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## Sunday Services

**8:00 a.m.** – Holy Communion Said service

**9:15 a.m.** – Traditional/Choral Holy Communion. Kids are invited to join the God Squad for children’s worship, crafts and games. Nursery care also available.

**11:00 a.m.** – Praise Music Holy Communion. Kids are invited to join the God Squad for children’s worship, crafts and games. Nursery care also available.

## Other Services

**10:00 a.m Wednesday** – Bible Study and Eucharist

**2:00 p.m. Thursday** – “Seniors’ Afternoon Out” Service and Social

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- **Messages from Father John and Father Craig**
  - **Pentecost Party May 24**
  - **E100 information**
  - **PWRDF news**
  - **Spiritual Gifts workshop**
- ...and more!**

May edition deadline:  
**Tuesday, April 28, 2015**

Please send submissions to:  
**cornerstone@stpaulshk.org**



## A message from Father John

### Easter Mystery

Here we are at the beginning of April and we have a hard time believing that spring is finally here and that warm weather will soon be the norm. It has been a long and cold winter with not much relief. Everyone wants a few of those sunny days to get out of the house and go for a walk. We long for those days when we can open the windows and get some fresh air in the house. Spring holds the promise of new life and renewal, and after a long winter we are ready.

I am convinced that just as we anticipate the coming of spring, so the world longs for the coming of Easter. The celebrations of Easter remind us that the world and its future are God's. The freedom that we have is that we are called to journey with God into His Kingdom. Just like the long winter we have been through, we know that God's future will come. God's Love for



## From the desk of Father Craig

### Amazing love

*Amazing love, how can it be?  
That You, my King would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know its true  
It's my joy to honor You  
In all I do, I honor You*

Humbling words... that my King and your King would die for us. The unique act of self-denial and forgiveness that recreates the world once and for all. But as humbling as that is, it is not the whole story...

It continues with Jesus, our Lord, rising, conquering death, and coming to his disciples hidden away and calling them brothers (and sisters). Jesus said (to Mary Magdalene), "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

us and His world has a power to transform the biggest obstacles in its way.

The first Easter occurred at the end of a traumatic and frantic period in history. For the Early Church, it renewed that knowledge that God's love in God's time is more powerful than all the forces that stand in opposition to God and His Kingdom.

Please join us in Worship as we follow Christ from the doubt and despair of Good Friday to the Hope and Faith of the Easter Mystery.

Christ is Risen!  
He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

May the Message of Easter sustain and empower you.

He no longer calls them servants, he calls them friends, and then he calls them brothers and sisters. His acts of recreation on the first day of the week, recreates the human family. Our sin separated us from God. The grace of God in Jesus re-unites us!

Such an **amazing love!** And we can stop there if we wish. Or... "That As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes in Him will have eternal life." *John 3:14-15*

We can believe in Him who offers this love and new life, and have life forever with Him. We can be assured that we will be raised like Him. **Amazing love!**

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So, all I have to do is suffer through this earthly life, right?? ☺ Not exactly! As the Apostle St. James says, “My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but **joy**, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.” (The bold was my addition.)

How can one count trials as joy? When one is doing what Jesus calls them to do. It’s like when Jesus personally forgave Peter on the beach after the resurrection. He didn’t ask if Peter would ever betray Him again. He asked three times, “Do you love me?” and after each answer he gave Peter a job to do: Feed my sheep! That’s a calling! From then on, Peter lived the abundant life of Christ, trials or not!

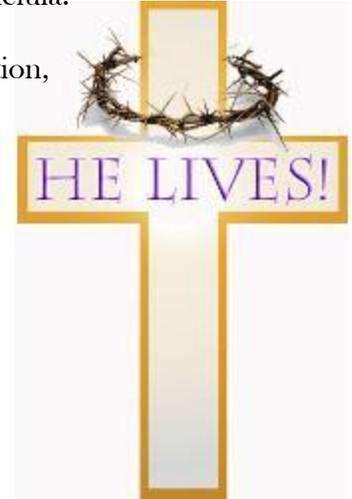
Do we love Him? Will we let Him be Lord of our entire life? I know I let many things have control and

influence in my life. The Lord of heaven and earth, Jesus, has offered us the way of freedom and peace.

My prayer this Easter is that we may fully accept His gift and live as His free brothers and sisters.

Christ is Risen!  
He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

In hope of the resurrection,  
Fr. Craig+



## God Squad news

### Pentecost Party, May 24, 2015

### It's a Birthday Party

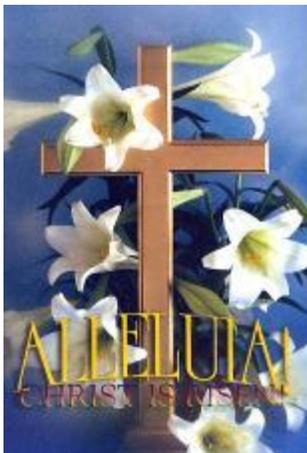


**God Squad** Invites all children **4 to 12** years old to help celebrate the birthday of Christian church!

Sunday May 24, 2015  
At the 9:15 or 11 Service.  
You can find us in Rutter Hall.

## E100 information

**TUESDAYS**  
**7:00 Dessert and**  
**Coffee/Tea**  
**7:30 Education**



We will be having a variety of speakers for our next E100 Education session.

We welcome you to come out to listen and learn and discuss.

Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend so that we know how many to plan for.

Thank you!

- April 14 Reverend Fred Milnes  
retired United Church Minister
- April 21 TBA
- April 28 Father Antony Mourad  
St. George and St. Anthony Orthodox  
Coptic Church
- May 5 Jane Jones  
Prayer Coordinator, Anglican Renewal  
Ministries
- May 12 Right Reverend Bishop Peter Coffin  
retired Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of  
Ottawa  
Bishop Ordinary to the Armed Forces

## E100 small group

by Johan de Jong

We are a small group of three Bible readers, losing one member and gaining another since we began last year. All of us attend church and had read the Bible before but we welcomed the opportunity to gather once a week and read the Bible in community and do so within a framework that makes us appreciate the continuity of the messages contained in the selected verses and the unity of the Book as a whole.

Being a small group has been a blessing as well, allowing for participation by all. We hoped for no more than eight and no less than four members, but the Trinity reminds us that three is a perfect number!

## Chicken BBQ

June 5, 2015

Mark your calendars! St. Paul's annual chicken BBQ will be held on Friday, June 5.

Enjoy the start of the summer with a juicy half chicken, cooked to perfection by St. Paul's master chefs, with delicious home-made coleslaw, made from St. Paul's secret recipe.

Ticket sales will start in May.

For our dedicated volunteers, sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex in May. If you haven't yet participated in the BBQ, why not give it a try? It's a fun time for socializing and to help the church.

See you all in June.

Blessings,  
 Mathias Joost





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Saturday April 18, 2015, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm  
St. Stephen's Anglican Church,  
930 Watson Street, Ottawa

**Cost: one item of non-perishable food for the local food cupboard**

### ***Striving for Food Sustainability in Cuba***

*Presented by Valerie Maier after visiting PWRDF partner in Cuba*

### ***Gardens & Creation Matters... what we can do locally***

*Presented by Philippa Jones of All Saints Westboro*

### ***Feeding Canada's Northern Communities***

*Presented by Deacon Aigah Attagutsiak of St Margaret's*

### ***Preparing for The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Report***

***Lunch is provided.***

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To register email Philippa at: [philippa\\_wilson@sympatico.ca](mailto:philippa_wilson@sympatico.ca)

# Bible meals

by Johan de Jong

Meals occupied a central place in Jewish life and Hellenic society. They were gatherings where eating was only an aspect of fellowship with opportunities for all sorts of communication, such as gossip, debates, recreation, teaching, learning and celebrating.

**Hebrew** - The *Berakah* was a domestic meal where the bread was blessed as a prelude to a family celebration. The *Chaburah* was a collegial meal, a fellowship among friends or associates. The sacrificial meals, where worshippers eat, offer to and thank God for his many mercies are called "Offerings of Wellbeing" (Leviticus 7:11-15 NRSV). They are mentioned in many parts of the Hebrew Bible: *Jacob & Laban* (Genesis 31:54), *Jethro & Moses* (Exodus 18:12), *Elkanah & family* (1 Samuel 1:3-5). Deuteronomy mentions two types of such meals: community meals (12:15) and meals at sanctioned altars (12:17-27). When the formal sacrifices and offerings at the Jerusalem Temple began to dominate Jewish life, the communal meals lost their original importance. Yet they retained an important function in some groups, such as Pharisees, Essenes and Christians.

**Jesus** - We know little about the meals of Jesus and his disciples, but Bruce Chilton suggests that they probably resembled the Jewish *Chaburah* except that the use of wine was prominent at his meals. He thinks that Jesus used wine to celebrate and anticipate the kingdom in the same way as the *Kiddush* had been used to anticipate and celebrate Passover. His meals may have started with an exchange of peace among the participants to establish the purity of the fellowship, after which Jesus would have raised the cup of wine in anticipation and celebration of the kingdom. His concept of purity was a state of divine fellowship, dependent on personal repentance and mutual forgiveness. His meals were a daily celebration of this purifying fellowship and were used to: (a) initiate people into his group, (b) maintain the purity of his community, and (c) celebrate the kingdom.

**Bible** - The New Testament uses 'meals' for a variety of different purposes: (a) meals that provide a setting for fellowship, debate and teaching; (b) meals used as metaphor to convey ideas; and (c) liturgical meals reflecting early Christian practices. The description of the 'Last Meal' in the New Testament indicates that we are dealing with varying liturgical models of early Christian communities rather than Hebrew meals or variations thereof that may have been used by Jesus and his disciples. A comparison of the structure of the Jewish Passover Meal with those of the Last Meal as described in the New Testament and the Didache shows a change in the use of the cup and the bread.

## A Comparison of Rites at the Last Meal

(Bls = Blessing & Thn = Thanksgiving)

<u>Jewish</u>	<u>Didache</u>	<u>1Cor10:16-17</u>	<u>1Cor11:23-25</u>
Cup/Bls	Cup/Thn	Cup/Bls	-
Bread/Bls	Bread/Thn	Bread/Bls	Bread/Thn
SUPPER	SUPPER	-	SUPPER
Cup/Thn	Thn	-	Cup/Thn
<u>Jewish</u>	<u>Luke 22:15-20</u>	<u>Mt. 26:26-27</u>	<u>Mk. 14:22-23</u>
Cup/Bls	Cup/Thn	-	-
Bread/Bls	Bread/Thn	Bread/Bls	Bread/Bls
SUPPER	SUPPER	-	-
Cup/Thn	Cup/Thn	Cup/Thn	Cup/Thn

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The practice of the early church changed the Jewish meal by 'shrinking' the structure and abandoning the first cup in favour of the last cup. The early Jerusalem community set the trend by adopting the common *Berakah* where the blessing of the bread was central to the meal (Acts 2:46). Only the writings of Paul and Luke still show an awareness of the old Hebrew model. Although the Didache, Luke's version and those described by Paul still show some evidence of the Jewish structure, the other examples indicate that the original order was abandoned in favour of breaking and blessing the bread first and retaining the final cup of thanksgiving as the important cup of the new covenant.

**Eucharist** - When the church became a national institution the liturgical last meal, the mystery of the Eucharist, became an exclusive instrument of the Church while blessings and thanksgiving at meals continued in households and small Christian communities. This distinction was accentuated during and after the Reformation when many Protestant groups and sects distanced themselves from the hierarchical Church and their liturgical practices, including the Eucharist. However, in whatever form the Eucharist may now be received, it remains a joyous event which needs to be celebrated. Happy Easter!

1. Bruce Chilton, *A Feast of Meanings: Eucharistic theologies from Jesus through Johannine circles*, Brill, Leiden, 1994

2. According to Chilton, Jesus' purity maintained that: (a) forgiveness is not dependent on Temple ritual, (b) money is impure and not acceptable as a sacrifice, and (c) a ritual process without direct contact between worshipper and offering, is not acceptable to God.

3. Didache, or the Teaching of the Twelve Apostles, is an early - late 1st or early 2nd century - Greek document on the Church.

4. Enrico Mazza, *The Celebration of the Eucharist: the origin of the rite and development of its interpolation*, trans. Matthew J. O'Connell, Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1999, 32

## Nicaragua trip information

### May 31, 12:30 p.m.

If you missed the information evening about our planned Mission Trip with SchoolBOX, scheduled for May 19-28, 2016, and would like more information, please contact Lorna in the office.

A second meeting is planned for Sunday May 31, from 12:30 - 1 pm in the Boardroom.

<http://schoolbox.ca/>

*Lorna Brule*

## On being a Christian

When I say "I am a Christian,"  
I don't speak of this with pride.  
**I'm confessing that I stumble and  
need Christ to be my guide.**

When I say "I am a Christian,"  
I'm not trying to be strong.  
**I'm professing that I'm weak and  
need His strength to carry on.**

When I say "I am a Christian,"  
I'm not bragging of success.  
**I'm admitting I have failed and  
need God to clean my mess.**

When I say "I am a Christian,"  
I'm not claiming to be perfect.  
**My flaws are far too visible,  
but God believes I am worth it.**

When I say "I am a Christian,"  
I still feel the sting of pain.  
**I have my share of heartaches,  
so I call upon His name.**

When I say "I am a Christian,"  
I'm not holier than thou,  
**I'm just a simple sinner  
who received God's good grace, somehow!**

*Submitted by Ray Brule*

# Discovering Your Gifts

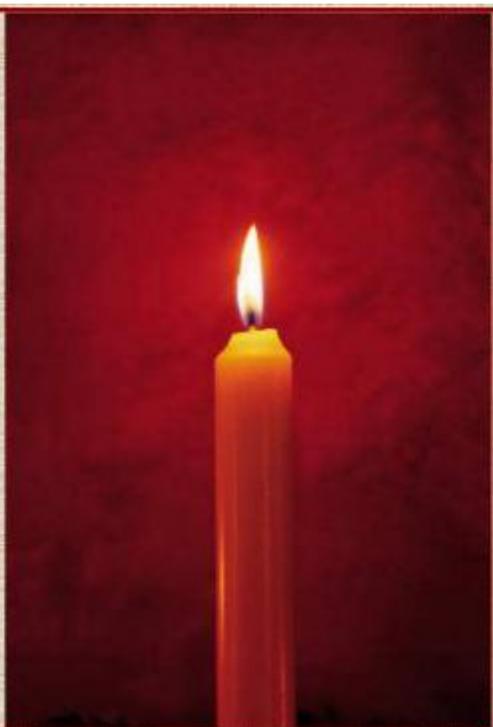
Friday evening, May 8, and Saturday, May 9, 2015

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Have you used your Spiritual Gifts today?  
Do you know what your Gifts are?



Come and find out how you can use  
your Gifts for His purposes!



**Guest Speaker:** *Jane Jones is the National Prayer Co-ordinator for Anglican Renewal Ministries. She has led prayer and spiritual gift conferences across Canada and around the world. She lives in Okotoks, AB.*

## **Friday, May 8 – Family Night**

*Pot-luck meal at 6:00 p.m.*

*Kids Program (ages 5-12) with games, craft and Bible story*

*Adult Program with guest speaker Jane Jones, ARM National Prayer Coordinator*

## **Saturday, May 9 – Discovering your Gifts**

*9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All are welcome to enjoy this event with Prayer Ministry, Praise, Teaching, and Christian Fellowship. Lunch will be provided.*

***How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?***

***What are the Motivational Gifts?***

***What are the Ministry Gifts?***

***What are the Manifestation Gifts?***

***Activating and Practising our Gifts***

*This event is free of charge. A good-will offering to cover travel expenses and support the work of ARM will be gratefully received.*

**To register, please contact Alison Stortz at 613-592-4291 or [arm@armcanada.org](mailto:arm@armcanada.org)**

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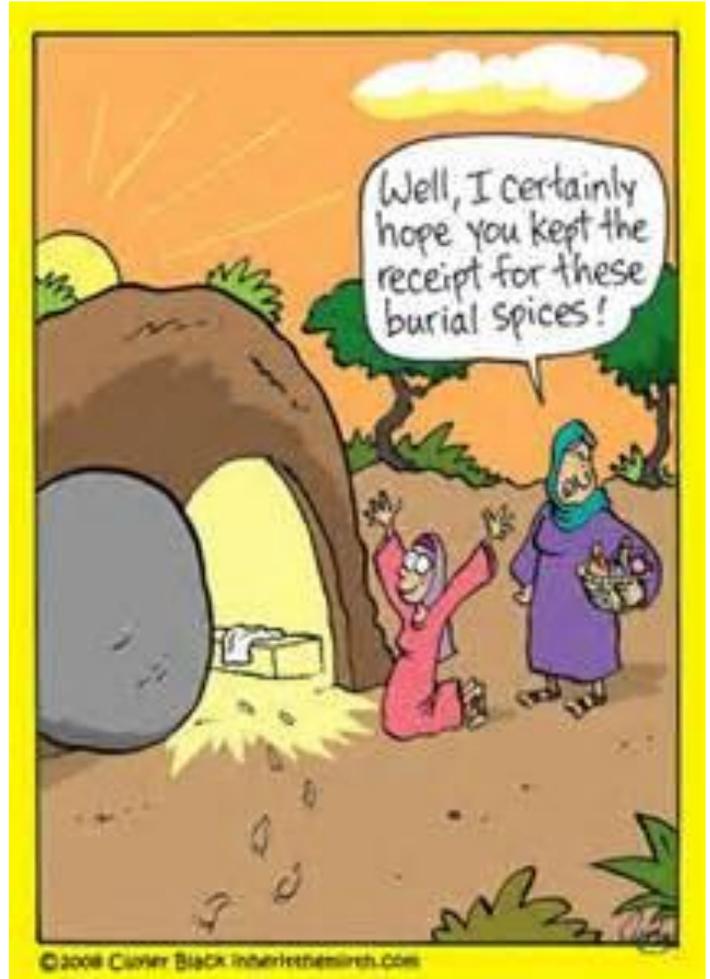
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