



Spring 2019

NEWSLETTER

Holy Week & Easter Services

Healing Service -
Monday, April 15 @ 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross
Tuesday, April 16, @ 7:00 p.m.

Taize Service -
Wednesday, April 17, @ 7:00 p.m.

Seder Meal and Maundy Thursday -
Thursday, April 18, @ 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday –
Friday, April 19, @ 10:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil -
Saturday, April 20, @ 9:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday -
Sunday April 21 @ 8 :00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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The Rector's Message



Here we are again at Easter, the most joyous and most important feast of our Church year. Rejoice, the Lord is risen indeed!

Easter is a time to rejoice and be thankful for the gift of life, love and joy. What is inherent in the message of Easter is thankfulness for God's unfathomable love and grace, and for Jesus Christ's heroic and amazing love in making the sacrifice for our sins.

God is the owner of everything. Our entire lives are on loan from God—for we brought nothing into this world and we cannot take anything out of this world. God calls us to manage what he has created (Gen 1:28; 2:15). This is an important call each of us receives from God. This is not an easy thing to remember as we go through our daily lives. We are often distracted by long hours of work, unexpected expenses and the need to buy just a few more things. Sin is all around us, preventing us from seeing our lives and our belongings as God's to own. How we live our lives, manage our finances and our time, is a significant part of the Christian life.



The Rector's Message...continued.

Generosity comes in many forms. We can give our time, our work, our wisdom, and of course, money. Giving generously requires us to go beyond what comes easily.

Jesus did not die on the Cross so that we could live comfortable, well-adjusted lives. His purpose is much, much deeper. He wants to make us more like him before he takes us to Heaven. That is his greatest gift to us, and our ultimate goal.

May this be a blessed time all of us.
Happy Easter!

The Reverend George Kwari

John and Dawna Moore



In September 2018, my husband, John, and I moved to a condo on Richmond Road near Pinecrest Road. This was our second move, and another attempt to downsize for our retirement. John is a Technical Writer and Editor and currently works for Veteran's Affairs, whereas I retired a few year ago from Library and Archives Canada.

One of the first things we searched for on Google Maps, aside from where to buy a cup of coffee, was for the nearest Anglican Church, for me, and for John, where was the nearest Roman Catholic Church. Although, we accompany one another to either church, from time-to-time, are regular church goers from different denominations.

I had had prior great experiences with church women's fellowship groups, or ministries and was tearful to leave St. Matthew's, my previous parish and wondered if it would be difficult to meet new people and make friends at sixty-three years of age. But I need not have worried. We walked to St. Stephen's and attended our first service in the Church Hall. We learned the elevator was being built and this was temporary. We were greeted by many different people, including JoAnn Collett and The Reverend George Kwari. We went home and I started to go again when the Lenten Reading course began, here I met Pam and Cynthia, Bea and Eileen and others, including Jack and Mary Jane Dymont, and Rob and Pat Hamilton.

After attending some services, we went to the Trivia Night and had a fun evening, while raising money for the parish. What John and I were really impressed with was how outgoing, kind, and welcoming all the church members we met were to us and how quickly they recognized us on our subsequent visits.

John and Dawna Moore... Continued.

Although, I loved historical buildings and traditional hymns, these preferences no longer seem to matter. Neither of us had been to a church before where welcoming and outreach was so strongly expressed as love in action.

Baptism on Easter Sunday!

Yes indeed, we are holding a baptism on Easter Sunday for Steven André Gray Barnes. Steven is the grandson of André and Liz. Congratulations to Steven.

A word of thanks to our Parish Administrator

I hope one day I will find words enough to thank Marilyn for her ministry to St. Stephen's and beyond. We thank her for making sure our bulletins, vestry report books and the administration of the parish is well in order. Please join me in thanking her.

Happy Easter to you, Marilyn.

From Father George Kwari

And all of us at St. Stephen's



"Since we now have a leaking roof problem, it might be a good time to schedule baptisms."

Please consider making a special Easter Gift donation to the **"Repair our Roof"** .

BIG GIVE 2019 UPDATE

Concerning the upcoming BIG GIVE planning and event, St. Stephen's has now officially registered for the 2019 BIG GIVE being held this year on Saturday, June 1st. We will again be one of over 100 area-and-beyond churches reaching out in Christian love to many persons and families in need within our local communities. The detailed organizational planning, signage and flyer preparations, and other preliminary work have been completed by our core group of coordinators: Jessica Thompkins, Matt Davis, and Jim and Linda Davis.



BIG GIVE 2019 Update... continued.

BIG GIVE 2019 volunteer sign-up sheets for church members and their interested friends will go up on bulletin boards in the church the week following, Easter; please save some time to volunteer for the event. There will also be a special Church Bulletin update on Sunday, May 12th, to announce that we will begin accepting, receiving, and storing "give-away" donations starting Monday, May 13th, through until Thursday, May 30th. While some volunteer action needs to take place between May 13th and May 30th, mainly we will need most volunteers specifically for June 1st, to help with greeting guests, serving food, restocking tables with give-away goods and clothing, painting children's faces, supervising both indoor and outdoor games for children and youth, and helping with cleanup after the event. We will start at 8:00 a.m. and be done and home by 2:00 p.m.!

Look for more Big Give updates, as we move beyond Holy Week and May 12th, and "Hold onto your hats, everyone"!

Bits n' Bites

- Please bring in your Loonies for Lent on Easter Sunday.
- **Algonquin Pause Table for 2019**
We will provide healthy refreshments to Algonquin College students during exam week. Please bring your non-perishable contributions to church on Sunday, April 21.
- Trivia Night and Dinner on Friday, May 10

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This is what we do:
THE BIG GIVE 2019

St. Stephen's Anglican Church Ottawa



God bless you and keep you in His loving embrace.