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Alleluia! Christ is Risen!



My heart beats for the resurrection. The loss of a loved one causes the heart to trust

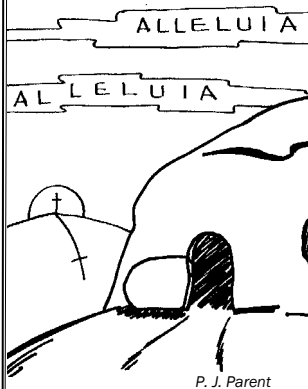
deeply and longingly in the resurrection of the dead. It is the great and central Christian truth.

After leaving Corinth, Paul caught wind that some of the Christian converts were doubting the resurrection. We see the same thing in our world and in the visible church today. Moralism displaces Christian faith and being a good person becomes an end in itself. You hear people say things like, "Even if Christianity isn't true, at the end I will have the joy of having lived a good life." St. Paul identifies this line of thinking as hogwash.

"Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied."

*1 Corinthians
15:12-18*

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He is not
here; He
has risen!



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Pathetic! If Christ wasn't raised from the dead, then no one will be. If this is true that no one will be raised and we have placed our hope in the resurrection, both Jesus' and ours, then we are pitiable. When we consider the resurrection of Jesus we are playing for all of the marbles!

But the great Easter truth is simply that Jesus was raised from the dead. His was a resurrection that not even Pilate, with his armed guards, could suppress.

The powers of influence in our world still seek to hold Jesus in his tomb. Their efforts today are as futile as Pilate's were 2000 years ago.

Your transformed life proves the resurrection.

The certainty you enjoy in the face of your own mortality confirms that Jesus has conquered death. No one sneaked past Pilate's guards to escape with Jesus body. He was indeed raised from the dead. So, all who place their trust in Him are neither pitiable nor pathetic but robustly confident.

With saints throughout the millennia we cry aloud, "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!"

With confidence in the risen Christ,

Ray David

THE VEIL IS RENT

The veil is rent; Lo! Jesus stands
Before the throne of grace;
And clouds of incense from His hands
Fill all that glorious place.

His precious blood is sprinkled there,
Before and on the throne;
And His own wounds in heaven declare
His work on earth is done.

"Tis finished!" on the Cross He said,
In agonies and blood;
'Tis finished! Now He lives to plead
Before the face of God.

"Tis finished! here our souls can rest,
His work can never fail;
By Him, our Sacrifice and Priest,
We enter through the veil.

Within the holiest of all,
Cleansed by His precious blood,
Before Thy throne Thy children fall,
And worship Thee, our God.

Boldly our heart and voice we raise,
His Name, His blood, our plea;
Assured our prayers and songs of praise
Ascend by Him to Thee.

James G. Deck

1802-1884

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

SHIFRA HOME

Gay Paige, Project Manager of Shifra Home in Burlington, was the guest speaker at the April Women's Fellowship. Shifra Home is a Christ centred maternity residence and resource centre for young pregnant women, and it has been, for three years, one of St. George's Reach Out mission partners. It is not government funded and to meet its expenses to meet its expenses it is totally dependent on the generosity of those supportive of this ministry. The staff relies heavily on volunteer help in many areas. St. George's youth group is doing "yard clean-up" for them as a spring project this year.

Originally the single moms-to-be, who come from all over Halton County, ranged in age from 14 - 25 years, but budget cuts have meant that Shifra Home is unable at present to provide adult supervision full time; this necessitated raising the age to 18 - 25. The girls may come at any time during their pregnancy, and stay until the baby is three months old. Forty percent of those girls who are accepted into Shifra Home return to their families before they give birth. The ones who remain are responsible for paying for their lodging from an allowance they receive, buying their own groceries and making their own meals. All must be in school, working or volunteering during the day.

Shifra Home offers a unique, family style environment designed to assist its residents in making an informed decision between parenting and adoption. Its programs are designed to support, shelter, nurture and care for young mothers, fathers and their babies. As the time to leave Shifra Home approaches the staff assists each young mom in finding an apartment in an area where she will have a support network.

The following is an inquiry received at Shifra Home from a young woman:

"...I'm 15 years old and I'm 3 to 4 months pregnant. I'm in need of major help. I don't want to go through an abortion so I'm getting kicked out of my house being left with pretty much nothing. I haven't decided if I want to keep my baby or not but I do want to have it. The father isn't supportive at all of my decision. I need a place to live and people to help. I'm young and lost. I'm hoping that you will be able to help me if it's possible".

Shifra means beautiful. It was the name of a midwife who protected and nurtured life in Exodus 1:15. Please pray for the staff and residents of Shifra Home.

Pam Bales



"O death, where is your sting?"

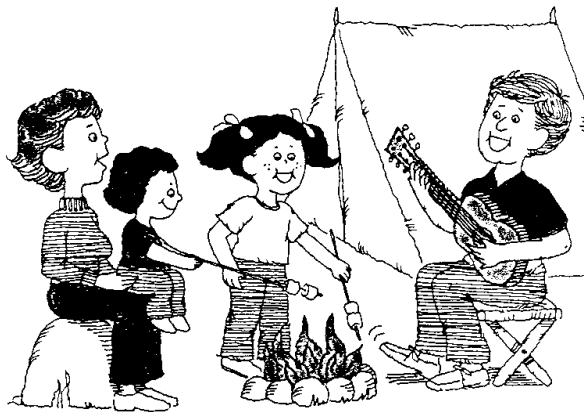


Camping at the KOA

Join your church family for a night or two of camping, on June 3rd and 4th. We will be congregating at the Milton KOA to hang out, cook hot dogs, have a pot luck dinner, roast marshmallows, sing, laugh, run, sit, talk, enjoy.. the list goes on.

The first step is to call the KOA and let them know you need a spot. [1-905-854-2495](tel:1-905-854-2495) (they need your names and postal code too). Then let me know if you are coming (donna.ps146@gmail.com). After that, it's all about getting ready and showing up. There is a big community kitchen there as well as

- Water, septic and 30/50 amp. electrical services
- Premium pull-through sites
- WiFi Internet access
- Laundry, showers, washrooms
- Recreation rooms
- Children's playground
- Games area
- Public telephones
- Convenience store
- Horseshoe pits
- Basketball hoop
- Outdoor swimming pool



They currently have 9 cabins :

8 that sleep 4 people and rent for \$137.86 plus HST for the weekend, also 1 that sleeps 6 people and rents for \$160.46 plus HST for the weekend

There is a trailer for rent; it sleeps 5 or 6. The price is \$89.00 for the weekend for 2 people, \$6.00 for each additional person, and \$3.00 per child, plus HST.

There are unserviced sites for \$29.00 and HST. If you want to camp but don't have the necessary gear contact me [1 519 885 2267] . I am sure we can come up with enough tents and sleeping items to share with you.

Donna Denison

"Death is swallowed up in victory."



The St. George's Youth Leadership Team is excited to announce our summer youth retreat, coming up Friday June 10th – Saturday June 11th. Open to any youth, 12-18 years old, the weekend will consist of great worship, relevant sharing, fun outdoor activities, hangin' out with old and new friends, and excellent food! Our retreat theme is **“No Turning Back”**, and our youth will be encouraged to deepen their faith and to make knowing and serving Jesus more vital in their lives. We urge parents and youth leaders to make this event a high priority. In an increasingly secular society that makes so many demands of time and energy from our teens, it is essential that their spiritual lives are not neglected.

Please, help your young people to make this event a high priority! There are so many demands of time and energy from our teens, it is essential that their spiritual lives are not neglected. If it's not a priority to you, it won't be to them either. Please help us help the youth of St. George's to grow in their faith.

“O death, where is your sting?”



Church of the Messiah News

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.. Matthew 28:19-20 NIV

EASTER is a time of celebration when we rejoice in the risen Lord. Matthew tells us that Jesus says He will be with us always, to the very end of the age. This is a powerful statement since we have the assurance of His presence with us. One of the signs of His presence is the transformation in our own lives manifested through His Holy Spirit in us. No one comes away from this experience unchanged. What a wonderful promise we have from our Lord, transformation and new life.

The journey through Lent has been a difficult one for many of us. As with the Israelites in the desert we have been challenged. Perhaps our biggest challenge in Norwich is learning to deal with the youth and all that this entails. Teenagers and pre-teens are rebellious and often lack social skills. The children that come to us are from many varied backgrounds. Many of us have never had to deal with such issues or behaviours. However, we need to remember that we are all rebellious; we lead sinful lives and yet our loving Father is always waiting with welcoming arms. It is through our study of His Holy Word that we get glimpses of how to respond in these situations. While God is a loving Father, He loves us enough to discipline us when we go astray and this is the example that we must follow. God has established boundaries for us through His Word and through the example of Jesus. We have also learned to lean on God, and each other; this is what the Body of Christ is, a family. While times of testing are often difficult, they are also times of growth in our Christian walk. So as we continue on our journey, I would like to thank Vicki, Debby, Brenda and Peter for their support. Not only have I been blessed to have such a loving family, I have also seen the transformation in their lives. Despite the situations we have encountered I have still seen the love of Jesus in each one of them as they reach out to our Youth.

The Church of the Messiah has been studying the book of Matthew over the course of the year. Peter has walked us through chapter by chapter. These have been powerful lessons for us not only in recognizing Jesus' kingdom teachings for our behaviour as His followers, but they have also been very significant in showing us His loving patience as we

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have had to deal with some behavioural issues in our youth. Matthew shows that though Satan pursues us, Jesus meets us and gives us life. We need to be sons and daughters of the Father, and the only way we can establish that is by following Jesus. God's word is powerful and through it we truly see Him. As we continue to travel through the book of Matthew, God continues transforming us. It is our prayer that this transformation will impact lives and bring glory to God. Jesus is risen indeed; His resurrection has changed the course of history and also our lives.

Our Bible studies continue in both Norwich and Delhi although we are praying for God's direction in them. Sometimes He calls us to change direction and when we are obedient many doors are opened. The Bible study in Norwich has continued to be a place where our young people join us. Over the coming weeks we are continuing to pray for God's leading in this study as the direction may change.

The Upper Deck continues to be our home, but both YFC/Youth Unlimited Norwich and Church of the Messiah are finding that we are in need of more space. We have been praying for guidance and direction from the Lord and were very encouraged by discussions with Jacquie Armstrong this past week; she has sensed similar signals about this situation. The Upper Deck has struggled financially over the years and yet Jacquie sees this as a blessing and a reality. Her deep faith amazed us as we listened to her tell us that God has always provided for them and that she serves a God who can do anything. What a wonderful role model she is for the youth whom she has served for over seventeen years in this community of Norwich. She also knows that with the proper facilities there are many other opportunities to work with and reach out to the youth of the town. God has given Jacquie a vision of a facility that would meet these needs with a teaching kitchen, larger games room, smaller meeting rooms, safe outdoor space for basketball nets etc. Norwich is very blessed to have a married couple like Jacquie and Jason, with such a heart for the



youth. As we continue to pray for this facility and for God's guidance we ask you to join with us. As Jacquie says, and as we all know, we serve a mighty God who is able to do anything.

There have also been some changes within our congregation with the addition of Onnig. Onnig has become a wonderful part of our family. He has also been very kind to us as he shares his photography skills with

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our congregation. On Sunday after church he took a number of individual photos as well as some family photos. Godson has also returned from his annual visit with his family in Africa. As a pharmacist he is scheduled to work three out of four Sundays but he managed to join us for Sunday worship two weeks ago. He spoke to us about his home church in Lagos, Church of the Pentecost, where more than one thousand attend every Sunday to praise God. They begin their week with the *Hour of Blessing* every Monday morning; they gather in the church from seven to eight a.m. to pray God's blessing on them through the week. The memory verse on the card given to each person for that particular week was: *I am blessed in Jesus' name*. Godson then shared with us about the importance of prayer in the spiritual battle of our lives and that the enemy can be defeated through our prayers.



Lent has led us through a time of testing and a time of transformation. The Israelites spent forty years in the desert as God continued to transform them. Unfortunately they failed and we so often fail as well, but despite our shortcomings one thing remains constant and that is the presence of Jesus who is with us always.

Sheilagh Roloson

Five Finger Prayer

Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."

The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. They need wisdom in pointing others in the right direction.

The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for them; they need God's guidance.

The fourth finger is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for those weak, in trouble, or in pain. We cannot pray too much for them.

Our little finger comes last, where we place ourselves in relation to God and others. Our pinkie should remind us to pray for ourselves.

Author unknown, submitted by Robin Lynn Buchanan

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

a heart for the city



God said, “Should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120 000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?” [Jonah 4: 11]

It has been said that Greater Tokyo with a population of over 34 million people is currently the world’s largest mega city. The world has many unthinkably huge cities and anticipates even greater cities. It has been said that if the church neglects the city and does not reach out to all who are there, the intelligentsia, the rich, the middle classes, the poor, the utterly poor and destitute, those of every background, condition and culture, then we will have become totally irrelevant as Jesus’ ambassadors in this world.

In 1902, at a conference called **World-Wide Evangelization, The Urgent Business of the Church**, which was held in Toronto, Bishop James M. Thoburn from India gave an address called “Spiritual Men Needed for Spiritual Work”. He spoke about the church and about the urgent need of reaching the cities. He said: “We ought to have spiritual men to build up spiritual churches. I think we have yet to demonstrate to the people of the United States and Canada the full meaning of the term, a spiritual church. If one individual becomes a fountain of living water, with blessings streaming from his person all the time in every direction, how much greater must be the result if we associate together fifty, or a hundred, or five hundred of such persons in a Christian church. In our cities they are having great churches now, with one or two thousand members, or even more; but I believe that if there was one church in New York, Chicago, or Toronto today, with a thousand spiritually-minded members, they could make the whole city tremble. We have yet to demonstrate to the world the power there is in a church made up of spiritually-minded persons. You cannot get them together by a formal movement; they will all lose their spirituality in the process. God wants to raise up such churches and distribute them everywhere throughout the world. It is true of the Church in a special sense that streams of blessing, in the broadest possible interpretation of the phrase will go out from such an organization. We must plant them. We need them in all the great cities. . . May God from His throne in heaven look down upon this great audience and send the mighty Spirit’s anointing.”

May God pour down the Mighty Spirit’s anointing on us! May He call to Himself all those appointed in mercy to salvation. Eds.



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Is it incredible?

“Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?” Paul confronted King Agrippa with this question in Paul’s trial recorded in Acts 16.

We might answer the question, “because we have never seen anyone rise from the dead.” But we have! We have seen Jesus. Jesus’ resurrection is a fact, well-documented, as well-documented as any contemporary event today.

Paul said to Agrippa, “For the king (Agrippa) knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner.” The event of the resurrection was not done in a corner. It was well known and witnessed.

Even the chief priests who set themselves vehemently against Jesus had ample evidence confronting them. They themselves had heard that Jesus said He would rise from the dead. They themselves had heard Jesus’ testimony at His trial that they would see Jesus sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds. After that, they had the witness of the veil of the temple torn suddenly from top to bottom. Certainly this was a disturbing, astonishing event. And then after that, they had the evidence of the empty tomb. They had witnesses who were objective. The guards who had been set there to guard the tomb, surprisingly went to the chief priests and gave evidence of what they themselves had witnessed. The priests paid money to silence them [Matthew 28]. Paying money, in itself, is quite significant. It shows very clearly that the empty tomb was compelling enough to encourage them to pay money. And then they had the bold un-silence-able witness of disciples. They also had the astonishing healing of a man lame from birth, a man healed in the name of Jesus. The world was turned upside down. They had every evidence.

Jesus’ resurrection was no Easter bunny tale. Many people saw Him, at one time more than 500 people at once [1 Corinthians 15]. He talked with the disciples. He ate with them. They touched Him. He was no ghost. The resurrection is very well-documented.

The resurrection matters. Some facts, it doesn’t matter if you believe. For example, it may

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not really matter if you believe that viruses exist. But some facts require a believing response. We often hear of people who ignore warnings of danger in the face of approaching hurricanes. The fact of an approaching deadly hurricane requires a believing response.

The resurrection also demands a response. It is a terrible evil to “spurn the Son of God,” “profane the blood of the covenant” and to “outrage the Spirit of grace” [Hebrews 10:29]. But even more is it terrible to neglect as worthless the riches that Jesus freely offers us through His costly death on our behalf and through His mighty resurrection. **“According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”** [I Peter 1: 3 – 5]

We have seen the resurrection of Jesus. It is evidence, well-documented fact. It is evidence that confirms the testimony of Jesus: **“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”** [John 11:25, 26]

Do you believe this?

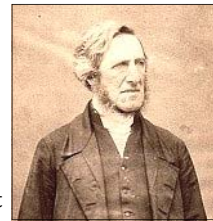
Mary Ann Masters

James G. Deck

James Deck, author of the hymn on page 2, had a praying mother. At the age of 24, in 1826, his sister Clara took him to hear a godly Church of England clergyman, and he came under the power of the Gospel. It became his life’s passion to follow Jesus and to win souls for the Kingdom. He served in India as a British army officer, boldly witnessing for Christ. Coming back to England he served in the Brethren Church in many villages especially in the western counties. During this time he wrote many hymns of worship and consecration anticipating the Lord’s near return. Later in his life he emigrated to New Zealand and it was there that he wrote the hymn “The Veil is rent.”

Thomas Kelly

Thomas Kelly, the author of the hymn on page 12, lived 1769—1855. He was a graduate of Trinity College in Ireland. He was the son of a judge and planned to be a lawyer, but he was converted to Christ and his career plans changed. He became an Anglican priest in 1792. Later he joined the famous “dissenting” ministers. He wrote over 760 hymns including “The atoning work is done” [p. 12]



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The atoning work is done,
The victim's blood is shed;
And Jesus now has gone
His people's cause to plead.
He stands in heaven, their great High
Priest,
And bears their names upon His breast.

He sprinkled with His blood
The mercy-seat above;
For justice had withstood
The purposes of love:
But justice now withstands no more,
And mercy yields its boundless store.

No temple made with hands
His place of service is;
In heaven itself He stands,
A heavenly priesthood His:
In Him the shadows of the law
Are all fulfilled, and now withdraw.

And though awhile He be
Hid from the eyes of men,
His people look to see
Their great High Priest again:
In brightest glory He will come
And take His waiting people home.

Thomas Kelly 1769-1855