

# The Good Newsletter

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The Parishes of Kemptville, Merrickville and Oxford

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*Christ Church, Burritt's Rapids; St. Andrew's, Garretton; St. James, Kemptville,  
Holy Trinity, Merrickville; St. Peter's, North Augusta; St. Anne's, Oxford Station.*  
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**Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**"Alleluia!"** What a wonderful word! It evokes joy, wonder, awe, and praise. It is a word that needs to be shouted out, sung with enthusiasm. It is the perfect word to greet each other, and our God, on Easter morning. And no wonder, because "The Lord is risen indeed!" With these words, the first disciples spoke of the resurrection of their friend and their Lord. With these words we celebrate God's gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

We are quickly moving through the season of Lent, on our journey towards Jesus' last week of life here on earth. Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday on April 9, is a time to re-member Jesus' suffering, his last supper with his disciples, his death. And then, with the lighting of the first fire and light at the Easter Vigil, we rejoice at Jesus' resurrection. Death is conquered, Creation is saved.

Lent and Easter go together. Both are seasons of renewal, timed perfectly with Spring. As the earth changes direction, rising from its winter sleep, we too are called to arise. It is a time for us to set new directions in our lives, especially our life with Christ. And in taking a new direction, we receive new life – the life that God offers us in Christ the Living Word.

As we move towards Easter, I hope that your Lent has been fulfilling as you reflect, study, and pray. And I invite you to join us for our Holy Week services as we recall and relive Jesus' last week. May our God bless you and your loved ones, now and forever.

In His Love,  
Rev. Andrew Wilson

*Alleluia!!  
Alleluia!!  
Alleluia!!  
Alleluia!!*

## Moved!

As many of you know we have been looking at houses for the last 2 years in the area but were unable to find anything that was suitable. We prayed over and over again “Lord we know we are supposed to be living with the people we are serving so we claim your promise to get us to Kemptville.” We thought God was going to provide a house for us in Kemptville and when He did we would put our house up for sale and

make an offer etc. Then, one Monday afternoon in August God opened our eyes to see we were not acting in faith. We were waiting for God to provide what we needed and then we would act. Our Father convicted our hearts of our unbelief. Is it faith if you see before you believe? We felt God was saying to us “trust me; put this in my hands, haven’t I always taken care of you? I will take care of you in this too.” We immediately phoned the real-estate agent to list our house. We felt released from fear. We felt alive. We felt bold. We felt faith!



It took six months and then BAM! Monday morning a client looked at our house. Monday afternoon their offer was on our table. Monday evening we accepted their offer. Thursday we looked at five places in Kemptville. Friday

afternoon the conditions were removed and our house was sold. Friday evening we signed the rental for our new home in Kemptville. The next Saturday with the help of sixteen parishioners we moved to Kemptville!

We are so pleased to be living in Kemptville and so thankful to God for his work - for inviting us to step out in faith, for providing a buyer, a beautiful home, and a whole bunch of his people to help us with the transition. We are so thankful He did not provide a house for us before we took a leap of faith because now we know even more confidence that He is the one who organized it all. Now we know it is His work alone. Physically He provided a home for us and spiritual He gave us the most beautiful gift - a depended faith in Him. Thanks be to the One who breaks the darkness of self-reliance and unbelief! Amen.

Fr. Robert

## Who are We?

Our Regional Ministry seems to have many names. The “Anglican Churches of Grenville North”, “Regional Ministry of North Grenville”... After 5 years of ministry together, perhaps it is time to create a name for ourselves, that helps define and understand who we are. Rev. Andrew and Fr. Robert invite you to think, pray, and reflect on a name for our Regional Ministry. Who are we? What name might catch the vision of working for Christ in our three parishes? Send your ideas to Rev. Andrew and Fr. Robert by May 16. We hope to present our new name on June 4, during the visit of Bishop Michael.



## Holy Week Schedule

- Sun Apr 9 Palm Sunday**  
 8am Eucharist – St. James  
 9am Eucharist – St. Andrew's  
 Eucharist – Christ Church  
 1030am Eucharist – St. James  
 Eucharist – Holy Trinity
- Wed Apr 12** 10:00am Eucharist  
 St. James, Kemptville
- Thur Apr 13 Maundy Thursday**  
 6pm Eucharist – St. James  
 7pm Eucharist – Holy Trinity
- Fri Apr 14 Good Friday**  
*Walk of the Cross*  
 8am Merrickville  
 10am North Augusta  
 10am Kemptville
- The Lord's Passion*  
 11am Holy Trinity  
 2pm St. James
- Sat Apr 15 Easter Vigil**  
 6:30pm St. Peter's, North Augusta
- Sun Apr 16 Easter Day**  
 8am Eucharist – St. James  
 9am Eucharist – St. Anne's  
 Eucharist – Christ Church  
 1030 Eucharist – St. James  
 Eucharist – Holy Trinity
- Sun Apr 23 Regional Service**  
**Easter Festival of Lessons & Music**  
 10:30am Holy Trinity

## Cursillo Corner

During the winter/spring 2017 period Regional Ultreya's will be held as follows:

June 4 – Holy Trinity

All are welcome and if you any questions please contact Dan Callaghan (258-2641) or David Piercey (269-2907)

## Sunday Service Schedule

### Every Sunday:

Christ Church, Burritt's Rapids 9:00am  
 St. James, Kemptville 8:00am and 10:30am  
 Holy Trinity, Merrickville 10:30am

### First and Third Sundays of the Month

9:00am St. Anne's, Oxford Station

### Second and Fourth Sunday of the Month

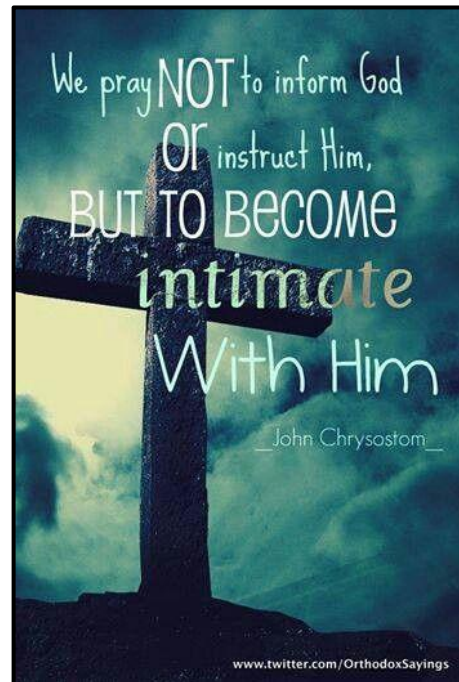
9:00am St. Andrew's, Garretton

### Fifth Sunday of the Month

9:00am St. Peter's, North Augusta

### Wednesdays

10:00 St. James, Kemptville



## Two Very Special Sundays in May at St. James, Kemptville

**Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.**

### HOMEcomings 190

The original St. James in Clothier's Mill/Kemptville, dates to 1827. In celebration of this 190<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Congregation of St. James invites the descendants of the pioneers of the Parish, those who have moved away, former members of the church, and those married or baptized at St. James to return for Homecoming 190.

The 10:30 a.m. service officiated by Rev. Andrew Wilson, and Fr. Robert Porter will include a sermon of Homecoming, celebration of the traditional Anglican Eucharist, and beautiful joyful music and hymns with Music Director Dorine Fowke and the St. James Chancel Choir. A reception with light refreshments will follow the service. A warm and sincere welcome awaits as you step into history at St. James.

**Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.**

### HOMEcomings 190 PARISH DINNER

On Saturday evening, May 6th in Leslie Hall, the A.C.W. will host a Parish Dinner – a sumptuous meal inspired by dinners prepared by generations of the “ladies of St. James” on so many occasions in the 109 years since the official opening of the Parish Hall on July 1, 1908. Social Hour at 5:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:00 (appetizers, roast dinner, dessert and entertainment). Tickets will be \$30.00 and must be purchased in advance as seating is limited.

For tickets call Diann Callaghan 613-258-2641 or Joan Yeaton 613-258-0095.

**Sunday, May 28, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.**

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

As part of the 190th Anniversary of St. James, an invitation to attend a Memorial Service is extended to the Congregation and to those whose ancestors, families and friends rest in St. James Cemetery. The 10:30 a.m. service will include a sermon of Thanksgiving, celebration of the traditional Anglican Eucharist, and beautiful traditional music and hymns offered by the St. James Chancel Choir with Music Director Dorine Fowke.

At noon Rev. Andrew Wilson, Fr. Robert Porter, and Canon Jennifer Gosse will lead the assembled from the Church to the Cemetery. For those who wish, a short prayer or blessing may be shared at the grave of a loved one. At the conclusion of the visit a reception with light refreshment will be served.

It is the responsibility of the volunteer Cemetery Board to ensure the daunting and increasingly expensive maintenance and improvement of the historic cemetery is carried out. Some of the graves date from the 1820's; names once sharply chiselled on stone, offer a time-worn glimpse into the story of our community– from the founding family of the village, Emmeline and Lyman Clothier, to our friends and fellow parishioners of the 21st Century.

Christ  
is  
Risen!





## St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Garretton

Located in the beautiful country setting on County Rd 18 east of North Augusta at the edge of Limerick Forest, this little church has a big smile for all who come through its doors. On May 7, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, St. Andrews is hosting it's fifth annual Paddle and BBQ fundraiser. The small community is especially active with those who



partake in the water adventure or just sitting around enjoying food and company on the church grounds.

Enjoy exploring the south branch of Kemptville Creek, part of the Rideau River watershed, across the road from the church. This adventure will take you to small coves and under bridges where you are close to birds and wildlife that you may not necessarily see from passing through on the road.



After leisure paddle on the water, the Church grounds will have food available from 11:30-1:30. Enjoy hamburgs, hotdogs, or poutine while taking in the community spirit supporting this little rural Church in the hamlet of Garretton.

Event information

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## Upcoming Events

- April 26** Alpha Course Launch Party  
**April 27** Oxford Parish Special Vestry
- May** Merrickville; Physician Assisted Death  
**May 6** Holy Trinity Yard Sale  
 St. James Homecoming Dinner
- May 7** St. James Homecoming Service  
 St. Andrew's Paddle & BBQ Day
- May 13** Vocations Day, Kingston  
**May 27** Wardens & Treasurers Workshop  
**May 28** St. James Memorial Service
- June 4** Regional Service – Bishop Oulton  
**June 10** Merrickville – House & Garden Tour  
**June 11** Holy Trinity; Trinity Sunday Celebration
- TBD** Auction at Leslie Hall

## Shrove Tuesday

Across the Region this February 28, our congregations celebrated Shrove Tuesday with feasts of pancakes.

St. Peter's Anglican Church in North Augusta held their annual pancake supper on shrove Tuesday February 28th. We had a super turn out and the supper was delicious and enjoyed by all. Special thanks to everyone who helped in the organizing, and in the preparation and serving. A great community coming together. Thank you, Nancy Cole



## Family Encounter Weekend

Thirty plus people came together for a weekend retreat focused on the person and work of the Holy Spirit in march 17-18. We gathered at Circle Square Ranch in Arden for this Anglican Renewal Ministries sponsored event (ARM [www.armcananda.org](http://www.armcananda.org)). Teaching focused on the personhood of Holy Spirit, His attributes and His offices. Many were inspired by the power and presences of the Holy Spirit who poured out specific blessing. We also enjoyed the beauty of the ranch, went horseback riding, and even got in some tobogganing and marshmallows by the camp fire! Many are already asking when the next retreat will be. Winter 2018? Fr. Robert.



## Parish of Oxford Special Vestry

At the recent annual Vestry meetings for the three congregations of the Parish of Oxford, some significant decisions were made for the life and future of the Parish. It was decided to dissolve each of the three Vestries, with the intent to form one new Vestry for the Parish of Oxford. As we advised the Bishop in a letter requesting his approval:

Our desire to proceed in this direction has principally been due to the increased difficulty in finding two wardens for each of the separate vestries. Each congregation wishes to keep their churches open, which would not be possible without a corporation. This change will allow the three churches of the Parish of Oxford to remain open, by becoming a single corporation.

To finalize this process, we will be holding a Special Vestry at St. Andrew's, Garretton, the evening of Thursday April 27 at 7:00pm. At this meeting, we will vote on a motion to form a Vestry for the Parish of Oxford, and we will elect two Wardens and a Deputy Warden. Please feel free to call Fr. Robert or Andrew if you have any questions.

## Pre-Authorized Giving

How do you support the work of Christ through your church? Are you away this summer? How will you give to the life of our parishes during this time?

Please give prayerful consideration to signing up for the Pre-Authorized Giving's program. It offers a simple, convenient means to support the life of our churches throughout the year. If you are interested, please speak to one of our Wardens.