

From the Curate _____

On the 2nd of July every year, the Prayer Book Calendar commemorates the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth. In the revised calendar, the Western Church has moved this feast day to May 31st. Why do we commemorate this day? And what is this visitation that we commemorate? In the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, we read how the Archangel Gabriel visits Mary to tell her that she will bear God's son (Lk 1:26-38). During this interaction, Gabriel tells Mary that her relative, Elizabeth, is also pregnant with a son even though she had been barren (Elizabeth's child, of course, is St. John the Baptist). After the angel leaves Mary, we are told that shortly thereafter she quickly made the journey to visit her relative Elizabeth. This is the visitation we remember today (Lk 1:39-56). Mary visits Elizabeth, and

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Lk 1:41-42)

In response, Mary says what we now know as the *Magnificat*, as it said at Evening Prayer every day (*BCP*, p. 21): "My soul doth *magnify* the Lord..."

In reading this word, "*Visitation*", we of course realize immediately what is happening is quite literally a visit. There is, in my mind, also a recollection of the *visitation* of the sick: where the clergy or lay visitors of the parish go to the house of a parishioner on behalf of the whole body. The visitor, in this case, is sent out as an envoy of the collective congregation and brings with them greetings in the name of the Holy Trinity as well as sometimes the Sacrament of Holy Communion. In the *Book of Common Prayer* rite for the Ministry to the Sick, the sense that the minister is sent as an envoy of greeting from the Church is explicit as the minister begins with saying, "Peace be to this house, and to all that dwell in it" (*BCP*, 576). We hope that those to whom we minister are encouraged and strengthened by our visit, and we pray that the Holy Spirit would be in that place. Just as the presence of Jesus in Mary's womb prompted Elizabeth to be filled with the Holy Spirit, so too do we pray that visiting the home-bound and bringing them the Sacrament fills them with the same Spirit.

As we have just celebrated the Nativity of St. John the Baptist on June 24th, we have been reading many of these great narratives from the Gospel of Luke. To read for yourselves how these events all transpire in the life

of our Lord, I would encourage you to read the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke and pray this collect from page 309 of the BCP:

O GOD Most High, who didst endue with wonderful virtue and grace the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord: Grant that we, who now call her blessed, may be made very members of the heavenly family of him who was pleased to be called the first-born among many brethren; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

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Parish Notices and Updates _____

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

NEWS!!! NEWS!!! Plans are underway to host a **Vacation Bible School** during the first week of August here at St. Mary's, with leadership organised by a team from St. Paul's Church in Rothesay. We plan on having e information available in next week's bulletin, but for now, please mark the dates and 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. Please speak to the Rector or the Curate for more details!

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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 6: OCTAVE DAY OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL

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

JULY 7: TRINITY FERIA

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

JULY 8: TRINITY FERIA

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

JULY 9: STEPHEN LANGTON, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1228

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

JULY 10: THE FOURTH 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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Parables of Jesus

The Lost Sheep & The Lost Coin

Luke 15:1-10



You know what happens when a portrait that has been painted on a panel becomes obliterated through external stains. The artist does not throw away the panel, but the subject of the portrait has to come and sit for it again, and then the likeness is re-drawn on the same material. Even so was it with the All-holy son of God. He, the Image of the Father, came and dwelt in our midst, in order that he might renew mankind made after Himself, and seek out His lost sheep, even as He says in the Gospel: "I came to seek and to save that which was lost."

St. Athanasius (293?-373), *The Incarnation of the Word of God*

THE THIRD SUNDAY
after
TRINITY

July 2, 2022

*Rejoice with me for I have found
my sheep which was lost!*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:

✠ Psalms 13 & 14 | Job 42 | St. Mark 11:1-26

5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist

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THE THIRD SUNDAY
after
TRINITY

July 3, 2022

*Rejoice with me for I have found
my sheep which was lost!*

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 26 | 1 Kings 10:1-13 | Acts 16

10:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

We Bless the God and Father

please see the bulletin insert

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♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:

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♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:

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