

The People's Pulpit

3rd Sunday after Pentecost



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welcomes, encourages, and seeks to inspire people.**

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THE RECTOR'S WARDEN: DIANE CLEMENT

Welcome to spring! May has been a mixed bag, weather wise. Cool, Cold, Rainy, Sunny and Warm. Pick your favourite weather and we have had it all in May.

While Rev. Lee is away on his Sabbath leave, we have had wonderful leadership for the month of May, having Canon Roger Young leading our worship. Canon Young brings a voice that projects well, wonderful sermons and a beautiful singing voice. Thank you, Canon Young, for spending the month of May with us at St. Thomas.

As we proceed into the summer months of June and July, we will welcome Rev. Paul Blunt, who will be preaching while Rev. Lee is away. During August, the remaining three Sundays, two services will be led by Rev. Sally Gadd and one service led by William Passmore.

Our yard sale on May 6th was a great success. After many days of rain, the sun shone brightly on Saturday to welcome all our visitors to the sale. Thanks to all who worked so hard, to make the sale see the results it did.

A small leak in the balcony window area was seen to by the Property Committee. Thanks for your quick repair and efficiency.

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. if you are in town, over the summer months. It is so nice to see God's family joining together for our praise and worship. If you plan on being at your cottage or travelling over the summer, please enjoy and be safe.

If I can be of any help or guidance and especially if you have an emergency over the summer, while Rev. Lee is away, I am only a phone call away. Please do not hesitate to make contact and I will certainly assist you in getting your questions answered.

Summer Blessings to all.
Diane Clement,
Rector's Warden.

Longpoint Provincial Park Beach



PEOPLE'S WARDEN : John Bottriell

As your Peoples' Warden I have had the pleasure to be exposed a lot more of the behind-the-scene operations of our Parish. There is always something arranged or being planned and what a superb group of volunteers we have to make it all happen. We still have room for more volunteers. Our lawn mowing team has currently only four individuals for the summer – we'd love to have a couple more to share the load. I'd like to thank Ron Danielson for his outstanding support on the Facilities team. Ron was a fountain of knowledge and dynamo in getting things in order around the Church. Ron & Marie are returning to Burlington this month and I know he will be greatly missed. Here is another volunteer opportunity to join the Facilities team.

June is already upon us and our journey continues through the season of Pentecost. As I write this on Corpus Christi day being the first Thursday (June 8th in 2023) after Trinity Sunday, I am reminded again of a holiday Barbara & I spent in Switzerland in the late spring of 2006. We had the pleasure of holidaying in a mountain village in south-western Switzerland close to the border with France and facing the Dents du Midi ("teeth of noon") mountain range. Hiking in the shadow of these mountains is breathtaking! During our stay, we came to witness **Corpus Christi** day in the mountain village of Val d'Illiez, Valais, Switzerland. This was a statutory holiday with all shops and service closed. We were delighted with the processional march of costumed characters wearing the clothes of



the old Swiss mercenaries or the uniforms of the old Valaisan regiments, historically costumed parishioners, and the parish priest along with the youth carrying the traditional bread for communion. This day is a remembrance of Jesus commanding us to "do this in remembrance for me" on Maundy Thursday but later and as a more joyous celebration of the Eucharist. Although Corpus Christi is not in the Canadian Church Calendar, it is observed in a number of places in the Anglican Communion. In the Anglican Tradition, this day is called the **Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion**. We often find ourselves experiencing our Christian faith whilst on holidays. I encourage you to seek these opportunities during your travels this summer.



John Bottriell

FROM THE EDITOR : Mary Anne Reinhard

Once again, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this edition of the People's

Pulpit. You will find news and information about Parish life, reports, or plans from some of the committees, some travel stories, a contest and more.

I have a file (an item) entitled “God created...a Scientific View”. I do not seem to have the email with this article and the item doesn’t list the person who submitted it. I would like to be able to credit the source so please let me know if you sent it and I apologize for not including it in this edition.

The Pulpit will be taking a break and the next issue is planned for Thanksgiving. I will be reminding people of the deadline, September 28th later in the summer. In the meantime, please be thinking of a poem, short story or possibly a report of something that moved you over the summer.

Did you take part in a charitable event, attend a worship service elsewhere, read an interesting book? This is open to all members of St. Thomas both young and young at heart.

I am just returning to Ottawa after nearly a month of travelling around Southern Ontario, but I will add a little more about that later.

Have a wonderful summer.



Rondeau Provincial Park

June 7, 2023

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Shane concerning Pride Season

Dear Friends,



BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA

As you know, in Ontario and around the world, there is an alarming increase in offensive or hateful words, actions, and political posturing directed at the [2SLGBTQI+](#) community. As followers of Jesus, we are rightfully concerned and vigilant when we see any individual or group being unjustly targeted. In the Baptismal Covenant of our Church, we vow “to seek and serve Christ in all persons; to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being.”

In Canada, [Pride Season](#) refers to a range of events that take place from June to September. It is a time that lifts and affirms the resilience and value of 2SLGBTQI+ individuals. Not everyone or every parish in our diocese participates in Pride events, but each of us are called to participate in making a safe, loving space for 2SLGBTQI+ people, and to build meaningful connections with one another.

Much of the current anti-2SLGBTQI+ rhetoric in Canada and across the globe is made under the pretext of religion. I commend to you the [Global Interfaith Commission on LGBT+ Lives](#) and its [safeguarding principles](#) (attached).

I am a signatory to the [Commission’s 2020 Declaration](#) (also attached), and conclude this note by urging everyone to take its words to heart:

Declaring The Sanctity of Life and The Dignity of All

- *We come together as senior religious leaders, academics, and lay leaders from around the world to affirm the sanctity of life and dignity of all.*
- *We affirm that all human beings of all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions are a precious part of creation and are part of the natural order.*
- *We affirm that we are all equal under God, whom many call the Divine, and so we are all equal to one another.*
- *We, therefore, call for all to be treated equally under the law.*
- *We recognize with sadness that certain religious teachings have often, throughout the ages, caused and continue to cause deep pain and offense to those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex.*
- *We acknowledge, with profound regret, that some of our teachings have created, and continue to create, oppressive systems that fuel intolerance, perpetuate injustice and result in violence. This has led, and continues to lead, to the rejection and alienation of many by their families, their religious groups and cultural communities.*
- *We ask for forgiveness from those whose lives have been damaged and destroyed on the pretext of religious teaching.*
- *We believe that love and compassion should be the basis of faith and that hatred can have no place in religion.*
- *We call on all nations to put an end to criminalisation on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity, for violence against LGBT+ people to be condemned and for justice to be done on their behalf.*

- *We call for all attempts to change, suppress or erase a person's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression - commonly known as "conversion therapy" - to end, and for these harmful practices to be banned.*
- *Finally, we call for an end to the perpetuation of prejudice and stigma and commit to work together to celebrate inclusivity and the extraordinary gift of our diversity.*

Yours in the expansive and indestructible love of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shane', with a small cross-like mark at the beginning.

The Right Reverend Dr. Shane Parker
Bishop of Ottawa

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WHAT DOES CORPORATION DO AT ST. THOMAS?

Who is Corporation and what do we do at St. Thomas? (a brief overview)

WHO: Rev. Lee Lambert, Incumbent at St. Thomas

Diane Clement, Rector's Warden

John Bottriell, People's Warden

Corporation meets at least once per month where we discuss anything and everything that goes on at St. Thomas in Stittsville. We also meet briefly during the month, if there is something that needs to have an immediate decision made or a problem arises.

All weekly expense cheques for our parish are approved and signed by the 2 Wardens.

All major expenses over and above the regular monthly bills and not budgeted, are discussed in full at the corporation meeting. Financial Requests from Committee Chairmen are read and copies of Quotations for the work to be done, are submitted and either approved or disapproved.

Either one or all Corporation Members should be made aware of everything that goes on at St. Thomas, at all times. We are responsible for overseeing the running of the Church Building; the Church Grounds; the Staff; the Church Committees; the Parishioners; and the Renters.

We work closely with the Diocese and follow the directions that they set before us. At times we have to attend meetings or answer questionnaires.

Corporation have a monthly meeting with Parish Council. At this meeting we individually share our corporation report. All committee chairpersons give a brief report to bring us up to date on what they have planned or have completed. We get a financial report from our Bookkeeper/Treasurer, so we know exactly where things are at with the finances.

Corporation members work very closely with each other. It is important that parishioners realize that if they have any concerns or questions, the two church wardens are the people they should be reaching out to, to get these questions answered.

Submitted by:

Diane Clement, Rector's Warden.



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REPORT FROM OUR BOOKKEEPER: Ryan Dallaway

May ending finances:

	YTD.	YTD budget.	Last year
Incomes	77,350	73,530	62,843
Expenses	89,472	86,203	78,850
Deficit	(12,122)	(12,673)	(16,007)

The above results show the church is in better than anticipated position as of the end of May.

Incomes have exceeded expectations, with Easter and PAR offerings, youth and worship donations accounting for the excess thus far.

Expenses have also exceeded expectations with utilities, and an extra snow clearing payment in the new year pushing expenses ahead of plans.

Overall, we are roughly \$550 ahead of our plan deficit YTD, and nearly \$3,900 ahead of last year.

We are still looking at a sizeable deficit for the year, so we will need to see strong incomes continue and work to control expenses where possible.

If we can maintain planned incomes for rental and fundraising we stand a good chance of reducing the planned deficit further, but that remains our challenge over the second half of the year.

Nonetheless, we should be proud of the work and support we have provided this far, and I am especially grateful for the assistance of my wife, Nicole, who is in the first year of managing the monthly recording and has done a great job.

Thanks everyone, Ryan





CALLING ALL WRITERS !!!

**Song Writers ! Authors ! Poets !
All ages !**

**Send them in to
godsgardenstt@gmail.com
Please register your intention asap
Copy deadline Friday September 1st**

**Send us your best and your worst.
Old or new, hobby or published it doesn't matter.
Enter the contest and send them in!!**

Rules: Categories include; children, youth, adults, and seniors.

Short stories (two type written pages or less)

Poems (one type written page or less)

Songs (with music if possible)

Three anonymous judges will read all the entrys (author names will be removed)

The four winner's names and submissions will be published in the People's Pulpit.

With the author's permission they will be compiled and sold at the Church Bazaar as a fund raiser for the church. (You could become famous!!)

We intend to hold a Coffee House gathering (complete with guitar) for all to join together to hear the author read his/her submission, or have it read by Merilee, as we drink our coffee and share goodies with each other. (date to be determined in Sept.). Join in the Fun !



Anglican Church Women

This is the picture of the planter with flowers that the ACW gave in memory of members that have passed.



Looking for a book to read? The A.C.W. has a cupboard filled with used books at the cost of a \$1.00 per book they are a bargain. The cupboard is in the main room downstairs.

Milk bags are being collected by the A.C.W. to be used in making mats for the shelters. Please leave any clean ones that you wish to donate in the coat area of the Narthex.

Report from the Music Director

It has been an interesting Spring session with choir members travelling near and far and bringing back wonderful stories of their trips. For Mother's Day we asked Sylvi and Liz and Christine to join us to sing a beautiful anthem - A Place in the Valley. This selection was purchased in memory of Barbara Bottriell's mother and was so very well suited for Mother's Day. We welcomed Barbara back to the choir after her hip surgery. She is such a strong soprano, and she comes with a huge repertoire of both the anthems and our hymns.

We welcomed a new member, Jennifer Stipetic which has strengthened our soprano section. Thank you, Jennifer, for joining us.

A huge thank you to Naomi Watson Laird for filling in for me of recent. She took 3 services for me this spring and I can't thank her enough for her willingness to help out. I will need two supply musicians this summer and both Maureen and Mary have stepped forward to help out.

A big thank you to Rev Roger Young for leading our worship service this past month. His big bass voice surely added to our hymn singing and his leadership in our worship service was excellent. I am looking forward to working with Paul Blunt in the next two months.

I hope everyone knows that we would love to have new members join our choir come fall. We practice every Thursday evening from 7-8 pm. We will stop our rehearsals on June 15 and take the summer months off but we will resume once again on September 14.

Keep the music singing.

Bonnie MacDiarmid, Minister of Music



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The fundraising team is happy to report the completion of our first major event, the spring yard sale, which raised over \$2,800.

The team has also met and revised the plan for the summer and fall in view of the need for more balance and with an eye to avoiding overworking our volunteers. We have cancelled the rain barrel sale for 2023 due to lack of sales, and the planned July Yard sale at the request of Council.

The revised plan includes:

July:

Parishioner's home yard sales or Weekend at home fundraisers.

We are encouraging parishioners to consider a \$40 donation in lieu of the time spent at the cancelled yard sale event. Alternatively, parishioners may consider a home yard sale event, and donate a portion of proceeds to the church.

August:

Vendors table sale, and corn roast events

The vendors sale is currently being investigated, and timing will be worked out over the next month, but it would involve organizing a local vendor sale on the church lawn.

The corn roast is an annual event providing a fun summer activity and chance for fellowship in the community.

September/October

Autumn Leaves Bazaar, bake sale, & silent auction and Fall Dinner/ other event.

Back by popular demand, the fall Bazaar will have all its usual elements, including the yard sale, bake sale and silent auction events.

We may also look to arrange either one big fall dinner or a couple smaller events to offset the rain barrel sale.

The fundraising team appreciates the need for balance, and the fact that many are dealing with inflation and pressures from other commitments.

We want all parishioners to understand that the above list is our best effort to raise the planned \$13,750 in incomes to support parish expenditures, and while all are encouraged to help, or donate, we ask only from each person what they can reasonably give.

If you have any concerns, or questions about these suggestions please feel free to send me a message, give me a call, or stop me at church.

Thanks,

Ryan Dallaway

COULD CURSILLO BE FOR YOU?

Do you have a desire to explore the fundamentals of a life lived in close contact with Christ? Are you interested in a way to deepen your spiritual knowledge and to partake of the love of God during a personal, lively and informative weekend, a weekend when you examine what it means to be a Christian in today's world?

CURSILLO MAY BE FOR YOU!!

It's a time when we can be strengthened in our spiritual journey to follow Jesus more fully and effectively. All aspects of life are considered; our churches, workplaces, communities, ourselves and our families.

CURSILLO weekends (Friday evening to late Sunday afternoon) are open to all baptized Christian adults who are interested in a learning and growing experience.

There is no financial cost to you when you participate in a weekend since your weekend is a gift to you from the **CURSILLO** community. You do have an opportunity to make a donation that will assist others to attend a future weekend and you receive a tax receipt for your donation.

Men's and women's weekends are held separately. The next women's weekend is scheduled for September 22-24 and the men's is planned for the spring of 2024.

CURSILLO is more than simply a weekend experience. God's Holy Spirit continues to make all things new, and the **CURSILLO** Community is truly blessed to be called by God to assist in the process.

If you would like more information on **CURSILLO**, speak to William or Mary Passmore or Pat or Bonnie McNally.

"I appreciate that CURSILLO is a movement of the Church and within the Church to help us grow in holiness, to encourage us to be faithful to our Baptismal Covenant and to live the faith that we profess, seeing Jesus in each other and seeing the Creator in all of creation entrusted to our care."

Bishop Peter Coffin

Submitted by Bonnie McNally





Sometimes the Holy Spirit

**Sometimes the Holy Spirit comes like a dove.
It fills us with God's peace, His gentleness, His love.**

Sometimes the Holy Spirit comes like **fire.
It is our strength, our energizer, our purifier.**

**Sometimes the Holy Spirit comes like air.
It is the breath of God and like the wind it is everywhere.**

**The Holy Spirit is your special friend,
a gift from God to help you follow Jesus 'til the end.**



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Do you buy groceries, gas, household items, shop at department or renovation stores, do you eat in restaurants, go to the movies or need gifts for holidays, birthdays & special events?

If so you can painlessly support St. Thomas's fundraising efforts by purchasing gift cards to the stores where you already shop. This includes all major grocery stores (Independent, No-Frills, Food Basics, Metro, Sobeys), By ordering gift cards through St. Thomas for example, a \$100 grocery card provides you with \$100 to spend. Through the FundScrip program, the vendor donates a percentage of sales to the Church.

Order forms with the complete list of available gift cards are available in the Narthex, and you can find a list of the 275 vendors that we have access to online at www.fundscrip.com select support a group our invitation code is 86QQJ4 (if you miss our monthly order)

Simply fill out the order form with the number of each card you would like to purchase and returned it to the church or email your completed form to nrdallaway@gmail.com

Payments can be made by e-transfer to stThomasStittsville@gmail.com or cheque made out to the church.

We encourage you to invite your family members, friends, co-workers, and neighbours to participate in Fundscrip as well. After all, they probably buy groceries and gas just like you do. Distribute order forms to them, then collect them a few days later along with their payment. Each paper order form submitted will come in a separate envelope for easy distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicole at nrdallaway@gmail.com

Engagement with the world: new worshipping communities and contextual mission

In my report to the parish on the Diocesan initiative, SHAPE OF PARISH MINISTRIES I shared about the 2 new initiatives for church growth:

- 1) New worshipping communities
- 2) Contextual mission

This article concludes with my response to the diocese on our progress. I was surprised to conclude that we have made a significant start. We were one of 5 parishes that responded.

New worshipping communities. We understand a new worshipping community to be a place where Christian faith is nourished and discipleship practiced, which has the capacity to evolve toward a community of word, sacrament and pastoral care. In May Pat McNally and I visited the 4pm Sunday “Connect” service at Trinity church, Ottawa South. This is a multi-generational service with contemporary music, a full yet flexible liturgy, an interactive sermon. About 50 attended, mainly folk who do not attend the morning service.

These new communities come together to express our faith in varied ways, which can range from “messy church” services to engage people (especially families) more informally in worship to the launch of new congregations. Pub churches, outdoor churches, dinner churches, intentional communities—all these are new worshipping communities.

Creating new communities can also help us connect with groups of people in rural areas, villages, towns, and cities who are not normally reached by our existing services and parish ministries.

The diocese identified three groups in particular who might respond to new worshipping communities in some parts of our diocese:

1. Young adults—the median age of our diocesan members is 64 years.
2. Global Christians (many of whom are Anglicans). In 2016, 25 per cent of the population of Ottawa identified as visible minorities, and that percentage is growing.
3. Seekers and those who have left our church or other churches. Many are open to Christianity but not participating at the moment. There is good reason to believe that creating new worshipping communities is a good way to foster renewal in many of our parishes:

2) Contextual mission

Contextual mission involves learning how to share the love of God in an age where many have given up on religion, where there are many kinds of religions, and where many are wary of religion. We live in a multicultural country and every part of our diocese is diverse in its own way. Every parish is part of a local story that has history, hopes, needs, and fears. Contextual mission involves listening to the local story and seeing the situations of people who are not part of our church. It involves learning how to listen to God as we listen to and see what is happening around us.

My response:

Below are some new worshipping communities linked to St Thomas, Stittsville

- 1) Monthly service at Stittsville Villa Retirement home (restarted after Covid)
- 2) Monthly service at Granite Ridge Retirement home(restarted after Covid)
- 3) Monthly service at Hazeldean Gardens Retirement home
- 4) Youth group stated at ST Thomas meets a 6.30pm bi-weekly
- 5) Fall, winter, spring evening prayer and bible study

We have also restarted our monthly Open Table Community meal. This is not a worship service but it is a free meal offered to the community.

The diocese followed up with a phone call to ask questions. I was able to explain that the services in retirement homes reach out to many in our community who cannot now attend church. At the same time, we have welcomed several new families and individuals who have joined the church. The result is that counting attendance in retirement homes, we are close to pre-covid attendance levels. With God's help we pray that we may continue to grow in serving our Lord in St Thomas' and our community in Stittsville.

William Passmore



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The List

The following was published in Reader's Digest, October 1991. It gives a wonderful example of the powerful and effectiveness of affirmation in people's life journey.

Over 30 years ago, after a particularly difficult frustrating math lesson, Sister Helen gave her ninth graders an unusual assignment. She asked each student to list the names of all the students in this class on two sheets of paper, and to leave space between each name. Then she told them to write down the nicest things they could about each classmate. It took the rest of the period to complete the assignment, but as the students left the room, each one handed in the paper. Over the weekend, Sister Helen compiled the lists and on Monday morning she handed each student the list of what each student had written about them.

"Really?" some said, "I didn't think that meant anything to anyone." "I didn't know anyone liked me that much."

But the story didn't end there. Years later, one of the students from that class was killed in Viet Nam. Sister Helen and many members from that junior High School class attended the funeral. After mass the father of the young service man came up to Sister Helen. We want to show you something. They found this on Mark when he was killed. We thought you might recognize it." The father took from his pocket two pieces of torn notebook paper that had obviously been refolded many times. It was the list of all the good things Mark's classmates had written about him in ninth grade. "Thank you so much for doing that." Mark's mother said. "As you can see Mark treasured it."

Mark's classmates started to gather around. One said rather sheepishly, "I still have my list. It's in the top drawer of my desk at home." The wife of one classmate said, "Chuck asked me to put his in our wedding album." One woman kept hers in her diary and another reached into her pocketbook and, from her wallet, showed her worn and frazzled list to the group. "I carry this with me everywhere." She said, "I think we all saved our lists."

Submitted by Merilee Clarke

Autumn Leaves Yard Sale and Luncheon

Saturday, September 30th, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

All Proceeds Support the Life & Mission of St. Thomas Anglican Church

This is the time of year when we invite our parishioners to start thinking about **donations** of interesting items to offer for sale at our annual Autumn Leaves Yard Sale and Luncheon. Men and women, young and old, are included in this invitation!

We will need people to assist with sorting and pricing, set-up, ticket sellers for the lunchroom, kitchen helpers, food donations, lunchroom servers and folk to help disassemble at the end of the day.

Remember that this is a **PARISH EVENT** – **ALL** are invited to participate in any way you can.

Craft Table – We are looking for lots of handcrafted items please! Sewing, knitting (hats and mitts for all ages), quilting, pottery, art, stained glass, woodworking... your talents and generosity are appreciated.

Christmas Table – Gently used Christmas ornaments and décor pieces for others to treasure, new Christmas themed items – aprons, table runners, placemats, handmade ornaments, Advent calendars, wreaths, etc. would be welcome.

Book Table - Please begin to gather up your gently used books and magazines for adults, youth, and children. Again, this year we are going to offer CD's, DVD's (no VHS please) and vinyl records. Great for collectors! We also plan to include bookmarks with each purchase so if you have any extra lying around, we would love them too. **No textbooks or encyclopaedias please! Our backs won't accommodate them!**

Jewellery & Accessories – We would be pleased to have donations of interesting and gently used jewellery, handbags, scarves, belts, etc.

Home Décor – We welcome donations of interesting collectibles and vintage pieces for the home décor area. Cushion covers, kitchen and dining linens, china, glassware, silver, vases, decorative pieces, etc. This area is always very successful, so please do contribute some lovely things or plan to shop for interesting items for your home or cottage.

Silent Auction – We would appreciate **NEW ITEMS ONLY** for the Silent Auction. Arrangements can be made for pick-up. Please include the estimated value along with the contributor's name, to be recorded on the bid sheet.

We are also looking for people to organize and run the tables and the kitchen on the day of the bazaar. No experience is needed, and you can expect to have a lot of fun!!!

Items for sale can be dropped off at the church during the summer if you wish.

Many thanks,

Bonnie McNally (613 831-0968) & Judy Dallaway (613 323-1971)
Autumn Leaves Co-ordinators 2023

About Ben Adhem (Leigh Hunt 1834)

About Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,
An angel writing in a book of gold:—
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,
And to the presence in the room he said,
"What writest thou?"—The vision raised its head,
And with a look made of all sweet accord,
Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."
"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so,"
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,
But cheerly still; and said, "I pray thee, then,
Write me as one that loves his fellow men."

The angel wrote, and vanished. The next night
It came again with a great wakening light,
And showed the names whom love of God had blest,
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.

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Recipes

Cranberry Orange Loaf

Butter or margarine ¼ cup or 50 ml
Granulated sugar 1 cup or 250 ml
Egg 1
Juice of 1 orange and water to make ¾ cup or 175 ml (You can use orange juice)

All purpose flour 2 cups or 500 ml
Baking powder 1 ½ tsp. or 10 ml
Baking soda ½ tsp. or 2 ml
Salt ½ tsp. or 2 ml
Grated rind of orange 1
Whole cranberries, fresh or frozen 1 ½ cups or 375 ml.
Chopped pecans or walnuts ½ cup or 125 ml

Put butter, sugar and egg in mixing bowl. Beat smooth. Stir in juice.

In second bowl measure in flour, baking powder, soda and salt. Stir in orange rind, cranberries and nuts. Empty all into batter stirring until moistened. Scrape into greased loaf pan 9x5x3 inches (23x12x7 cm). Bake in 350 F. (180 C) oven for 1 hour. Test with a toothpick. Let stand 10 minutes. Remove from pan. Cool on cake rack. Wrap. It tastes even better the next day. Yield 1 loaf
Submitted by Mary Passmore from Company's Coming/Muffins & More by Jean Paré c1983



Coconut Chewies

INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup butter
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 ½ cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ cups shredded sweetened coconut

PREPARATION

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F and grease an 8x8 baking dish.
2. Add butter to a large saucepan over medium- high heat. Once butter begins to boil, continuously swirl pan to prevent burning. Continue until butter darkens to an amber color, then remove from heat.
3. Add the brown sugar to the warm butter and stir until fully integrated. Mix in the eggs and vanilla.
4. Add the flour, baking powder, and salt to the wet ingredients. Stir until combined.
5. Fold coconut into the batter and then transfer to the prepared baking dish.
6. Bake for 40-45 minutes, covering with foil for the last 10 minutes. Let bars fully cool before slicing.

Submitted by Diane Clement. Recipe can be found at: [Coconut Chewies | 12 Tomatoes](#) and that recipe was adapted from [Cookiesandcups.com](#)

The Last Word

“All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small. All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.” (Words are the first verse of the hymn by Cecil Frances Alexander, published 1848)

As I mentioned earlier, I am assembling this edition as I sit at my dinette table in our trailer currently situated in Darlington Provincial Park between Bowmanville and Oshawa. We began our journey in Presqu'ile Provincial Park near Brighton on the shores of Lake Ontario and have wandered our way through six provincial parks along Lake Erie before coming to Darlington. This is the first time that we have camped so long early in the spring to enjoy the migratory bird routes. We have seen many types of birds, waterfowl and even animals that we have only seen before in books or webpages. Warblers, Orioles, Sandhill Cranes & their young and an Opossum. Of course, we also saw more familiar species: Cardinals, Rose Breasted Grosbeaks, Orioles, rabbits of various sizes, raccoons and the odd mosquito.

Each campground was very different. Some had sites offered privacy with lots of low bushes where birds could hide, others were sandy with or without tall trees. Shorelines varied from sandy to pebbles, or rocks. Port Rock had a shoal of rocks with many fossils on them.

We saw wild yellow Irises, Shag Hickory trees, many Willow trees, Eastern Dogwood bushes blooming, and Tulip trees were just beginning to flower when we left Rondeau Park.

I grew up in a small town and lived near open fields but had forgotten or not had the opportunity to hear and see so many of God's creations in awhile. If you can take a walk in a park or trail, sit in a garden, spend the day at a beach or river please do go and have a look and listen to all the gifts both large and small that we have been given.

I hope that you will find rejuvenation, relaxation and a renewed sense of peace.

Have a happy summer and tell us about it in the Fall.

Mary Anne



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