

From the Rector _____

I invite you to take note of the weather this coming Friday and see if there's any truth to an old legend. The old legend goes like this:

St Swithun's day if thou dost rain; For forty days it will remain.

St Swithun's day if thou be fair; For forty days 'twill rain nae mare.

Because this coming Friday, July 15th, will be St. Swithun's Day, a day which, according to custom, is supposed to predict the weather for the following 40 days. But the fact is, that old legend about whether it's sunny or rainy on St. Swithun's Day has nothing at all to do with his life.

Swithun was the bishop of Winchester, which was then the political capital of England, for just over ten years in the middle of the ninth century. We are told that he was a diligent bishop, known for his faithfulness and his commitment to building new churches and restoring old ones. He travelled throughout his diocese by foot (rather than by horse, as the high and mighty did); and when he gave a banquet it was his custom to invite the poor and powerless rather than the rich and powerful. And that's just about it. Swithun does not enter into the documents and records of his time very often, so whatever else we know comes from things written well after his time. But we are told that he requested that, after his death, his remains would be buried outside the walls of his cathedral, rather than somewhere within the building, which was then the custom for bishops. Instead, he requested that he be buried outside the north wall where passers-by should pass over his grave and raindrops from the eaves fall on it. And, according to the story, that is what happened; he was buried outside the walls of his cathedral, as he requested. But a century later, a new bishop had a bright idea. He was restoring the cathedral and thought that the remains of Bishop Swithun should be moved indoors as part of a new shrine to his memory.

And that's when things went badly; because on the day that his remains were to be moved, the heavens opened and the rains came down, drenching those who were in the business of moving Swithun's remains. It was to many a clear sign that Swithun was not at all happy with the move. So, from that time until now, the legend says that if it rains on St. Swithun's bridge just outside the Cathedral on July 15th, then it will rain for 40 days; but if it is sunny, there will be fair weather. So, get out your calendars and make a note of the weather this Friday; and 40 days from now, let me know the results. Let's see if the legend holds true.

But truth be told, we remember Swithun not because of legends about the weather. We remember him because of the faithful way in which he went about the work that God had given him: without a lot of fanfare. He didn't get into the stories that were passed on to future generations; but he did his work: we're told, faithfully and compassionately; without seeking glory. And, when the time came, he asked for his remains to be interred in the very

same way: without glory or fanfare. No matter who we are, to follow Christ faithfully is an everyday job. It doesn't start when we arrive at church and stop when we leave. It doesn't show up in some conversations and get put aside in others. And it's not about seeking attention or glory or control. It's about serving others as Christ served us. That's the story that we're called to write every day: a story of service and compassion. Like St. Swithun.



Parish Notices and Updates _____

THE ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTH CONFERENCE is scheduled for August 22nd to 26th at Camp Medley and application forms are now available in the Narthex or at <https://www.smyc.ca/>. This excellent programme for young people between ages of 13 and 19, combines solid Christian Education, worship, recreation, and fellowship. Please speak to the Curate if you know of someone who would benefit from this amazing programme.

UPDATE!!! Plans are underway to host a **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** from **Monday, August 8th to Friday, August 13th** here at St. Mary's, with leadership organised by a team from St. Paul's Church in Rothesay. The schedule will run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day, with instruction, games & music. Please feel free to share the news with anyone and everyone who might have children who would like to participate. And we'll be looking for some volunteers from the parish to help with the organisation, as well as preparing the snacks and meals. Please speak to the Rector or the Curate for more details.

THE 6TH ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT to *Strike out Child Hunger*, organised by our partners in Shared Ministry at All Saints' Church in Marysville, is scheduled for **Saturday, October 15th**, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. We're currently looking for volunteers to bowl as part of our team from St. Mary's. A Sign-Up Sheet can be found on the table in the Narthex. Please help make this important project as successful as possible as we work to help feed the young people of our community.



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

JULY 11: TRINITY FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

JULY 12: TRINITY FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

JULY 13: TRINITY FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JULY 14: TRINITY FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

JULY 15: ST. SWITHUN, Bishop of Winchester, c. 862

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
4:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Zoom)

JULY 16: THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JULY 17: THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer



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If we see a speck in a brother's eye, we must first see if there is a log in our own eye; perhaps that speck in our brother's eye is only a reflection of the beam in our own.

David Watson

THE FOURTH SUNDAY after TRINITY

July 9, 2022

*Be ye therefore merciful as your
Father also is merciful!*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:

✠ Psalm 45 | Proverbs 12:10-end | St. Mark 14:27-52

5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY after TRINITY

July 10, 2022

*Be ye therefore merciful as your
Father also is merciful!*

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 18 part 1 | 1 Kings 12:1-20 | Acts 17:16-end

10:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	350 (OLD HUNDREDTH)
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