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St Paul's Anglican Church Almonte



For Sunday July 4 2021
Pentecost 6

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A Message from Rev. Jonathon

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and concern while I was away on medical leave last week. I was experiencing pain and weakness in my legs.

I have been going for various tests and follow up medical appointments. It will take some time to sort through all of this. Fortunately my condition seems to have improved on its own. I am now more or less back to normal functioning and back to work this week, so there is no cause for alarm.



Thank you to Archdeacon Brian Kauk for filling in for me in case of pastoral emergencies while I was away. Now that I am back to work, please feel free to contact me as usual for pastoral emergencies and other church matters. And thank you to Ron and Katrina Ayling for filling in for me at the Food Cupboard while I was away.

Sunday worship will resume online as usual this coming Sunday (July 4). I will also be meeting with our Wardens and our Service Planning Group to discuss plans for outdoor in-person worship over the summer, in accordance with provincial and diocesan pandemic regulations. Please be assured that even if we meet outdoors, we will continue to record the

service and provide an online worship option for those who prefer to worship from home.

I will be resuming my regular newsletter article next week.

Jonathon +

In The Garden

From Wendy Shaw, *Roving Reporter*

As Wendy does her daily dog-walk around her neighbourhood, she meets people working in their gardens. Here's what she's found recently: 2 innovative ways of reducing a lawn.

In **Peter and Winnie MacNeill's** front yard on Maurice Stead Street in the new Riverview estate, xeriscaping (dry landscaping) is the name of the game - no more grass! Their grass died in last year's heat and they decided not to fight with grass again this year. Although a landscaping contractor did the bulk of the work, Peter designed the garden and built and painted the red bridge, using a kit from "Everything Cedar" in Lethbridge Alberta. This all looks stunning as you walk up their street.



After a lot of digging the sod over the last couple of weeks, **Karen Luyendyk** is constructing a small labyrinth made of mulch on her corner lot. Karen's labyrinth is a work in progress and will have more mulch and plantings added later on. People are invited to walk the red mulch path. The stones are also significant and she says she will give more information when she has done more work. You can also see the bench that she painted last year (featured in an issue of *Keeping Connected* from last summer).



OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)

The most recent issue of the PWRDF newsletter highlights both world-wide and Canada-based activities, including:

- The nation-wide **Vaccine Equity Fund** - enabling Anglicans across Canada to contribute to the worldwide effort to vaccinate people against COVID-19. As vaccines have rolled out across Canada the idea of “paying it forward” has encouraged many to contribute to the Vaccine Equity Fund as they receive their own vaccine doses.
- Marking **National Indigenous History Month** - highlighting initiatives in the areas of language revitalization, economic development, maternal health and midwifery.

You can read the entire newsletter [HERE](#).



All are welcome to join **PWRDF's online parish**, every 2nd week at 1 p.m. E.T.

On July 8, Heather Smith, of Rayjon Share Care Haiti, a new PWRDF partner based in Sarnia doing work in Haiti will lead worship.

Register to receive the Zoom link [HERE](#)

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY Pentecost 6

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

- First reading: [2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10](#)
 - Psalm: [Psalm 48](#)
 - Second reading: [2 Corinthians 12:2-10](#)
 - Gospel: [Mark 6:1-13](#)
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IN NEED OF PRAYER?

The **Prayer Circle** is a group of faithful prayer warriors dedicated to the ministry of intercessory prayer. Confidentiality assured.

To take advantage of this ministry, please speak to Rev. Jonathon. He will contact the group on your behalf.

To request prayer on behalf of someone else, make sure you have their permission first – and don't forget to pray for them yourself!



O God, sustain us in the complexity of our humanity as you sustained David--playing the harp of youth, throwing stones at giant problems, loving our friends beyond wisdom, dancing worship, mourning children, breaking our hearts in psalms, and longing for warmth in our old bones. Amen.

In the World. The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; our Companion Diocese, The Diocese of Jerusalem and The Middle East and Archbishop Hosam Naoum; Mary Sherwood and the ministry of the Akany Famonjena orphanage and the Akany Tafita Center in Madagascar.

In Canada. The Rt. Rev. David Greenwood, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Athabasca; The Most Rev. Anne Germond, our Metropolitan, and our Primate, The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls; our sisters and brothers in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and their Bishop, Michael Pryse.

In our Diocese. Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Shane Parker and all diocesan staff.

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 our local hospice initiative, Home Hospice North Lanark, for their staff, carers and clients.

We pray for the continued roll-out of covid-19 vaccination in our area and for the safety of our neighbours as pandemic restrictions are gradually lifting.

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 Sibbald, Myra Smith, Sarah Spinks, Tony and Theresa St. Dennis and Katharyn Elizabeth (Betty) Stock.

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



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