



Saint George's Church Mouse Spring Edition 2006

TIME FOR GARDENING

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be happy
Lettuce really love one another

Water freely with patience and
Cultivate with love.
There is much fruit in your garden
Because you reap what you sow.

Plant four rows of squash

Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

No garden should be without turnips

Turnip for service when needed
Turnip to help one another
Turnip the music and dance

To conclude our garden....

We must have thyme:
Thyme for fun
Thyme for rest
Thyme for ourselves.

Submitted by Anne Jagoe

Dear Parishioners,

Signs are that summer is here – well, almost! The days are getting warmer, boats are on the lake, joggers and dog walkers are plentiful on the board walk, and tulips and daffodils are brightening the landscape. As someone who has lived in northern Ontario, it is a real joy to see these arriving so early.

It has also been a real joy to experience the welcome you have given to Harry and I here at St. George's. We are both feeling part of the family already. Unfortunately Harry will not be able to be here very often, but he looks forward to the times when he can be.

As I anticipate the summer, I have decided to continue the mid-week Eucharist and coffee discussion throughout it this year. I am also thinking of having a short, light study group over the summer, probably on favourite hymns, but any other suggestions will be warmly accepted. I realize that many of you will be away for holidays, but you will be more than welcome on those occasions you can attend.

As usual we will be going to two services over the summer months at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. The wardens and I are discussing the possibility of continuing with two services come fall, at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Please let one of us know what you think of this possibility.

I wish all of you the best of summer for a re-creating time with your family, friends and God.

Yours in Christ,

Susan +

Father David's Farewell Luncheon Feast

On Sunday, March 19, 2006, the Parish of St. George's Church Allandale turned out enmasse to wish Father David and his family all of the best during his upcoming one-year leave of absence. Captain David Warren has answered to call to serve as a Canadian Forces Chaplain on the next out of Canada rotation.

There were 186 parishioners who came out to the pulled-pork luncheon that was held in their honour in the Walter Dyer Hall. Afterward, there were several speeches and skits made by various groups from the Church. Rev Susan De Gruchy was introduced and told about the special key chain with the two purple beads and the golden angel on it. It had been given to her by her parishioners at 'little St. George's' prior to coming here. The purple beads represented her time here and Father David's time away, Lent to Lent. The angel represented a guardian angel to look after Father David during his adventure.

The next speech was made by Pam Kernen and Betty Harris, who said that they would miss Father David's sense of humour and presented him with a paper mache parrot of Monty Python fame. Marg Jensen, on behalf of the Altar Guild, read her 'top five list' about the things they will miss about Father David when he is away. Doris Hamilton, representing the Quilters, presented him with a special religious coin to give him comfort. Marilyn Hutchinson and her family put on a Pillsbury Poppin' Fresh Cinnamon Roll skit and gave Father David instructions on how to build a strong wall while he is deployed.

The Wardens then present Father David, Cynthia, Rebecca and Jonathan with some gifts on behalf of the parishioners. The Wardens had words of thanks and encouragement for the Warrens for all that they have done on behalf of the parishioners. This was followed by a speech by Brigadier-General (ret'd) John Hayter about the special role of the Chaplain in a military unit and just how much Father David's talents will be needed the soldiers in the field. Father David and his family then cut the cakes and thanked everyone for coming and for their best wishes.

From the parishioners at St. George's, we wish Father David God speed, and may peace be with you.

The Wardens

After church services yesterday morning, a luncheon was put on at church to say goodbye for a year, to our Rector who is joining his reserve regiment, the Toronto Scots. He and the regiment will undergo rigorous training at CFB Pettawawa, near Ottawa, for six months, prior to shipping out to Afghanistan for six months tour of duty. Father David will be replaced during his absence by a very nice female Reverend on loan to us from Algoma.

The ladies prepared lunch consisting of Pulled Pork on a bun with choice of salads, which we enjoyed so much, I obtained two more as take-outs and we enjoyed them last night for supper. Must obtain recipe. Various people and organizations within the church made presentations to David and his family. We were very fortunate to be seated next to David, his wife and two of his three children. One of the speakers was a retired CF Brig. Gen., who gave an explanation to us of what the duties of a Chaplin/Padre will be in today's modern army, taking into consideration female soldiers and the type of enemy forces they will be encountering over there. We both will miss David. His sermons made the service and gave food for thought during the upcoming week.

John Snowdon

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you for the great send off. A lot of thought, effort and love went into the planning of the lunch and I know it wasn't the easiest thing to do. It is hard to say good-bye even if it is for a relatively short period of time. A special thank you goes to those who added their personal touch to the event. Scotch and cinnamon buns will never quite be the same. Neither will the office parrot who is very much alive. Your Wardens have been especially supportive as I personally, and they corporately, worked out the details of this call to a new ministry. I pray that whatever the future holds, it will make me a more effective priest and St. George's a stronger faith community. Indeed, St. George's has already shown its heart by welcoming so graciously the Reverend Susan into the family. As my training continues and life unfolds its challenges before me, both myself and my family know we are greatly loved and supported by our church family, which means allot to us. Thank you again and God bless you all.

Capt. The Reverend David Warren
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Subject: Deck of Cards

It was quiet that day, the guns and the mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't been heard. The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day of the week. As he was sitting there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across his bunk. Just then an army sergeant came in and said, "Why aren't you with the rest of the platoon?"

The soldier replied, "I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the Lord."

The sergeant said, "Looks to me like you're going to play cards." The soldier said, "No, sir. You see, since we are not allowed to have Bibles or other spiritual books in this country, I've decided to talk to the Lord by studying this deck of cards."

The sergeant asked in disbelief, "How will you do that?"

"You see the Ace, Sergeant? It reminds me that there is only one God.
The Two represents the two parts of the Bible, Old and New Testaments.
The Three represents the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost.
The Four stands for the Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
The Five is for the five virgins that were ten but only five of them were glorified.

The Six is for the six days it took God to create the Heavens and Earth.
The Seven is for the day God rested after making His Creation.
The Eight is for the family of Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives - the eight people God spared from the flood that destroyed the earth
The Nine is for the lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy. He cleansed ten, but nine never thanked Him.
The Ten represents the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on tablets made of stone.
The Jack is a reminder of Satan, one of God's first angels, but he got kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the joker of eternal hell.
The Queen stands for the Virgin Mary.
The King stands for Jesus, for he is the King of all kings.

When I count the dots on all the cards, I come up with 365 total, one for every day of the year. There are a total of 52 cards in a deck; each is a week - 52 weeks in a year. The four suits represent the four seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. Each suit has thirteen cards - there are exactly thirteen weeks in a quarter.

So when I want to talk to God and thank Him, I just pull out this old deck of cards and they remind me of all that I have to be thankful for."

The sergeant just stood there. After a minute, with tears in his eyes and pain in his heart, he said, "Soldier, can I borrow that deck of cards?"

Please let this be a reminder and take time to pray for all of our soldiers who are being sent away, putting their lives on the line fighting for us.

Prayer for the Military.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Dear St. George's Family:

I wish to take a moment to THANK all of those members of St. George's who have taken the time to send cards, flowers, candies, and especially prayers while I was ill.

I have received the Sunday Bulletins each week as well as a beautiful basket with hot tea, china cups and saucers and a delicious cake. All these gifts along with the visitors have made my recovery and transition to High Street Manor so much easier.

I cannot thank you enough for your kindness and your prayers. I am now residing at High Street Manor and my telephone number is 728-9905. I am out and about more each day and I look forward to seeing more of you each week!

God Bless,

Ruth Trainer

PULLED-PORK SANDWICHES

Recipe serves 12.

Time required: 9 hrs

A LITTLE HISTORY ON PULLED-PORK

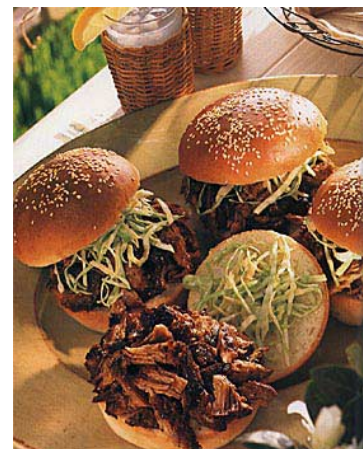
The pulled-pork sandwiches are popular in the United States, especially in the Carolinas where the recipe has been perfected. It's the ultimate BBQ meal around this area. The Carolina's tend to like the vinegary hot flavour of the pork, but we've turned down the heat for this recipe by decreasing the peppers! The classic sandwich is the result of carefully slow roasting a specific cut of pork (from the shoulder area), which is then 'pulled' apart, placed on a bun, and typically topped with Cole-slaw. Optimally, the pork would be smoked over a spit, but this would quickly turn into a day-long process. A vinegary 'mop' sauce is used to baste the meat, adding moisture and flavour to it, as well as tenderizing it and cutting the richness of the meat. Before serving, the pulled-pork is mixed with BBQ sauce, which is often your secret recipe!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 onion, **thinly sliced**
- 6 lbs pork butt
- BBQ sauce – your favorite
- 12 hamburger buns (or other)
- Cole-slaw (optional)

DRY-RUB RECIPE

- 2 Tbps coarsely ground black pepper
- 3 Tbsp dark brown sugar, packed
- 2 Tbsp paprika
- 3 Tbsp coarse salt
- 1 tsp cayenne pepper



1. Mix spices and sugar together in a large bowl.
2. Sprinkle dry rub all over pork; press into pork.
3. Wrap pork tightly with plastic;
4. Refrigerate at least 2 hours, but best if done overnight.

MOP RECIPE:

3/4	c.	Apple cider vinegar
3/4	c.	water
2	tbsp	Worcestershire sauce
2	tsp	vegetable oil
3	tbsp	dark brown sugar
2	tsp	coarsely ground black pepper
2	tsp	coarse salt



1. Mix above ingredients together in a large bowl.
2. Cover and set aside.

To cook:

1. Place thinly sliced onion in bottom of slow cooker.
2. Place the marinated pork-butt on top of the onions.
3. Pour the 'mop' over top of the pork. Place the lid on top of the slow-cooker.
4. Using a turkey baster, baste the pork occasionally with the juices and mop.
5. Cook on **low** for **7-8 hours**. *If you have a meat thermometer, the internal temperature should reach 195°F - 205°F (90°C - 95°C).*
6. Reserve some of the mop to drizzle over pork after pulling.

To SERVE:

1. Transfer pork to clean rimmed baking sheet. Let stand until cool enough to handle.
2. Shred into bite-size pieces using 2 forks or by hand. Mound on platter. Pour any juices from sheet over pork. *(To make 1 day ahead → Transfer pork and any juices to baking dish. Cover with foil; chill. Before continuing, rewarm pork, covered, in 350°F. oven about 30 minutes.)*
3. Toss the pork with some of the remaining juices and the BBQ sauce (can heat the BBQ sauce in the microwave before hand if desired – I find it nicer this way).
4. Divide pork among bottoms of buns. Top with coleslaw, if desired. Cover with tops of buns.

Enjoy!

If you have any questions about cooking or the recipe in general, please contact Monika Sergeant at 719-9832.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALFRED AND MARJORIE BOYD!

Alfred and Marjorie became Great Grandparents again!! Nathan James Rolfe is Jacob's new baby brother!!!

Please be sure to visit our church website at:

www.stgeorge'sbarrie.ca/

It is being updated regularly and will have this addition of the Church Mouse in shortly along with all other important dates, events. etc.!

Lord, when we are wrong, make us willing to change;
And, when we are right, makes us easy to live with!!

REQUEST FROM THE CATERING GROUP

There is a small, dedicated group of people who help in the kitchen with funerals and the senior's Lunches. We would like to add to this group so we are not always asking the same people over and over again.

If you able to donate some time and are interested in helping out just to help when you can, please fill out the appropriate box with your name and phone number and return it to the office. Thank you!

I would like to help by:

Coming and making sandwiches and/or baking

Baking only

Setting up tables – (we could use some more men at times_

Pouring tea or coffee only

Helping with the clean up

Running/filling trays etc.

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

JESUS LOVES ME....

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow,
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.

Though I am no longer young,
I have much which He's begun.
Let me serve Christ with a smile,
Go with others the extra mile.

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have not fear, for I am near."

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.

I love Jesus, does he know?
Have I ever told him so?
He would love to hear us say,
We love Jesus every day.