

# The Link



Victoria, BC

## Minister's Corner

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There's a wonderful metaphor for ministry that I came upon many years ago. Imagine a group of people isolated for some reason in a locked room. The room is actually a dungeon, a tower, with slippery sheer stone walls reaching above into darkness. The room is illuminated by the light from one small window in a wall, set high above the floor, inaccessible to any individual. So the days pass with no contact with the outside world and only the daylight beam through the window penetrates the gloom.

Then the people have an idea - they will form a living pyramid, climbing atop one another in tiers, and after some failed attempts they find a way, that needs everyone's participation, for one to climb on the others high enough to look through the window and tell the others what he sees.

It is a great relief to them all, and by hailing passers-by the man atop the others is able to beg from them food and drink, improving all of their lives in the process.

Such is the nature of the privilege that clergy share - we stand on the shoulders not just of saints and scholars of past and present, but are held up by our congregations so that they may have the time to be attentive to God and to report in their living and their preaching what they have seen. They offer the prayers of God's people for the blessings of the Spirit on their lives alone and together. It is a great privilege, intended to lead the leaders not to arrogance but to gratitude and humility.

As we enter the penitential season of Lent this year, it will be a different experience for me. As I mentioned in the announcements during worship on February 27, I will be on Study Leave from March 8 to April 8 inclusive. I will be doing "on-line" courses and reading in support of these. I intend to watch/listen to/study the following:

- "The Living Witness" Duke University's 2010 Pastors' School - 5.7 hours lectures
- Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion - Union Seminary NY City - 18.5 hours lectures
- Seminar on C.S. Lewis - Seattle Pacific University - 12.5 hours lectures
- "A Theological Dialogue with N.T. Wright - Wheaton College - 12 hours lectures
- Re-reading Calvin's "Institutes" in concert with the on-line course will be a challenging task. I also have a number of other books I hope to devour during my leave.

I am glad for the capabilities of Rev. Jenn, Dr. Currie, our Administrator Whitney Hanna, and of the members of Session which provide many capable hands and loving hearts in my absence. In line with our standards, I will also be reporting to Presbytery on my studies.

This is only possible because of the privilege I enjoy as your pastor, called by God and by you and set apart for this task on behalf of all God's people. And I am grateful. Thank you.

Every blessing to you throughout Lent and always.

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## Words from the Assistant Minister

We are about to enter into another year of Lent. It just so happens that preparations for the Lenten journey coincide with annual meetings. In many ways it seems appropriate to reflect on the past year's programs, challenges and events as we turn toward a time of inward reflection and community. Lent is traditionally a time when people give up a luxury like chocolate or chips, but it should also be a time of intentional reflection. I have been reading Jean Stairs *Listening for the Soul* on pastoral care and spiritual direction. In it we come to understand the value of contemplation (both individually and communally). At the beginning of the second chapter she states, "The writer of Acts reminds us that "in him we live

and move and have our being." (Acts 17:28). Such intimate union with God in our earthly journey is meant to become conscious, savoured and interpreted" (pp 37-38). For me this is what Lent is ultimately supposed to be. The reality is that in our busy lives we are not always able to live a contemplative life, but as we tell the students at our Learn to Meditate workshop, the important thing is to make time and try. I hope that your Lenten experience is a time of genuine effort in contemplation.

Try one or more of these contemplative ideas for your Lenten Journey:

- Use the *Join In The Dance* resources on line as a daily devotional [http://www.presbyterian.ca/webfm\\_send/204](http://www.presbyterian.ca/webfm_send/204)
- Start each day with an early morning walk
- Come to the After Work Reflection time on Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30
- Help at the Saturday Morning Breakfasts
- Read a morning and evening prayer with your family
- Come to the Meditation Walk on Thursdays at 3:30 in Finnerty Gardens (UVic Campus)
- Go to an art gallery and get lost in a painting
- Provide Soup/Buns/Cookies for the free UVic Student dinner on March 24 (Speak to Jenn for more information)
- Try a new Spiritual practice and stick with it for Lent
- Come to the Ash Wednesday Service, March 9 at 6pm.

*Jenn Sells*

### Important Dates from the Assistant Minister

Wednesdays	4:30 - 5:30 After Work Reflection - Sanctuary
Thursdays	3:30 Meditation Walk - Finnerty Gardens (UVic)
March 9	6pm Ash Wednesday Service led by youth, young adults and choir - a blended worship with contemporary and contemplative music
March 15-18	Camp VIP Spring Break Teen Camp - Camp Pringle For more information about the camp or to have a portion of the registration subsidized contact Rev Jenn
March 23	12 - 3pm UVic Diversity Day— a unified celebration of our diverse religious traditions
March 24	Learn To Meditate Workshop followed by a Soup Dinner provided by St Andrew's
March 25	7pm Youth Group in the Kirk Hall
March 27	7pm Prayers and Pints Young Adult Group Meeting at Smith's Pub, 777 Courtney St.



Congratulations to  
Stewart & Vivienne Burnett  
on their  
63rd wedding anniversary on  
March 9,  
from your friends at  
**St. Andrew's!**

## Remembering Bill

I wonder how Bill might have written this article. I expect it would have been somewhat tongue in cheek with a headline like – “Promotion of Long-Time Editor” and a subtitle “New Opportunities for Service Created”.

Last week well over four hundred gathered to give thanks for the life and faithful service of Bill McColl. Bill would have been pleased to see a full church but no doubt a bit embarrassed by the outpouring of accolades from the assembled multitude. He was a humble man with a generous heart and an abundance of talent that he shared willingly with so many. A group photo from the 1990's of a large and vibrant Sunday School recalled his years as superintendent. With Bill smiling from the rear rank we see the eager faces of so many young people who are now raising families of their own. The presence of the choir recalled Bill's gifts of music. We heard how he met Mary through his



early years in the choir at St Andrew's. He was always ready at the piano to lend a hand at a sing along, fill in as the organist or just play for the joy of playing. His brother Masons had gathered, of course, to recall his service in that fraternity that has such deep roots in our congregation. The Scots in the crowd fondly remembered Bill, the butcher from

James Bay who not only made the best haggis in town but could also provide an eloquent recitation to add flavour at a Burns dinner. The elders gathered recalled over forty years as a faithful servant in the courts of the church. At least seven members of the clergy were in attendance. In recent years he had served as our representative elder at Presbytery through difficult times. His wise counsel was acknowledged by all in his recent term as Moderator of

Presbytery.

The striking thing about Bill McColl was not so much his talent and the breadth of his accomplishments but rather how he influenced those around him. He was a man who listened, who thought before he spoke and cared deeply about his church and others. We will all miss his friendly smile, ready wit and sage advice to be sure. But Bill would also want us to fill the breach. You don't need to be a giant to fill my shoes he would tell us; you simply need to be willing to heed the call. There is *The Link* of course that is looking for a new Editor and new writers, the Choir looking for new members, our young people looking for leaders, and our session looking for elders. Bill will be missed, but let us respond not in sorrow but in service.

*Jim Kempling*

Song written by Bill McColl when he was superintendent of Sunday School (tune *It's a Small Small World*).

### St. Andrew's Kids

We're St Andrew's kids,  
and we're here to learn,  
of our saviour's love,  
and his deep concern.  
Oh what fun, oh what joy,  
for each girl and each boy,  
in St Andrew's Sunday school!

Jesus teach us how to grow,  
straight and true, and ever know  
how to live the golden rule,  
in St Andrew's Sunday school!

## In Loving Memory

And God shall wipe away  
all tears from their eyes;  
and there shall be no more  
death, neither sorrow, nor  
crying, neither shall there  
be any more pain....

Rev. 21:4

**Edna Walton**  
Joined 1999

**Bill McColl**  
Joined 1953

**Margery McEown**

# Property Committee



## BALLET VICTORIA RENOS

The Ballet Victoria troop and school have been using our space since February 1—due to the needed construction in the Lecture Room, Ballet Victoria has using the gym in the Kirk Hall and will continue to do so until the renovations in the Lecture Room are complete. As an added bonus of this arrangement, we are enjoying the music that floats into the office and around the Kirk Hall.

The new pillars have been fabricated and delivered. It is hoped that all will be finished by the beginning of the second week of March. “The old kitchen” under the stairs, has been given new life.



The joint fundraiser/performance on Saturday, February 26, proved very popular, was well attended and much enjoyed.

*David McLean*



Before - showing the cast iron pillar barely holding up the McLean Room floor.

*fotosbymitchell*



After - showing the first part of the support held in place with brackets.

### FOUND DURING RENOVATIONS!

While renovating for Ballet Victoria the following was found written in pencil behind the curve at the bottom of the stairs:

**Sept. 22, 1889**  
**William Murray**  
**John Muirhead**

Presumably William Murray and John Muirhead were two of the carpenters who worked on the building around that date. And they did not go thirsty, as also found under the stairs was an empty beer bottle from *Silver Springs Brewery*, a local brewing company. It is unclear how long this company operated, but it may have been until the 1950s.

*Mike Werth*

### ***Wish I'd Said That***

If you have an apple and I have an apple and we exchange apples then you and I will still each have one apple. But if you have an idea and I have an idea and we exchange these ideas, then each of us will have two ideas.

*George Bernard Shaw*

## St Andrew's Walkers

We are happy to report that we did have our first walking adventure and it was a glorious day. As expected, there was a variety of ages and walking ability but we enjoyed each other's company and the beautiful setting and the opportunity to get out and walk together.

We are hoping to meet regularly on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month at 1 pm at different locations throughout the city. Our main criteria at this point for choosing a location is to find places that are near a bus route, has areas for parking, and is flat or easy to manage (paved sidewalks or walkways). One of our "little walkers" brought his bike with him. Another one of our walkers has some back problems so it makes sense to look for some easier walking paths.

We would welcome more walkers to join us. Our next walking adventure is planned for Saturday, March 12 beginning at the breakwater on Dallas Road and walking towards Mile 0 with a possible stop at the Beacon Drive-in. We'd love to have you join us. If you have been to a park or trail that meets our criteria and would like to suggest a possible walking adventure for us, please email me at [info@ruthmccowan.ca](mailto:info@ruthmccowan.ca) or talk to Bruce or myself.

We are looking forward to exploring new areas of our city. We are so blessed to live in such a beautiful area with lots of walking opportunities.

**Ruth McCowan**



## Congregational Life

The committee is working on communication strategies that will stretch our advertising dollars to the ultimate. We will be changing the signage outside the church on a regular basis, so look for a new sign each month. We will be creating seasonal handouts that give information not only to the congregation but also to the public at large. We will be asking people to take the handouts and distribute them to friends and family and indeed to anyone they think would be interested.

We will be cleaning up the narthex and creating a more friendly environment for visitors and giving them ready access to current information about St Andrew's and the activities that occur. We will be creating a St Andrew's information area by the Broughton Street door so that the ballet staff, students and families will be aware of our activities.

We are presently looking at planning a church event to raise our profile, but more importantly to show people that we do interesting things. So stay tuned for further details!

**Sabine Teetzel**  
**Colina Titus**

## Women's Saturday Morning Breakfast

The ladies have decided that it would be convenient to meet at the Cafeteria in The Bay for a time of fellowship. We will have a chance to visit with one another and choose our breakfasts. We are continuing to raise funds to refurbish the Lecture Room.



Saturday 10:00 am  
April 2  
May 7

The Bay Cafeteria (Top Floor)

Cost: your breakfast plus donation to the Lecture Room Refurbishment Fund. (suggested donation \$5).

## Catechism

*What is the significance of affirming that Jesus is truly human?*

Jesus was human in every respect in order that from within our humanity our sin may be redeemed. Tried and tested as we are, yet without sin, Jesus is able to help all those who are being tested.

Heb 2:14-18 Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil ... For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Phil 2:5-8 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness and being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

*How can Jesus be both truly God and truly human?*

Jesus' divine-human unity is a mystery. He was fully divine and fully human. His humanity and divinity were neither mixed nor divided but joined in one person. How this can be, eludes our comprehension. Yet only someone who is truly God and truly human can be our mediator bridging the distance between God and ourselves.

1 Tim 2:5-6 For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human who gave himself a ransom for all.

1 Tim 3:16 Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.

*How did Jesus bridge that distance?*

By assuming, fulfilling, and transforming the ancient offices of prophet, priest and king, Jesus reconciled us to God. As prophet, he speaks most clearly the word of God; as priest, he offered himself for us; as king, he rules over us.

Rom 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled will we be saved by his life.

Col 1:21-22 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable

## The Prayer Team

We continue to pray for those in emergency or difficult situations. If you would like to join our prayer team or have a prayer concern please contact me at 250-589-7413 or email [info@ruthmccowan.ca](mailto:info@ruthmccowan.ca). We do not meet as a group to do public praying so you don't have to be afraid that you might be called on to pray out loud. Our prayer team prays in the privacy of their own home and receives the prayer requests either by phone or by email. The prayer requests are given using their first names as we believe that God knows the situation and we don't need to know all the details in order to pray for someone. Sometimes it is important to the individual being prayed for to have that privacy and we have strict rules for confidentiality.

We do meet monthly for fellowship and to receive updates on the prayer requests. The updates are also sent out through email and telephone messages for those who have not attended the prayer fellowship. Our next prayer fellowship will be at 12:30 (please note change of time) at the Harbourview Restaurant (5<sup>th</sup> floor in The Bay) at the Bay Centre for lunch.

***Ruth McCowan***

Origins: who said that ?

“To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.”

***St. Thomas Aquinas***

## Mr Quarter Fund 2010

Throughout the year Mr Quarter has provided funds to assist the working poor and those less fortunate in our community for example funds were provided for a family to travel from Nanaimo to Victoria to visit their baby in Neonatal Intensive Care and about six hundred pairs of socks and assorted toiletries to the guests at the Saturday Morning Breakfasts. (\$900.00)

The congregational Share the Joy of Christmas outreach to the community filled the request for 45 gift bags for the men and women residents of Our Place. There were many donated items and gift bags. The remaining items were purchased with donations to the fund. The gift bags consisted of woolen socks, toiletries, chocolate treats, daily planner, warm gloves and a toque. Lawrie Matheson knitted toques of many colours and a colleague of Cathy McKenzie's donated a box of lovely scarves and hats. All gifts were received with great delight by the residents of Our Place. (\$1,000.00)

Twenty-two turkeys were supplied to Our Place for their traditional Christmas dinner. As always this is one of the dinners offered at Christmas which is a highlight of the season and well attended by many in the community. (\$425)

Thank you to all the amazing people who continue to support this outreach to our community through their many donations.

The current balance is about \$2000. I plan to provide socks and toiletries to the Saturday Morning breakfast folk and address requests as they are given to me.

Respectfully submitted,  
***Kathy Mackinnon***



*fotosbymackinnon*



These helpers are writing individual Christmas cards to the 45 persons at Our Place receiving a gift bag from St. Andrew's.



The whole Sunday school helped—there was a great turn out!



### Like a river glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,  
Over all victorious, in its bright increase:  
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day;  
Perfect, yet it groweth, deeper all the way.

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blessed;  
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow, of His blessed hand,  
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;  
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,  
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.

Every joy or trial falleth from above,  
Traced upon our dial by the sun of love.  
We may trust Him fully all for us to do;  
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.

Frances Ridley Havergal was born in 1836, a 'daughter of the manse', to Anglican minister Henry, and his wife Jane Havergal, both very earnest evangelical Christians.

By all accounts, Frances was an exceptional child, the last of a family of six, she was an adored child with a wonderful sunny fairness and brightness that she kept through her life.

As a child she demonstrated a command of language which grew with her as she matured. A prolific writer, she produced many devotional tracts, religious poems, and hymns, which were collected and published in several books after her death in 1879. Her gift was her ability to express from her heart her ecstatic love of Jesus Christ in a way that others could easily understand.

Unfortunately Frances was not a strong person and passed away at the age of 42. As she lay in her last days, Frances was asked if she feared death, to which she replied that she had no fear of going home in love to a place where love has no ending. Her sister who was present

at her passing tells of her sister's face becoming suffused with a celestial glow just before she died.

Frances lived her life as one of adoration of her Lord. As a young child, as she relates in her diary, she was troubled that she could not love her Lord enough, and could not be worthy of him. She strove to serve Him in all that she wrought, and prayed constantly for guidance that she might understand what

God wanted of her. This total commitment of herself to Christ shines through the words.

We are grateful for the words of assurance in this hymn. The melody was written especially by James Mountain who was born in Leeds, Yorkshire, England 1844 – 1933. Mountain was also an evangelical preacher and composer of hymn tunes following the style of Dwight L Moody and Ira D Sankey. The tune is called Wye Valley, a district around the village of Wye near Ashford, Kent. He was trained at the Rotherham College and served some time at the Anglican church in Tunbridge Wells.

There is in Toronto an independent boarding school for girls, Havergal College, named in memory of Frances Havergal. The mission of the school is "to prepare young women to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by developing their full intellectual, creative, spiritual and physical potential." The College has many gifted alumnae who have gone on to illustrious careers, including: Dr Carolyn Bennett (Liberal MP), Margot Kidder

(actress), Senator Linda Frum (journalist). A worthy legacy of a woman whose lifework covered many philanthropic works, leading the way for women of this century.

Frances was friendly with another young woman of intelligence and ability, Florence Nightingale. Florence came of a wealthy family whose expectations for their daughter were certainly not that she become a nurse, a profession that had a very low standing at the time.

Florence believed that she had been called by God to be a nurse, and her vision was of a nursing corps dedicated to the care of the wounded, and the sick. She is known to everyone as the Lady of the Lamp, whose lonely lamp could be glimpsed as she patrolled the miles of tents and beds of the injured during the Crimean War. Florence is best remembered for her establishment of her nursing school at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, the first secular nursing school in the world. The Nightingale Pledge taken by new nurses was named for her. International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world on her birthday.

These two admirable women spent their lives in service of their Lord. My own grandmother was proud of her two sisters, Effie and Esme, who were trained in Edinburgh and served their working lives in the mission in Morocco, caring for the sick, and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. I remember as a boy being fascinated by their tales of what they had seen and done in the name of their Lord whose name was forever on their lips.

May God bless us all with such faith.

*John Parkinson*

## St Andrew's Men's Breakfast

We had our first men's breakfast of this century on Saturday, February 26. Four of us met in the Harbour View Restaurant on the fifth floor of The Bay Centre. It was decided that we would continue to meet there again for our breakfasts which will be the third Saturday of every month.

We had four short tours following the breakfast. The first tour was one in the Good Life Fitness Gym on the fourth floor of The Bay Centre. The views from their southern windows provided a good look at our church. The second tour was of church renovations for youth of the Island Dance Studio. We looked at how the former men's choir room had been converted into their office. The old kitchen downstairs below it had been remodeled into a change and lounge area. The washroom and hallway at the bottom of the stairs had been repainted. We looked at work in progress in the Lecture Room. They will use this room part time to practice in as well as sharing Ballet Victoria's space upstairs. Their youth will start using these rooms once they relocate from the

Kirk Hall. Our third tour was in the McLean Room and adjoining ones upstairs where Ballet Victoria will be operating. They have two offices, a change room, a wash room and a new dance floor in the McLean Room itself. And our last tour was into the gym in the Kirk Hall to see the Ballet Victoria dancers practicing for their matinee performance that day.

Our next meeting will be March 19 at 10am at the Harbour View Restaurant (5<sup>th</sup> floor in The Bay at The Bay Centre). All men are invited. For more information, contact Bruce McCowan at 250-588-7413 or email [brucemccowan@ymail.com](mailto:brucemccowan@ymail.com)

**Bruce McCowan**

## Session

Over the next few months your elder will be asking you some questions about St Andrew's. These questions are all aimed at creating a St Andrew's that serves its members and adherents but also will help us to understand how we can attract others to our community. We will also be asking for your email address and the permission to use it to send the Link and announcements of upcoming events.

Session encourages us all to take part in the services being held during Lent and the Easter seasons.

The Reverend Doctor Victor will be on study leave March 8 - April 8 inclusive. The session joins the congregation in wishing him an interesting and fulfilling Study Leave and look forward to benefiting from and hearing about all of his activities.

**Sabine Teetzel**



### *The things People Say.....*

Physical activity and sports not only improves you physical and mental health, but also adds years to your life. Exercising and sports help you achieve emotional and physical balance, improves flexibility and strength. Interesting enough, the Swedish study found that **people, who play golf, live longer** than other people, because they spend more time outdoors. Playing outdoors also helps your body produce vitamin D that is released in response to sunlight. Vitamin D plays an important role in preventing a great number of age-related problems, such as heart disease, cancer, diabetes and other serious health conditions.



The best wishes of the congregation go out to Margaret Trowsdale who will turn 96 on March 24!

Many happy returns Margaret!

## Sunday School News

Sunday School has moved! The Social Suite in the Kirk Hall has been transformed! Using much of the furniture that was there, and importing other furniture and all teaching materials and aids, the room now has a play area for the youngest, two sizes of tables and chairs in a work area, and comfy seating for story telling and Bible study. The teachers say it's a real treat to have hot water!

Deborah Clark and Neil Kempling, with help of others along the way, have worked with the kids to learn stories from the Bible and to create puppets enabling them to retell the stories. It has been a fantastic experience for the participants, but the small number of children attending Sunday School, and their ages, makes it impossible to sustain the activity. Thanks to all those who have been involved.

The school Spring Break is coming up. This is a time when families often take a break from the routine and travel to distant places or choose to "become a tourist in your hometown". The result: there are few, if any, young people for Sunday School. This year, there will be no Sunday School on March 13 and March 20.

Activity packages will be provided for the young children's use during the church services on those two Sundays.

Sunday School will resume on March 27, will be organized as a multi-age class, and will continue through April 17. Easter Sunday, April 24, will be an intergenerational church service with children attending with their families.

More changes after Easter, but more about that later.

*Ann Shaffer*



FAMILY SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 27



Three scripture readers:  
Stewart Clark  
Christa McCowan  
Grace Bernard



St. Andrew's Sunday School waiting to perform.

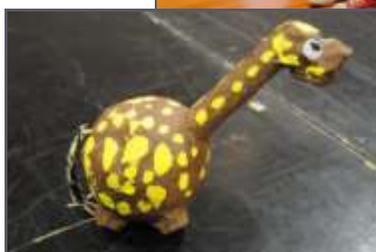
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The set for, *In the beginning God created ...*



Isaac Verwey and his creation



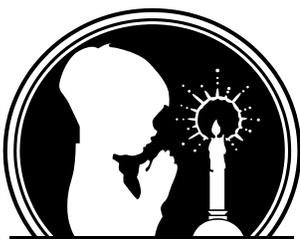
The crew who are grateful to God, even for broccoli and mushrooms!



Gavin Kierulf playing the Postlude

### A Child's Prayer

Now, before I run to play,  
Let me not forget to pray  
To God who kept me through the night  
And waked me with the morning light.  
Help me, Lord, to love thee more  
Than I ever loved before,  
In my work and in my play  
Be thou with me through the day.



## The Sari Diaries

The following are excerpts from Michelle Verwey's blog <http://pccweb.ca/michelleverwey>

**December 28** - Recently on the news (Sorry I am in Jobat, where I cannot get an English newspaper to quote directly ) outrageous inflation of onions has been front and center. Onions are a requirement for basic cooking in India. *Everyone* uses them daily, perhaps for every meal.

Last year onions were approximately 27 rupees per kilo. Three weeks ago onions were 54 rupees/kilo. In these past few weeks the prices have sky-rocketed to 80 rupees/kilo at the wholesale price. In the bazaar in Jobat, the price of onions was 100 rupees/kilo just before Christmas.

From what I have gathered, the increase in the price of onions is attributed to the flooding of many fields across the states of Rajasthan and Maharashtra. Despite the low supply of onions in the country, wholesalers continued to export onions to other countries, including Pakistan (which was always noted on the news stations).

Approximately 15 years ago, the national Congress party was ousted by the general public very swiftly when inflation of the cost of onions caused the average person to be unable to purchase a most necessary ingredient.

Politicians are aware the prices of onions today could leave them without a job tomorrow. In an effort to regulate onion prices politicians have banned the export of onions until the New Year. This move has not immediately dropped the price of onions. Wholesalers are hoarding onions

causing an artificial shortage, so politicians are still crying over the prices of onions ...

**January 12** - Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> the rural community health nursing practicum began in Jobat with my class of 22 students. Initially, we planned for 3 weeks of practical experience; however, 15 hours prior to leaving the Graduate School in Indore, I was told the practicum would be 13 days. The schedule was rearranged with 99% of the activities remaining in the condensed timeframe.

Monday, our day of orientation, can be likened to a warm up before a marathon- no, a triathlon. The class warmed-up for their practicum by touring the Jobat Community Health Centre, Jobat Christian Hospital, and Isobel McConnell Auxiliary Nurse Midwife School.

The students learned about the Community Health Centre's objectives:

1. To develop community health programme in 3-5 miles of radius by working with community to help them assess felt needs and help to develop plan for improvement.
2. To train workers chosen by the village for public health work.
3. Improve the health of the community
4. Minimal curative care.
5. Encourage the community to become more nation minded.....

**January 13** - "Aunty!! Aunty!! How are you?" Six children on the hospital compound shriek after me. I have just finished chai and daily reflective evaluation with

my students in the sun outside the bungalow. Heading from the bungalow to Pauline's home on the other side of the compound, young children and their younger siblings are playing and can easily recognize me. These kids are probably between the ages of 3 to 6 years old.

I wave back "Mein theek hun. Aap kaise hai?" This reply produces roars of laughter among the kids. It doesn't help that usually by the end of a long day of running around my sari loosens and tightens in the wrong spots. I struggle to kick my foot forward, freeing my ankles where the sari has tightened. Another round of laughter ripples through the group. I join in. ...

**January 17** - A school health nurse who ventures beyond the topic of hand washing in India can be up against a lot of criticism. Teaching taboo topics which promote safe healthy growth and development may be over looked by some school health nurses. When I assigned a group of my students to educate students on maturation, puberty and developing into responsible citizens (I call it 'maturation education' because you sure are NOT to say the "S-word" here), they were very hesitant. These women are experienced nurses, many of whom have been working on maternity units. One is a nurse anaesthetist. I was a little surprised. I thought, surely as nurses these women know the value of people being well informed and able to care for their own bodies. ...

## KAIROS – Urgent Action Request

The PCC's Justice Ministries just released an urgent action document requesting Presbyterians across Canada to write Prime Minister Stephen Harper and request full CIDA funding for KAIROS' March 2010 global partnership program. Background details are provided in the document below. Justice Ministries is asking people to spread the word and send their letter to Parliament by Friday, March 4, 2011.(or as soon as possible)

Urgent Action Requests - Justice Ministries  
February 18, 2011 



*“Mission is service, a call to help people in need and to permeate all of life with the compassion of God.”*

Living Faith 9.1.3

**This is an urgent letter. Please respond by Friday, March 4, 2011.**

In November 2009, International Cooperation Minister, the Honourable Bev Oda, decided to not fund KAIROS' 2009-2013 global partnership program. Presbyterians in 24 presbyteries wrote to or met with their Members of Parliament, seeking a reversal of this decision. The decision was not reversed. In March 2010 KAIROS submitted a new program proposal.

On October 19, 2010, the Moderator of the 136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010), The Rev. Dr. Herbert F. Gale wrote to Prime Minister Stephen Harper to express General Assembly's disappointment with the decision to not fund the initial program proposal. General Assembly requested that KAIROS' application submitted in March 2010 receive full funding. As of February 18, 2011 no decision had been made.

In October 2010, Embassy Magazine published an article drawing on internal CIDA documents concerning KAIROS. The journalist who wrote the article accessed these internal documents through the Freedom of Information Act (FIA). KAIROS was not involved the FIA inquiry and full credit is given to the journalists who did this research. Links to news articles are on page 3.

Please write to Prime Minister Stephen Harper requesting that KAIROS' March 2010 application receive full CIDA funding. The form letter on page 2 can be adapted for your use. Please remember to copy the document to your Member of Parliament, and to Justice Ministries ([kmasterton@presbyterian.ca](mailto:kmasterton@presbyterian.ca)).

Detailed information can be found on [KAIROS' website](#).

### TAKING ACTION

Please write to Prime Minister Stephen Harper asking that the March 2010 KAIROS global partnership program receive full CIDA funding.

Please pray for our twenty-one partners who have been impacted by the decision to not fund KAIROS' global development program.

Please note that there is not enough space in this Link to reprint the suggested form letter, but it can be accessed at <http://www.presbyterian.ca/pconnect/daily/4851>

Submitted by  
*Peter Lewis*

# Lent and Easter Services

Ash Wednesday  
March 9, 2011, 6:00 pm

Midweek Reflections  
Every Wednesday ~ 4:30 - 5:30 pm.  
An opportunity for self guided meditative reflection.

Maundy Thursday  
April 21, 2011 ~ 6:00 pm  
Communion will be served.

Good Friday  
April 22, 2011 ~ 10:30 am

Good Friday Hike  
April 22, 2011 ~3:00 pm  
For more details call the church office

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service  
April 24, 2011 ~ 7:30 am ~ Mount Tolmie  
Join with Lutheran Church of the Cross .

Easter Sunday  
April 24, 2011 ~ 10:30 am  
Communion will be served. .



## It's Time

to have another  
TIME and Talent  
Dinner and Auction



Remember the fun we had last time? Windows were cleaned, silver polished, groceries bought, **cookies baked, gardens tidied ...all because we shared our time, talents and wallets.**

So think about what you would like to share, and mark Saturday, May 28 on the calendar. More **details to come from the T'nT Group.**

Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day!

**Advance Notice:**  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
~ Palm Sunday afternoon ~

Concert with a group of students from California: singers, bell ringers, a teen prodigy organist etc.

More to follow in the April *Link* when the program is set.

Palm Sunday - April 17

Don't forget to ...  
  
**Spring Forward!**  
on March 13

*Thrift Shop*

*Open: first and third  
Tuesday  
10 - noon.*

*Donations welcome.*

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# St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



# March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10-Noon Thrift Shop Open	2	3 7:30pm Choir Sanctuary	4	5 10am Women's Breakfast Bay Cafeteria
6 10:30am Worship Service Rev. Dr. Ian Victor Congregational AGM	7 7pm Bible Study 4077 Beam Cr.	8 6:30 Handbell Choir Sanctuary	9 4:30-5:30 After Work Reflection - Sanctuary 6pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service	10 7:30pm Choir Sanctuary	11 1pm Breakfast Setup Kirk Hall Host: St. Andrew's	12 8am Breakfast/Needy Kirk Hall Host: St. Andrew's 1pm St Andrew's Walkers
13 10:30am Worship Service Rev. Jenn Geddes	14 7pm Bible Study 4077 Beam Cr.	15 10-Noon Thrift Shop Open 6:30 Handbell Choir Sanctuary	16 4:30-5:30 After Work Reflection - Sanctuary 10pm Out of the Rain Kirk Hall	17 7:30pm Choir Sanctuary <b>Happy St. Patrick's Day</b>	18	19 10am Men's Breakfast Harbour View Restaurant Noon-6pm Pearson College Lunch
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