



# Easter 2013: Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen Indeed!

Every year at this time, it is encouraging to experience warmer temperatures and see the signs of spring emerging all around us, even if they end up being buried under a few inches of snow again. But we know this snow will melt, shoots will appear in our flowerbeds, and soon we will be out raking in our backyards once again.

Another sign of spring that brings many people joy and excitement is seeing hundreds of men who have played baseball all of their lives head off to Florida to practice the fundamentals of baseball. Day after day, for these six weeks, these men who get paid millions of dollars to play baseball, go back to the basics: hitting, fielding, running the bases – every phase of the game is studied all over again.

Now if you ask anybody at all, except for Barry Bonds, if you ask them if they think spring training is a waste of time, they will assure you that they have not forgotten what to do. But rather they go so they'll get better at what baseball players do. It's a return to the basics to get them ready for the long season ahead so they'll be prepared and be able to give their best to what they've devoted their lives to doing.

Here in the church as spring approaches, we begin the Lenten journey again. Not because we are novices and must be taught the basics for the first time; but because whoever we are, and wherever we are on our journey of faith, these are the basics that will sustain us for the long season ahead. These are the same fundamentals that we rehearse year after year, for they are what make us strong and prepared for whatever curve ball we may experience in the days to come.

However, that doesn't mean that we can't have some fun along the way. This year, throughout the season of Lent, we have been exploring the fundamentals of our faith through the lens of the Harry Potter series. Like any great work of literature, these stories are layered with meaning, but they've also been very much moulded by the Christian faith and they explore, at a fundamental level, the universal struggle between good and evil and the redemptive power of love.

This is the same redemptive power of love that fills us as Christians with new life and new possibilities – a love that we, as the church, celebrate during Holy Week. And so I would invite you to join with us as we return to the basics in new and exciting ways.

Our Holy Week services begin on Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> when we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with a procession of palm branches. Then on Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, we'll gather at 6:00 pm for a potluck supper to remember the last supper and Jesus' mandate (*mandatum* became *maundy*) to "love one another as I have loved you." After sharing a meal together, we will then gather at 7:00 pm for

our liturgy of foot washing and celebrating the Eucharist, followed by stripping the altar of all furnishings to remind us of how the soldiers stripped Christ of his garments prior to his crucifixion.

We then gather on Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am to hear the proclamation of Christ's Passion and reflect upon his sacrifice for us. The tone is solemn, but not somber, for our emphasis is on the victory of the cross. We will then mark the beginning of the fifty days of Easter with an outdoor Easter sunrise service at our cemetery starting at 7:00 am on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. After our sunrise service, we will be offering additional Easter Sunday services at St. James beginning at 8:30 am, and then again at 10:30 am.

Holy Week provides an opportunity for us to encounter our most powerful and transformative liturgies. They are central to our faith and our walk with Christ and I strongly encourage you to plan on attending as many of these services as you are able. So as we experience new birth and new life around us, it is my hope and prayer that you will find your faith strengthened, your hope renewed, and that you will be blessed with His peace and joy throughout the Easter season!

Yours in Christ,

The Rev'd Victor Krueger-Kischak

Pastor, Priest, & Rector

## *A Report from the Treasurer...*

Below is a summary of our financial position as at February 28, 2013. We have now paid our yearly insurance premium and continue to keep our apportionment payments to the Diocese of Huron up to date. As a result we are currently facing an operating deficit. Your ongoing support of our parish and its mission and ministry is much appreciated.

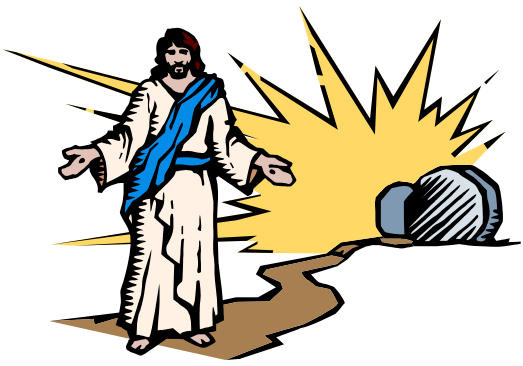
Please give prayerful consideration to your level of financial support, and if you are able consider an increased level of support.

Total Revenue as of February 28, 2013	\$22,315.94
Total Expenditures	\$34,665.03
Operating Deficit	(\$12,363.07)

## *From our Cent-a-Meal Committee...*

There's lots of media coverage lately about the penny disappearing. We'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Cent-a-Meal group continues to be pleased to accept all forms of Canadian currency including pennies. Anyone needing a jar (or wheelbarrow!) to collect their coppers are asked to contact Steve or Bob Howes. Funds collected will be used for repair and restoration of our original church building. Our next collection will be during the first week of May.





# Holy Week at St. James'

## **Palm Sunday (*March 24*)**

- Holy Communion (BCP) 8:30 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist with Palms 10:30 a.m.

## **Maundy Thursday (*March 28*)**

- Pot Luck Supper 6:00 p.m.
- Holy Eucharist, Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar 7:00 p.m.

## **Good Friday (*March 29*)**

- Good Friday Liturgy 10:30 a.m.



## **Easter Sunday (*March 31*)**

- Sunrise Service at Cemetery 7:00 a.m.
- Holy Communion (BCP) 8:30 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist (BAS) 10:30 a.m.

## Doreen is moving



She's packed up her purses.  
She's packed up her shoes.  
She's moving out west.  
Please don't get the blues.  
Just come out to see her.  
And say your good-byes,  
As all our best wishes  
Could reach to the skies...

Saturday March 23, 2013  
St. James Parish Hall.  
Paris, Ontario.  
1-4pm



## Spring Choir Concert

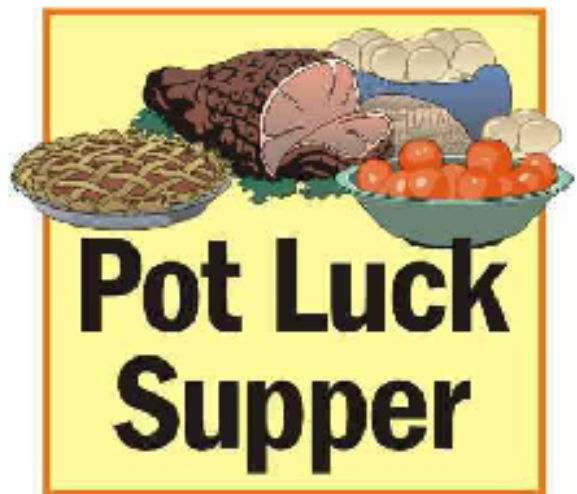


*Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*7:00 p.m.*

*Enclosed in your Easter Newsletter are two offering envelopes.  
The 'My Easter Offering' envelope will go towards our operating expenses, and  
the 'Altar Guild/Chancel Guild Flower Fund' envelope will help with decorating our  
church for the Easter Season and can be placed in memory of a loved one or as a  
thanksgiving. Your generosity is truly appreciated. Thank you.*

# Maundy Thursday



March 28

6:00 p.m.

*Bring your favourite dish  
to share.*

7:00 p.m. –

Holy Eucharist

Foot Washing and

Stripping of the Altar



Dinner with  
Jesus



*"The  
Secret Garden"*

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Ladies' Night Out  
Gourmet Dinner**

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
7:00 p.m.  
\$35 each by  
reservation only  
442-4334  
*after April 11<sup>th</sup>*

**Tickets on sale April 11  
7pm – front entranceway**

# SPRING MARKET

St. James Anglican Church  
Burwell Street, Paris

Saturday, May 25, 2013

more  
information to follow...



Toronto Blue Jays  
vs  
Houston Astros  
Saturday, July 27  
1:07 p.m.



Seats are field level infield  
Section 126 at the third base line.

Cost - \$120 each - includes bus, game tickets, buffet  
dinner at Tucker's Marketplace in Burlington.

36 seats available - call Linda today at 442-2346

# St. James' Classic

*Gord Moore Memorial*  
**Golf Tournament**

**Sunday**  
**June 9, 2013**

**Golf & Dinner**

*\*Includes Golf, Power Cart and Dinner*

*\*18 holes - only \$99*

*Prizes for every golfer!*



**For Tickets Call:**

**519-442-7666**

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