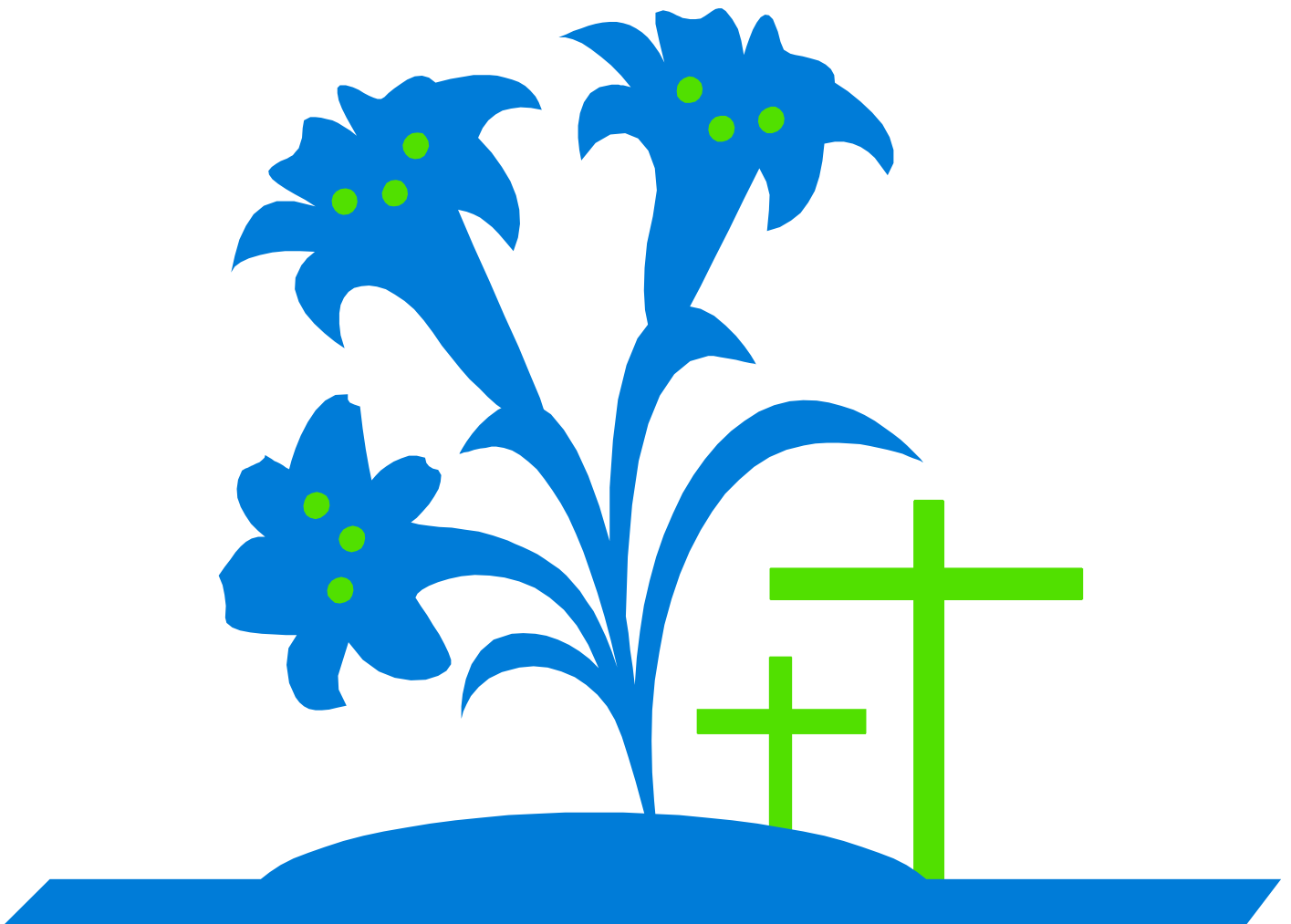


The Key

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Office hours and contact information

Our team office administrator, Lynda Dominy, is the primary contact person for all three churches. Soon there will be a co-ordinated telephone system so that Lynda can answer calls to any church wherever she is. Her office hours are as follows:

Tuesdays	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	St Michael's	250-479-0540
Wednesdays	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	St David's	250-658-5022
Thursdays	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	St Peter's	250-384-7757
Fridays	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	St Michael's	

CLERGY SCHEDULE FOR ST. PETER'S UNTIL APRIL

April 3	Chris Parsons
April 10	Chris Parsons
April 17	Scott McLeod
April 24	Scott McLeod

CLERGY PHONE NUMBERS:

Scott McLeod: 250-920-8340	Betty McLeod Miller: 250-858-4930
Chris Parsons: 250-686-1559	Lucy Reid: 250-590-6329

Update on Three Saints Happenings LENT IN THE 3 SAINTS

Wednesdays in Lent:

We will be joining together as the Three Saints team to celebrate the Eucharist and have Bible studies on the 6 Wednesdays in Lent, rotating around each church twice: These are the dates for April

April 6 St. David's

April 13 St. Michael's

April 20 St. Peter's

Spiritual End of Life Preparations (SELP) Workshop (formerly known as the Planning Your Own Funeral Workshop)

The objectives of the SELP workshop series are:

- Developing the spiritual core of our funeral
- Planning and preparing for the end of our lives
- Facing our mortality and growing our faith

The SELP workshop series will be held in April 2011 in three parts:

1. Part 1: Saturday, April 9, 2011 at St. Peter's Church from 9:00 'til noon, where we will cover planning the spiritual core of our own funeral including: hymns, readings, and creating our own persona; and leaving our legacy
2. Part 2: Meditative and contemplative thinking and planning at home and documenting our own plan
3. Part 3: Saturday, April 30, 2011 at St. Peter's Church from 9:00 'til noon: Sharing and reviewing our funeral plans, singing our chosen hymns and considering what we should do to prepare for the end of our lives

This program is being co-ordinated by John Woodruffe, a parishioner at St Michael's. Lucy Reid and David Howells will be presenting parts of the workshop.

Registration is \$20 and spaces are limited so please register early by phoning or emailing Barb Woodruffe at 250.381.2824 / woodruffe@shaw.ca

There is still room to register for this programme.

It's campaign time here in Canada. On a frigid Saturday morning our Prime Minister got up in front of Rideau Hall to announce that we're going to the polls on May 2nd. Within seconds, each of Canada's major political parties took the gloves off and began 36 days of posturing, vying for the hearts and minds of the 40-some-odd-percent of Canadians who'll make it to the polls.

How might we, as Christians, respond? Back in June 2008 (leading up to the US Presidential election) Shane Claiborne and Chris Haw visited us in Toronto for the only Canadian stop on the Jesus for President tour, exploring the politics of Jesus in front of a packed house at Church of the Redeemer. They brought us back to the scriptures, to Jesus' prophetic ministry, and our own call as Ekklesia, to be a people set apart and enacting God's kingdom here on earth, as it is in heaven. Together we explored the scriptures, and some heavy hitting Christian theologians like Ched Myers, Dorothy Day, John Perkins, Marva Dawn, Oscar Romero, Sylvia Keesmaat and Walter Brueggemann who helped us to better understand the role of the church and individual Christians in the political arena. It really bugs me that even though our faith calls us to embody an alternative community that participates in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ – the very one who came to inaugurate God's kingdom on earth – the best most of us can do around election time is suggest that we simply need to "be good citizens." Does this amount to any more than reading some pamphlets, watching a debate or two, and showing up on voting day? Have we no more imagination than that?

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We worship the God revealed in Jesus whose subversive ministry called the religious and political establishment of his time into question. Good citizenship through a Jesus lens can't possibly be limited to affirming our civic duty to vote – especially when we worship a saviour who was always playing games with those in places of authority. With all this in mind, we're going to dive headlong into this over the coming weeks. We're going to pray hard, and we're going to pray often that God re-awaken our political imaginations. We may even get up to some holy mischief (from sea to shining sea). We hope you'll join us.

I'm personally loving the fact that the majority of this campaign is taking place throughout the season of Lent. Lent, for many Christians world-wide is a time devoted to prayer, repentance, almsgiving and self-denial.. What could be better suited to an election machine rife with bravado, false promises, fundraising and self-aggrandizement? As we wander through the Lenten wilderness toward Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Good Friday, how might we read what's happening in this fair land through the lens of Jesus' kingdom and cross?

As we journey together over the coming weeks, we'll be asking all sorts of questions: What would it mean if Jesus were Prime Minister? What kind of leader would he be? Do you think he'd even want the job? Where might we meet him on the campaign trail? I guess only time will tell.

-Andrew Stephens-Rennie is the Diocesan Youth Ministry coordinator for the Diocese of Ottawa

LET ME INTRODUCE YOU!

To Bessie Ellis who attends St. Peter's at the 9:00 a.m. service.



Bessie Ellis, a.k.a. Bessie Vroom Ellis, has just published her third book--*The VROOMS of the FOOTHILLS Volume 3: When the Work's All Done This Fall*, Trafford, 2011. Bessie's first two books in this social history series are: *The Vrooms of the Foothills, Volume 1: Adventures of My Childhood*, Trafford, 2006, and *The Vrooms of the Foothills, Volume 2: Cowboys & Homesteaders*, Trafford, 2008.

The Vrooms of the Foothills, Volume 3: When the Work's All Done This Fall uses over 270 pictures to tell of the many ways that people made a living in western Canada in the late 19th to mid-20th centuries. Families are also shown having fun in a variety of ways.

When she was a child Bessie attended one-room country schools for her elementary grades, riding on horseback and making a round trip of nine miles each day. She graduated from Pincher Creek High School and attended Calgary Normal School. Bessie met and married her first husband in Waterton Park when she taught there in 1947-48. They raised a family of four children—Edi-

May (Smithies), Evelyn (Lailey) and David and James Annand

During her more than 20 years in Waterton Park Bessie honed her writing skills. She wrote a thrice-weekly column, *Wonderful Waterton*, for *The Lethbridge Herald*. She also contributed news items to the *Calgary Herald* and the *Calgary Albertan*; the *Hungry Horse News* in Columbia Falls, Montana; and to two radio stations and the TV station in Lethbridge, AB. Bessie was active in the Girl Guides of Canada and in the Anglican Church. She served as

lieutenant in the Waterton Park Girl Guide Troop; education secretary in the Waterton Park Anglican Guild and as president of the Fort Macleod Deanery Anglican Women's Association.

After 15 years at home, Bessie returned to her teaching career. She updated her qualifications earning a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Lethbridge and a Master of Education degree from University of Alberta. She then taught in Lethbridge. After her remarriage in 1975, Bessie moved to Regina, SK, and taught there for another 15 years, for a total of over 29 years of service in the teaching profession. At the University of Regina, she earned a post-graduate Diploma in Educational Administration.

During her years in Regina, Bessie travelled extensively in Canada, Europe, Mexico, and the United States. Active in politics, she ran for political office herself and worked to promote the election of more women at the provincial and federal levels. In the early 1980s, the Saskatchewan New Democratic Women (SNDW) established the Bessie Ellis Fund, to assist women running for nomination.

In 1992 Bessie was awarded the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation Canada, 1867 – 1992, “in recognition of significant contribution to compatriots, community and to Canada.” Upon retirement, Bessie returned to her writing. She moved to Victoria and St. Peter's in 1999.



Dates For Your Diary:

APRIL 2011

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
10:00 A.M.

Returns after Easter; instead join the congregants at the joint Eucharist and Bible Studies

SATURDAY, APRIL 9
6:00 P.M.

Mesa Espanol - Spanish Language Eucharist potluck to follow in the Church Hall

MONDAY, April 11
7:00 P.M.

Theology Pub Night
Monkey Tree Pub

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011
Begins at 6:00 p.m. **SHARP**

Seder Dinner followed by Stripping of the Altar

SATURDAY, APRIL 26
10:00 A.M.

Messy Church at St. David's

WEDNESDAY, April 27
7:00 P.M.

Theology Pub Night
Yucatan Pizza in Cordova Bay

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

SOCIAL EVENTS

Please put the following dates on your calendar for Social Events until June of this year.

APRIL 21	5:30 p.m.	Seder Dinner and Stripping of the Altar
MAY 28	5:30 p.m.	Potluck Dinner and Dance
JUNE 19	after 10:30 Service	Parish Picnic

All the information regarding the Social Events are posted here in the Key and in the weekly bulletin and in the Church entrance. Please keep your copy of the Key by your calendar at home and check events, times and dates here.

Lenten Study Groups

The Lenten Study groups are still going on. Even if you have not attended yet you are free to join at any time.

1. The Sketchbook as Spiritual Journal

With Chris Parsons **Mondays**, 3 to 4 p.m. at St. David's

Come and be challenged to create at least one drawing a day through Lent as a mode for spiritual reflection. No matter what your level of artistic ability the group will offer a safe place to show off some of your sketches and challenge you to go deeper into the mystery of God. You will need to provide your own sketchbook and drawing materials, but don't feel limited to pencil or pen. This is a time for you to create, pray and grow in your Christian faith.

2. Christianity for the Rest of Us

With Lucy Reid: **Wednesdays**, at St Michael's, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Author Diana Butler Bass has written a book that is of great relevance to our church situation today. She debunks the myth that only the Evangelical or Pentecostal style churches are growing, and shows how ordinary smallish neighbourhood churches (like ours) can be renewed and thrive. We will look at the key characteristics she identifies: Hospitality and Discernment; Healing and Contemplation; Testimony and Diversity; Justice and Worship; Reflection and Beauty.

3. Chocolate for Lent

With Scott McLeod: **Thursdays**, at St. Peter's, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

A unique study for Lent: Using themes from the 2000 Academy Award nominated film *Chocolat*, this unique approach to the season creates the space for deeper insights into self-discipline, self-giving, conversion, acceptance and maturing in Christ. Delving into the delicious depths of humanity, Chocolate for Lent offers a Lenten program like no other.

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A PRAYER FOR ALL MY CHILDREN

Submitted by Bee Choptiany

This prayer was given to Bee by an old friend who came to Canada from Holland. The mothers in Holland would send their children off to school, play or work; turn back into the house and then pray this prayer.

Lord I entrust into they hands my children's names.
Engrave them there in script that no one can delete.
That none can ever burn them from thy palms with flames
Not even when Satan wants to sift them as wheat.

Lord, hold them in thy hands when I must set them free;
And, with they strength over my children's weakness hover.
Thou know'st the world will hate them with intensity.
If they reject this world and turn to thee for cover.

I do not ask thee to keep them from all sorrow;
But comfort them when loneliness and fear are strong;
And in Thy covenant keep them for the morrow;
And let them never stray from Thee their whole life long.

Lord I entrust into Thy hands my children's name and lives.

DYING EASTER EGGS NATURALLY

Want a fun natural way to dye easter eggs. Use food products. They are much safer than artificial dyes and will not damage anything in the house if they spill.

Use onion skins (either regular onions or red onions – the colour comes out the same). Save up your onion skins for a month or so or ask your grocer is you can pull out loose skins in the bin. Soak the skins in a bowl of water until they are pliable. Wrap the skins around a white egg. Take a damp piece of cloth, like an old piece of flannel and wrap that tightly around the egg so the skins are pressed against the egg shell. Be gently though as you do not want to crack the egg. Wrap an elactic around the cloth to hold it in place. Gently place the eggs in a large pot of water; gently bring the water to a boil and cook for seven minutes. Pour the water out of the pot and pour in cold water. Unwrap the cloth and remove the onion skins once the eggs are cool enough to handle. Marvel at the wonderful patterns and colours which are produced on the egg shells. Once the eggs are completely cook and dry dip a dry cloth into a little canola oil and rub on the eggs. This will help seal the eggs and protect them. Use them in a display for a couple of days.

AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

DID YOU KNOW.....

It is spring again and there is lots going on in the community of Saanich.

Did you know that Saanich is getting a \$4.1 million addition to the Cedar Hill Community Recreation Centre, this new art centre will serve the city of Victoria as well as Saanich.. The new project will add an additional 2130 sq. me or 7000 sq ft to nurture cultural and creative activities for local residents and create understanding among socially, economically and diverse groups, all the things our church strives to do and now we have help.

Most of the work and it is really impressive is going on behind the façade of the entrance; you may not notice it yet as it is stretching up the hill. It will be finished by September but there is a big fund raising party underway “Evening in Paris” April 9.

DID YOU KNOW....

Saanich runs a Heritage Bus Tour every September to points of interest in our area. One year it was about heritage churches. The bus stops along the route for tea at a prearranged place and has at least two pick up spots for convenience.

CHILDREN’S PAGE



Westminster Abbey made from Lego.

Kids, do you ever come to church with Lego? Have you ever seen the face of an adult when they step on Lego? When I was small my family and I had buckets and buckets of Lego. My brother and sister and I would each build things out of Lego. My brother once built a space shuttle which hung in his room for years and I recently found it hiding in a closet.

The Lego was covered in dust and cobwebs. “Hmmm, not a very good use of Lego”, you may say.

Some of you may have seen some large Lego buildings in shop windows out in downtown Sydney. Or maybe some of you have been lucky enough to go to Lego Land and see all the wonderful things that get made each year. Ever wondered if the people who build all this Lego had a little sister that came and smashed it to pieces?

This past year maybe you have heard a lot of the adults talking about building up the church? Would you like to have a say in what that might look like? Here's your challenge. Get out the buckets of Lego, and let your imagination run wild, and build what you think the church *could* look like. We will set up a display of all the Lego buildings to show off. The church is going places, always on the look out to serving people in new ways, always wondering what God has in store for us. Maybe you could help some of the adults dream about what God is calling us to do and to be. Even the early church had Lego....didn't they?!

So builders, get to work and see what you can create!



Lego Fun Facts

There are about 62 LEGO bricks for every one of the world's 6 billion inhabitants.

Children around the world spend 5 billion hours a year playing with LEGO bricks.

More than 400 million people around the world have played with LEGO bricks.

More than 400 billion LEGO bricks have been produced since 1949. Stacked on top of each other, this is enough to connect the Earth and the Moon ten times over.

7 LEGO sets are sold by retailers every second around the world.

The LEGO bricks sold in one year would circle the world 5 times.

Oh, and did you know that LEGO manufactures about 306 million tiny rubber tires every year? That's more than any other tire manufacturers in the world!

If you have any articles, poems, book reviews you wish to put in the key, please contact Merle Campbell-Moore at 477-6255 or mcampbell-moore@shaw.ca.

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Theology Pub
Mondays 7 p.m. ~ Monkey Tree Pub
May 9, June 13,
Wednesdays 7 p.m. Yucatan Pizza in Cordova Bay
May 25, June 29