodies and minds.

This time of R&R can easily become a vacation from Church – but it doesn't have to be. Wherever we end up on vacation, there's bound to be a Church with Sunday services scheduled. Make a point of dropping by to check out their service schedule. Besides, churches are often the most interesting and historically significant buildings to visit in any town.

In addition, our own Parish offers many mid-week services. Evening Prayer is said Monday-Thursday @ 4 p.m. at St. Luke's and Holy Communion is celebrated each Wednesday morning @ 9 a.m. at St. Mark's. These services are less than half an hour and are a wonderful way to incorporate spirituality into our everyday lives.

While we use these Summer months to rejuvenate our bodies and minds, let us also use it to invigorate our spiritual lives. Here are a few ways to refresh your spiritual life this Summer: pick up a good spiritual book; get into the habit of reading a portion of scripture every day; start a journal; make a midweek service a part of your routine.

It is all too easy for us to let our faith life slip during these coming months. Let's resolve this year not to take a 'vacation from church.' Instead, let's take advantage of this time of rest to renew our souls and to 'draw near to God.'

Every Blessing,

Paul +

Confirmation 2011

On May 8th, 2011, our Parish was pleased to host our Bishop – The Rt. Rev. Cyrus Pitman. At a Parish Eucharist at St. Mark's, Bishop Pitman conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on 17 young people. Pictured below are the Confirmands following the Eucharist.



Choral Evensong

Our Parish was delighted to host members of the choir of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, St. John's, on Sunday, June 5th, 2011. We were uplifted by the glorious hymns, canticles and anthems sung by the choir. The preacher at that service was Dean Josiah Noel. Pictured below are members of the choir along with Dean Noel and Fr. Paul following Evensong. Many thanks to all who helped make the visit a huge success.



Worship Schedule

July – September 2011

3 July – Trinity II

9 a.m.	St. Mark's	Holy Communion
11 a.m.	St. Luke's	Holy Eucharist and Baptism
2 p.m.	St. George's	Cemetery Service

10 July – Trinity III

9 a.m.	St. George's	Holy Communion
11 a.m.	St. Mark's	Holy Communion
2 p.m.	St. Luke's	Cemetery Service

17 July – Trinity IV

9 a.m.	St. Luke's	Holy Communion
11 a.m.	St. George's	Holy Eucharist
2 p.m.	St. Mark's	Cemetery Service

24 July – St. James the Apostle

9 a.m.	St. Mark's	Holy Communion
11 a.m.	St. Luke's	Holy Communion
7 p.m.	St. George's	Evensong

31 July – Trinity VI

9 a.m.	St. George's	Holy Communion
11 a.m.	St. Mark's	Holy Communion
7 p.m.	St. Luke's	Evensong

7 August – Trinity VII

9 a.m.	St. Luke's	Holy Communion
11 a.m.	St. George's	Holy Eucharist
7 p.m.	St. Mark's	Evensong

14 August – Trinity VIII

9 a.m.	St. Mark's	Holy Communion
11 a.m.	St. Luke's	Holy Eucharist
7 p.m.	St. George's	Evensong

21 August – Trinity IX

9 a.m.	St. George's	Holy Communion
11 a.m.	St. Mark's	Holy Communion
7 p.m.	St. Luke's	Evensong

28 August – Trinity X

9 a.m.	St. Luke's	Holy Communion
11 a.m.	St. George's	Holy Eucharist
7 p.m.	St. Mark's	Evensong

4 September – Trinity XI

9 a.m.	St. Mark's	Holy Communion
11 a.m.	St. Luke's	Holy Eucharist
7 p.m.	St. George's	Evensong

11 September – Trinity XII

9 a.m.	St. George's	Holy Communion
11 a.m.	St. Mark's	Holy Communion
7 p.m.	St. Luke's	Evensong

From the Archives

The following was taken from "The Parish News" published in May 1917. Rev. D.R. Bailey was the Rector. (Submitted by Mona Petten)

Number of children and teachers enrolled in the Sunday Schools of the Parish:

Ship Cove	116 children; 11 teachers
Bareneed	84 children; 7 teachers
Hibb's Cove	49 children; 6 teachers
Port-de-Grave	30 children; 3 teachers
Total	279 children; 27 teachers

The Parish News extends its congratulations to Wilfred Taylor, a Port-de-Grave boy, who was made Deacon by the Bishop of Montreal in Christ Church Cathedral n Trinity Sunday.

At Bareneed on Monday and Tuesday evening in Easter week the children will give a play, entitled "Red Riding Hood" under the supervision of their teacher, Miss Annie Boone.

We wish you on that occasion to give them a full house.

In memory of our Brave Boys who have made the Supreme Sacrifice for the cause of Justice and Righteousness.

William G. Morgan, who lost his life on board the HMS Viknor, January 31, 1915. – RIP

William Henry Dawe, who went down in HMS Alacantura, February 28, 1916. – RIP

Eric Taylor, died March 14, 1915 in the Fever Hospital, Glasgow. – RIP

Nathan Mugford, who went down in HMS Alacantura, February 28, 1916. – RIP

John Charles Tucker was on his way home on furlough after two years of active service; went down in HMS Laurentic, January 25, 1917. – RIP

Common Ground

Earlier this month, a parishioner – Karen Dave – attended a conference centered around ministry with youth. She submitted the following report detailing her experiences.

Common Ground 2011 was a 5 day National Ecumenical Youth Forum gathering for people with a passion for mentoring youth on their journey of faith. Being a youth leader with the CLB for the past number of years I was asked by the Bishop's office to attend the conference.

This gathering was made up of different faiths including The United Church of Canada, The Anglican Church of Canada, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, The Presbyterian Church in Canada and, really anyone else who were interested. Nine people from the above religions made up the planning team each being a youth minister or synod youth consultant.

We arrived at our destination at the Lamplighter's Inn and Conference Centre, London, Ontario on May 31, 2011.

Each morning began or ended with worship or a key note speaker. Our first keynote speaker was Dr. Rodger Nishioka a renowned public speaker, who focuses on quipping, pastors to be teachers and leaders in the church's educational ministry, and was particularly interested in building a congregation's youth and young adult ministries. Our second keynote speaker was Sarah Dylan Breuer, a public theologian - someone who does theology of and in our lives, struggles and joys; who believes that we are all theologians; and who helps others to claim their voice as theologians. This work includes writing, preaching, teaching facilitating retreats, and engaging in activism to see God's people joyfully and prayerfully riding the wave of God's justice. Both keynote speakers were from the US.

Our mornings began with breakfast at 8 am followed by worship and/or keynote speaker at 9 am. Workshops were held Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from, 2:00 - 3:30; and 4:00 - 5:30 pm. There were 5 different workshops in each time slot that we could choose from. I choose What's God Got to Do With It for my first workshop and Theology of Play: - Holy Motion for my second. The focus of this workshop was centred on "Holy Motion" as a medium through which individuals and faith communities can connect with their youth, young adults, each other and God. This will come in handy with my CLB and a Sunday school rather than a church gathering.

Thursday, after breakfast we were invited to attend Spiritual Practices Option from 8:30 - 11 am. We moved from station to station as we explored multiple ways to pray and reflect. As we entered this time of prayer and reflection we were to consider what gifts have been given in the learning so far, what direction is God calling you, and what is your soul yearning for., we were welcome to stay for as long or as short as we wished making sure we respected the others in this space.

Experiencing the Labyrinth - A Labyrinth is a sacred pattern that is used as a walking medication. Unlike a maze the labyrinth has only one path. There are not tricks to it and no dead ends. Its designed to be a safe place that takes you along a single path to the centre of the design, the centre of yourself, the centre of all. There is no right or wrong way to walk the labyrinth. You walked it with open mind and an open heart. From the time of entry and exiting the labyrinth - 30 minutes elapsed. Amazing experience.

Thursday afternoon brought more workshops @ 2:00-3:30 - Youth Ministry as a Solo Congregational Minister. I attended this workshop mainly because of my work with the CLB. The other workshop 4:00 - 5:30 which I attended was Church Politics. This was very interesting as the facilitator, Simon Bell spoke on the troubles navigating a congregation and how to overcome conflict in your ministry. We focussed on the congregational size typologies and their forms of governance. The goal of the workshop was to equip you to recognize how different congregational types impact the nature of conflict within the church and how to develop strategies to deal with those conflicts. We have three types of Churches - The Established Church - 75 members and under; the Pastoral Church - 50 - 150 members; and the Program Church - 150-450 members. No one is immune to church politics - how we handle them is the key. POWER - the ability to act...how we use authority, the right to use our power, who has the power and who has the authority and the power to influence.

Friday was our "OSLO" day. (Off-site learning opportunity) We could choose from 6 sites - Encounter World Religions, Kitchener; Media Development, London; L'Arche Community, Stratford; Camping Ministry in Lake Huron; Off site Spiritual Practices/Outdoor Labyrinth in London; High Ropes/Adventure Training, London. I choose the later - High Ropes. We had a 45 minutes bus ride to the YMCA Spencer Lodge Outdoor Education and Corporate Training Centre in London. This was an experience in itself even if you never attempted low and high ropes before or wanted to have a team experience on rope courses. It was a day of fun, activity, challenge and play. Before you could experience the adventure of being on the high ropes, we had to experience some feats on the low ropes. There was a morning of training before we could proceed to these parts of our outing. During lunch we had experienced Mother Nature in its beauty. A member of the hawk family perched on the flag pole and watched while we ate our lunch. Finally, it was off to the high ropes, but this wasn't for the faint hearted. I did however, make the attempt, but soon found it was not for me. (I fell off the low ropes this was still playing on my mind) Others had no problem; some did try and like myself only went half way. And there others who did not make the attempt. Some of the games played were very cost efficient and I have copies if you wish to have them. The message about all the games and the ropes is we have to work together as a group and respect everyone's feelings and opinions in order to our goal achieve our goals.

On Friday night after our supper we had a session on Community Drumming. Some 100 plus African drums were beating to the music and I must say in unison. Rhythm comes from the heart and by golly (after some instruction) everyone was in turn with the drumming, however trying to teach us African dancing was more of a challenge. Our evening ended in worship titled "Hear the Silence"

Saturday was another day filled with worship, keynote address and workshops in the afternoon. I chose a workshop called "Engaging Youth With Scripture" we examined different passages of scripture as well with the parables of Jesus. We were looking at new ways to engage young people with scripture. The 4:00 - 5:30 workshop was Social Media - using social media in ministry. The use of Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. How can we use these elements to our advantage and how we can enhance your ministry rather than *(cont. pg.4)*

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During the week all our meals were buffet, however, Saturday was our banquet and our meal was served. All the Newfoundland delegates sat together at the same table. Rev'd Cathy Lasik, a former minister who served in the parish of Hearts Content joined us for this meal as well as many others during the week.

Sunday morning was no different - breakfast, keynote address and closing Liturgy (Eucharist). After lunch it was time to head back to the airport in Toronto to catch our flight back home. We had our taxi arrive earlier than scheduled and wouldn't you know it...he was a former Newfoundlander from the Codroy Valley. Needless to say, we were treated like royalty for the two hour trip to Toronto. As you can see, it was a very busy 6 day conference with not a lot of free time on our hands. I was honoured to be in the company of Rev'd Nancy March; Rev'd Robert Cooke; Rev'd Julie Hiscock; Rev'd Jeffery Petten; Rev'd Roger Whalen; Allison Billard, and Jennifer Michelin from the Eastern Diocese of Newfoundland and Labrador. Rev'd Neal and Beverly Buffett attended from Central Diocese. There was also another minister from St. James United Church, St. John's.

Anniversary Year

The year 2011 marks a number of significant dates in the life and history of the Parish of Port-de-Grave.

- 195th Anniversary** of the first St. Mark's Church
- 185th Anniversary** of the first St. Luke's Church
- 185th Anniversary** of the establishment of the Port-de-Grave Mission
- 95th Anniversary** of the start of construction on the present St. Luke's Church
- 85th Anniversary** of the Consecration of St. Luke's Church (November 19th)
- 85th Anniversary** of the present St. Mark's Church

Be sure to keep an eye out for events or celebrations to mark these significant dates in our parish history.

Holy Humour

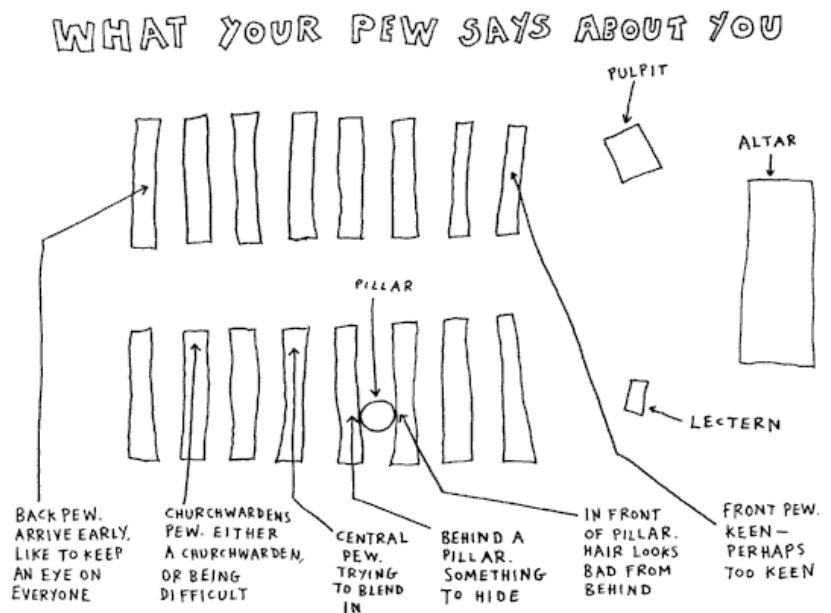
Poetry

Rachel (Andrews) Boone's brother Frank Andrews (1907-1941) from Ship Cove, Port-de-Grave was in the Merchant Navy. He was torpedoed while on the SS Nerrisa in 1941. The following poem hung in her kitchen for many years. I think this poem still has meaning for parents now. (Submitted by Marguerite Boone)

Somebody's Boy

Somebody's boy is out to sea
braving the dangers to keep us free.
Somebody's boy is riding the foam
thinking of loved ones back at home.

Though dangers lurk in every wave
He'll never shirk for his heart is brave.
True to his trust in pain or joy –
How much we owe to 'Somebody's boy!'



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