

The Chronicle

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The Anglican Parish of Copper Cliff/Lively

New Ventures

For the past 20 months the congregations of Christ Church and St John.s have been finding out what it means to work as a two point parish. Many joint events have been enjoyed and more are anticipated. One of the objectives of this union has always been to hire an additional staffperson and it seems that we are on the brink of making this a reality.

In the last few weeks some amazing circumstances have taken place that indicate the work of God behind the scenes. Our Archdeacon mentioned the name of a person who was looking for this kind of work, a meeting was arranged between this person and the Rector and an agreement to continue to talk was made. The Wardens and Advisory Boards were consulted and agreement was reached that we should take the next steps. The Wardens met with the applicant and gave their unanimous approval of the candidate. In another portion of this newsletter Ms. Elizabeth Sipos has provided a brief biography. As soon as we can finalize the details required and obtained the approval of both Vestries she will be hired as a half time pastoral assistant. This is an exciting new venture that we hope will build on the other successes that have been seen in the parish over the years. Opportunities to get to know Elizabeth will be organized and we look forward to seeing how God will use her to advance the kingdom.

Another new venture is being explored for the summer. In order to enhance the connections between the two congregations it has been decided to try an experiment with the summer service schedule. Beginning on June 27 until August 29 only one service will be held on Sunday at one of the two locations. During July that location will be St. John the Divine in Copper Cliff and during August the location will be Christ Church in Lively. Rides will be offered for those who need them.

A Joint Newsletter!

We are attempting to further enhance the connections that are growing in this parish by publishing this joint issue. The web address above and the e-mail address listed are centred in Lively but the congregation of St. John the Divine also has a web address which is listed with the contact information later in this issue. E-mail: livelyanglican@bellnet.ca

Coming Events

May 9 - Mother's Day brunch 9:30 - 11 - L
May 15 - Perennial flower sale/Open house - CC
May 22 - 100th Anniversary Service - CC
May 28-30 - Challenge Weekend - Verner
June 27 - Joint service/Picnic 10 am - CC
July - Summer Services at 10 am - CC
August - Summer Service at 10 am - L

* CC - St. John the Divine, L - Christ Church

The Address for Christ Church has changed due to new regulations at Canada Post. The mailing address is now: 231 Sixth Avenue, LIVELY, ON P3Y 1M4

Church Secretary

For the past few weeks the office in Lively has been staffed by a volunteer secretary. Rose Giroux has offered her time and talents three mornings each week to help manage the paperwork that is generated and clear out some of the backlog of material. Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday on most weeks find Rose in the office at Christ Church. She has also been asked to co-ordinate the parish contact list so she may be in touch over the next little while.

Did You Know?

Due to changes in the policy at the Sudbury Regional Hospital clergy no longer have access to the patient lists. If you, or a loved one, are hospitalized and wish to have a visit from someone in the congregation please let the Wardens or Rector know. We promise to treat any information you share with sensitivity and the level of confidentiality you request.

Clergy Corner

What a difference a couple of months make. In February the Advisory Boards were putting together a report to the Executive Committee as we approached the end of the 18 month trial period. The report contained bits of good news but it also contained the information that a hoped for hire of a half-time person had not happened. Concern was expressed in the report about the size of the task before us as we try to provide pastoral care to over 400 people who are attached to this parish group. As I met with the Archdeacon to prepare him to present the report a casual comment caught my attention. The Archdeacon knew of someone who might be interested in exploring employment in a congregation and when he mentioned that he was referring to Elizabeth Sipos I felt a thrill. Months ago, while praying about the situation in the parish this person's name had come into my mind and I had even attempted to contact her but something prevented it from happening at that time. After talking it over with the Advisory Boards it was decided to pursue the matter and so I contacted Liz and we had a chat about the possibility. Everything started to click into place from that moment on, with a few cautions about

making sure details were looked after. As you have already read Elizabeth has been endorsed by the Wardens and myself for employment in the parish as a half-time Pastoral Assistant for one year. From a kind of depressing report came an opportunity for new energy and ideas. What a difference just a short time makes.

I am looking forward to working with Liz in this capacity because we have worked together before on a youth event called Challenge. I have come to know her to be a faith-filled young woman who simply wants to serve the Lord. She has completed all the requirements for a Master of Divinity degree from Wycliffe College and will be officially receiving her degree in May. She is currently seeking a sponsoring bishop as she believes God wants her to receive ordination. I am once again amazed at how well God prepares the way. God requires us to cooperate and be open to the leading of the Spirit and so we are praying for that discernment as we move forward. You will be hearing more of this as the weeks and months proceed. Please pray with me for God's guidance as we seek to put a plan together that is not only affordable but that will bring Glory to God.

Additional contact information

Christ Church

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St. John's

Linda Goodale (Warden)

Vivian Anzil (Warden)

Joanne Stamp (Dep. Warden)

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Rector

the Rev. Glen Miller 692-3344 (office - Lively)

682-2623 (office - Copper Cliff)

561-0450 (cell)

Summer Work Projects

Both congregations in this parish group have some projects that could use some volunteers. There are still a few small jobs to complete at the Rectory in Lively - contact Glen Miller @ 692-5374 and there are some jobs to do at St. John's - contact Linda Goodale @ 522-1639 if you would like to help. Tools and supplies are provided - we just need willing hands with a bit of time and some ability with building projects.

Youth Ministry

On the weekend of May 28-30 a group of young people and adult instructors will meet at Camp Norland (near Verner) for a Challenge Weekend. This is an encounter weekend for people between the ages of 13-23 where they learn more about themselves and the person of Jesus Christ. Applications for interested teens can be obtained by contacting the Church office

On the Civic Holiday Weekend (July 31- Aug 2) the Annual Youth Synod will be held and representatives of the two congregations will be in attendance.

Now that our bishop has begun to create a schedule of regular parish visits we may finally be able to offer Confirmation instruction.

Service in the Park

June 27, 2010 - 10 am
Beside St. John the Divine in Copper Cliff
An outdoor service followed by a BBQ
Games for all ages

This will be the only Anglican Service offered in the Parish on that Sunday.

In case of rain the event will be held inside St. John the Divine Church.

Copper Cliff News

By now you will have heard about the Anniversary Celebrations being held at St. John the Divine on the weekend of May 22, 2010. There has been a great deal of preparation for this celebration which marks 100 years of Christian ministry from the location at the corner of Godfrey Drive and Creighton Rd. in Copper Cliff. The history of the congregation has been well documented in the Algoma Anglican April issue. The history of the two congregations in this parish have been linked for some time because it was a lay reader from St. John's named Arthur Crisp who was instrumental in the development of an Anglican congregation in Creighton. Mr. Crisp later became the Rev. Crisp and served as the first incumbent of Christ Church in Lively. For more information about the anniversary celebrations and the stories attached we encourage people to come to the Open House on Saturday May 15 from 9 am to noon at 34 Godfrey Drive in Copper Cliff.

Lively News

After about 4 years of dealing with construction projects the congregation at Christ Church can finally take a break. The next issue to be dealt with will take a bit more time as the Building Committee will be studying ways to make the building barrier free. An architect has provided some sketches of some possible solutions. A project of this importance also carries a significant price tag and so the steps that need to be taken must be done with care. I is hoped that at the 2011 Vestry meeting a proposal can be introduced to launch a project that will result in making the building more accessible for people with mobility difficulties.

Meetings With Elizabeth

Assuming the approval is obtained to hire Elizabeth Sipos plans are being made to provide opportunities for people to meet her and get to know her. Please watch for these opportunities