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**CHURCH**

July 10– July 16 2025

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**Messages From Rev. Phelan**

If you know anyone who is not able to make it to church, whether at home or in the hospital, and would like to take communion, please let me know. Due to privacy laws, the hospital does NOT call the church to let us know, so we depend on you. Thanks

The monthly ‘Bible verse to memorize’ for July is: "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you."

1 Peter 5: 6-7

**Collect of the Day**

You will find strips of paper with a marker or pencil in the pews. This is for you to write down your prayer concerns anonymously and then place the paper on the altar either before or after the service so they can be addressed. I will “collect” the thoughts of the congregation to add them to the Collect of the Day. **Please use them.**

**Summer Schedule**

Phelan has made a summer schedule that starts June 29th. That means I will be in Lake of Bays that Sunday. Connie and Rob will lead Morning Prayer. The Archbishop has offered The Rev. Margaret Morrison to assist us during the period of July-August, as Phelan would need to be in three congregations at the same time. Thank you to those who have also offered to help at the 3 churches. The monthly calendar posted in the hallway will let you know who is leading the service each Sunday.

**Bible Study**

I wish to thank all who came out to the study on the Gospel of Mark. Many good insights were shared.

**Our Vision**

At the June Parish Council meeting, we were asked what our vision for the church is. The wardens and I have brainstormed, and our vision is to spread God’s word by:

1. Introducing ourselves to every household in Bracebridge. Soon we will ask for your help with a major project. It's time to go 'door to door' with a flyer about St. Thomas'. When we do this, we simply place the flyer in the door without disturbing anyone. However, if you see someone out in their yard, you may ask them if they would take the flyer. The idea of the flyer is to invite people to worship with us. There may well be people in town who don't know that there's an Anglican church nearby. More information will come.
2. Do a better job explaining our liturgy. You may notice the laminated pew cards. They are there to help explain what goes on in an Anglican service. The word 'liturgy', which describes ordered public worship, means, "the work of the people". We feel the presence of God in worship when we better understand the meaning and purpose of liturgy.

**Prayers Requested**

Please remember in prayer St. Ambrose and St. James as they hold their Vestry Meetings on July 13th.

**New Primate**

The Most Reverend Shane Parker was installed as our new Primate on June 29th in London ON.

**New Parish Summer Office Hours**: The office is open Tuesdays to Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Fridays 9:00am – 12pm. On Wednesdays from 12-2pm the homeless are offered frozen meals, gift cards and clothing if available. All donations are appreciated!

**Phelan+**



**From the Wardens**

Rev. Phelan is part-time at our parish and is already working full-time hours, thus, Rev Phelan asks to be free of parish related engagements, between Sunday afternoon until Tuesday morning, when the office reopens. This includes all emails, texts and calls. The ONLY exception of course, is for urgent matters (ie death). He deserves some time off too.

**Prayer Group**

Join us to pray on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Rector’s office.

**Our Regular Services**

Sunday, July 13, Pentecost V Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. with The Rev. Margaret Morrison Here are the readings for this week –Amos 7: 7-17; Psalm 82, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10: 25-37. This Friday’s Service at 10 am is a BCP service.

**Parish Council:** Our Parish Council Meeting on July 8th we discussed the finances of the church**.** The minutes from the meeting are posted on the bulletin board in the hall.

**WARNING**



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Watch out for falling balloons in the church! They are left over from Ascension Sunday! (We are still waiting….)

**Birthdays For July**

Happy July birthday to Robert Thomas and David Fisher! We want to celebrate YOU, so please let us know when your birthday is.

**The Website**

The website now features the latest edition of the Loop each week to help spread the word about the happenings of our little church. If you take photos at church events and have pictures to share (with permission of course) email them to the office to be featured in the Loop and on our website.

**Day by Day**

Day by Day is a daily devotion booklet that has suggested readings, inspiring stories, thought provoking questions and of course prayers. The **Aug/Sept/Oct** booklets are now available at the Greeter’s table with a suggested donation of $1 to help cover their cost.

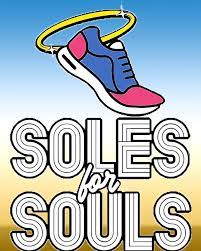
**Outreach**

We often have people coming into the office looking for assistance with food. **This week we handed out 6 meals, 3 gift cards and clothing to 2 people.** We would like to stock up our freezer with a few **prepared meals** such as soups, pasta dishes or stews. If you add food to our freezer, please be sure to write on it what it contains and the date so we can keep our freezer current. **We are still in need of clothing for Men for Summer and bags for the items to go home with them.**

**Garden Group**

We would like to thank **Mary T., Beth, Iris, Peggy, George and Peter** who take care of our gardens and grass for making the church grounds look so inviting. They meet each Wednesday at 10 am and stay for an hour and are looking for new recruits. Can you spare an hour a week for our gardens? Two ladies are looking to retire from their duties at the end of the season.

They have also asked me to thank **James** for trimming up the thorny bush and **Todd** for cleaning it up and hauling it away!

**Donate Shoes**

**This is the final month!**

Thank you to those who have already donated to this cause. This is the last month to donate pairs of used shoes that you no longer need for Soles 4 Souls Canada. You can find the large orange box in the hallway, to drop off your used running shoes, kids shoes, sandals, boots. Bioped partners with Soles4Souls and will distribute them to the needy in Canada and around the world, to help prevent illness and health issues and recycling helps save our planet, one pair of shoes at a time.

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We have raised

$1000

to date!

Don’t forget that if you put your name on the donation envelope, it will go towards your yearly tax receipt! Thank You!

**Hello Church Family!**

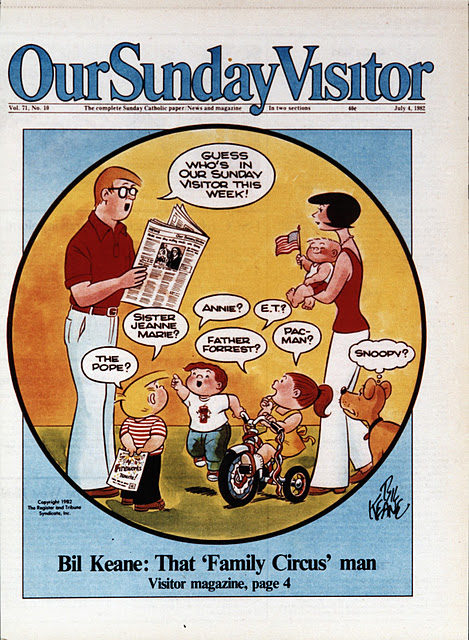
**July/August**

****Weather permitting, you’ll hear harp music floating through the air on the first and third Fridays, from 11:30am - 12:30 pm. Come bring a coffee or tea, and relax in the beautiful church courtyard, recreated by Peggy! (Rainy days I will be in the church sanctuary.

On random Saturdays, I will be plucking those harp strings streetside, serenading the market goers and passersby.



All Welcome! Iris



A cruise ship invitation with a boat and a boat

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