

Greetings from the Minister

As we look ahead...



Dear Friends,

Hidden within the narrative of the Second Book of Kings in the Old Testament is a story about Elisha picking up the Prophet Elijah's mantle to symbolize that he, Elisha, was now God's Prophet. Elijah had been carried up to heaven in a chariot of fire (see 2 Kings 2:1-12).

Among many questions this text leaves us with is one that is very relevant to us at The Church of St Andrew and St Paul: As a community of faith that has a rich heritage in Montreal, what should we carry with us into the future? In other words, how should we wear the mantle that we have been given?

I say this because it seems that the process of moving forwards seems to be part and parcel of God's reign. As Maryann McKibben Dana notes: 'the loss of Elijah does not deter Elisha from what must be done' nor does it exclude him from the ministry that has yet to happen.

This should be a welcome reminder to all of us: God's reign, that which we are all involved in, is not dependent on you or me. It is not our ministry. It is God's ministry and we are simply part of it for a time. Of course, we can certainly plan and prepare for the future but we then have to hand over and let our successors journey on in their own way. Knowing this should bring us tremendous freedom from the burdens of imposed anxiety, ambition, expectation and approval.

As we look ahead, may we be very thankful for what God has done and continues to do in the life of our church. May we rightfully celebrate our past, welcome the present and look forward to the future. May we also take from the rich heritage of our church what we need for the future, knowing that just as Elijah left his mantle for Elisha to carry into the future, so God calls us to continue God's ministry here in Montreal in ways relevant to our times.

*Your minister and friend,
Glenn*

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Good Friday, 11:00 a.m.
Musical Reflections on the Passion Narrative
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt
The Reverend Dr. Kay Diviney

Good Friday Choral Service, 7:30 p.m.
W. A. Mozart's Mass in C minor, K. 427, K.626

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Easter Sunrise Service, 8:00 a.m.
Chancel; led by our Youth Group

Easter Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Holy Communion
The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Evening Prayer and Song (Taizé), 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Second Sunday of Easter, 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Third Sunday of Easter, 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Fourth Sunday of Easter, 11:00 a.m.
Black Watch Sunday

SUNDAY, MAY 14

Fifth Sunday of Easter, 11:00 a.m.
Mother's Day
The Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

Evening Prayer and Song (Taizé), 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Sixth Sunday of Easter, 11:00 a.m.
Healing and Reconciliation Sunday
Confirmation Sunday
The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Seventh Sunday of Easter, 11:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Holy Communion
The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Pentecost, 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Trinity Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday After Pentecost
The Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney

Easter Flowers

All those wishing to contribute **In Memoriam** flowers for **Easter Sunday, April 16**, should be in touch with the Church Office by Sunday, April 2. The In Memoriam names will be included in the Easter Bulletin, and the flowers are distributed to members of the congregation who are not able to come to church.

Cheques should be made out to **"The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul-- Easter Flowers."** Tax receipts will be issued.