

# St. Brice's Anglican Church Newsletter April 1, 2023.

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### **St. Brice's Visioning Scripture**

“Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus.” Colossians 3: 14, 17 (NLT)

### Something To Make Us Smile

Q: What did the prophet Daniel tell his real estate agent?

A: "I'd prefer a house with no den."

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.

**Numbers 6:24-26**





**Sunday, 2 April 10am**  
**Holy Eucharist**

Joint Service at 10am, including the distribution of palm crosses and a Procession. Please note, that because we will be having a joint service and a shared meal together on the third Sunday of April (16 April), we will simply be having coffee following the 2 April service.

**Monday, 3 April, 7:30pm**  
**Tenebrae**

“Tenebrae” literally means ‘darknesses’ or ‘shadows.’ It is a traditional meditative prayer service, offered between Sunday evening and Wednesday evening in Holy Week. As the service progresses, the building becomes darker – a reminder of the darkness which came upon the whole world with the sacrifice of Christ.

**Maundy Thursday, 6 April, 7pm**  
**Holy Eucharist with Foot-washing and the Stripping of the Altar**

This is a celebration of the Institution of the Lord’s Supper. For those who choose, people’s feet are washed, as Christ washed the disciples’ feet in an example of servanthood to one another. After the prayer of thanksgiving following

Communion, all the decorations are removed from the nave, chancel and sanctuary – a sombre reminder of the events commemorated this night.

There is no conclusion and dismissal to this service, because in a sense, it concludes on Easter morning. Incidentally, “Maundy” Thursday (also called “Holy Thursday”) comes from the Latin word “*maundatum*,” “commandment.” Near the conclusion of the Lord’s Supper, Jesus Christ, said, “A new commandment I give you, that you love one another.”



**Good Friday, 7 April, 10:30am**  
**Prayer Service (Bethel Gospel Chapel)**

There will be an ecumenical service, called “The Glory of the Cross.” This year, it will be hosted at Bethel Gospel Chapel. I (PA) will be offering the closing blessing. These services are put together, with contributions from a number of local churches in the North Bay area, representing the broad evangelical stream of Christianity.



**Good Friday, 7 April, 2pm**  
**Prayer Service: “The Seven Last Words on the Cross”**

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John record that, while hanging on the cross, our Lord spoke seven times. During this service, seven lay people at St. Brice’s will offer seven short meditations. There will also be music, and a Collect (short, focused prayer) after each meditation. This is a gentle, sombre and meditative service.

**Holy Saturday, 8 April, 7pm  
Easter Vigil (Christ Church)**

The “Easter Vigil” service has been celebrated since the time of the early Church. It was a traditional time for candidates to be baptized. A new fire is built (usually outside the Church building), a sign of the light which came upon the world with the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ.



This year, the service will be hosted by Christ Church, Greenwood Ave. Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring bells with them to the service.

Following the lighting of the new fire, the Proclamation of the Word, and Renewal of Baptismal Vows, there is the Celebration of Easter Communion.

Easter Vigils used to be offered at sunrise, or else shortly after midnight. These days, they more commonly take place in early Saturday evening. (In the Jewish tradition, the new day begins at sunset.)

**Easter Morning, 9 April, 9am & 11am  
Holy Communion**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! We will be celebrating at 9am (traditional) and 11am (contemporary) at St. Brice’s.

*Weekend of 14-16 April*

The weekend after Easter weekend will also be a busy time at St. Brice’s.

*Shared Supper & Music*

On Friday evening, the local Cursillo Secretariat is hosting a shared supper (pot-luck supper) at St. Brice’s. There will be a gathering and social time, starting about 5pm, dinner

at 6pm, and prayer, music and praise – led by the St. Brice’s Praise and Worship Band -- starting at 6:45pm.

*Confirmation*

On Sunday, 16 April, Archbishop Anne Germond will be visiting the parish, and there will be a service of Confirmation and a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, 10am.



In preparation for this, there will be a rehearsal on Saturday, 15 April, 4pm.

Following the Sunday service, there will be a shared (pot-luck) lunch, and the bishop will be offering a “Lunch and Learn” session about the Lambeth Calls. (The Lambeth Calls emerged from the international meeting of Anglican bishops last year, called the Lambeth Conference.) We encourage folks to come, not only to the 10am eucharist service, but to share in the meal together, and to stay for the “Lunch and Learn” after lunch.

Following are the candidates for Confirmation:

- Beth Ranger
- Stephen Wapachee
- Michael Ajasin (candidate from St. John’s, North Bay).

As well, there are 3 candidates to be Received. Your prayers are appreciated.

*A.C.W. “April Showers” Spring Tea and Bake Sale*

The A.C.W. (Anglican Church Women) will be hosting an “April Showers” Spring Tea and Bake Sale, Saturday, 22 April, 11am-1:30pm. \$7 adults; children under 10 free. Donations for the Bake Table will be received with

appreciation. Proceeds from the Spring Tea and Bake Sale will entirely go to support missions.



*Sanctuary Course (Mental Health)*

We are planning to offer a course called “Sanctuary” in Easter season at St. Brice’s. The purpose of this course is to help equip one another to minister to people who experience mental illness – in our families or ourselves, in the parish or in the neighbourhood.

There will be an initial meeting and orientation on Thursday, 20 April, 7pm, at St. Brice’s parish hall. There are 8 sessions to the course. Attending the initial gathering does not mean one has to participate in the course – but we hope people will!

*Sunday, May 7*

At the joint service on Sunday, 7 May, 10am, there will be presentation about Camp Temiskaming, led by Carrie Birtch and Diane McCaskill.

Archbishop Anne Germond has encouraged every parish in the diocese to plant a tree, as a gesture of good stewardship for God’s creation. Following the joint service and a shared meal, we plan to plant a fruit tree, near the large rock in the front yard which some call “The Sheep.”



## April Showers Tea



**Baby Quilts, Unique Cards & Baking**

**St. Brice’s Anglican Church**

**1225 Cassells St., North Bay**

**Sat. April 22**

**11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Sandwiches & Pickles/Veggies**

**Dessert, Tea & Coffee**

**\$7.00**

**[children under 10 years free]**

Rogation Days are a traditional time to pray for God’s blessing upon the parish, and upon the crops which have been planted. (This year, Rogation Days fall on May 22-24.)

However, we will be transferring some Rogation Day devotions to the time when we plant the fruit tree, led by a layreader.

*Pentecost Sunday*

This year, Pentecost Sunday – when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, and upon all Christians – will be celebrated on 28 May. Following Easter and Christmas, Pentecost Sunday is third-most important festival of the Church year.



Parishioners are encouraged to wear some **red** (the liturgical colour for Pentecost). We hope to have a pancake breakfast, a pancake lunch, or a barbeque following the worship service. Are there a few folks who would like to coordinate the food? If so, please contact the parish office (705 474-4005).

*Singer(s)/ Musician(s)?*

During some services, I (PA) lead the singing, but it's not convenient to lead the music while I am preparing the elements for Communion, during the Offertory. The Board suggests that it would help the congregation sing robustly if there is a singer, or a small group of singers, who will help lead the congregation, at least during the Offertory. If you think you might like to help in this area, please leave a message at the parish office (705 474-4005).

*Rector on Retreat*

I (PA) plan to be on a silent retreat at Loyola House, near Guelph, ON, on 14-23 June. Details about pastoral coverage while I am away will follow.

THE WIDER CHURCH

*Upcoming Synods*

In the Anglican Communion, a “synod” is a gathering of bishop(s), clergy and lay people, under the guidance of the



Holy Spirit, meeting to carry out the Church's work. Synods typically include worship, presentations, workshops, and quasi-parliamentary motions (usually much more polite than secular legislative assemblies!).

There will be two synods which will affect us this year: The Synod for the Diocese of Algoma will take place at Sault Ste. Marie on 10-13 May. St. Brice's lay delegates are Nancy Armstrong and Jeneffer Auger. There will also be a General Synod for all of Canada, to be held in Calgary from 27 June to 2 July.

Your prayers would be deeply appreciated.

*The Grace Foundation*

The Grace Foundation is a charitable organization founded and funded in 1993 by Rev. John McCausland, a former Honourary Assistant at St. Brice's and member of the Society of St. John the Evangelist. It is managed by a Board of Trustees, including Eva Black, Betty Burke, Bill Burton and Mary Ellen Page.

Rev. McCausland describes the mission and purpose of the Grace Foundation in this way:

My desire is to assist people to think like Christians. My prayer is that the Grace Foundation might help provide the financial resources for individuals, parishes or others within the Diocese of Algoma, to become better prepared to live and think like Christians.

Some of the recent activities/projects supported financially by the Grace Foundation include Children's Bibles for Camp Temiscaming, textbooks for a seminary student, travel expenses for the leader of a Christian workshop in North Bay and travel expenses for a major Christian conference in Oxford.

*Anglican Communion Alliance*

The Anglican Communion Alliance is a Canadian Anglican organization which seeks to promote biblical literacy in the Anglican Church of Canada. (Some resources for reading the Bible devotionally are on the St. Brice’s website.)

I (PA) have agreed to serve on the Board again for a 3-year term, beginning now. I have also agreed to serve as Secretary to the Board for 2023.

*Archbishop of Canterbury*

Some parishioners may have been following the discussions within the Church of England about the blessing of same-sex unions. Same-sex marriages are now legal in the United Kingdom. So far, the Church of England has resisted provisions for same-sex marriages within churches in the Church of England. However, a recently-released liturgical document intends to offer prayers and support for couples in committed relationships.

Within England, this liturgical document goes way too far for some, and not nearly far enough for others.

Within the worldwide Communion, there is a wide variety of responses to gay and lesbian relationships. In a number of African countries, homosexual activity is illegal and can be punishable by prison sentences. In the U.S.A. (widely regarded as the most liberal among the Anglican provinces), there is the canonical requirement to provide for same-sex marriages throughout the country – although individual priests and bishops are not required to lead the marriage ceremonies in their parishes.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who is the Primate of the Church of England, is one of the “instruments of unity” in the Anglican Communion. A number of concerned conservative Anglicans have objected to Archbishop Welby’s role, given that he chaired the English General Synod which approved the liturgical document. Archbishop Welby has offered to surrender his role as an



“instrument of unity” for the global Anglican Church.

It seems somewhat likely – but by no means certain – that there will be some reconfiguration about the role of the

Archbishop of Canterbury, in the medium-term future. The other Anglican “instruments of unity” are the Lambeth Conference (all bishops), Primates (senior archbishops for their provinces), and the Anglican Consultative Council (lay people, priests and bishops from all the provinces).

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**DINNER GALA FUNDRAISER**  
NORTH BAY PREGNANCY HELP & RESOURCE CENTRE

**A NIGHT TO GIVE HOPE**

**FRIDAY**  
MAY 12, 2023

Doors open at 5:30pm Dinner served at 6:30pm	DAVEDI CLUB 313 Airport Road North Bay, ON	3 COURSE MEAL Main Course: Chicken Marsala
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\*Please contact NBPHRC for any dietary restrictions or allergies

**Reserve Tickets & Request Information**  
Email: nbphrc@hotmail.com  
Phone: 705-475-9270

**\$50** Per Ticket

The North Bay Pregnancy Help and Resource Centre will be hosting a Dinner Gala Fundraiser at the Davedi Club, on Friday, 12 May, 6:30pm. Tickets are available from the Centre (next to Good To Go coffee shop and the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption) during office hours -- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm. Payment for tickets can be made in person or via e-transfer.

*Rotary for Kids*

*[I received the following letter from the Rev. Richard White, my processor at St. Brice's. I've edited it a little bit, to save space. -PA]*

Dear Rev. Peter and Friends,

I'm on the children's committee of your local North Bay Rotary Club... Wednesday, March 22, we kicked off our annual *Rotary4Kids* program...

Here's the background: The primary reason North Bay Rotary exists is to help children. Since its inception, the *Rotary4Kids* program has raised and spent over \$1.2 million to purchase equipment for disabled children, to support their families, and to fund programs that address their needs. Every dollar we've raised has come from generous donors, groups, and organizations like yours. This year, we are inviting the Faith community to help us...

Any donation you could give would be greatly appreciated. All donations should be made out to *Rotary4Kids, North Bay*. Church or private cheques can be dropped off at my house (81 Johnston Rd, North Bay, P1B8G1), or mailed directly to...

Rotary4Kids, The Rotary Club of North Bay,  
PO Box 242, North Bay, ON P1B 8H2

Donations are receiptable. We ask that an email address accompany your donation.

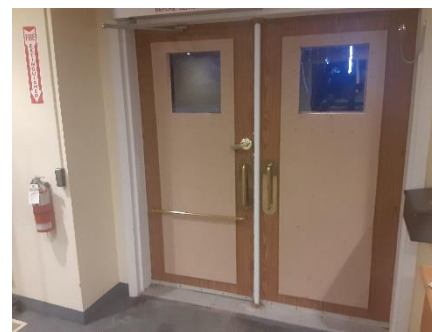
For further information, feel free to call me, or contact [info@rotary4kids.ca](mailto:info@rotary4kids.ca)

God bless you, and thank you in advance for your support of this worthy cause.  
Rev. Richard White 705-474-4298 or 705-358-6249.

PROPERTY

*New Exterior Doors*

New main exterior doors have been ordered, to replace and upgrade the current doors, which were extensively damaged by vandalism/ an attempted break-in, early this past summer. The new doors will be metal, with secure window glass near the top of the doors. The current switches for wheelchair access will remain. The handle and lock will be a different style. To meet future building code requirements, the door which is used most often will be wider than the current door – about 38 inches wide. The secondary door will be opened when needed, such as to accommodate a funeral casket.



These doors are being paid for from the balance of the security upgrade grant we received, and individual donations.

*Property Matters To Be Addressed, 2023*

As many parishioners know, we replaced the central furnace last month, at the cost of about \$5000.

At the Board meeting on 30 March, members discussed other property matters which need to be addressed:

- **Roof:** Part of the roof facing Cassells St, to the left of the main entrance door, needs to be replaced this summer. We expect that we will do this project ourselves with volunteer labour – it is a relatively easy project to undertake. The estimate is the cost of materials and getting rid of old shingles will approach \$1000;
- **Insulation:** We received reports about the insulation in the back of the Church building (currently R12), and the parish hall (R20). We do not plan to add more insulation in the parish hall – it is too expensive, and the payback time from slightly reduced energy consumption would be a very long time. However, we do want to insulate the back of the Church building, to bring it to the current standard of R60. The lowest bid is \$1083.
- **Ice Dams:** The outdoor security cameras stopped working for several weeks in late February and March. It appears that melting ice from the roofs severed some of the wiring for the cameras. To prevent this problem from happening again, we want to install “ice dams,” at the cost of about \$550.
- There are several **relatively small property projects** for the warm season:
  - Minor brick work near the parish hall exit (\$125)
  - Parging the kitchen steps (\$100)
  - More pigeon spikes (\$15)
  - A motion sensor light, for the Church building side exit (\$30)

- Painting the new hall and main entry doors
- Re-setting some of the bricks in the front walkway.

*Paying for 2023 Capital Building Projects*

We already have \$750 allotted for property maintenance in the 2023 parish budget. The three largest projects are paying for the new furnace, the roof replacement, and the insulation. These alone will be over \$7000. Parishioners have already started to contribute toward these capital building projects, for which we are very grateful.

After careful discussion, the Board recommends that we



**aim to raise \$10 000 among us.** This will cover all the work we need to undertake in 2023, and will also have some left over for some minor property upgrade which will very likely appear in the future.

How do we raise \$10 000?

First, we are grateful for whatever offerings parishioners are able to contribute (although we don't want anyone to contribute to the property account, but then to stop contributing to the main operating account! 😊 ).

We also intend to undertake several fund-raisers in 2023:

1. A community supper this spring (date to be chosen soon)
2. A yard sale before summer (date to be chosen soon)
3. A craft sale in October
4. Perhaps an auction.



As well, one of our quilters, Fay Ivany, has created a quilt, and is donating it to the parish. After some consideration, the Board proposes that tickets be sold, with one ticket-holder getting the quilt.



*Quilt Donation*

Raffles and lotteries of any kind are strictly regulated in this diocese, by the Bishop's Policies. This means that we need to ensure that the tickets are affordable to anyone, that we not sell the tickets outside the parish, and that we

not make the prize so valuable that it might invite greed. Bearing these points in mind, The Board proposes that tickets be sold at the very reasonable price of \$2/ ticket (\$5 for 3), on April 16, 23, 30 and May 7. The winning ticket will be selected on May 7.

We want to express our sincere appreciation to Fay, for her kind donation.

FINANCIAL UPDATE



As of the end of March (first quarter of 2023), our deficit (expenses more than revenue) sits at \$4216, if we are to achieve a balanced budget in 2023. We had an Income of \$37,389, and Expenses of \$41,605.

There are a few items which we need to pay in full at the beginning of the year, but our income is received throughout the year. Based on offering patterns in previous years, this deficit is not alarming, but needs to be monitored carefully in the months ahead.

We are deeply appreciative of the generosity of a wide number of parishioners, who we believe are offering generously as they are able.

