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IN THE INTERIM. . . .



Do you find the world a troubled place today? I know I do. There is so much anger, unkindness and lack of respect and our leaders, politicians and business leaders seem to be some of the chief protagonists, while television, the press and particularly social media just seem to exacerbate the problem. We hear the need for “Free Speech”, I would not use the word “free” to describe some of the speech I hear. Conspiracy theories, which the Archbishop of Canterbury recently called old fashioned “village gossip”, constantly abound.

Sir Tim Berners-Lee invented the World Wide Web in 1989 and worked to ensure that it was made freely available to all. One wonders whether he realized then that it would develop in the way that it has. True his work has transformed almost every aspect of our lives, but today with so much negativity on social media, computer hacking, and spam advertising on the web, it is no wonder that many people are afraid to use their computers, tablets and phones.

So why, with all the negativity that we see and hear on social media, do we at Christ Church and so many other churches around the world use the internet, the world wide web and social media in our church life? If we look at the third part of our mission statement - “Reaching Out to the World”, we are able to tell the big wide world more about us and what life is like at Christ Church than we could without the Web and most importantly we can spread the Word of God and show that if we follow him then there is something good for each and everyone.

So briefly for those of you that may be unaware how we use the internet and social media, here are some of the ways it helps us here at Christ Church.

Our church website shows the world who we are, what we stand for, what it is like being a member of Christ Church. By visiting our website people can find the times of services, watch a service, read the Messenger, get details of our ministries, get directions to our church and even make a donation.

On our Facebook page, which today has over nine hundred followers, you can read the “Wednesday Prayer”, view photos of our activities, details of service times and watch a service live on Sunday at 10am. or on demand at any time during the week. Our live streaming of our service is very important for research has shown that today people will watch a service on their computers at least three times before attending a service in person.

Using Zoom for our Thursday Bible Study classes enables us to make contact with many more participants than are able to meet in person.

Our email system is a somewhat internal but very vital part of our operation. It is used constantly during the week to send out messages to notify those members of the church that have agreed to receive emails from us. Those messages will notify them of meetings, times of services and other important matters concerning our daily church life.

The benefits of using the world wide web in the operation of our church are great but it does involve work to ensure that all the different parts of the system come together to make everything run smoothly and we are grateful to those members of the congregation who make it happen. Hopefully ,this work will continue as we spread God’s word and do His work here at Christ Church.

Blessings, **John.**

“Following Christ, Discipling His People, Reaching Out to the World.”

Vestry Report – Friday, February 15, 2024

- Training to use the Defibrillator is scheduled for Wednesday April 24th at 10:00am.
- We are still awaiting bids from contractors for the renovations.
- Work on the acquisition of new chairs and podium/s is continuing.
- Training will start shortly on Pastoral Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Licensed Lay Readers.
- Bishop Eric will Celebrate at the Confirmation service for Ken and Amelia Hunter on Saturday April 6th.
- The main entrance door into the Fellowship Hall will be replaced.
- The remaining Red and White Burse and Veil sets have been ordered and paid for by members of the congregation.
- We will be having a barbecue on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.
- We will be having a parish picnic at Bass Lake in September.

Getting to know you.....

Laura Ashley-Spencer



Meet the Junior Warden -- Frank Simonis. The junior warden is elected by the members of the vestry and has three main duties:

1. Ombudsman: An ombudsman is someone who represents the interests of another by hearing and investigating concerns or complaints. That is why the junior warden is sometimes referred to as "The People's Warden". Frank is someone you can go to in expectation of respect, a fair hearing, and an amicable solution to your concerns. The junior warden is not the "designated listener" in some sort of church hierarchy wherein one must go through proper channels. The rector, senior warden and vestry members all share in the leadership responsibility to be accessible to any member of the congregation.
2. Buildings and Grounds: When a congregation owns property, one role of the junior warden is oversight of the building and grounds. Frank is the point person to see with concerns for repair, maintenance, and grounds upkeep. The junior warden doesn't necessarily do the repairs or maintenance but oversees that things are done properly in a timely manner. The junior warden may gather and organize volunteers for building and grounds beautification as we did the Friday before Palm Sunday.
3. Second Vice President: The junior warden functions as the second vice president of the corporation, the rector being the president, and the senior warden vice president. The junior warden assists the rector and senior warden.

Please welcome Frank in his new role.

Christ Church Financial Report		
January 1st - February 29th 2024		
	Budgeted	Actual
Income	\$12,676	\$18,229
Expenses	\$24,876	\$4,584
Net	-\$29,151	\$13,645

Celebrations of Life

Birthdays:

- 4/03 Nanette Beaumont
- 4/04 Judy McCaleb
- 4/06 Carolyn Sayer/Smith
- 4/16 Jackie Mallouf
- 4/21 Bob Burton
- 4/22 Mike Barker
- 4/25 Pat Sunda
- 4/29 Amelia Grover Hunter

PALM SUNDAY

GIVE THANKS....

To all those who worked to freshen up the church and grounds in preparation for a joyous Easter Day.



Good Friday



Easter Sunday



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