



St. Mary Magdalene Church
Picton
Summer 2022



A Gift of Love

- claudia jean mccabe

A Summer Thank You

Thank you, God, for sun and showers,
Thank you for each lovely flower,
Thank you for each stately tree,
Through all of these, you speak to me.

St. Mary Magdalene Milestones

Births

Abbey and Jeff Maw and their son Ethan welcomed new baby Millie Mae on June 27th. Congratulations to all!

Passings



Members of the congregation were saddened to hear of the passing of **Michael Smith**, husband of Pauline, and a long-time member of St. Mary Magdalene Church. Michael faithfully served the church in a number of capacities: Warden and Deputy Warden, member of the choir and the Joyful Noise group, half of the husband/wife team who produced *The Vine* for many years, talented member of The Never-Ending Construction Company, and supporter and advocate for The ROC and County Kids Read ... and more! Our condolences to his wife and family.



Faye Andrews, a faithful long-time parishioner who regularly attended the early service passed away on July 3rd. The congregation and clergy extend sympathy to Faye's family and friends.



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Our Rector's Message:

At long last summer is here. I hope you can feel the sense of encouragement that I feel. Oh, we know that Covid is still with us, and we have our worries about what the coming fall and winter may bring, but in the meantime the pandemic has abated, lovely sunny days have arrived, and we can be *together* again.



Being together! That is one of the most simple of human experiences, and perhaps the most important. In April Joan and I were able to visit with two of our grandsons (and their parents) who we had not seen in-person in more than two years, and that experience underscored how nothing replaces being in the same room with someone, and especially with grandchildren nothing replaces a hug.

Experiences like that fuel my sense of encouragement: we can be together in church! We can have coffee together after the service! We can go to a movie, a play, a musical performance, and enjoy it with others. We can go out for a meal and run into people we haven't seen in ages.

These may seem like simple activities, but they have a profound importance, especially for people of faith. As we extend ourselves to come back into community with one another, we are living out the gospel imperative to love your neighbour as yourself. As we make a point of reconnecting with people and renewing our fellowship with one another, we are positioning ourselves to be able to bear one another's burdens. As we make a point of coming out as events resume, we are giving everyone around us the gift of encouragement.

This summer provides us with the opportunity to do all these things, in and around the County, and, of course, here at the church. Participating in person in Sunday worship encourages everyone who is there. Coming to the concerts that we are once again hosting this year will be rewarding in itself, and will strengthen our bonds of fellowship. I invite you to come and be a part of it all.



Yours faithfully, *Charles*

PEC Sunrise by David Gilbert

Music Returns to St. MM

St. Mary Magdalene has always been a well-known venue for the musical arts in Picton. Enjoying wonderful acoustics makes our church attractive for musicians in which to perform, and for those who appreciate these talents. After a long two plus years, the beautiful sounds of music will return again to St. Mary Magdalene this summer.



Janine Dudding and Josie Farrar

Michael Goodwin's **Mid-day Concerts** returned with Janine Dudding and Josie Farrar beginning the two noon-hour concerts on June 29th followed by Ernie Neufeld and Michael on July 6th. Both took place at the church in front of very appreciative audiences.

Music at Port Milford has concerts at St. Mary Magdalene on July 23rd and 30th at 7:30pm, on July 31st at 2:00pm, August 6th and 13th at 7:30pm and on the 14th at 2:00pm. The Sunday afternoons are student concerts, and the others are performances by the Music at Port Milford faculty. Details are available at <https://musicatportmilford.org/festival-performances>.

The **PEC Jazz Festival** has a performance in the church August 20 at 2:00 p.m. featuring Rio-born singer-songwriter Luanda Jones along with Gord Sheard.

This year's **Jazz Mass** is Sunday August 21 at 10:30 (please note there is no early service that day) with the Amanda Tosoff Trio, featuring Amanda Tosoff (piano), Jon Maharaj (bass) and Reg Schwager (guitar).

The **PEC Chamber Music Festival** has concerts in the church on September 9th, 10th 16th, 17th at 7:30 and on September 11th and 18th at 3:00 pm. Details about these concerts can be found at: <https://pecmusicfestival.com>.

Reflections on an Ordination

On Saturday May 14, 2022 the Bishop, Clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario gathered at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Picton for the ordination of **Martha Anne Bernadette Finlay Riddell** to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

The clergy, processing in from Main Street followed by **Bishop Peter Mason**, recalled for many the tradition, continuity, and solemnity of such a gathering.



Bishop Mason reminded us of the responsibilities of the Deacon, who is called to a special ministry of servanthood ... to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick and the lonely.

As examined by Bishop Mason, Martha confirmed her belief in her calling and her commitment to this trust and responsibility. I was struck by the sense of community and the responsibility of the community of faith to uphold Martha in this Ministry. Although the ordination is of an individual, it is the responsibility of the community to support and encourage Martha in her Ministry.



Following the service, all gathered and enjoyed a lovely luncheon and time of fellowship.

Blessings on you and your Ministry, Martha. - **Kathy Condie**, Deputy Warden

What do deacons do?

(From Book of Alternative Services, page 655)

The ordination service for a deacon states their duties:

- to serve all people, especially those who are poor, weak, sick or lonely, in the name of Jesus Christ
- to make Christ known in the world by word and example
- to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world
- to assist the community of faith in public worship and bishops and priests in the ministration of God's word and sacraments.

Summertime and The Three Sisters

Canadians of all stripes are acknowledging the tremendous positive influences that our First Nations peoples have made on our lives over the centuries and the negative influences that non-indigenous peoples have made on their lives.

A significant area of Indigenous peoples' knowledge is in the field of agriculture. We are all familiar with and thankful for the annual gift of maple syrup production that was passed on to our forebears by First Nations peoples, but one agricultural method less familiar to many of us as being an Indigenous practice is the technique now known as companion planting in which maize (corn), beans and squash – The Three Sisters - are planted close together.



The maize and beans are planted in mounds formed by hilling soil around the base of the plants each year. Each mound is about 30 cm high and 50 cm wide, and several corn seeds are planted close together in the center of each mound. Beans are planted at the edge of the corn seed

circles. Squash is typically planted between the mounds. In the colder climate of Canada and northern United States, this increases soil temperature in the mound and improves drainage, both of which benefit corn planted in spring. Variations of the planting method exist at different geographic locations.

Whatever the planting plan, the three crops benefit by being grown together and each of The Three Sisters contributes something to the planting. Together, the sisters provide a balanced diet from a single planting. As older sisters often do, the corn offers the beans necessary support by acting as a trellis. The pole beans, the giving sister, pull nitrogen from the air and bring it to the soil for the benefit of all three. As the beans grow through the tangle of squash vines and wind their way up the cornstalks into the sunlight, they hold the sisters close together. The large leaves of the sprawling squash protect the threesome by creating living mulch that shades the soil, keeping it cool and moist and preventing weeds. The prickly squash leaves also keep away raccoons and other pests, which don't like to step on them.

Indigenous peoples throughout North America cultivated different varieties of The Three Sisters, adapted to varying local environments and European records from the 16th century describe this highly productive agriculture throughout what is now Canada and the Eastern United States. More recently this method of cultivation has been recognized as a practice without equal elsewhere in the world.



(This article is a compilation of information found on the internet.)

We acknowledge and pay our respect to Native and Indigenous cultures that have taught us many of the practices we use in our work and lives every day. Our offering of gratitude itself is an essential part of our learning from Indigenous practices that have existed for centuries and in some instances for millennia.

- Morningside Centre

A Gift to Deacon Fran Langlois



On Sunday, June 12, Warden Herb Stone and Deputy Warden Kathy Condie presented Deacon Fran with a communion kit, a gift from the congregation.

The kit will be used whenever

Fran brings communion to a seniors' home or to an individual or couple in their own home. It consists of a carry-bag holding a small chalice and paten and containers for consecrated communion bread and wine.



The clergy and congregation deeply appreciate Fran's dedicated ministry to seniors and shut-ins. *Thank you, Fran!*

SUMMERTIME ... and the livin's easy!

As a child, to me summertime meant freedom – freedom from school, freedom from the formal city house, freedom to play outside all day, freedom to ride my bicycle anywhere, freedom to go the beach or to town on our own, freedom to read, freedom to be sad or glad, freedom to be myself. Each summer, we packed up the station wagon and headed from Toronto to Nantucket, back to where, in my heart, I thought I belonged. Anticipation of the five weeks' break each year made the long winters more bearable. – **Helen Cluett**



Nantucket House side view



Helen on back porch in Nantucket.

Summer Memories:
Taking the Grandkids to the beach to practice skipping stones.



John & Mary Brett

Summertime to me means going to the beach with my grandchildren and great grandchildren, having barbecues, going to Stratford to see plays, and generally just being able to visit family and friends that I can't see in the winter time because of uncertain weather.

Lita Field

I have sailed since I was 10, starting on a sunfish we had at our cottage. In the (many) years since, I have almost always had some type of sailboat. Last year we bought this Nonsuch with two other couples as it fits our lifestyle now. As you can see my grandson Cameron loves it, here with one of his grannies, his dad peeking over his shoulder. We are so incredibly lucky to live in PEC and have access to the water! - **Julie Miller**



Before moving to "The County" from the city, we often visited family farms in the area. This picture was taken in 2010 We are so happy to be living in beautiful Prince Edward County and meeting new friends at St. Mary Magdalene Church.



Summer - my garden in all its lovely colour, walks along the Millennium Trail, and of course trips to such beautiful places as O'Hara's Mill. There are always so many options in all seasons, but summer is a favourite. – **Angela Adams**



Ross and Tuula Saunders visiting beautiful PEC before moving here.



St. MM Goes Green ...

...to strive to save the integrity of Creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

- A Canadian Anglican Mark of Mission

For those of us who garden, summer is the wonderful time when we can enjoy the fruits and flowers of our labours in all their splendour.

Hmm, that is if the earwigs and slugs stay home, or the dandelions and thistles fail to thrive, or the heavens free us from flood or drought! We can handle the bugs and the weeds but the water is more difficult to control.

The past few years of drought has encouraged us to choose plants that tolerate dry conditions. Many gardeners have changed their gardening habits to conserve the rains that do fall in July and August. We mulch, we collect water in rain barrels, and we carefully monitor rainfall and water accordingly.

A relatively new and popular gardening practice is the development of rain gardens that collect run-off from hard surfaces such as roofs and driveways into a shallow depression in the garden that holds the water so that it can slowly infiltrate back into the soil. By capturing storm water, rain gardens also reduce the amount of pollutants flowing into storm drains and into our streams, rivers and lakes.



A Picton Rain Garden

If you are interested in finding more about rain gardens, a Google search will provide thousands of interesting how-to articles, videos and photographs. Closer to home, Quinte Conservation provides print materials on constructing a rain garden as well as a demonstration garden at Potter's Creek Conservation Area on Old Highway 2 in Belleville as well as information about local grants available to construct rain gardens. And even closer, **Mary Anne Sharpe's** Picton rain garden is easily visible (there is signage on the property) at the corner of Jasper Avenue and Curtis Streets. In addition, Mary Anne's garden is designed using only native plants and is well worth a visit. She is always eager to share information.

Gardeners always love challenges and the past few years of drought have encouraged some interesting solutions to those significant conditions.

Historic Church Architecture in England



This spring we visited many beautiful churches in East Anglia, England. They all are very ancient and Angels figure large in all of them, and the vast majority are called either St Mary's or St Mary Magdalene.

The patterns made with the local flint stone are beautiful, and nothing is left unadorned, even the guttering in the photo above is supported by angels!



The bells ring out, not just on Sundays, but at weekly bell ringer practice, and wandering the graveyards, we discover local history, as well as the people who made up the fabric of the village, and such lovely names - Nightingale, Partridge, Squirrel - so fascinating!



People have been worshipping in these holy places for a thousand years. Bury St Edmonds priory (now in ruins) is celebrating its 1,000 year anniversary, and the new cathedral there



is 50 years old! A recreation of "The Pilgrims' Progress" was enacted to mark the anniversary. A very special place. - **Janet Howes**

And Speaking of History ...

2023 will be an exciting year for us at St. Mary Magdalene as we commemorate 200 years of our parish. It will be an important milestone for us and there will be lots of opportunity to celebrate our history and look forward to our future. We are in the planning stages and look forward to your input and ideas to make 2023 a memorable one in our parish life. Please reach out to our Wardens or the church office if you would like to volunteer as we make plans for this special anniversary!



The First St. MM Building in Picton

A History of the Anglican Church in Canada and the Diocese of Ontario

Angela Adams was curious about the history of the Anglican Church in Canada and in particular our own Diocese of Ontario. As often happens her research morphed into more than what she'd originally intended! Angela would like to add a disclaimer that articles for these facts were gleaned from various web pages and are not authenticated for accuracy!

Her research, presented here, is the first of a two-part series and is a wonderful way to set the stage for our 200th Anniversary next year.



Replica of John Cabot's ship, Matthew. First cleric to North America sailed on this ship in 1497.

The first Church of England service was a celebration of Holy Communion at Frobisher Bay around 3 September 1578. It was celebrated by Master (likely Robert) Wolfall, the chaplain on Martin Frobisher's voyage.

The first Anglican Church in Newfoundland was the small garrison chapel at St. John's Fort, built sometime before 1698. The first continuously resident cleric of the chapel at St. John's was the Reverend John Jackson, a Royal Navy chaplain who had settled there. Jackson, receiving little support, was replaced by the Reverend Jacob Rice in 1709. Rice wrote a letter to the Bishop of

London detailing his efforts to repair the church which had been "*most unchristianly defaced*" and asking for help in acquiring communion vessels, a pulpit cloth, surplices and glass for the windows.

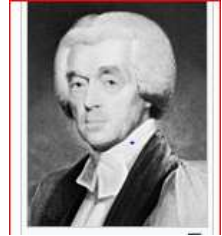
The garrison chapel was replaced in 1720 and again in 1759. The Cathedral of St John the Baptist in St John's, Newfoundland, is the oldest Anglican parish in Canada, founded in 1699 in response to a petition drafted by the Anglican townfolk of St John's and sent to the Bishop of London, the Right Reverend Henry Compton. This parish stands today in St. John's and is still a vibrant part of the community

The first Anglican services in Nova Scotia are dated from 1710, when an army from Boston, with assistance of the Royal Navy, captured (for the fourth time) Port Royal in Nova Scotia and renamed it Annapolis Royal. With Annapolis captured, the chaplain, Reverend John Harrison, held a service of thanksgiving with the Reverend Samuel Hesker (chaplain of the Marines) preaching the sermon.



St. Paul's Church, Halifax. Built 1750. Oldest still-standing church in Canada.

When the war ended in 1713 with the Treaty of Utrecht, Harrison continued to act as chaplain to the Garrison at Annapolis Royal. Canada's first Anglican Church was built in Halifax, N.S. in 1750. Additional congregations were formed as settlers arrived from England and as many American colonists, who remained loyal to England, settled in Canada during and after the American Revolution.



Charles Inglis, first bishop of Nova Scotia consecrated in 1787. First Anglican Church bishop outside the British Isles.

The first bishop to be consecrated for work outside the British Isles was Charles Inglis, rector of Trinity Church in New York City and a loyalist who returned to England in 1783. He was consecrated Bishop of Nova Scotia in 1787 and under his leadership more than 20 churches were built, and an academy and a college were founded.

This was really the beginning of the growth of the Anglican Church in Canada.

- **Angela Adams**

Read Part 2 of Angela's work in the Thanksgiving 'The Vine'.

Rainbow Railroad



At a special meeting of the Parish Advisory Committee, Andrew Innes and Don Watson presented information about Rainbow Railroad which was founded in 2006 as a volunteer-run, not-for-profit organization by a diverse group of LGBTQI+ activists and human rights defenders who wanted to do more to address the levels of violence

LGBTQI+ people face worldwide. LGBTQI+ people are uniquely vulnerable due to systemic, state-enabled homophobia and transphobia. These factors either displace them in their own country or prevent them from escaping harm. Since its founding, Rainbow Railroad has helped over 3,100 LGBTQI+ individuals find safety through emergency relocation and other forms of assistance.

The Parish Advisory Council asked the Churchwardens to make a donation of \$1000 on behalf of the congregation. Please contact Andrew (andrew@andrewinnes.com) for more information or if you wish to make a donation.

St. MM is Making a Comeback!

With the recent lifting of Covid 19 pandemic restrictions, the doors to St. Mary Magdalene have re-opened and we are reaching some sense of a new-normal.

While regular attendance is at 50-70% of our pre-pandemic attendance, it has been comforting to see our friends and fellow parishioners again and to share in prayer. It is heartening to note that support for our church during the closures remained strong and



Let's Fill the Pews Again!

is a testament to strength of our parish and those who belong to it. We thank you all.

Perhaps over the coming months and, God-willing, as the Covid 19 situation continues to improve, we will see more familiar faces on Sunday mornings!

Potluck Lunch on Sunday, August 28

Be sure to circle your calendar for our *first potluck lunch since February 2020!* We will gather on that Sunday to thank Michael Goodwin for his 18 years as Organist, Choir and Music Director at a special service followed by lunch in the Parish Hall.



A 2019 Potluck Lunch

And ... a Message for Members of the Magdalenas

Stay tuned for future announcements as we work to rekindle the amazing spirit of the Magdalena's after a long absence and many changes.

We hope to welcome back some original members and encourage some new ones to this illustrious group that has contributed so much to the life of our parish. See you soon!

● From the St. MM Bulletin Board ●

At a recent service, Bishop Peter Mason dedicated a beautiful paten in memory of Helen Pinkerton. 'Paten' is Latin for 'plate' and in the church context is used to hold the priest's host and small quantities of communion wafers. Our new paten is engraved on the back "To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Helen Pinkerton January 2, 1944 – October 15, 2021



Lita Field

During Lent we raised \$2,635 for our church's Primate's World Relief and Development Fund in support of Ukraine Relief. Thanks for your support!

Recently, **Lita Field** hosted a pot-luck lunch for choir members to thank **Michael Goodwin** for his 18 years of service as our Musical Director, in view of his retirement at the end of August. On August 28th as many current and former members of the choir as can be gathered will be in the choir stalls for that Sunday, which will feature Michael's favourite hymns, and will be followed with a pot-luck lunch in his honour. There will be one service only at 10:30 on that Sunday. Plan to join in this special event!

Michael Goodwin



And a Note from **Herb Stone** ...

With the final Summer Mid-day Concerts, produced and inspired by our own Michael Goodwin coming to an end, comes the surprising realization of how much all of us, visitors and parishioners alike, looked forward to these beautifully crafted concerts. They have now become a part of our collective, new memories of a unique summer treat for the eyes, ears and imagination for years to come. Thank you, Michael and Josie!

Services at St. Mary Magdalene

Sundays – 9:00 a.m. – Communion (Traditional Language)

10:30 a.m. – Communion (Contemporary Language)

Tuesdays – 3:30 p.m. – Silent Meditation in the Church

Wednesdays – 11:00 a.m. – Bible Study Group (currently on summer break and will resume in September)

Fridays – 4:30 p.m. – Evensong Service – a great end to the week

Please note that wearing masks is preferred but not required.

The first Sunday of the month, Food Bank Sunday, has resumed.

Non-perishable items and monetary donations are taken to the Picton Food Bank by John Hughes.



The beautiful acrylic painting on the front cover of this edition of *The Vine*, titled “**A Gift of Love**”, is the creation of parishioner and well-known artist claudia jean mccabe. claudia’s belief that painting keeps her curious, searching, ever grateful, and joyfully alive is evident in her work. For more information check out: www.cjmccabe.com.

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