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For Sunday June 20 2021

Pentecost 4

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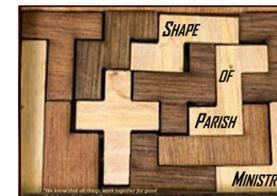
Shape of Parish Ministry Consultation

.As you will have seen in your In Box, Rev. Jonathon sent an email to the Parish (with printed copies via snail mail to our members without internet access) on June 3. In case you have difficulty finding it in your Inbox, you can view an edited version (doesn't include the reopening information in the original) [HERE](#)

A list of the questions is available for download on our website [HERE](#).

Please respond **BEFORE THE END OF JUNE!** Parish Council needs your feedback!

Send your responses to the Office by [email](#) or by post (70B Clyde St.).





ALL MY RELATIONS
A Doorway to Understanding

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER June 20, 2021

The Diocese of Ottawa All My Relations (AMR) Circle members and friends offer a **National Indigenous Day of Prayer Service video** for the month of June. There are videos available of the service in its entirety (approx. 40min.) and as short separate videos of the component parts of the service that can be played on Sunday June 20 or at any other time. The videos can be accessed on YouTube [HERE](#).

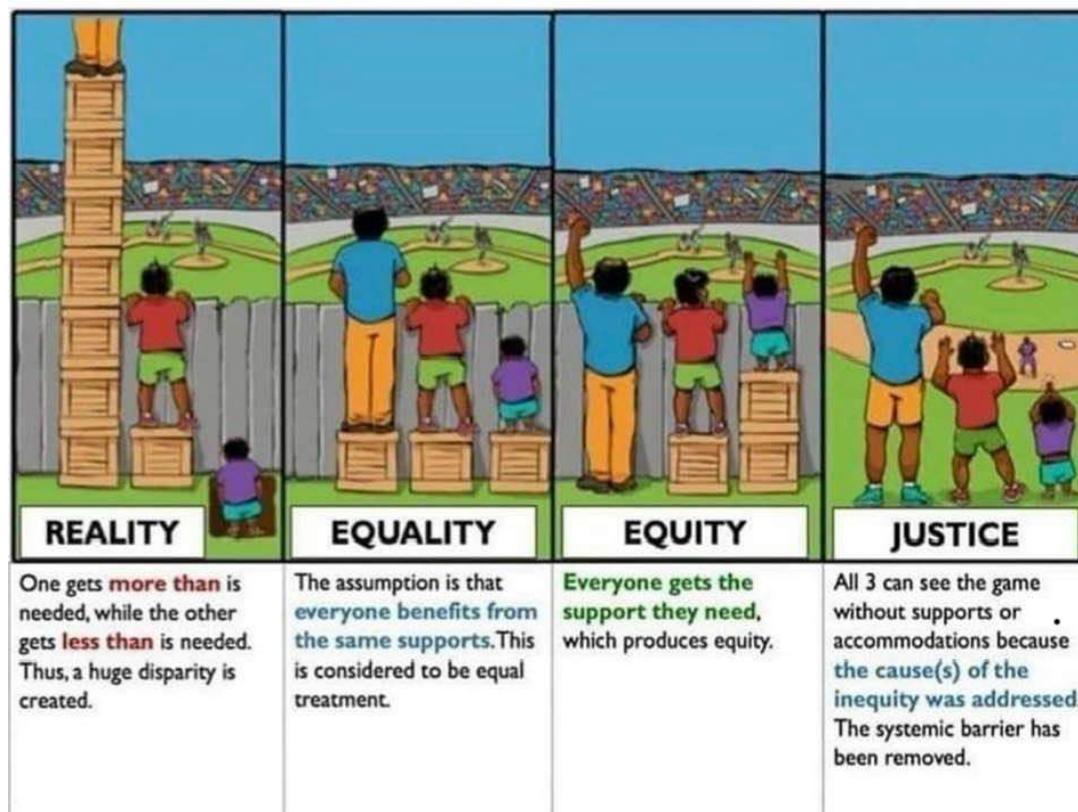
And Don't Forget - Our local AMR group is hosting an online event, "Treaties Are Alive!" on June 21. Details are in last week's issue of *Keeping Connected*, available for consultation on our website [HERE](#).



A Message from Rev. Jonathon

Rev. Jonathon is taking a well-deserved break from his weekly column.





Meet the Neighbours!

From Deane Zeeman

Nancy and Matt Logan moved into the Rectory last October. I *finally* had a chance for a chat with Nancy earlier in the week.

Nancy and Matt moved east from Vancouver Island so that Matt work on a 3-year contract in Ottawa. Although they had originally planned to buy a house, the housing market last fall was crazy and they began looking for rentals. Coincidentally, our Rectory rental was being advertised. They didn't know Almonte well but had lived in Rideau Lake many years earlier, so were somewhat familiar with the Mississippi Valley towns.

They are delighted with the Rectory and feel privileged to live in a heritage home. They're pleased and impressed that the parish works so hard to look after the house. Nancy says "everyone is so kind!".

Between them, Nancy and Matt have 5 children (blended family) and 7 grandchildren, scattered far and wide as many families are these days. And they have a dog, Miss Lily Puggles, a beagle-

pug cross - see picture (Nancy declined to have her own picture included on the grounds that her hair is not suitable at the moment -- and we can really sympathize with that, right!)

Nancy confessed to really enjoying "playing" in the garden. And you can see the lovely results around the property.



Nancy and Matt, we're so blessed to have you as our neighbours!

Here's a peek at some of Nancy's gardening handiwork (photos from Wendy Shaw)



OUR MINISTRIES

Our Cemetery

From Michael Mavis, Cemetery Board chair

St. Paul's Community Cemetery is an important part of our heritage here at St. Paul's. It is a part of the history of the life of our church, its members and some of the earliest settlers of Lanark County.

St. Paul's Community Cemetery is operated on a non-profit basis with most of the upkeep and maintenance being performed by a team of dedicated volunteers. Although the Cemetery is owned by St. Paul's Anglican Church it is a community cemetery. Since its creation in the early 1880's, any person who purchases a plot or niche in our Cemetery is entitled to have it be their final place of rest.

In 2015 our Cemetery acquired two solid granite columbaria which allow us to continue to meet the interment needs of our community. These two curved units have been placed in the centre of the Cemetery looking on to a garden.

The side walls of each columbarium are designed to serve as a "Memory Wall". Cast-bronze plaques with a person's name, year of birth and year of death can be affixed to the walls to create a simple and lasting memorial for a loved one who was interred elsewhere, or whose ashes were scattered at a special location.

This coming Sunday would normally be our annual Cemetery Service. This is our annual memorial service during which we remember loved ones who have passed away. Since it is not yet possible to hold our Cemetery Service this year, I offer this as a prayer for you to use as a memorial for someone you have lost, or even for one or more people you are missing due to the covid restrictions.

Oh Lord,
My heart yearns with the love of the ones I miss.
Those I love who are far from me,
Those I love who I am not able to embrace,
Those I love whose care is beyond my abilities,
Those I love who have journeyed on ahead.

Lord, all love is forever,
Because You are Love-Forever,
And the love I feel for them is without bound.
But the yearning of my heart in these times
Creates an emptiness very 'here and now'.

I cast my love to You, Love Forever,
Watch over those for whom my heart yearns.
Help me allow my love to transcend these times,
That those far from me may know it,
That those always beyond arm's reach may feel it,
That those in need may be cheered by it, and
That those who are with You may rejoice in it. Amen

If you have an inquiry, would like information about our facilities, or wish to purchase a plot, niche or memory wall plaque please contact Michael Mavis @ 613-256-2431.

St Paul's Community Cemetery is located at [177 Wolf Grove Road](#) (this link leads to Google Maps).

St. Paul's Cemetery, the Book of Records & Other Things

From Ron Ayling, Cemetery Board

Jim Blair had been the keeper and recorder of the cemetery book for a number of years, but in 2005 was looking for someone to take over. There was not much of a line-up, so I took the job.

The Book of Records is an inch-thick, 12 x 16 inches (roughly 30.5 x 35.5 cm) hard cover ledger possibly bought around 1880. The earliest entry is for Mrs. E. McPhee in 1881.

It is a record of most of the burials in the cemetery – I say “most” because long before Jim and I got involved, there had been some obvious challenges in recording, mostly in the oldest sections with several unusual entries: “plot appears to be vacant”, “no headstones or markers, plot possibly filled” – both of these on the first page. There are several notations indicating burials in one plot might also be in an adjoining one. One note suggests that the person might be buried here – but most likely in B.C. Another that “burials listed here may have been made in any of plots 20, 21, 23 or 24”. A fascinating part of the history of the cemetery.

And on to other things...

When I took over from Jim, Bill Gomme had been cutting the grass for several years and decided

to retire. Colin Gibson and I then hired Gary O'Keefe who cut the grass for two years until I thought I could do it better and cheaper. So, since 2007 I have been whipper snipping and grass cutting, working around the weather, usually over 14 – 16 hours for two to three days each time.

For the most part, it has been enjoyable. In an early year I recall riding the mower in the heat of the day, dozing off and running into a headstone – perhaps more than once (not on the same day)!

But increasing aches and pains have made me realize that it is time to retire from the physical work. It was creative and satisfying these past 14 years but time to give it over to younger bodies.

The cemetery is a lovely, peaceful and interesting place. Take some time to visit if you haven't already!



Ron Ayling mowing grass in the Cemetery.

A New Past Time!



Feeding the birds!

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Pentecost 4

Indigenous Peoples' Day

Click on a reading to see the text from the
New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) on the Bible Gateway

- First reading: [Isaiah 40:25-31](#)
- Psalm: [Psalm 19](#)
- Second reading: [Philippians 4:4-9](#)
- Gospel: [John 1:1-18](#)



Lord God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus has untied our burdens and healed our spirits. We lift up the prayers of our hearts for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world. Hear our prayers that we may love you with our whole being and willingly share the concerns of our neighbors. Amen.

In the World. The Church of North India (United); our Companion Diocese, The Diocese of Jerusalem and The Middle East and Archbishop Hosam Naoum; Casita Copán - a home away from home for at risk children in Honduras.

In Canada. The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land; our National Indigenous Bishop, The Most Reverend Mark MacDonald.

In our Diocese. Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Shane Parker St. John's, Richmond - The Reverend Allan Budzin, Interim Priest-in-Charge; Parish of Maberly-Lanark (St. Alban's, Maberly; St. Paul's, Lanark; St. John's, Balderson; St. Stephen's, Bathurst) - The Reverend Dr. Ron Hunt, Interim Priest-in-Charge.

In Our Community. We ask God's blessing on local faith communities and on their ministries and we pray for the people and leaders of this town of Almonte and the surrounding communities that the Lord will help us contribute to its well-being.

We pray for the work of the Almonte Community Co-ordinators, a not-for-profit founded in 1974 dedicated to serving the most vulnerable our community through the revenue generated from their two stores: **The Hub** and **Rebound**.

We pray for the health, safety and well-being of our neighbours in the face of increased numbers of covid-19 cases in our area and for everyone involved in the distribution of covid-19 vaccines.

In Our Parish. We pray for Jonathon, our priest, for ourselves and for each other.

We ask for God's healing hand to cover our members who are struggling with health issues.

We ask for God's blessing on our members Steve and Lois Rochon, Barry and Anne Roxburgh, Donnie and Lorraine Sadler, The Rev. James Scanlon, Joan Scott and Daniel and Terri-Lynne Scott.

We remember our neighbors, especially Assad, Alsit, Lana and Elias.



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