

St. Mark's Chronicles

MARCH 2023



Clergy Corner

By Deacon Richard Beaudoin

Saying good-bye to our longest serving deacon in Canada

Canon Michael Jackson was ordained in 1977 in Saskatchewan and served with distinction as a deacon until his death in November 2022, continuing to contribute in significant ways to the very end of his life.

Michael was a "role model, inspiration and mentor to both aspirants to the diaconate and deacons across Canada" wrote the president of ADC (Anglican Deacons Canada).

He was one of four deacons on the Anglican Church of Canada Ordinal Review Taskforce, revising ordination liturgies in the Book of Alternative Services. At the time of his death, he was at St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral in Regina in the diocese of Qu'Appelle.

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March Trivia Quiz

By The Rev'd Canon Lynne Thackwray



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1. Saint David's Day celebrates the patron saint of which country?
England Ireland Scotland Wales
2. International Women's Day is celebrated on which date in March?
March 5th Marth 8th March 12th March27
3. If you were born on March 7th, what would your star sign be?
Aries Aquarius Gemini Pisces
4. What is the birthstone of March?
Amethyst Aquamarine Alexandrite Emerald
5. What date does Saint Patrick's Day take place this month?
March 5 March 12 March 17th March 20th
6. Which Roman God is the month of March named after?
Mars Juno Jupiter Minerva
7. What famous board game was invented on March 7th, 1933?
Clue Monopoly Scrabble Battleships
8. Who patented the telephone on March 7th, 1876?
Alexander Graham Bell Thomas Edison
Nikola Tesla Henry Ford
9. What stationery item was invented in March 1845?
Pencil Rubber Band Eraser Stapler
10. In which year did Jeopardy debut on television?
1954 1959 1964 1969

Funny Irish Sayings



In heaven there is no beer;
that's why we drink ours here.

Why should you never iron a
four-leaf clover? You don't want
to press your luck.

May the Lord keep you in His
hand and never close His fist too
tight.

If you're lucky enough to be
Irish, then you're lucky enough.
May the Good Lord take a liking
to you — but not too soon.

May you live to be a hundred
years, with one extra year to
repent.

A good laugh and a long sleep
are the two best cures for
anything.

As you slide down the banister
of life, may the splinters never
point in the wrong direction.

Parish Profile

By The Rev'd Canon Lynne Thackwray

Helen Farewell

Helen was born in Toronto in 1929. She was baptized at The Church of the Redeemer and confirmed at St. Anne's Parish. Helen graduated from Central Tech High School and worked as a long-distance operator for Bell.

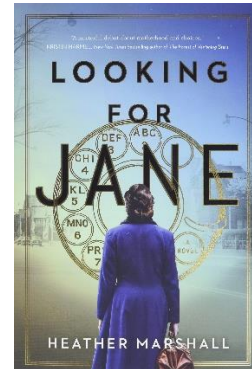
In her twenties, looking for some adventure, she moved to the states and worked as a temp receptionist for a while until getting a job in Los Angeles in the business office of Bell working in small claims court. Her final move before coming back to Canada, was in Santa Monica where she worked for Systems Development Corp, a think tank factory which developed military manoeuvres for the U.S. Army which required her to have security clearance. Helen continued going to church in the states – to the closest episcopal church to where she was.

After moving back to Toronto she met Bill at a dance in 1982 and months later they were married. They moved to Alton where they lived for 10 years. They adopted their daughter Connie and decided to move to Orangeville where Helen worked as a sheriff's bailiff for Tom Collyer. She left the work force permanently after Connie died.

She and Bill have lived in Orangeville for 30 years until bill died last year. Helen is on her own now and still attends St. Mark's as she has done for the past 30 years. You can find her at the 8:30 service most Sunday mornings. Having had to give up her car a few years ago, she is grateful to those parishioners who have offered to pick her for the service.

Book Review

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***Looking for Jane* by Heather Marshall**

A beautifully written book about the history of women and motherhood and the choices that were made as far back as the 60s. Although the book is fiction, it has a solid foundation in historical fact surrounding underground abortion networks and the postwar-era maternity home system/forced adoption mandate in Canada.

The characters in the story will stir up a sense of grief and outrage when you read about events that occurred in our time but were probably unknown by most of us. It is an eye-opening story that still has repercussions for some mother/daughter relationships today.

The author states in her notes that this book is not about "abortion", it is about motherhood – about wanting to be a mother and not wanting to be a mother and all the grey areas in between. I am glad I read this book. I feel a little wiser about human nature and the history of how women have made strides to rise above patriarchy and outdated societal restrictions.

Simple Lent Activities for Families

By The Rev'd Canon Lynne Thackwray

Learn to pray. How active is our prayer life?

Give up something as a family. Jesus fasted for 40 days.

40 bags in 40 days. Instead of or in addition to giving up something for Lent, you could purge a bag's worth of stuff every day during Lent.

Build a Lenten Cross. Similar to an Advent wreath, you light one or more candles each night during dinner for the entire Lenten season.

Observe Passover with a **Christian Passover Dinner.**

Read Easter books. For example "Parable of the Lily" and "One Spring Lamb"

Make a Lamb of God craft. We made these mobiles last year as a way to talk about and remember that Jesus was the lamb of the sacrifice.

Study A Sense of the Resurrection.

Make and study as set of Resurrection Eggs. They are a set of 12 plastic Easter eggs, each containing a trinket related to the Easter story.

Make a prayer chain. Write a person or situation on each of 40 strips of paper and offer a prayer for that person or situation each day..

Serve 40 ways in 40 days Do an act of kindness every day of Lent

Make empty tomb crafts.

Grow something. There are lots of spring bulbs and seeds in stores already, so you should be able to get some inexpensively.

Write a thank you note to your church school teachers. Help your kids to thank them for teaching them about Jesus's death and resurrection.

Bake pretzels. Pretzels were baked during Lent because they can be shaped into posture of prayer, with arms crossed and hands on opposite shoulders

Choose eve a couple of these things to enrich your Lenten journey to Easter



Recipe of the Month

From "Little Old Lady Recipes" by Meg Favreau

Pecan Pie

1 tsp. vanilla	1/4 cup milk
1 cup pecans	5 tbsp butter
1 cup white corn syrup	3 eggs
2/3 cup sugar	piecrust
Pinch of salt	

Mix all ingredients together in a bowl. Pour into an uncooked pie crust. Bake at 250 degrees for 15 minutes and then 350 degrees for another 30 to 40 minutes, or until filling is firm. Makes 1 pie that will put all the other pies at the bake sale to shame.

Poems for the Journey

From the Iona Abbey Worship Book

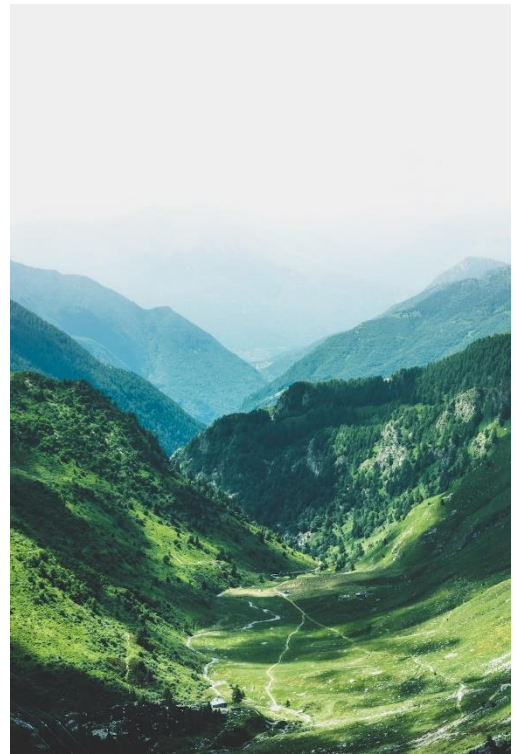
Oh the life of the world

Oh the life of the world is a joy and a treasure,
 unfolding in beauty the green growing tree,
 the changing of seasons in mountain and valley
 the stars and the bright restless sea.

Oh the life of the world is a fountain of
 goodness
 overflowing in labour and passion and pain,
 In the sound of the city and the silence of wisdom,
 in the birth of a child once again.

Oh the life of the world is the source of our healing
 It rises with laughter and wells up in
 song;
 It springs from the care of the poor and the broken
 and refreshes where justice is strong.

So give thanks for the life and give love to the Maker
 and rejoice in the gift of the bright risen Son.
 And walk in the peace and the power of the Spirit
 till the days of our living are done.



Did You Know?

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Did you know... St. Mark's has an active Server's Guild. Another name for server is acolyte, which means "assistant." Servers at St. Mark's assist in all parts of the service and usually serve about once a month. The position of server in the liturgy of the Church is very old. In the Anglican Church it largely fell out of use after the Reformation but was revived in the nineteenth century. Anyone, young or old, may be a server. Thank you to all the servers for their dedication and hard work in assisting in our services of worship. If you are interested in serving please contact Archdeacon Peter Scott.

Clergy Corner

By Deacon Richard Beaudoin



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In 2021 Canon Jackson was awarded the Honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by College of Emmanuel and St. Chad in Saskatoon. For more than 30 years, Michael worked as chief of protocol for the Saskatchewan government. He oversaw security, logistics and etiquette for diplomatic visits which included three visits by Queen Elizabeth II.

Among deacons, Michael played a leading role in building ecumenical relationships. In 2018, he coordinated the International Anglican-Roman Catholic and Ukrainian Catholic conference on the Diaconate at the University of Regina.

Michael's witness was a blessing to everyone who knew him. His loss will be keenly felt by many deacons across Canada and by the whole church. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

(Revised from the Anglican Journal)

Irish Racing Story

By The Rev'd Canon Lynne Thackwray



Racing is a national pastime, I soon got accustomed to the Reverend fathers, rushing past me to get a bet on at the race track. My mate Trev spotted one Reverend father making a big fuss of a horse in the parade ring. Amazingly the horse went on to win the next race easily.

We took great interest when we saw the same Reverend father bless another horse in the next race, blow me, this horse won too. Well we were hot on the Reverend father's coat tails for the third race and as soon as he patted a horse called Foxy Loxy, we raced off to get the best odds we could with the bookies.

Foxy Loxy was well up with the pace on the first circuit, but down the back straight for the second time, Foxy Loxy dropped to the rear. Then to our chagrin it dropped dead by the water jump. When we went back to the bar we fell into conversation with a local, and told him the tale of the Reverend father. 'Be gora' he said, 'you have to learn the difference between when Reverend Murphy is blessing a horse and when he is giving it the last rites'

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY TO YOU.

The Quiet Corner

Thanks to Lee & June Moir

Always Say a Prayer (ASAP)

There's work to do, deadlines to meet,
You've got no time to spare,
But as we hurry and curry,
Always say a prayer.

In the midst of family chaos,
"quality time" is rare,
Do your best: let God do the rest
Always say a prayer.

It may seem like your worries
are more than you can bear,
Slow down and take a breather,
Always say a prayer.

God know how stressful life is;
He wants to ease our
cares,
And He'll respond A.S.A.P. -
ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

March Trivia Quiz Answers

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1. Wales 2. March 8 3. Pisces 4. Aquamarine
5. March 17 6. Mars 7. Monopoly
8. Alexander Graham Bell 9. Rubber band 10. 1964

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