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### July 30, 2020 Celebrating William Wilberforce & Martha, sister of Lazarus

#### Trent-Durham Area Newsletter

##### A pastoral note:

Dear friends in Christ ~ grace to you and peace this day in the name of Jesus, our saviour and accompanier.

I am deeply grateful for your faithfulness and sustained hope in this time of great trials.

We have each experienced multiple types of loss in this time of pandemic – some severe and drastic, others various relatively mundane losses, which all contribute to a profound grief in our collective consciousness.

At the beginning of the closures, we began experiencing new-found support, loving-kindness and encouragement from neighbours, friends, even strangers, who rallied and found strength and enthusiasm to bring hope in creative ways. As the days, weeks, and now months wear on, we are discovering a deep exhaustion that can paralyze and rob us of our previously cheery selves.

This summer I was scheduled to be at the Lambeth Conference, where the scripture themes chosen to guide us as Christ followers and as bishops in our beloved church, were Psalm 133 and the First Letter of Peter. I invite you to look into these passages, to perhaps discover for yourself what they might offer in the way of refreshment and nourishment for our journey. In another part of the Anglican Communion, we hear

“In Aotearoa (New Zealand), many Anglicans have not lost their income, and some have even saved money during this period”, the Bishop of Wellington, Justin Duckworth, said. “I encourage you to get together in families, house churches and parishes and think creatively about how you can give into these places with great need. Every one of us can support these initiatives in prayer, and if you can give financially, I encourage you to give generously.”

I share this powerful and compelling challenge with you here in Trent-Durham: where can we financially help one another? where are the needs? who is on the margins? how do we be the hands and feet of Jesus?

Through prayer and wide consultation, I have come to the understanding that it is required of us with the strength to look around (acknowledging that not all have this strength or inclination, and that is fine) ~ to listen, inquire, and seek out wisdom and insights that will help us to learn and grow through this pandemic into some deeper calling of who we are as humans, as connected to the earth, as Divinely created and Divinely loved, as church, as community, as Jesus followers.

who are we being called to be?

how are we being called to respond to this long exile?

In the First Letter of Peter we are taught about the refiner's fire, with gold and dross

what parts of our church are going through the refiner's fire?

what needs to be refined, re-formed, re-thought?

what can we leave behind, what is no longer relevant, what is necessary for moving into our next stage as faithful and steadfast servant-Christians?

I assure you that this is a time in which the Holy Spirit is very active. Remember to look around for signs of the presence of God in your neighbourhoods, in your peripheral vision, in the previously unnoticed ~ in the flash of a juvenile cardinal's wing, in the smile beneath the masks of fellow shoppers, in the care shown by the support workers, the meal-bringers and the contact-tracers ~ each contributing to the well-being of our communities and our very selves.

We are all connected.

We are not alone: God is with us.

Build one another up in faith and courage.

May you be specially blessed this day with God's love,

Bishop Riscylla

## **Clergy in Motion**

Clergy in Motion is always posted to the Diocesan website at [www.toronto.anglican.ca/clergyinmotion](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/clergyinmotion)  
Please keep these clergy in your prayers as they enter into new stages in life & ministry.

## **Appointments**

- The Rev. Peter Gachira (Kenya) has been appointed Incumbent of St John the Baptist, Lakefield as of August 1, 2020.
- The Rev. William Roberts (Niagara) has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of St Mark's, Port Hope beginning August 1, 2020.
- The Rev Bonnie Skerritt (Nova Scotia, PEI) has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of St George, Newcastle beginning September 1, 2020.
- The Rev Jennifer Schick (Toronto) has been appointed Incumbent of All Saints, Whitby beginning November 29, 2020.

**Celebrations of New Ministry** \*On Hold: will be scheduled when permitted to return to worship

**Area Events** \*cancelled due to Covid-19/watch for future dates & rescheduling

## **Area Grants**

AVAILABLE Now!! **Reach Grants** that provide funding up to \$5,000 for creative mission and ministry. This program provides a one-time grant for missional and attractional initiatives that will help us reconnect with each other and with our neighbours. These funds can be used to support an innovative project to help your congregation reengage during the time of COVID-19 and do ministry in a new way.

Be creative with what sort of initiative you envision.

The ministry must be **local** (taking place in the church or the neighbourhoods and community around the church) and **innovative**.

- **Missional Church Reach Grants** – are available for ministries, events, or projects that missionally reach folks to share the Gospel with those not currently part of your church.
- **Attractional Church Reach Grants** – are available for ministries, events or projects which help congregations adapt to new ways of being together, to rebuild and grow during and after the COVID-19 restrictions.

Click on the [link](#) for more information on how to apply for the Reach Grant:

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## Upcoming in September – October 2020

Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>SEPTEMBER 2020</b>			
Sunday 13	10:00 am	Diaconal Ordinations	St. James Cathedral, Toronto
Thursday 17	4:00pm	Executive Board and Trusts Committee	Zoom Call
Tuesday 22	10:00 am	Services of Institution	St. James Cathedral, Toronto
Thursday 24	4:00pm	Diocesan Council Meeting	Zoom Call
<b>OCTOBER 2020</b>			
Wednesday 21	TBA	Diocesan Regional Deans	
Thursday 22	4:00pm	Diocesan Council Meeting	Zoom Call
Saturday 24	TBD	<b>Outreach Conference</b>	