**PWRDF IS ALL ABOUT PARTNERSHIPS**

We partner with local organizations who carry out the work that you support – life-giving work that improves food security, champions gender rights, provides training on conservation agriculture, and creates income opportunities.

We partner with membership organizations that allow us to be part of a larger network. These include the Anglican Alliance, the ACT Alliance, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, KAIROS, Cooperation Canada, among others.

We partner with funding agencies including Global Affairs Canada, businesses and a growing number of private and family foundations.

We partner with the Anglican Church of Canada, Anglican dioceses, spiritual ministries and ecclesiastical provinces, through their bishops and their PWRDF Representatives, who support our programs and invite us to spread the good news of PWRDF at synods and other meetings.

We partner with parish representatives, clergy and countless volunteers in the pews across the country, who share our stories and engage others in our work.

We partner with our generous donors, without whose support none of our partners’ work would be possible.

As we walk alongside each of our partners, supporting, listening and sharing with one another, we embrace and embody the hope of a better world.

Thus, was born our new name: **Alongside Hope:** Anglicans and partners working for change in Canada and around the world.

**Alongside Hope** conveys the concept of partnership in a simple and uplifting way.

It is easy to understand and to pronounce.

It requires no lengthy or clumsy acronym.

It de-emphasizes the colonial, top-down approach of giving and emphasizes a more collaborative approach.

It is a name that will carry us forward into the future.

This Bulletin is given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of **Frederick Doherty,** by wife, Margaret & Family

**We invite prayers for those who are sick**: Cassidy B., Patricia B., Elaine M., Doug T., Tammy H., Jeanette P., Wally H., Trudy T., Ruby H., Kelly R., Eva B., Hayden P., Cynthia W., Scott S., Don M., Colin C.

**Parish Home Visits** – The dynamic of the times still provides many issues for clergy home visit ministry. As we continue to emerge out of the pandemic and still live with it, Canon Jotie is ready, willing, and able to visit you in your home. Under the circumstances, this offer comes with the understanding that he will respond to invitations. Please call him to invite him to visit your home if you wish for conversation, prayers, or Home Communion.

**The Laying on of Hands** – In preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 10; 30 a.m. we have started our Confirmation Class.

We are ready, willing and able to prepare adults for Confirmation if you may be interested. Please contact Canon Jotie for details.

***Family Ukulele Group*** - The Family Ukulele Group is a music ministry of the parish and is open to ALL ages. No prior musically knowledge or experience is needed. Practice lessons are the **second** and **third** **Sundays** of each month immediately following the 10:30 service. We resume lessons in January 2024.  Ukuleles are available for purchase through the office for approximately $50. To register for the group call David at the office. Be sure to let him know if you will be needing a Ukulele. If you are unable to purchase one, please contact Canon Jotie.

**Bible Study** - We are meeting on Thursday mornings, at 10:30 upstairs in the Church, for a more comfortable setting. as we walk through the Gospel of Luke. We will provide a copy of the Lesson for this study. All are welcome.

**Annual Meeting –** The annual meeting for the parish will be scheduled shortly; This is reminder for all groups and organizations to prepare their reports and submit them to the office as soon as is possible.

**St. John the Evangelist Vestry** – Meeting, Thursday, March 20

**2025 Bulletins -** If you’d like to give a weekly bulletin to commemorate the life of a loved one or in Thanksgiving for an event in your life, please contact David in the office for the dates available.

***Service Roster:*** Sidespersons Sound Room

March 23rd Don S. Philip G.

March 30th Jo-Anne R. Bob D.

April 6th Rex H. Andrew B.

**The CFUW Giant Book Sale is Back!**  
Got books to share? We’re accepting donations of gently used fiction, non-fiction, and children’s books from March 8-23, 11:00-3:00, at the former Globo Shoes location in the Avalon Mall parking lot (next to last year’s spot, across from McDonald’s).  
Then, mark your calendars for the big sale on April 3 (1:00-9:00), 4 (10:00-9:00) & 5 (10:00 - 1:00)—a book lover’s paradise!  
Every book you donate or buy supports scholarships and education for women in our community and beyond.

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| **Schedule of Services**  **Wednesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m. Compline & Address**  **Sunday, March 23, Third Sunday in Lent, 10:30 a.m. (Purple) Holy Eucharist (AG Team 1) (EA Donald Sparkes)**  Presider – Archdeacon Greg Mercer (30th Anniversary of Ordination) Chancel Chat Stephanie Gavell  Isaiah 55: 1 – 9 Donald Sparkes Psalm 63: 1 – 8 1 Corinthians 10: 1 – 13 Rosalind Sparkes Luke 13: 1 – 9  **Wednesday, March 26, 7:00 p.m., Compline & Address**  **Sunday, March 30, Fourth Sunday in Lent, 10:30 a.m. (Purple) Holy Eucharist (AG Team 2)**  Joshua 5: 9- 12 Louise Smith Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5: 16 – 21 Gail Trewhitt Luke 15: 1 – 3, 11b – 32  **Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday in Lent – Compline & Address** |

**“So, Who Needs a Church Anyway?”**

There is a real and intrinsic value to being part of a local faith community – an integral component as we respond to Jeus’ invitation to love God and love our neighbour.

The gathering of those who have dedicated their faith and life to the teachings and life of Jesus Christ is the essence of what it means to be ‘church’. Over the past two thousand years we have created ‘church’ into a Diocesan and Parish structure.

The intention to demonstrate that the essence of what it means to be a Christian includes being active in a faith community. Interacting with our neighbours as an expression of gratitude for the grace and love of God through Jesus Christ is a fundamental mark of discipleship.

This reality has been a focus of life since the earliest Christians attempted to live following the teachings and walking in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. May our faith community be nurtured and challenged as we reflect upon five components of early church life – patience, behaviour (habitas), school (catechesis and worship), forgiveness and ferment.

Wednesday in Lent 2, March 19 – The Faith Community Learns How to Live – Habitas

Wednesday in Lent 3, March 26 – The Faith Community Goes to School – Catechesis & Worship (Prayers & The Eucharist)

Wednesday in Lent 4, April 2 – The Faith Community Perseveres through Sin, Repentance, Forgiveness & Restoration

Wednesday in Lent 5, April 9 – The Faith Community Proclaims by Word and Example – Ferment

*Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings*

*With thy most gracious favour,*

*and further us with thy continual help,*

*that in all our works begun, continued,*

*and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name,*

*and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life;*

*through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (BCP)*