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Parable from the Pastor

We recently received word of the death of Douglas Hodgkinson, former choir master and organist at St. Andrews for a decade. Of course, I never met Douglas, but his life and work speak volumes to those blessed to have known him. Brian Titus describes Doug's retirement from his day job (director of research for the Canadian Council of Education Ministers - i.e. all the provincial ministers, headed by federal minister), when he came down with significant health concerns and soon had to resign.

"It was very tragic: a very capable, intelligent, wise and diplomatic person working at a very high professional level in education, and an amazing musician and organist. How he played at such a high level while holding down a senior full-time post, I'll never know..."

Doug and persons like him possessed and displayed remarkable gifts, talent, determination and faith that have made St. Andrew's who we are to this day. We remember and honour those gifts! We also savour the gifts of those, inspired by Douglas and so many others who continue to sing, serve, worship and support St. Andrew's in an abundance of ways. In the same way we remember who we have been, we continue to be called forward, dependent upon the service, worship and support of countless others.

If I asked you what you love most about St. Andrew's, admittedly a number of our memories would be of those who served, touched our lives and left a legacy of faith. What and who do you continue to love? Why will you continue to serve, worship and support St. Andrew's? What legacy, with the help and guidance of God, must still be forged by those who remain?

Thanks be to God for the remarkable gifts and commitment of Douglas who inspired, taught and gave of himself so unselfishly. May we take his legacy and continue to build upon it. Thanks be to God!

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to sing
along to
the hymn
Jesu, Jesu

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from Pastor Coggin



Did you know?

Getting fish and chips from Fisherman's Warf is a favourite pastime of locals and tourists when the Victoria weather is good. Many of us think of this food as a staple of British culture but you may be surprised to learn that fried fish arrived in England with Jewish immigrants fleeing persecution in Portugal in the late 1400's. Soon it was very popular to eat fish "in the Jewish way". The chips came later. No one is quite sure but one account credits a 19th century tripe vendor named "Mrs. Granny Duce" for popularizing fried potatoes in London.



Caring for Your Mask

More and more places are requiring us to use masks to cover our mouths and noses in order to help reduce the spread of Covid-19. If we use a disposable mask, it is important to remember that it can only be used once before throwing it away. If we use non-medical, reusable masks it is important to care for them properly.

Here are some tips:

-Wait until you've washed or sanitized your hands before removing your mask. Sanitize or wash your hands again if you touch anything other than the ear loops/ties.

-Store dirty masks in a designated bag.

-Most masks can be washed in warm water with detergent in your washing machine and tumble dried.

-Masks should be washed or put in the laundry after each use.

-If you wash your mask by hand, scrub with soap in warm water for at least 20 seconds then rinse well with fresh, warm water.

-Get a few masks so you always have a clean one available. There are masks available at various pricepoints and some local makers have masks available to donate to people in need.



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Loving God, We pray for comfort for all the families who are struggling with concerns about going back to school during these uncertain times. We pray for strength for families trying new ways of education at home. We pray for the safety of all Your children.

In Christ's name, Amen



Engaging with the Readings

Every week, this newsletter provides a list of some or all of the lectionary readings. When you read them, consider asking these questions:

1. What is God doing in this Bible reading?
2. How does this Bible reading relate to your congregation or community?
3. What might God be saying to you through this Bible reading?

Sit with these questions and see if any answers come. Consider calling or emailing a friend or making a few personal notes on your answers in a journal.

Read From Your Bible This Week

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

