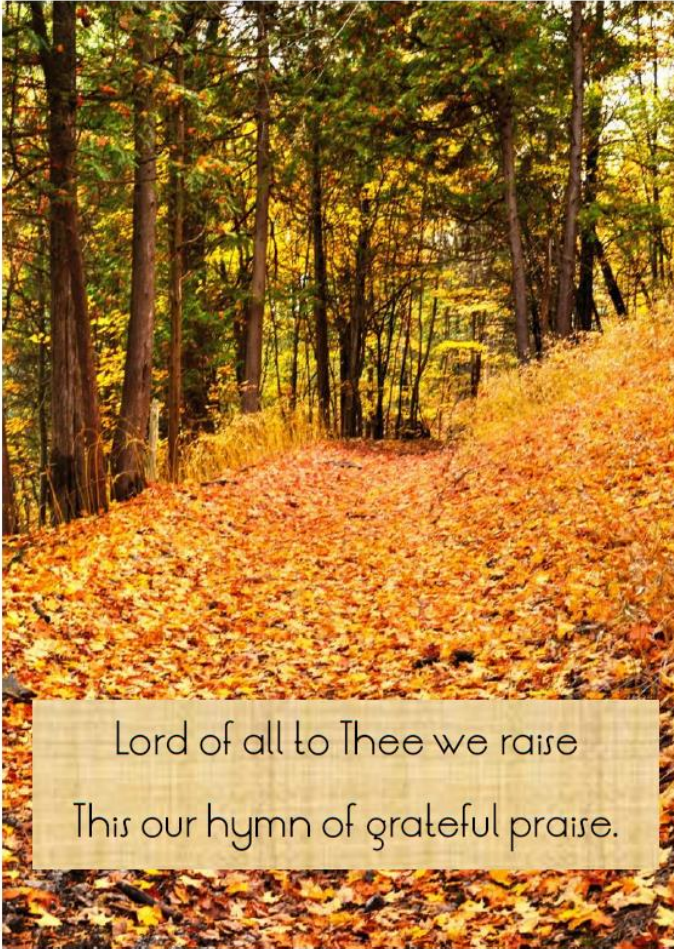


St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church Picton

The Vine



Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

David Gilbert

Thanksgiving 2019

St. Mary Magdalene Milestones

Birthdays Gerry Wheeler (100 years!)

Anniversaries

David and Loraine Gilbert (50th)

Mike and Pat Barker (60th)



Weddings

Emily Richardson and Kyle Blakely - August 23

Abbey Owens and Jeff Maw - August 24



Passings

Robert Barrett Tom Field Marjorie Pearsall Carl Tripple

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Our Rector's Message

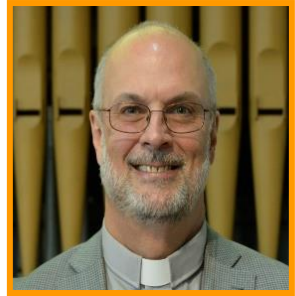
Thanksgiving invites us to give thanks: for our lives, for the beauty and bounty of creation, and for God who made it all. The invitation is useful, because we don't always feel thankful.

For some, feeling thankful towards God is complicated, because sometimes God seems like a cosmic dentist, telling you what to do to look after yourself, and inflicting pain on you when you don't do it properly. Most people recognize the need for a dentist, but after an hour in the chair, thankfulness isn't necessarily the first thing that comes to mind. My own dentist once complained that not only are many of his patients not especially thankful for all his careful work, they also have a kind of sadistic attitude towards him, because they always laugh if they accidentally bite him. He told me this while I was laughing after I had just accidentally bitten him. Oddly enough, he didn't think being bitten was funny at all.

Well, I don't enjoy time in a dentist's chair, but I am thankful for the careful work my dentist does. I am even more thankful for all the other things I appreciate in my life and the life of our parish. I am grateful for a full summer of music, including Michael Goodwin's mid-week concerts and another wonderful Jazz Mass with the Brian Barlow Quartet. I am grateful for the visitors who came to our church in the summer months, and the volunteers who greeted them. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to develop ways to reach out to younger members of the community, for *Food for Souls and Bodies* which resumes in October, and for everyone who supports that programme. And I could go on.

Our gatherings in church Sunday by Sunday are a great time and place to make a point of saying thank you to God. I look forward to joining with you for worship this Thanksgiving.

Yours faithfully, *Charles*



David Gilbert

Parishioner Profile: *David Gilbert*

The lovely fall photographs featured in this edition of *The Vine* are by David Gilbert, a member of our parish.

Here David shares with us his background in photography:

“My passion for photography has been a part of me for quite a number of years.



When living in Toronto I joined the Toronto Camera Club and was an active member for more than 20 years. I was involved with the workings of the club and learned a great deal about photography. I organized outings with the club venturing to Algonquin Park for the beauty of the fall colours and in the spring of the year I organized a trip to the Bruce Peninsula for the beautiful wild flowers.

When my wife Loraine and I retired to The County in 2000 I knew my passion for photography would be exhilarated by the beauty of Prince Edward County and I would, with every opportunity, venture out with my camera to capture what the Joy of Photography truly means to me.

I have been accepted into the Eastern Ontario Photographic Show and Sale (CLIC), the Friends of Sandbanks Show and Sale and the Macauley Museum Art Show and Sale. I have also exhibited at a number of other venues: Paper Images Gallery. The Waring House, The Bean Counter, Picton’s Historic Regent Theatre and Picton’s Shire Hall.



I am also co-founder of the current camera club, The Prince Edward County Photography Club, formed in 2013.

When I am asked what my favourite photograph is, I say, “I haven’t taken it yet!”

David Gilbert

COMING EVENTS @ St. Mary Magdalene

Plan to attend and/or help with the **CHRISTMAS TEA, BAKE SALE AND MORE** in the parish hall on Saturday, November 2nd, 11:00 to 2:30. We will need sandwiches and baking for the tea, baking for the bake table, preserves for grandma's cupboard as well as items for raffle baskets, white elephant table and silent auction. A sign-up sheet with exact requirements will be available after Thanksgiving.

Please participate in this important fundraiser. For more information, please speak with Nell Kottick, Pauline Smith or Helen Pinkerton

Food for Souls and Bodies makes a return on Tuesdays, October 22 and November 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Join in this fun gathering to share in creative crafts, stories, songs and a tasty meal. Something for everyone: singles, families, ages 0 to 99! And ... it's free!



MUSICAL EVENTS @ ST. MM

Join Brian Barlow leading a group of talented musicians for our annual **Jazz Vespers Service** marking Remembrance Day on November 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Not-to-be-missed is Michael Goodwin's **County Chamber Choir** performance of "Music for Advent" at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 30. Tickets \$20.

Command Performance presents **Yuletide Evergreens** concert on Friday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 available at Books and Company. Portion of proceeds to support the Food Bank.

Fran Kellar talks Cheese History!



Fran Kellar

Growing up, we children all believed the moon was made of green cheese!

Back in the day, in every little hamlet of the County, the milk was brought by the farmers to the cheese factory by horse-drawn wagons, and later, milk was delivered by truck. We could hear the rattling sounds of the milk cans coming down the road.

This year we all celebrated the 50th anniversary of man landing on the moon – a momentous event. 50 years ago, my husband, Lewis, was cheese maker at Black River Cheese Factory and I

was responsible for sales. At that time 90 lb. cheeses were made, waxed and aged until it was cut into thirds and a large cheese knife was used to cut whatever the customer asked for by weight. In later years, the cheese

was made into 40 lb. blocks, aged, then cut and vacuum-sealed into smaller pieces making it much easier to handle.



Black River Cheese Factory 1971

The cheese was made with either white or coloured curds and if the curds got mixed together, it was considered second grade cheese and, by law, could not be sold. So, 50 years ago we mixed some white curd and colored curds together making a mixed cheese, keeping it secretly under wraps for 30 days, then cutting it. We called it **Moon Cheese!** We sold it to the farmers that sent milk to the cheese factory. One day an inspector came in for his regular inspection, walked into the curing room and said, “OK Fran, where is the moon cheese? I just had some for dinner at my neighbor’s last night and it was really good!” The head officials eventually decided to call it marble cheese instead of moon cheese and this opened the door to making the variety cheeses which we all enjoy today.

In the County at one time there were approximately 26 cheese factories in operation. When man landed on the moon in 1969, there remained only six factories making cheddar cheese in the County. Now today there is only one factory that makes specialty cheese and most cheese making today is automated.

At Black River, we won several awards with our cheese in far-away places such as England. The prize money we received, after entry fees and shipping costs, was a grand total of 2 Pounds! The cheque and other small items were donated to the dairy section of the Farm Town Museum in Stirling, Ontario. We had also made cheese for other cheese factories such as Moira Valley, Pine Grove, Plum Hollow and even in Prince Edward Island.

Sadly, working on cement floors for many years caused injury to Lewis and he had both knees replaced and eventually lost both his legs. Approximately 15 years ago, our dear friends of the St. Mary Magdalene "Never-Ending Construction Crew" removed a section of pew to accommodate his wheelchair so he wasn't sitting in the aisle. If you have ever wondered why that section of the pew was removed, now you know!



Lewis Kellar

So, if we put a man on the moon, we can also press a button to put milk into an automated machine to make a block of cheese! And, by the way, we now know the moon is not made of green cheese.

Fran Kellar



Autumn Reflections by David Gilbert

PHOTO CREDITS (following two pages) clockwise from top left: David Gilbert, David Gilbert, Penny Kitchen, David Gilbert, next 3: Joe Parisi, David Gilbert

Gratitude...



For the beauty of the earth
For the beauty of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of night

For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild.

***Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise***



Taking time to give thanks

St. MM ... and all that Jazz

Every one of us who walked through the doors of St. MM on Jazz Mass Sunday, August 18 knew we were going to sing, *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*. After all, isn't it the Jazz Mass anthem? We swayed and sang, clapped our hands and tapped our feet to the familiar melody and words for our Offertory Hymn - already inspired and moved by the irresistibly compelling rhythms and improvs of the talented Brian Barlow Quartet.

The miracle of the water into wine at the wedding in Cana could not have been a more appropriate Gospel reading for this celebration of the best Prince Edward County has to offer. Was it a coincidence that it was the scheduled reading for the day? And true to form, with great humour and dry wit, Charles made the most of this miraculous story to engage the overflow congregation in its meaning for our daily lives.

Did we all *have* to sing the powerful 'A-men' along with our own St. MM choir? Yes!

Were we all moved to tears by the choir and quartet's beautiful rendition of Oscar Peterson's *Hymn to Freedom*? Yes!

Did the Brian Barlow Quartet touch our very souls with their interpretations of well-known church and secular music? Yes!

Did we all appreciate the wonderfully moving combining of traditional liturgy with the freedom and creativity of musical improv? **YES!**



Brian Barlow Quartet with Choir

Like water into wine, we were transformed by something extraordinary that made us all a little happier, a little lighter, and very thankful for being part of such a special day in our Church.

Altar Guild Leadership Changes Hands



After 14 years of faithfully serving as Leader of the St. Mary Magdalene Altar Guild, Helen Pinkerton retired on Sunday, August 4. Charles paid tribute to her guidance, care, attention to detail and diligent service. In turn, Helen thanked her team and made special mention of Nell Kottick's assistance.



During the same service, Charles commissioned Marie Connor as new Altar Guild Co-ordinator.

Thank you, Helen and Marie, for your dedicated service.

The ROC: One of our Youth Ministries

The ROC (Recreation Outreach Center) is one of St. Mary Magdalene's core youth ministries

Since 2000, the ROC has provided a variety of programs to youth in a safe and nurturing environment to promote their personal, social and academic development. They believe that every young person in Prince Edward County should have the opportunity and resources to excel in life. There is no cost to participate in their programs, and healthy snacks and transportation are provided when needed. The ROC presents barrier-free programs in school, after-school, and at the youth center. In grades 7 and 8 across The County, in-school programs are offered to girls (Girls ROCK It!) and to boys (GUY TIME). The after-school programs cater to grades 1 to 6 and the Youth Centre to 12 to 18 year olds. Last year, 2018-19, 110 students participated in the in-school programs, 40 in after-school and 270 registered at the Youth Centre with over 6000 visits!



It all began in 2008 when our parish raised \$1100 for sports equipment. Over the years since, our congregation has raised funds through events such as hymn sings, musical concerts, church teas, and personal donations to support the ROC. Members of our church have volunteered in various capacities - teaching crafts, preparing food, volunteering at summer camps, fundraising and serving on the governing board. Since 2017, our church has committed to fund one month's operating expenses (\$2500) each year for the Youth Centre,

On several occasions ROC staff have visited our church to talk about their work with youth. Some stories are very moving and it was reassuring that the broad array of initiatives and activities offered by the ROC are available to help County youth.



In January 2017, the ROC opened the PEC Youth Centre at 299 Main Street in Picton where youth can meet socially, get help, attend courses, play and develop a sense of purpose and belonging; it has become a 'go-to' meeting spot for youth from across The County.

The program offerings were developed with input from youth and include:

- Smart Recovery (helping youth deal with addiction),
- FAM (Fix-a-meal) Thursday where youth and staff create nutritious meals to enjoy together,
- Plant a Garden Allotment,
- Youth Advisory advocates to give youth a voice in PEC,
- Youth Linked-In promotes leadership and volunteer opportunities

The ROC faces an on-going challenge to maintain funding for its programs. It receives no core government support from any level and relies upon grants and donations for program funding. As the ROC is a registered charity, donations are eligible for tax receipts.

The ROC'N'Revue is a major annual fundraising event, held at the Regent Theatre. This event showcases local talent and is a wonderful opportunity for young artists to be mentored by professionals and to appear on stage.

If you would like to learn more about ROC, please feel free to drop in at the Youth Centre between 10.30 am and 5.30 pm on any weekday year round. A group from our church had a tour of the center in April and people were amazed by it; another visit is planned for the Fall and we will let you know when that is scheduled.

Pauline and Michael Smith

Community Hymn Sing



Onward Christian Soldiers, How Great Thou Art, Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus ... all of us easily recall and hold the words and melodies of these old hymns in our memories and on our lips. Members of our parish and other community churches had

the grand opportunity to raise their voices to sing these old nuggets mixed with modern-day favourites such as **God of the Sparrow** and **You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord** at the September Community Hymn Sing. Organized by Jim MacGregor (shown in photo) who led us on the organ with Sarah Harris on piano, proceeds from the event supported the County Food Bank.

Pages from Our History - 1949 and 2016



'The Church was decorated with fruit of all kinds, vegetables and grain. Bunches of grain, some oats, some wheat, some rye, were tied to each pew. Autumn flowers were in baskets on each side of the chancel. "The church impressed one of the bounty of the harvest,' reported the Picton Times.' (From *A Goodly Heritage* by A.R. Capon)

Recently you will have received a letter from the Rector with a
Thanksgiving Offering Envelope.

Your prayerful consideration is greatly appreciated.

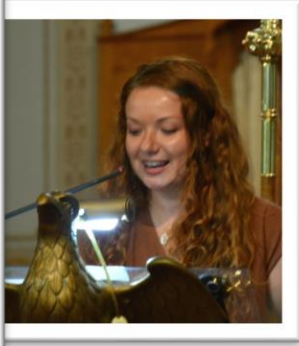
Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Congratulations to ...



... our own **claudia mccabe** who was the recipient of the Jurors' Choice Award for this year's *Art in the County* show. Her award-winning painting, *Dreamt*, is shown at left.

From the St. MM Summer Photo Album...



Clockwise from Top:

Potluck lunch celebrating the Feast Day of St. Mary Magdalene.

Gabielle Graham-Stevens, granddaughter of Jack and Carol Lashley speaking on her mission to India.

Janine Dudding and Josie Farrar's concert on July 24. The six - concert series organized by Michael Goodwin raised \$1600 for Outreach Programs.

Walter Kipp celebrates becoming a Canadian citizen. Congratulations, Walter!

Worship Services

Sunday 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday 3:30 p.m. Meditation and Silent Prayer

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. followed by Bible Study at 10:45 a.m.

Coming Events (See more details inside.)

October 22 & November 26, 5 p.m. – **Food for Souls and Bodies**

November 2, 11 – 2:30 – **Christmas Tea, Bake Sale and More**

November 11, 7 p.m. – **Jazz Vespers Service**

November 30, 2 p.m. – **County Chamber Choir Concert**

Ongoing Events

Men's Prayer Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. last Friday of the month

Magdalenas' Potluck Lunch: Parish women meet at 12 noon in Parish Hall for a potluck lunch, last Friday of the month

Food Bank Sunday: First Sunday of the month; non-perishable food items including pet food, and/or toiletries

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