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The Vine



St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church Picton



Tomatoes and Basil – Veronica Cluett

Summer 2019

For he satisfies the **thirsty**,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Psalm 107.9

St. Mary Magdalene Milestones

Baptism

Tanner Fless



Birthday

Myrna Miller (80th)



Wedding

Katie Keller & Eric Gillis



Passing - Sue Fraser

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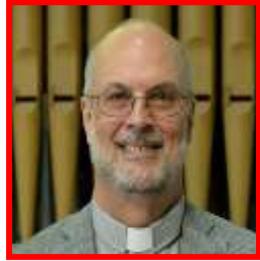
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Rector's Message

The gospels tell us Jesus taught as one having authority, and people were astounded. Authority is a complex thing, and many folks don't like what that word "authority" represents: "you don't have the right to tell *me* what to do." We may grudgingly accept authority, but often we resent it, and chafe against the limitations it imposes on us.



And yet that wasn't how people reacted to Jesus. They were astounded, attracted, eager for more. If Jesus had been carrying on with the swagger of a military commander who could force you to do what he wanted, then we would be surprised that people were eager for more. But Jesus had the authority of *love*, the authority of the son who was, as it were, part of the family business with his father from the very beginning. And Jesus invites us into that love, invites us to be restored and more firmly grafted into the family that had always been intended for us.

That makes all the difference, especially where there are things that stand between us and God, and between ourselves and others. Sometimes, like with grudges, we may even feel justified: "he never should have done that," "she never should have said that," and we nurture a delicious grudge, always supposing we could stop anytime, never quite realizing how part of our spirit is slowly being strangled. When that happens the authority of command will not help us. Being told to smarten up or shake it off just makes us more distant.

But the authority of love can help. It can speak to those lying voices whispering inside us that we are not lovable. Jesus, with the authority of intimate love, uses his authority not to push us around, but to release us from anything that diminishes love, and to invite us into the intimate, loving fellowship of God's children. May this summer be a time for each of us to grow in that love.



*From my Studio Window
by Veronica Cluett*

Yours faithfully, *Charles*

Parishioner Profile *Veronica Cluett, Artist*



The art featured in this edition of *The Vine* is by Veronica Cluett, a member of our parish. Here is her story in her own words:

Painting has been a lifetime passion and I have sketched and painted since childhood enjoying many different styles and techniques from realism to abstract expressionism.

I am largely self-taught but have taken numerous workshops over the years with talented professional artists to improve my skills and to broaden my art experience.

My favourite medium is acrylic but I also like to experiment with new techniques and materials, sometimes including natural and other collage elements.

I have been accepted into the juried *Art in the County* show for several consecutive years and have participated in many art exhibitions both locally and away including, *Sidestreet Gallery* and at *Black Prince Winery*. I also have participated in a solo show at *Beyond the House* (Ottawa), 'Three' at TerraCello Vineyards in Picton and have had work displayed at *Portabella* and at *The pARTnershop*. Presently I am a member of *County Arts* and a member at *Arts on Main Gallery*.

Over the years I have painted for several County fundraisers, giving me the opportunity to donate to important community causes.

Retirement to Prince Edward County has provided an opportunity to return to painting and to create art that reflects the beauty of this area as well as places that we visit both in the Maritime Provinces and beyond.

Painting is my great joy, and the simple meditative creative time spent in my studio is what makes me happiest.

My art is available through Arts on Main Gallery or by contacting me at 613-476-8490 or jlcluett@sympatico.ca.



Summer Pink by
Veronica Cluett

COMING EVENTS @ St. Mary Magdalene

On summer Thursdays and Fridays, noon to 2:00 p.m., until August 30, visitors and parishioners are welcome to tour St. Mary Magdalene at our Open Doors event, organized once more by John Hopper. Volunteer guides will engage you with their knowledge of our lovely historic church.

The annual Jazz Mass returns to St. Mary Magdalene at the 10:30 a.m. service, August 18.

Save the date! ***The Quinte Celebration of Hope*** will take place at the CAA Arena in Belleville from Friday, October 4 to Sunday, October 6. This once in a lifetime opportunity, held under the auspices of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, features Billy Graham's grandson, Will Graham, who is president of *Samaritan's Purse*.

Churches around the region are hosting services to offer prayer for the above event. Our service is August 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the church with Charles officiating. It will be a service of worship and prayer for the Will Graham Celebration of Hope, praying in particular that this event will be an opportunity for people to hear and respond to the Gospel.

Following a summer pause, the Magdalenas will gather once again for a pot luck lunch and fellowship at noon on Friday, September 27. All women in the Parish are welcome and are invited to bring a friend.

Join together in song at the **Community Hymn Sing** here at St. Mary Magdalene on Sunday, September 8 at 4:00 p.m. Everyone welcome!

Circle Saturday November 2 on your calendar as the not-to-be-missed **Christmas Tea, Bake Sale and More** returns to the Parish Hall.

A Page from Our History - 1861

Not all Prince Edward County summers have been the tranquil, laid-back season we all enjoy. Here's a story from A. Capon's **A Goodly Heritage** that many in the community may have wished to forget!

The Picton Gazette of Friday, August 9th, 1861, reports on a planned 'excursion and pic-nic' as follows: We learn from good authority that twelve or fourteen hundred Spiritualists will visit Picton and Lake on the Mountain on Thursday of next week. They have already engaged Rev. Wm. Macauley's grove near the English church, and intend bringing with them good music, and some of their best speakers.' The August 16th edition of the newspaper reports: "In consequence of a storm on Lake Erie, the boat chartered by the Spiritualists could not fulfil the engagement yesterday but will be able to do so next Saturday (tomorrow) when a great gathering may be expected in Picton". The newspaper reported an estimated 2800 persons arrived on four boats and the group was led to Macauley's Grove by a brass band from Oswego.

"Had it not been for a few drunken rowdies everything would have passed off quietly, but as it was, a general feeling of disappointment seemed to pervade the minds of nearly all in town. Many were disposed to stigmatize the whole party as not respectable because about a dozen saw fit to show their ill-breeding, but such witnessed the pains taken by many of the party to secure the disturbers of the public peace, as we did, they must have changed their minds." Six young men were arrested and three were fined for fighting.

No doubt, the organizers of the event were happy to see the sun set on the "disturbance caused by a few base fellows".



Photo by Penny Kitchen



Bill Kidnew's Retirement

Bill Kidnew is modest about his long-time service to the Prince Edward County and St. Mary Magdalene communities. Ordained in Hamilton, Bill spent many years as chaplain at Prince Edward Heights working alongside his wife, Myrna, with the mentally handicapped

community members living in the former armed forces base homes.

With church services there being held on Sunday afternoons, Bill volunteered as honorary assistant at St. Mary Magdalene during the morning services. He thoroughly enjoyed his longtime dedication to singing in our choir before hanging up his choir gown for

the final time at the end of April this year.



Along with Myrna, his two children and five grandchildren who call the United States home (his son summers in the Waupoos area), the members of St. Mary Magdalene wish Bill well and thank him for his devotion to our Church.

A Card of Thanks ...



To those talented volunteers who keep our Church ship-shape. It's a never-ending job in a building over a century old!

To David Gilbert, Joe Parisi and our Rector Charles for the latest edition of our beautiful Church Directory.



Much appreciated!

As Anglicans, we strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.
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Julie Miller, Chair of Plastic Free PEC

The Importance of Outreach

The Church of St. Mary Magdalene continues to grow as a vital part of the local community as we develop new programs and make substantial financial donations to them. The recent generous gift of \$100,000 to St. Mary Magdalene, from an anonymous donor, was specifically intended for Outreach and is a reminder of the importance of giving to our community. In our last Vestry Report, Nell Kottick documented many of the events and fundraising activities of our church and demonstrates our ongoing commitment.

While these are wonderful contributions that allow our parish to do more through our community, it does not replace the time and energy that many of our parishioners spend helping out with different causes or charities throughout the county; sometimes done anonymously. Here is just a **small sampling** of these activities we know of:

- Reaching for Rainbows
- Joyful Noise
- Driving Services for Seniors
- Altar Guild
- School Volunteer Programs
- Food for Souls & Bodies
- Nursing Home Programs
- Home Visits
- Milford Music Program
- County Kids Reads
- Second Time Around Store
- Community Care for Seniors Thrift Shop
- Hospice Prince Edward
- Knitting Programs to support Hospitals, Alzheimer Society, Salvation Army, Oncology Units ++
- Alternatives for Women



One of Mary Brett's Twiddlemuffs



Food Bank Donations

If you would like to share your own volunteer activities, or possibly are looking for additional hands to help, please reach out to the Newsletter Team who will pass on the information. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help with one of these worthy causes, we would be happy to help connect you with the appropriate person!



UNWIND

Michael Goodwin organized the spectacular Summer Noon Concert series supporting outreach programs.

EXPERIENCE

Charles blessing the fleet at the Yacht Club.



5 Takes on a St. MM Summer

APPRECIATE

Enjoying conversation & refreshments at Joan and Charles' annual open house.



LEARN

Organized by John Hopper we open our doors for tours of our historic St. MM, Thursdays and Fridays until August 30.

SAVOUR Sliced tomatoes and chopped basil topped with olive oil and balsamic vinegar, seasoned with salt and pepper; sprinkle with grated mozzarella. Mmm! (Art by Veronica Cluett)



Open House at “The Vicarage”

Open House at the Vicarage returned for a sixth time on Sunday afternoon June 16th. Charles and I were delighted to welcome our parish family for light refreshments and warm fellowship. Thank goodness the rain found somewhere else to go that afternoon!



Over the past five plus years that Charles and I have been living here in beautiful Prince Edward County, the outstanding energy and commitment on the part of the members of our parish family have continuously amazed and encouraged us.

Each in their own way gives so generously of their time and talent in maintaining and growing our community of faith at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Through our “Open House at the Vicarage” event we hope to express gratitude for all that is done in our collective effort to contribute to our journey together and in sharing the Love of Jesus Christ within our parish family and beyond. But all the more we are grateful to have the opportunity to welcome you to our home for a time to relax together, meet new friends, sit and chat with people you don’t always have a chance to chat with and even renew old acquaintances.



Everyone is always invited to “*come when you can and leave when you must*”. Approximately ninety people were able to join us this year! We hope to see you all again next year and we invite you to bring a friend, as together we enjoy the remarkable fellowship in the trademark manner that is offered every day of the week

at St. Mary Magdalene Church - one to another in the love of Christ.

*“The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the bird for mirth,
One is closer God’s heart in the garden
Than anywhere else on earth.”*

- Anonymous, from my grandfather’s gardening book

Happy summer, everyone!
Joan

Summer Noon Time Concerts

Summertime and beautiful music are a combination as tasty as strawberries and cream! Again this summer St. MM is treating our community to a delicious serving of six concerts Wednesdays at noon during June and July. We are deeply indebted to our own Michael Goodwin for creating a playlist of local performers who are delighting audiences with their musical talent. Free admission but donations for our Outreach Programs are gratefully accepted.



Michael and Celine Papizewska



Michael & Cheryl Bruce



Michael with Roanna Kitchen.



Michael accompanies David Colwell and Debbie Smith

Other concerts in this series featured pianist Callum McDonald, soloist Josie Farrar, harpist Janine Dudding, Jane McGall and bassoonist Patrick Headley. Photos were unavailable at time of printing.

Making a Difference in PEC

On Palm Sunday the Rector and Churchwardens were pleased to announce that our Parish received a significant donation of \$100,000 from an anonymous source to be used exclusively for outreach. In late June, they announced a one-time grant of \$10,000 to *County Kids Read* from this donation. In the past *County Kids Read* received many books donated by publishers but now, most of the books they distribute must be purchased.



Enjoying a Book at County Kids Read

Many children in the County do not have access to books at home. Our congregation decided some years ago to support *County Kids Read* to address this need by providing space in our church building.



Cheque Presentation

In baptism we promise to ‘*seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself,*’ and to ‘*strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being*’. The ability to read, to learn, and to grow are fundamental to human dignity, and as a Parish, we are pleased to share some of this generous gift as part of our community outreach.

A Page from Our History - 1848

The Prince Edward Gazette of Friday, 30th June, 1848, recorded the presentation of the (baptismal) font: “A beautiful Marble Font has been lately presented to the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, in this town. It was made by Messrs. Pybus and Simpson, of Napanee, from a pattern of the 7th century. It is remarkably well executed and cost 12 pounds,10s.” *From ‘A Goodly Heritage’ by Alan Capon*



Annual Seniors' Lunch

Residents and staff from local retirement and nursing homes once again enjoyed the May service and luncheon at The Salvation Army Church. Supported financially and by volunteers of the three Anglican Parishes, the Anglican Ministry to Seniors in The County co-ordinates this annual event.

The 125 residents, staff and volunteers appreciated Archdeacon Charles' usual wonderful job presiding. The choir and Michael Goodwin provided music enjoyed by the residents. This year's guest preacher, The Right Rev. Don Davidson, Dean of the Cathedral of St. George in Kingston, touched many hearts and brought some to tears with his wonderful sermon!



Rev. Don Davidson, Guest Preacher

We are grateful for the dedicated volunteers who each year look after so many tasks; from arranging transportation to setting the attractive tables; from the kitchen crew who keep things moving smoothly to the servers on the beverage carts; from those who



Food, Fellowship and Fun

make and drop off sandwiches, cheese and grapes to our greeters and directors. All this work of volunteers makes the event a very special day for the shut-ins of our County who look forward to this outing and talk about just how much they enjoyed the time together for days after the event.

What a blessing to bring joy, fellowship and laughter to some of the most vulnerable in our community! May God continue to bless us as we work to serve Him among the elderly in Prince Edward County.

With thanks and blessings,
Fran

Worship Services

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

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

Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

(Note: Wednesday Bible Study resumes in the Fall)

Upcoming Events

Open Doors at St. MM - Thursdays and Fridays, noon to 2:00,
until August 30

Jazz Mass Sunday – 10:30 a.m. service, August 18

Quinte Celebration of Hope – CAA Arena in Belleville, October 4
to 6. See further details in **Coming Events**.

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;
resumes September 27.

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



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