

St. Thomas The Apostle Anglican Church

110 Francis Street, Cambridge ON, N1S 2A1

“KEEPING IN TOUCH – September 2021”

A FEW DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

1. Welcome Back Sunday: **Sunday September 12th 9:00 am**

We are so excited to welcome everyone one back to indoor services beginning September 12th.

NOTE: *In order to comply with Covid protocol, we need to know in advance how many people will be attending therefore **please RSVP to Rick or Sharon Furnival at 519-620-1272 or ricksharon@icloud.com if you are planning to join us.***

2. Pastor Steve’s vacation: **Mon Aug 23 – Tues Sept 7**

There will be no Facebook services from St. Tom’s during his vacation, but sign in to the “St. John’s Anglican Church Cambridge” page. Their service is published early, so sign in any time.

NOTE: *“Cooking with the Greenes”, “Gospel Café” and “Baking for the Bridges” are all on hold for the summer.*

If you are not already signed up as a member of **Pastor Steve’s “Gospel Café”** Facebook group, email him at stevegreene@diohuron.org to be added. There are some amazing interviews to watch!

Did You Know?

1. How many kings of Judah were there? How many kings of Israel were there?
2. What was the name of Hannah’s husband?
3. Name the couple who died after lying to the Holy Spirit (and to the Apostles) about their offering?
4. How many requests are found in the Lord’s Prayer?
5. Which tribe of Israel did not receive any inheritance of land?
6. What were the original (Israelite) names of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?
7. What does *Amos* mean when translated into English?

Pastor's Ponderings



FINALLY!!!! Since the last in-person service (March 8, 2020) we have endured many losses, many changes, many challenges and many opportunities to both deepen our faith and to build an on-line community. Odd, yet intriguing. For the first several months of COVID, I was still humming along with my “church duties”, (believing that the first shut down would be short and the only shut down...how foolish)! As March quickly turned into May, the old model of church had to be quickly reformed. The image of Mr. and Mrs. X sitting in their favourite spot on Sunday morning disappeared, and the truth of the cold iPhone capturing the richness and beauty of God’s Word read, preached and taught, and music echoing through the emptiness of the sanctuary were the only safe ways to connect. That shook me, and still does to be honest. As an extrovert, I am fuelled by people, their smiles, their nods, their grimaces, their stories of joy and heartbreak. All of these intimate moments I took for granted: they vanished faster than a toupee in a hurricane.

Now, we are entering into a new reality, one where Sunday service will be in-person and online. I am quite excited to be engaged with parishioners who may not live in Cambridge yet will continue to call St. Thomas or St. Luke’s their church family. I am quite excited to return to walking the transept during the sermon and being able to share and converse with the faithful members who have endured the many highs and lows, before, during and after the multiple pandemics of 2020 and 2021.

With the many changes come many challenges, obstacles and opportunities. Let me be very clear, I suck with technology (ask Trinity, our 13-year-old daughter or even better, Kaleb, our 3-year-old son)! From this new reality, I have had to learn new skills and our church members had to, as well...*if you ain’t learning, you ain’t living!!* New teams had to be created (i.e., tech team/social media) and new ministries to be thought out, formed and implemented to connect with parishioners who may never enter the physical building. An amazing opportunity to be the Church, the diverse and international Bride of Christ.

FINALLY!!! Since our last in-person service, we have endured many losses, many deaths, many changes and challenges, yet as children of God, we are called to be comfortable with the uncomfortable, steadfast in God’s grace, mercy and righteousness amidst the storm. As many of us begin our services (online and in-person), let’s be honest with our growing pains, patient with our brothers and sisters-in Christ and extremely eager to share the Good News in new and exciting ways!!!

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A FEW SILLY “BACK TO SCHOOL” JOKES

- 1) What did the math text book say to the other math text book?
- 2) Why did the M&M go to school?
- 3) What kind of school do surfers go to?



The Carpenter

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer/contractor of his plans to leave the house-building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife, enjoying his extended family. He would miss the paycheque but he needed to retire.

The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go, and he asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favour. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials.

It was an unfortunate way to end his career. When the carpenter finished his work and the builder came to inspect the house, the contractor handed the front door key to the carpenter. "This is your house", he said, "my gift to you".

What a shock! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house he would have done it all so differently. Now he had to live in the home he had built none to well.

So it is with us. Sometimes we build our lives in a distracted way, reacting rather than acting, willing to put up with less than the best. At important points we do not always give the job our best effort. Then, with a shock, we look at the situation we have created and find that we are now living in the house we have built. If we had realized that, we would have done it differently.

Think of yourself as the carpenter. Think about your house. Each day you hammer a nail, place a board or erect a wall, do it wisely. It is the only life you will ever build. Even if you live with it for only one day more, that day deserves to be lived graciously and with dignity.

Your life tomorrow will be the result of your attitudes and the choices you make today. Make the most of it!



Answer to "A Few Silly Summer Riddles"

- 1) I have a problem!
- 2) he really wanted to be a Smartie
- 3) boarding school



A Chat with ... RICK FURNIVAL, Warden by Susan Grenville

Frederick [Rick] Furnival was born in Ottawa in 1944, and grew up in Toronto. His mother, Dorothy, was a stay-at-home mum who “did lots of volunteer work”, including at a hospital and an art gallery. His Father, Stan, worked in advertising, where he became the top art director in Canada for 20 years, working for such large companies as Ford, Chrysler, and the O’Keefe Brewing Company.

They lived in Toronto, and Rick lived at Islington Avenue and Dixon Road when Hwy 401 was under construction. He says he piloted his homemade go-kart down the ramp near his home. [I trust that was before the highway was officially opened.] He had a paper route from ages 8-18, and laughs that he earned more money than did his friends who worked part-time at Loblaws. At age 10, he won a contest for enrolling the greatest number of subscribers. The prize was a trip to New York City, where he attended the opening of “White Christmas” at Radio City Music Hall, visited the Empire State Building, and met Jack Dempsey at Dempsey’s famous restaurant.

Rick was the oldest of 3, with a brother, 1½ years younger and a sister, 6 years younger. His brother passed away several years ago, and his sister recently moved to Stratford, where Rick is able to spend time with her on a regular basis.

At school, Rick played the clarinet, and enjoyed bowling and shooting pool with his friends. After graduation from Northern Secondary School, he studied architecture at Ryerson for 2 years, but says he “wasn’t dedicated enough to stay.” He worked for a manufacturer of laminated timbers, a company that, among other things, built arches for several churches, including St. Luke’s Anglican in Cambridge.

Rick met Sharon Walsh, a native of Haileybury, when she rented an apartment in his friends’ home across the street. They married in October 1968. They planned a 2-week honeymoon in Quebec City, but he says they ate in all the best restaurants and ran out of money after 4 days! They settled in the Black Creek area of Toronto. After just 6 months, Rick’s company closed, and he and Sharon decided he would go back to school. They moved to a small apartment on Erb Street in Kitchener, and Rick enrolled at Lutheran University, (now Laurier), to pursue an honours degree in Business. Sharon supported them as a secretary; Rick worked at Canada Dry in summer, and they were superintendents at their apartment building.

The Furnivals have two daughters: Nicole, in Ottawa, has worked with Raiser’s Edge, a fundraising and donor management computer program used by non-profit agencies. Melanie, in Toronto, works as an office manager. Their 6 grandchildren range in age from 26 to 6 years old. For 20 years, the Furnival family have vacationed together at a cottage on Lake Huron. Rick & Sharon have also travelled to Portugal, Italy, and the U.S.

After Rick’s graduation, the family moved back to Toronto, where Rick rose through the ranks of one of the Top 100 companies in Canada that built machinery that makes packaging for other companies. He travelled 2 weeks of each month, first as a salesperson of the machinery and also as a consultant for the clients such as Proctor & Gamble and Christie Cookies, to set up their own production lines. When he retired at age 65, he had worked as the Manager of Sales, the head of continuous Quality Improvement for Eastern Canada, and as Plant Manager for the last 20 years.

Rick and Sharon share a passion for walking, exploring, gardening, and painting. They both paint for a few months each year. When they were looking for a house, they wanted a space for painting, and bought their present home with a 'studio' over the garage, from David Kovats. They used to meet Colin Harrington walking on the Riverwalk Trail, and when they told him they were looking for a church, he suggested they try St. Tom's. Today, the Furnivals are faithful attendees and volunteers in our parish. Rick serves as Warden and Sharon is a member of the ACW. They have used their spectacular artistic talents to decorate our church, and Rick researched, purchased equipment, and implemented our new online services. It didn't surprise me when I asked what lesson he had learned in life. His answer: *Be inquisitive.*



AUTUMN WORD SCRAMBLE

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH → Mountain Pudding

(submitted by Jo Murphie)

- 5 Tbsp butter
- 2 Cups fruit
- 1 Cup sugar
- 1 Cup flour
- 2 Tsp baking powder
- ½ Tsp salt
- ¾ Cup milk

Melt butter in dish in oven while warming.
 Mix fruit & sugar. Set aside.
 Mix flour, baking powder & salt. Add milk to form a batter.
 Pour batter into pan of melted butter.
 Pour sugared fruit in center of batter.
 Bake at 350° for 30 minutes or until done.

Any fruit can be used. A crust will form around the edges.
 Easy recipe to double & bake in a 9 x 13 pan.

Answers to “Do You Know”

1. a. 20 b. 19
2. Elkanah (1 Samuel 1:1)
3. Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)
4. 7 (Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4)
5. The Tribe of Levi (the Levites)-they were gifted six Cities of Refuge (Golan, Ramoth, Bosor, Kedesh, Shechem and Hebron) and the Temple in Jerusalem
6. Hananiah (Shadrach), Mishael (Meshach) and Azariah (Abednego)
7. *Burden, load*-he fittingly bore the load/burden to speak against the greed, corruption and oppression of the poor and the imminent destruction of the people due to their wickedness

Answers to the “Autumn Word Scramble”

sweater / September / squirrel / deciduous / scarecrow / orchard / November /
 migration / goldenrod / harvest / foliage / pumpkin