St. Simeon's Anglican Church March 2022 Continuing to Constantly Care and Constantly Pray

Easter Greeting



Greetings to all,

We are blessed to live in an area of the earth that experiences seasons. Spring brings with it longer days, warmer temperatures and hope. As we are emerging from the dark period of winter and Covid, we are learning to adapt to new situations. Living through this pandemic has forced us to reassess our goals and style of living. As with nature, our church year has seasons. We are now in the season of Lent and looking forward to the wonderful renewal and awakening of Easter.

Our in person services are being well received. We are following the Covid protocols so as to assure a safe place to worship. We are blessed to have Rev. Nick leading Holy Communion services on the second and fourth Sundays of the month; Gordon McPhee leading the Family Service on the third Sunday of the month and the Lay Assistants who lead Morning Prayer on the first Sunday of the month. All services are at <u>10 AM</u>. As usual, all are welcome.

In addition, the on line 4 PM Sunday service continues as do the weekday 5 PM services. We are grateful to all who lead in these services and for all who attend. They provide a very meaningful meeting of the wider church community.

The Lenten Series **'Singing the Journey'**, offered on line on Mondays at 1:30 PM, has been well attended. Lively discussion and meditation on the selected hymns has been fulfilling. Thanks to Tania, Nick and Wendy for organizing and to all who lead and to all who participate.

The Family Service Team is in the midst of preparing the Easter Service. Many thanks to all involved. We look forward to celebrating the glory of the resurrection in this joyful service.

Phone calls continue to be made as an additional means of keeping in touch and we give thanks to Nick and to all the parishioners who make these contacts.

The Women's Fellowship Valentine's outreach to the residents of the Rotary Apartments and some parishioners in the Medallion d'Or continued this year. Once again the residents were pleasantly surprised to find decorative bags of 'goodies' hanging on their door. Thanks to Karen and Ann who organized and all who contributed to this endeavour. It was very much appreciated. As always all donations toward the upkeep and mission of St. Simeon's are gratefully appreciated. The cost of keeping St. Simeon's as a vibrant community of worshippers is always a constant. If you wish to donate by cheque, please mail it to our treasurer, Herb Sioui, 4 Mady, Lachute, QC J8H 3B9 or by e transfer to <u>herbert.sioui@gmail.com</u>. The faithful support for St. Simeon's is encouraging.

We are currently assessing the future plans for the rectory. A committee has met to discuss the best possible solution for this property. Parishioners will be consulted on this matter soon.

Sue Sioui is vigilant in keeping our website up to date. We are thankful to her for keeping this means of communication active. Please access it <u>www.parishoflachute.com</u> to read the latest news about happenings in our parish.

Our Easter services are listed below. The online Holy Week and Easter services will be at the indicated service times. If more information about any of the services is required please contact one of the wardens.

As we continue our solemn pilgrimage through Lent, we do look with great anticipation to the joyful celebration of Easter when our hearts and voices sing with the words of the familiar Easter hymn

Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son: Endless is the victory over death you won. Angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away, Kept the folded grave-clothes where your body lay

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Alleluía!!!

Sincerely. Edna Hall 450-562-6147 and Karen Napp 450-562-1210 Wardens



St. Simeon's Easter Services



April 10	Palm-Passion Sun	day Holy Communion	10 AM	Rev. Nick Brotherwood
April 14	Maundy Thursday		5 PM	Rev. Nick Brotherwood
April 15	Good Friday	Meditation on the Cross	11 AM – 1 PM	Rev. Nick Brotherwood
April 17	Easter	Family Service	10 AM	Gordon McPhee

