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Dear Friends,

I hope you are well.

I just have time for a quick note, but I want to share several things with you...

1. The Anglican parishes in North Bay are hosting a **quiet prayer gathering at the cenotaph** (corner of First St. and Ferguson Ave.), this coming **Sunday, 20 March**, beginning at **2pm**. Similar events are being held throughout the diocese. We are praying particularly for peace in Ukraine.
2. Much to our surprise, St. Brice's received a financial **grant to improve security** on our property. Several changes will be made over the next couple of weeks. If you believe you need access to the building other than day times and early evenings, please contact the parish office.
3. As many of us are aware, Holy Week is the week leading up to Easter Day. There will be several special services:
  - a. On **Palm Sunday**, we plan to have the distribution of palm crosses and a procession.
  - b. "Tenebrae" means "darkness" or "shadows." It is a quiet, reflective prayer service, and has not been offered at St. Brice's that anyone can recall, before. It will be held **Tuesday in Holy Week, 7:30pm** (please note the later starting time).
  - c. On **Maundy Thursday**, there will be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Washing of the feet will be offered for those who wish, and there will be the "stripping of the altar," beginning at **7pm**.
  - d. Following the Maundy Thursday service, there will be a **prayer vigil**. "Could you not watch with me one hour?" asked Jesus. If you would like to take a turn praying, reading and meditating at St. Brice's that night, or early the next morning, please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or contact the parish office (705 474-4005).
  - e. For those who wish to participate in the **ecumenical Good Friday Gathering**, this year it will be rotated among 3 of the larger church buildings in North Bay, beginning at **9:30am**. Free tickets will be available from the parish office next week. The intention is to attend one service in one building with one worship style, drive to a second church building for a second short service, and then drive to third building for a third service. If you can provide a ride to someone, please let the parish office know (705 474-4005).
  - f. There will be a **Stations of the Cross** service at St. Brice's, Good Friday afternoon at **2pm**.
  - g. There will be an **Easter Vigil at Christ Church** on Greenwood Ave., Holy Saturday, beginning at **7pm**.
  - h. **Easter Day eucharists** will be held at 9am and 11am.

Blessings,

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