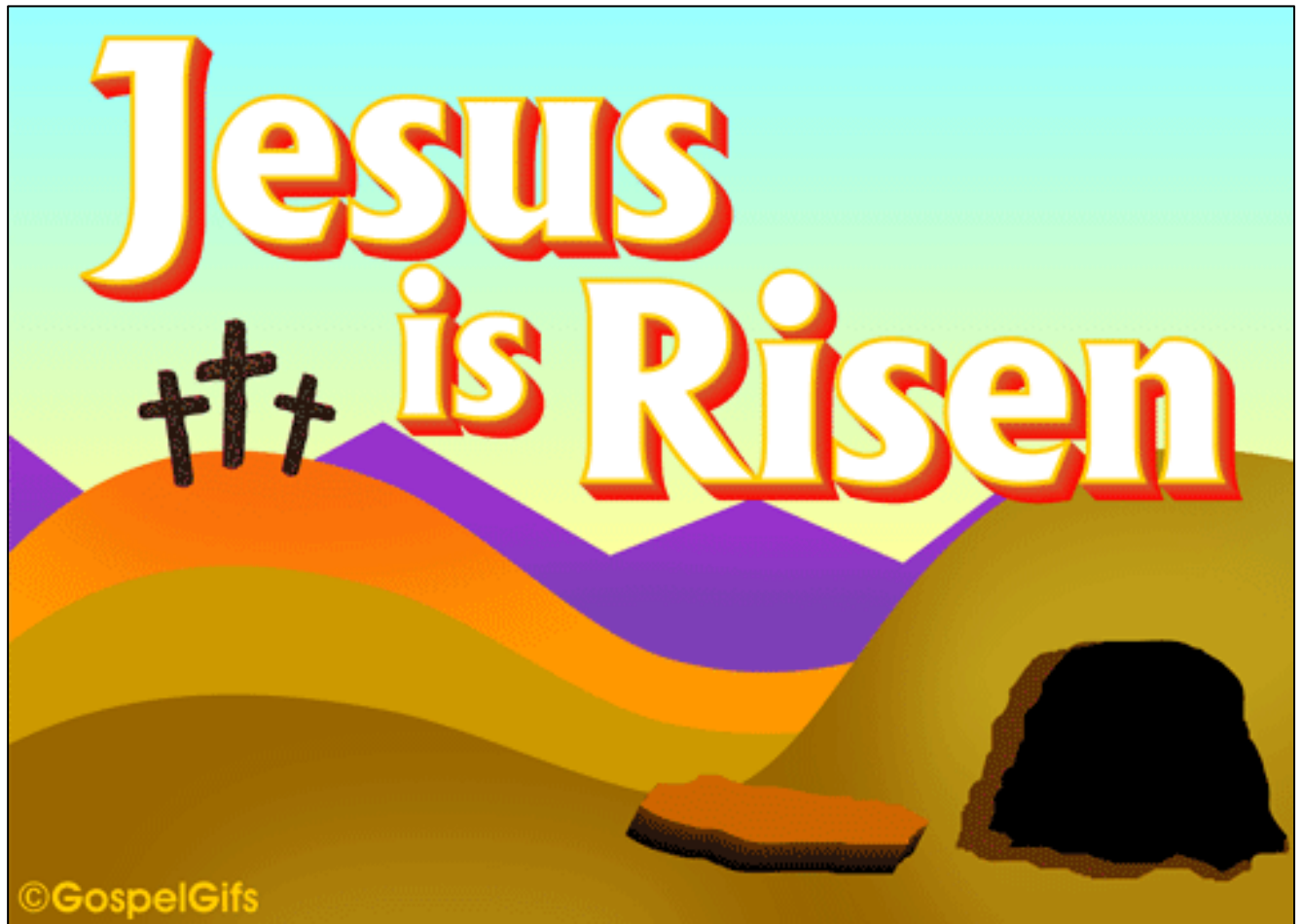




April 2010

# The Key

Magazine/Newsletter of  
St. Peter's (Lakehill) Anglican Church



## Upcoming Events...



### **April 10 (Saturday) A Garden Work party at St John's House!**

Come and help the Sisters prepare the garden to for planting! This is a time of fellowship and fun, as well as a good work out!

Time: 10 am - 3 pm. At noon: Share Eucharist together, then soup and a bun for lunch!

Registrations are due by April 5<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost for this day long event.

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### **April 14 (Wednesday) St. Peter's (Lakehill) Parish Council Meeting 7pm**

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### **April 24 "A Circle of Quiet" Praying with Beads - using the Anglican Rosary**

The Anglican Rosary has been gaining new popularity as a tool for prayer. Learn to pray with the Anglican Rosary and to make your own. We will provide cord, plastic and wooden beads, crosses and instructions.

Place: St John's House, Victoria

Time: 10 am - 3 pm

Cost: \$35 (includes \$10 for the materials needed) Please bring a bag lunch, tea / coffee will be provided

Registrations are due by April 19<sup>th</sup>

Numbers are limited to 10

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### *"LIFE OF THE BELOVED"*

*SPRING, 2010 WOMEN'S WEEKEND*

*MAY 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>*

*AT CAMP PRINGLE - SHAWNIGAN LAKE, BC*

*Facilitator: The Rev. Sheila Flynn*

*Leader of Worship: The Rev. Lyn Oldale*

*Leader of Music: Diane Bell*



*Cost: \$125. Registration deadline 15<sup>th</sup> April. If you are interested in attending, please pick up a copy of the registration form in the Narthex.*

**May 7 – 9 Anglican Women’s Weekend** (see previous page). Julie Poskitt says, “This is great opportunity to do *ONE or TWO, a FEW or a selection* of the following -- as your heart desires: eat/sleep, reflect upon your own faith journey, deepen what you find when you look deep inside yourself, refresh your outlook, spruce up your spiritual habits, pray, be silent, meet other amazing women, work on a craft or art project, sing great songs, write in your journal, get some spiritual direction, praise the Lord and/or walk in the woods. For more first-hand experiences, talk to me or Nici Castellani.”

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Dear Friends of the Crystal Singers,

The Crystal Singers' Spring Concert is fast approaching.  
Please note the following on your calendar:

**Date: Friday, May 7th**

**Time: 7:30 pm**

**Place: St. Peter's Anglican Church (3939 St. Peter's Rd.,  
off Quadra St. across from the Keg Restaurant)**

**Tickets: \$15 each; child 6 and under free when accompanied by an adult**

Under the skilled direction of Mr. Laurie Walker, the concert will provide a delightful complementary mix of music and voices, accompanied on piano by our gifted Accompanist, Mrs. Kathy Russell. Selections will include traditional, folk and classical music, as well as Broadway and other exciting contemporary pieces. The Gems (Crystal Singers' triple trio) will provide additional vocal entertainment.

**Our Guest Artist is Josh Lovell, the talented young tenor who was a featured guest performer at the 2009 Victoria Symphony Splash!**

Tickets may be purchased directly from any choir member, or at the door of St. Peter's on the evening of May 7th. Please note that only prepaid tickets can be reserved.

Please come and join us, and enjoy a Springtime Serenade!

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## **AN UPDATE FROM THE CRAFT ROOM PLANT SALE SATURDAY MAY 8/1- 9:00 a. m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Thank-you to every one for your pre order forms.  
We are sorry for the rush, however, we had to have an order  
in to the Growers on Monday March 22/10.

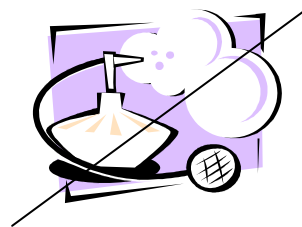
If you missed the pre order forms, we hope you will come out and buy  
the day of the sale (**Saturday May 8/10**) and bring along your friends,  
and neighbours.



## Other Announcements

### Fragrance Free!

**From 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010  
St. Peter's (Lakehill)  
will be a fragrance free church**



There are members of our parish family who have allergies to the chemicals used in scented products. When they come into contact with these products they must leave the service. So please leave the scents at home when attending services and other functions at church. Thank you.

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### Grains Project



**For April:** Lentils & split peas

**For May:** Currants & raisins

Please leave your donations in the box in the Narthex. Thank you!

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### Haiti Earthquake

For a gripping -- and heart-wrenching -- eye-witness account of the Haiti Earthquake, please read the report posted by one of our parish missions: Hands Across the Sea-Haiti. This report is posted on the missions bulletin board next to the kitchen. Please replace the report on the board after you've read it, so others can also read it.

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### Spring Sing Day

Anyone interested in Spring Sing Day should contact Julie Poskitt. The idea is to take a Saturday to learn newer, contemporary Praise Songs and deepen our familiarity with the great hymns of the Anglican Hymnal. If there is sufficient interest we will co-ordinate with our Music Director David Watson and invite our sister Parishes. Needless to say: Spring Sing will be for all singers and non-singers alike, and will probably feature some kind of refreshment if there is sufficient interest. Call Julie – 250-661-4524



"Cheerful white van will lug things to and fro."



Call Julie: 250-661-4524

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13<sup>th</sup> March 2010

## **Exploring Possibilities for Team Ministry between St Michael and All Angels, St Peter's, Lakehill, and St David-by-the-Sea, Cordova Bay**

### *Some Recent History:*

The Diocesan Transformation Team report recommended that St Peter's and St David's be disestablished, the churches sold or leased, and the congregations encouraged to move to a hub church in Gordon Head. The DTT brought a motion to this effect to Diocesan Synod, March 5-7, 2010.

The DTT's motion was *tabled* [set aside] at synod, and an alternative motion was *passed*, giving St Peter's and St David's one year to explore with St Michael's the possibility of forming a team ministry with all three churches remaining open. The motion stated that the objectives of the team would be *"to establish an evangelically-driven initiative of shared ministry between the three congregations; and to confirm the financial viability of the plan for shared ministry."* If the team ministry fails to be established and the churches do not grow, then after the year trial period St Peter's and St David's would be disestablished as originally recommended.

At St Michael's parish council meeting on March 11, 2010, the following motion was unanimously *passed* after representatives from St Peter's and St David's explained how team ministry with St Michael's might work:

*"That we will proceed to explore, with input from the parishioners, how a team ministry approach with St. David's and St. Peter's may look and work for St. Michael and All Angels."*

### *Next Steps:*

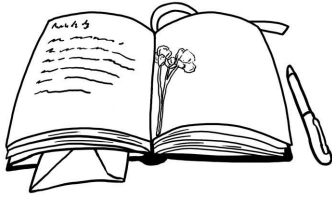
A transitional team of clergy and representatives from all three churches will meet with the bishop to discuss staffing for St Peter's and St David's. Lucy will remain as full-time rector at St Michael's. A viable financial plan will be developed.

In line with the diocesan requirement that all parishes develop plans for new outreach ministries in their local communities, the three parishes will explore shared ministry initiatives such as:

- Saturday or mid-week evening services for those who cannot attend church on Sunday mornings
- Non-traditional services for young adults and "seekers"
- Combined youth groups and more programmes
- Combined men's group programmes
- Store-front ministry for local outreach

## Easter Memories

by Margaret Sinkinson



Until recently we have ventured to Saskatchewan each summer to help with the work or deal with things still there. In 2004 our trip was during the week before Easter. Getting away is always a chore, even with lists and starting packing ahead. But my younger sister faithfully comes to help: make us a snack, or sandwiches to take as needed, and see that I do not leave behind the baking done ahead for the trip, as has happened before. All she receives for this service, besides our love and gratitude, is some perishables from the refrigerator.

When the ferry got to the mainland, the car would not start. We had forgotten to unplug the cooler for the ferry trip. We sat until the next load of cars began to come, when a truck arrived to jump-start the car. Highway driving recharged the battery, but the delay and dark drizzly weather made us go only as far as Hope.

The next two nights we spent with long time friends in Kelowna, and the next in Calgary. Good Friday being a holiday both our nephews there were able to join us for breakfast, which was good because we had been in touch only by phone for months.

Good Friday evening all was well at the trailer we rent, but the water had not been turned on; so we spent the night with Mark at the farm house. Next day Mark came into Gravelbourg with us and helped with moving in and getting the water turned on.

Easter Sunday we wanted to attend the Anglican church in Assiniboia where we have been going for years. A priest comes there once a month, and the friend we phoned thought one was coming that day.

When we arrived, a lay reader who has served the parish many years was there to take Morning Prayer. He is a man in his 70s who was confirmed there with Harold. He wore blue jeans and a clean white shirt without a tie. The church, which is always clean and well cared for, was not even half full. It is many years since there was a choir. There is only a faithful organist and good hymns. But nobody seemed able to sing, not even the familiar and joyful Easter hymns. It was sad to discover that we were as rusty as the other old people. Afterwards we had good visiting time with our friends downstairs, where there is tea or coffee and cake, and tables to sit at. We also had a meal with one family in their home.

In Gravelbourg we attend the Lutheran Church which is only two and a half blocks from the trailer. They are a friendly group too, and they have a full time Pastor, shared with another congregation.

At Pentecost we drove to Assiniboia, 40 miles, and it happened to be the last Sunday the same lay reader was taking the service because he was going blind. Several years before he had a detached retina, but operations on the eye were not successful. He had great difficulty reading in any but the best light at exactly the right angle, and had to get the organist to do some reading. The lessons are read by appointed people each week.

Our return to the church where each of us used to take our turns at leading Morning Prayer made us wonder how many congregations just fade away. Certainly Anglicans frown on "sheep stealing", but there are many people around who have no church allegiance, who may be new in the community and would like the opportunity to join a welcoming congregation; all ages are welcome, as there is a family feeling.

As new residents in Victoria we found the friendliness at St. Peter's, formal acceptance of membership, and our pins in due time, attractive.

**Guess Who?**



Who is this little girl on the swing?  
Can you guess?

Answer in the next Key!

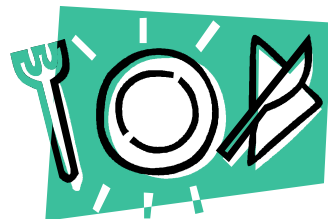


**Life in Today's Church**



*Submitted by Mandy Conrad.*

## Seder Dinner



On Maundy Thursday at 6.30pm, parishioners shared a Seder dinner together. Each table had a host “mother and father” and every member at the table brought a certain item of food or drink to share. The Seder meal is celebrated by Jews each year at Passover to remember the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. As Christians, we share this common bond and we combine the traditional Jewish Seder meal with words in the New Testament. Before eating the main lamb supper, we engage in a series of symbolic acts, and answers are given to questions such as “Why do we dip the greens in salt water?” and “Why do we eat bitter herbs at this special meal?” Following the meal, parishioners moved into the church for a Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar. The evening was a time to come together in fellowship and learning. Thank you to everyone who took part and brought food to share. Thank you also to those who organized this event and who helped with all the preparations.





## HEALING AT THE CROSS

We know when Jesus was crucified  
Upon the wooden cross  
Our every sin was laid upon Him  
All for loving the lost

And we know that when He rose again  
He conquered death and hell  
Through His resurrection we have  
Eternal life as well

For this we praise our gracious Lord  
And thank Him for His love  
For we could never have had this hope  
If it wasn't for His spilled blood

But we can know His resurrection power  
Right now while we are here  
For we can come to the cross of Christ  
And lay down our burdens there

For everything that may hold us back  
The hurts from yesterday  
At the foot of the cross we lay it down  
And then just walk away

For I believe that there is healing  
At the cross of Christ  
We do not need to carry these loads  
For they've all been crucified

Receive from Jesus the healing you need  
For your spirit, body and soul  
Then you can arise, freed from your past  
To walk completely whole

For what He accomplished on the cross  
Goes on into eternity  
Just reach out your hand and He will too  
And receive His victory

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<http://www.heavensinspirations.com/healing-at-the-cross.html>

Wishing you all a very blessed Easter,  
Maria