

The Chronicle

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A newsletter for Christ Church, Lively, Ontario

A New Season

The summer months were filled with change and challenges. Challenges because of the weather and the economy and changes because that is the nature of life. Some delightful surprises took place in the life of the congregation here at Christ Church and as we turn the page on another September we are looking forward to a positive Fall season.

We are joyful Anglicans, serving, growing, and proclaiming Christ's love in Algoma and beyond.

The Vision statement quoted above is to be our target over the next few years and we have a good beginning established. When we gather we are certainly joyful Anglican. One of the characteristics of our events is a good smattering of humour. We certainly saw that at our joint service at Fielding park. Kaitlin Dumond was baptized at that event. Kaitlin is one of those delightful surprises mentioned above. She is a young woman who came to faith in Jesus Christ and asked to be baptized. The event was filled with joy and a bit of laughter. Other baptisms also happened through the summer as Amelia McAllister and Brooke Dampier were welcomed into the household of God.

Another joyful event took place as Michael Garreffa and Jane Barrington were joined in Holy Matrimony on a Friday evening in August. On the Sunday prior to that Wedding Christ Church hosted the MacKinnon/MacKay reunion. Frank and his brother saw many relatives at this once every 5 years event. It was a pleasure to host some of them at our Sunday morning service.

On a sadder note we said goodbye to Jim Lloyd who died after a long battle with cancer. We honour his memory and give thanks for the time we have had together.

Our September plans, of course, include a Turkey Supper. We trust that all members of this congregation will find this season a blessing.

Send us an e-mail!

We are attempting to create an e-mail database to be used to stay in touch with the members of this congregation. The e-mail address will not be shared with anyone else. If you wish to have your address included send us a brief message at livelyanglican@bellnet.ca

Coming Events

Sept 26 - Turkey Supper - Christ Church

Oct 3- PWRDF Conference - Epiphany Sudbury

Oct 21-24 -Diocesan Synod - Sault Ste. Marie

Oct 31 - Fall Fair - St. John's

Nov 2 - John Sands concert - St. John's

Nov 5-8 Women's Cursillo weekend Villa Loyola

Nov 21 - Holly Fair - Christ Church

Nov 26-29 Men's Cursillo weekend Villa Loyola

** check out our calendar on our website **

Our New Website

In our last issue a request was made for someone to help with updating our website. Devin Carlson was suggested as a possible helper and when he was approached he agreed to put together a new platform. There are some new features and we are still learning about keeping it updated but all in all it looks very good. Your comments are welcome as we continue to adapt it to our needs.

Our Address is Changing due to new regulations at Canada Post. Our new mailing address will be:
231 Sixth Avenue, LIVELY, ON P3Y 1M4

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.

that off my chest I turn to another challenge involved as I serve the two congregations at this end of the Sudbury basin.

Over the next six months we will be asked to determine whether the current pattern should be retained or if another model could be followed to provide Sacramental ministry to the Anglicans connected with St. John's in Copper Cliff and Christ Church in Lively. I will be seeking advice and guidance as we take these steps. Along with consulting the Diocesan staff I will be providing opportunities for members of the two congregations to give their opinion about certain options. I believe this process will provide us a chance to once again hear God's call to us to be a healthy community that works at accomplishing the purposes of God. 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.

Clergy Corner

For the past year I have once again been serving two congregations. It is something with which I am quite familiar as the first 8 years of my ordained life were spent travelling between Blind River and Thessalon. I enjoy the challenge of trying to find ways of communicating the message of the Good News of Jesus Christ to a new group of people. The other challenge that presents itself comes from the modern trend of busy schedules. As someone who has always found Sunday morning Church attendance important I find it difficult to completely understand the reasons behind Sunday absences. I do know how lives can be filled up with activities that require a choice. I rejoice that the choice is often in favour of family activities but I must admit to hoping that Church gets put at the top of the priority list a little more often. This is partly a purely selfish reason. Providing pastoral care to such a large group of people means less time in visiting and so Sunday mornings is often the time when I connect with the members of the parish family. I truly enjoy hearing the stories about what is going on in peoples' lives.. As some parents know, it is difficult to feel like a family when members are often away during meals. Now that I've gotten

Confirmation Class

A Confirmation Class is being organized to take place during the months of October and November. We anticipate a visit from the newly elected Bishop early in 2010. Classes will be held on a weekday afternoon but the schedule will depend in part on who registers

Confirmation has many meanings but the primary one is a commissioning of believers to take on their own ministry. It marks the completion of one stage of a journey begun at Baptism and prepares the individual for the next stage.

The sacrament of Confirmation is made available to anyone who has been baptized and who wishes to take this step. Please contact the Rector for more information.

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Chris Franklin (Warden) 692-4015
Sue Clark (Warden) 692-3713
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Summer Work Projects

For those of you who have been by the Rectory on Sixth Avenue lately you will have noticed some machinery in the yard. The final part of the foundation work has been completed but the mess has not quite been cleaned up. We are happy to report that the footings and weeping tile are in good shape and the clay has been replaced with properly draining material. A "thank you" goes out to everyone who pitched in and helped. There is still one more job to finish at the Rectory which we hope will be completed long before the snow flies. If you have a weekend free and would like to help please contact Chris Franklin or Glen Miller.

Youth Group

During the summer months we took a break from meeting. The new series of meetings will begin on Friday October 2 at 6 pm with a pizza meal. We'll meet every second Friday unless a scheduling conflict arises. Anyone over the age of 11 will probably find the activities enjoyable and everyone is welcome. It is helpful to the planners to know if you intend to come. Email your intention to the address on the first page.

While we were taking our break from meeting two of our Young People attended Youth Synod. This is an annual gathering of young people from across the Diocese who meet to discuss ways of improving Youth Ministry in the Diocese. Holly and Alex Sarvas were our delegates this year and had a very good time. We look forward to hearing more about what happened over the course of the next few months. The fact that they attended means that they are now members of the Deanery Youth Unit.

Sunday School

We are once again preparing for a new Sunday School season. After a summer break we are looking forward to welcoming the children back for another year of learning about God. The Theme Conversations will once again be co-ordinated by Mary Beth Miller and presented by David White, Ann Franklin, Vicki Train, Karen Makela and Glen Miller. Our Teachers will be Ann Franklin and Susan Sarvas with help from Heather Gideon and Holly Sarvas.

Our Sunday School Co-ordinator, David White, welcomes other volunteers who wish to help provide this ministry. A process is in place to find the most appropriate area volunteers may help. A new curriculum has been received for the new season and it promises to be another quality program.

When a child is baptized the congregation promises to "do all in their power to support the person in his/her life in Christ". The Sunday School Program is one of the ways we try to do this. Please consider getting involved in this important section of our Parish Ministry Program. For more information please contact the Church office.

Holly Fair

This annual event, held in the middle of November, features hand crafted items.

If you are someone who enjoys making items this may be the event for you.

Tables are available for you to display your hand-made articles.

Please contact Wendy Schroeder at

692-4976

to reserve a table.

I wish you Enough ! (from the internet)

Recently I overheard a Father and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. They had announced the departure.

Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the Father said, "Verdana", 'I love you, and I wish you; enough.'

The daughter replied, 'Dad, our life together has been more than; enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Dad.'

They kissed and the daughter left. The Father walked over to the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see he wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on his privacy, but he welcomed me in by asking, 'Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?'

'Yes, I have,' I replied. 'Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good-bye?'

'I am old, and she lives so far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is - the next trip back will be for my funeral,' he said.

'When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, 'I wish you enough.' May I ask what that means?'

He began to smile. 'That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone' He paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail, and he smiled even more. 'When we said, 'I wish you enough,' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them.' Then turning toward me, he shared the following as if he were reciting it from memory.

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting. I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.

He then began to cry and walked away.

Cursillo and Challenge

From time to time you may hear these two words used to describe a weekend event. Cursillo (pronounced "kur-see-yo) and Challenge are movements within the Anglican Church in this Diocese that are designed to assist the process of Spiritual Growth in individuals and groups. Cursillo is designed for those over the age of 25 while Challenge is for Teens and Young adults. The primary activity is a weekend event that includes teaching, singing, praying, and worshipping in what becomes a close knit community. A number of members of the congregation have experienced these events and it has made a positive impact on their lives. A pair of Weekends, one for women the other for men, has been scheduled to take place in November of this year. If you are curious about learning more please contact Glen or Mary Beth Miller.

The cost of the weekend is \$200, which includes lodging and meals, but bursaries are available for those who find this price too high. The event begins on a Thursday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon and is a live in weekend. The Women's weekend will be held from Nov. 5-8 while the Men's weekend will be held from Nov 26-29. Both events will be held at Villa Loyola in Sudbury.

A Challenge weekend begins on Friday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon. Plans are being made to hold a weekend event in the Spring of 2010.

"Grow in Grace and Knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

"Religion is meant to be bread for daily use, not cake for special occasions."