

February 2019

The Vine



St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church Picton



Lake on the Mountain - Penny Kitchen

Winter 2019

Season's Gift

A winter's palette, a brush Divine ...
a treasured moment caught in time;
Gold twilight on a snow-pure land,
designed with love by Heaven's hand.

- Anonymous

St. Mary Magdalene Milestones

Passings

Theodore Morris (Charles' father)
Jeannie Oulton (Bishop Oulton's wife)
John Sudbury Ada Thompson
George Wright



Lake on the Mountain - David Gilbert

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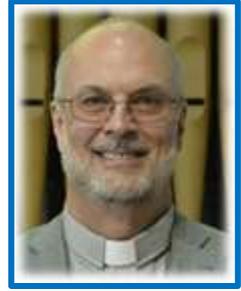
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Rector's Message



“I am so happy to be the Rector of St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in Picton, and Joan and I are loving living in The County.” Those words opened my first contribution to *The Vine*, and now nearly five years later they are even more true than they were then. There are many reasons why that is so, but a central one is that through these five years Joan and I have become very much a part of this community, where, as Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12, “If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.” This is a church community that cares for one another and supports one another. We laugh together, we rejoice together, we celebrate together, and we mourn and cry together too.

This past year has presented us with all those experiences. We have shared the joys of birthdays and anniversaries and accomplishments small and big. We have worried and prayed and been at each other's side in sickness and recovery. And we have grieved together and supported one another when loved ones have died. Elsewhere in this issue we remember George Wright, a very good friend to so many. I was sad but very proud to officiate at his funeral last month. And Joan and I have experienced the tremendous caring support of this community as we prepared for and then grieved the death of my father. Nothing can remove the sting of the moment or the numbness that follows, but not having to face it alone, being supported by so many, makes and has made all the difference.

We will continue together to face occasions of grief and occasions of celebration and joy: that is what the scripture describes. I continue to count it a great privilege and blessing to be on this journey with you, the people of St Mary Magdalene Church.

Yours faithfully,

Charles

2019 Vestry ... by the Numbers

38 parishioners attended

5th St. MM Vestry Meeting chaired by **Charles Morris**



4 fellow Wardens and Deputy

Wardens (**John Clarke, Kathy Condie, Janet Howes, and Brian Pinkerton**) acknowledged and thanked for their dedication by Warden **Herb Stone**

24 members serving on Parish Advisory Council (formerly Parish Council), with **Kathie Condie**, Chair and **Robert Wilson**, Secretary



26 reports from leaders and groups.

Charles described these parishioners as representing the life and dedication of the Church, and that their reports are *'encouraging, gratifying and exciting.'*

524.46 dollars surplus from 2018 budget

5100 dollars deficit forecast in 2019 budget

1 reminder from Warden **John Clarke** to consider making your offering through **PAG – Pre-Authorized Giving**

20++ statements of thanks to those who contributed to the delicious pot luck lunch, and to all members of the congregation who willingly and cheerfully donate their time, talents, and treasure for the betterment of the church and community



23 years **Michael Langlois** served on Parish Council

9700 dollars donated directly by St MM to Community Outreach Programs, plus rent-free space donated to County Kids Read

4 church 'stalwarts', identified and thanked by Warden John Clarke, 'who keep things moving and working': **Brian Pinkerton, Nell Kottick, Helen Pinkerton and John Hughes.**



1 gentle reminder from **David Gilbert** that name tags serve as a way of reaching out to and welcoming others. Please wear yours!

Coming Events @



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

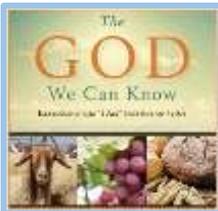
On **March 5** from **5:00 to 6:30** p.m., we will be offering our wonderful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, with real maple syrup, in the Parish Hall. Intended to be a "fun raiser" rather than a "fund raiser," we do tend to raise a little beyond the cost of the food; proceeds support outreach projects. Only \$8 pp, or \$20 per family.



Ash Wednesday

Each year Lent begins with a traditional Ash Wednesday service that includes the "imposition of ashes." This year we are having one service only on **Wednesday, March 6** at **10:30 a.m.** Lent is a season of reflection and prayer as we approach the difficult events of Good Friday. Ashes help us remember that we are not God, that we came from dust, and that our lives were given to us as marvelous, mysterious gifts, to serve God and the creation God loves. The ashes come from burning the palms used at last year's Palm Sunday service.

Lenten Series starts March 13th



On Wednesday March 13th we begin a new Lenten Study Series: ***The God You Can Know***, a Study Series on the "I Am" sayings of Jesus, meaningful metaphors such as "I am the bread of life." We will gather at the back of the church each Wednesday at 10:45 to watch a short video segment and join in group discussion.

Our COUNTY WINTER *in focus*



In all thy ways
acknowledge
Him and He
shall direct Thy
paths.

Proverbs 3:5,6



Have you entered into the treasures of the snow? Job 38:22



The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. Psalm 19: 7,8

Be still and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

All the earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord.

Numbers 14:21

PHOTO CREDITS: Clockwise from bottom left: Michael Langlois (Mike and Fran's backyard), David Gilbert (near Delhi Park), David Gilbert (Somewhere in the County!), David Gilbert (Point Petre), Penny Kitchen (off Mosquito Lane), Maxine Tiller (Glenwood Cemetery), David Gilbert (County Road 11).



Unsung Heroes

There are many people in our church family who perform **valuable service without thanks** or anyone's knowledge of their acts of kindness. **Loraine and David Gilbert** are two such people. In the choir, we have need of many supplies which help us in our singing endeavours.

For example, we use Fisherman's Friends - a cough drop - which, while it does the trick, is rather like Buckley's in strength! We also need Kleenex and other items, such as pencils to record



David and Loraine

our choirmaster Michael's suggestions on the music we are rehearsing - where we should be soft and where we should be loud. We also appreciate when the choir space is cleaned up and organized, rid of old bulletins and whatever other litter accumulates along the way during our Sunday and Thursday times in the choir stalls.

Loraine and David Gilbert have, for many years, been providing such essential services that help keep the choir happy and focused. They provide us with: pill bottles of Fisherman's Friends, so that we don't cough during the music; with pencils secured to the pews with Velcro; and with little bottles of hand sanitizer. At Easter, we each are given a chocolate egg at our choir spot, and other goodies during the year. All these things are provided without fanfare but they help our choir to be the best we can. What we would do without them, we hesitate to think. Thank you Loraine and David from the Choir.

Josie Farrar, *Choir member*

A Page from Our History – 1854

“Although the musical abilities of the singers [in the St. Magdalene Choir] was great, their faithfulness was considered to be an important factor. Their religious zeal never waned because on stormy Sundays Mr. David Smith's big sled brought them to church and conveyed them home when the service was over – in winter time.”

From “A Goodly Heritage” by Alan R. Capon

Honouring George Wright

A very special service was held at St. Mary Magdalene on Saturday, January 12th to honour the extraordinary life of Mr. George Wright who passed away on December 19th, 2018 at the age of 98 years.



Born in Belleville in 1920, George was raised in Prince Edward County and was involved in the family farm until joining the military in 1939. His service with the First Special Forces Unit, known as the Devil's Brigade, was legendary and earned him a United States Congressional Gold Medal in 2015 as well as the rank of Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honor in 2016.

"This distinction illustrates the profound gratitude that France would like to express to you. It is awarded in recognition of your personal involvement in the liberation of our country during World War II. Through you, France remembers the sacrifice of all your compatriots who came to liberate French soil"



At George's request, the award ceremony was held at St. Mary Magdalene Church in August 2016 with Charles officiating. With his typical modesty, George responded, "This is for all the boys who didn't come back. They are the brave ones who should have this."

After his military service, George returned to Picton with his new wife Kathleen where they raised five children. He worked a number of years for the Bata Shoe Company and eventually joined the police force making the rank of Detective Sergeant. He and Kathleen were married for 70 years until her death in 2015.

Always a familiar sight at St. Mary Magdalene's 9 a.m. services as well as local Remembrance Day Services, George will be missed for his kindness, strength and quiet demeanor. Our parish and its members were blessed to have known him and having had him as part of our church family.

Our Nativity Window: A Follow-Up

In the December edition of the Vine, there was a feature included on our beautiful Nativity Window located on the south side of the sanctuary. The window was dedicated to the memory of Francis Owens by his wife, Amanda back in 1926. We had asked anyone with further information on the Owens family and the location of their home to contact The Vine editors. We thank Mary Folkard (nee Inrig) for contacting us and filling in some of the missing details!



Mary Folkard

Francis and Amanda Owens lived on the west side of Centre Street, in Picton, just two doors away from the Inrig family which included Mary and her sister Betty. Both houses were located just around the corner from the home of Dr. Charles A. Publow (now Publow House Retirement Residence). There is some uncertainty as to the exact number of the Owens home but it would seem to be either #9 or #11 Centre.

After Francis Owens died in 1923, Amanda continued to live in their home along with her sister Mrs. Snetsinger. Mary has very clear memories of Mrs. Owens and her beloved cat and the special attention bestowed upon it. Betty was often enlisted to stay with Mrs. Owens while her sister travelled as she was not comfortable staying alone. Amanda Owens passed in 1963 at the age of 89.

Mary and her husband Hugh lived in Florida for 30 years where he managed a factory in the citrus industry. We are most grateful that Mary returned to the County and, at age 92, is able to share her remarkable memories with us and fill some gaps in our parish history.

Ted Morris 1922-2019

Charles' father, Theodore Franklin Morris (Ted) died this past January. Born in Toronto, Ted completed his Ph.D. at the University of Toronto. In 1946 he was U of T's chess champion and could still checkmate his grandchildren in the final year of his life. Ted moved to Montreal, where he raised his family, as a professor of theoretical physics at McGill University. He returned to Toronto following the 1995 death of his wife Elizabeth. He lived independently until three years ago, and died peacefully in his sleep on January 29th. Ted's love of chess, Go, travel, astronomy, botany, and mathematics has been passed on to his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, gifts for which they will always be grateful. The family



will gather later in the year in Watford (Elizabeth's home town) for Ted's interment.

(Pictured from the left are Charles' New Testament professor Tom Wright, Charles' father Ted, and Charles receiving his Bachelor of Theology degree at McGill in 1984.)

Vestry Postscript: A Word of Thanks

On Sunday February 3, 2019 we gathered for our annual Vestry meeting enjoying good food, good conversation and informative reports. We acknowledged and thanked various people for their contributions to the life of this church and the broader community. But, there is one more word of thanks to offer: to Charles, our priest, minister, spiritual leader, Archdeacon. Charles leads us week by week offering insightful homilies that challenge us to think and act in different ways. He leads us in Bible studies encouraging our questions and discussion and teaching us along the way. He visits us when we fall and are broken, when we are ill, bereaved or lonely, when we are new to the community to welcome us in.

Charles and Fran lead a team that provides worship services in long term care homes for residents who so appreciate the opportunity to worship together and to receive communion.

With Fran and Joan, Charles develops creative services to engage young children and families with *Christmas Stories, Songs and Cookies* and *Food for Souls and Bodies*. He is always seeking new ways to reach out, to connect and to share the gospel message.

For all that Charles and Fran and Joan do, we say, **'Thank you!'**

Kathy Condie, Chair, Parish Advisory Council



*Fran, Charles and Joan
Christmas Eve, 2018*

Worship Services

Sunday - 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday - 3:30 p.m., Meditation and Silent Prayer

Wednesday - 10:00 a.m. Lenten Study follows at 10:45 a.m.

Ash Wednesday, March 6 – *One service only*, 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Shrove Tuesday, March 5 – 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Pancake Supper

Lenten Study Series – *The God You Can Know* starting
Wednesday, March 13, 10:45 a.m.

Food for Souls and Bodies - February 26 (*Facing Tough Times*) and **March 26** (*You Can Come Home*) **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** For all ages! Come, join us for crafts, stories, songs and a meal. Bring a friend!



Men's Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. last Friday of the month

Magdalenas' Potluck Lunch: Parish women meet at 12 noon in Parish Hall for a potluck lunch, last Friday of the month.

Food Bank Sunday: First Sunday of the month; non-perishable food items including pet food, and/or toiletries



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