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A City on a Hill Cannot Be Hidden...

The Prescription

Anglican Life on Cedar Hill

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Easter 2015



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A Stained Glass Window in Memory of the Moon and Ince Families
A Celebration of 100 Years of Women's Ministry at St. Luke's

Easter Issue – April 2015



From your Editor – Ray Lett



Some of you living near St. Luke's Church may recall a Hydro power failure in February. Consternation reigned among several of our neighbours - it was the night of the Academy Awards and NO television. Interesting that a power-cut encourages neighbours to talk to each other so do we really need a minor emergency to start a conversation? Perhaps we should be thinking more about emergency preparedness, not only because we live in an area prone to earthquakes, but also because of the threat in a dry summer of interface fires. As a participant in the Alaska Iditarod remarked recently "expect the unexpected."

This crossed my mind recently, when I was visited by two young Mormon missionaries. I suspect many of you have had a similar experience and inevitably it happens at a meal time. Resisting the temptation to say "too busy - not interested" I spent about twenty minutes in a fairly lively discussion about religion. Mentioning that I attended an Anglican Church I asked if they knew about the Book of Common Prayer. Not surprisingly they did not. Since I had a copy handy, I told them about its creation and purpose. I asked them about their concept of earth's age (recalling that Mormons prefer a Biblical estimate) and I noticed how skillfully they managed to avoid the issue and debated the error in isotopic age dates. Then I mentioned continental drift and remarked that there was clear evidence of tectonic plate migration because Wales could be clearly seen from time to time in the sea off Vancouver Island. I think it was at this point that I noticed they looked rather bemused by this remark and quietly left with some head shaking. Before leaving they did invite me to read a passage with them from the Book of Mormon. I declined, but on reflection perhaps I should have done so because it is always helpful to understand others' beliefs.

In this Easter issue the Rev. Daniel Fournier writes about water and its spiritual significance as we approach Easter. In "A Word from the Wardens" notable events at St. Luke's since Christmas are recalled. Pam Gaudio has submitted several "Gleanings from Past Prescriptions" including an account of St. Luke's Women's Auxiliary and Anglican Church Women's 80th Anniversary. Vicki Sharp has sent pictures and an article about The Holy Assumption of the Virgin Mary Russian Orthodox Church in Kenai, Alaska. Gillian Bloom recounts the challenges of travelling to Black Creek on Vancouver Island and a more relaxed visit to Iceland.

Thanks from me and from Barb Prescott, co-editor, to those of you who sent articles and our regrets if we've missed anyone's contribution. Remember, we may have to edit your articles for brevity and grammar, and we cannot include previously published material unless you have permission from the source because of copyright infringement. You can send material to the St. Luke's Church office (st.lukes@shaw.ca) or e-mail it directly to me at Raylett@shaw.ca. Text should be in Microsoft Word format if possible, and JPEG format photos (high resolution) are preferred.

Friday, July 3rd, 2015 is the deadline for the Summer 2015 Prescription.

From the Rector's Desk – The Reverend Daniel Fournier Easter 2015



*The Reverend Daniel
Fournier*

Photo credit: Michael Zastre

As I write this piece, it just has occurred to me that some nine hours ago we officially entered into the Spring equinox. It is Springtime! Not that we in our region have been tirelessly waiting for it to happen, as those who live in Alberta or the east have been. After all, we have just experienced one of the mildest winters in memory.

So begins Spring, the season of newness and new life: flowers blossoming, warmer and longer days, thoughts of what one might plan for the upcoming summer. It is also for us in the Church the ending days of Lent and the emergence of that great key celebration of our church year - Easter.

Now we go forth into this living mystery and living our Easter Faith, following and hearing the resurrection stories of Jesus, as he made himself known to his disciples on the third day and the days following.

Easter, for us who live in the Northern Hemisphere, is also wrapped up with the theme of new life. How wonderful it is that we can experience this so beautifully in nature and especially in our region where the momentum for new, renewed, brilliant life has been breaking upon us for a while. In some sense I would almost have to say that we have already been spoiled with these miracles of life all around us.

We have been waiting for it, it has been arriving, and now here it is. Spring! Easter! New life! Jesus who breaks through the barriers and staleness of death to the.... Bursting out of darkness into the brightness of hope and new possibilities. *"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Cor. 5: 17 NRSV)*

This is the centerpiece of our Christian faith. Many symbols convey to us New Life in Christ – Easter life: The cross, lilies, the stone rolled away from the empty tomb, images of the resurrected Jesus in white with the marks of the nails in his hands and feet.

Yet there is a much more simple and obvious symbol that is all so abundantly around us. In fact it is so common that we could almost miss it: Water! Yes – Water.

There is something so powerful and yet simple about the symbol of water, and for Christians this takes on even deeper significance. We know that breaking through waters is so much a basic sign of our physical birth. In new life, new birth, Easter life – we also break through waters into the new life of the baptized person – as Christian people of God.



It is so supremely important to always maintain that connection with our baptism – the beginning of our life in Christ. Water is so common around us: we live amidst streams, lakes, rivers, the ocean. This year I would like to invite our family and friends of St. Luke’s Church to really delve into the waters of new life – to really behold and experience the importance of this symbol.

Our church is blessed with a very special and powerful symbol as one comes through our doors. The first thing that we see is our lovely baptism font. Imagine if during the whole season of Easter we could really experience these waters of life flowing. I know that this is not a practical suggestion as the font is built for still-standing water. But what if this water could flow from this font to a large repository of water. Imagine if then the water flowed, by way of people taking some Easter water home, and then this water could be used as a blessing to each person in their own home. The symbol of new life, not just standing still at the back of the church until the next time the person returns, but is accessible, and serves as a reminder for people in their daily walk. I liken this to a stream flowing from the font in our church into your living room!

Friends, this is not a new idea...in fact it is a tradition that goes back some centuries. And yes, some may even say, “Well, that is kind of Catholic.” Perhaps it may seem like this. But I strongly believe in the power of ritual that moves us in places unseen, and I believe that making these signs and rituals available and present is deeply beneficial to us.

As our year progresses, we are beginning some sacramental preparation programs for children and adults. A key to good preparation is coming to understand the birthplace of our faith in our souls. And once again baptism, new life in Christ, Easter – is the true starting place.

So friends, let’s get wet this Easter. Let us be reminded of our new birth and live in that power, renewed, reinvigorated, alive in Christ Jesus. Oh, and by the way, on this first day of Spring, it is raining - heavily!

God bless you all and Happy Easter.
Daniel+

Guess Who?

It’s always great to have a new “Guess Who” picture!

Thanks to “Guess Who” for sending this one in. We’d love to include yours in the next Prescription. So please sort through some pictures of your younger self and send us one.





Parish Council Members – May 2014

From the left – Rick Saville, Bonnie Watkins, Genevieve Richards, Ray Lett, Vicki Sharp, Sharon Hallsor, David Williams, Barb Prescott, Marlene Mitten, Sandra Lindberg, Rev. Donald Walls, Harry Felsing.

Missing – Bill Ross and the Rev. Daniel Fournier.

Our thanks to Michael Zastre for taking this picture.

ST. LUKE’S 2015 PARISH COUNCIL

Rector’s Warden	Marlene Mitten	Alternate Synod Delegates	Harry Felsing
Deputy Rector’s Warden	Barb Prescott		Ray Lett
People’s Warden	Sharon Hallsor		Marlene Mitten
Deputy People’s Warden	Harry Felsing		
Treasurer	David Williams	Members-at-Large	Edith Jarrott
Secretary	Genevieve Richards		Sandra Lindberg
			Lis Louwrier
Synod Delegates	Sharon Hallsor		Bill Ross
	Barb Prescott		Vicki Sharp
	Genevieve Richards		Bonnie Watkins

*Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island.
We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.*

A Word from the Wardens - March 2015

Marlene Mitten, Sharon Hallsor, Barb Prescott and Harry Felsing

First off, a warm welcome to Sharon Hallsor who has joined the Wardens' team this year as People's Warden. Our "new" Wardens' team this year includes Marlene Mitten as Rector's Warden; Sharon Hallsor, People's Warden; Barb Prescott, Deputy Rector's Warden; and Harry Felsing, Deputy People's Warden. Joining us on Council this year are two new Council members: Lis Louwrier and Edith Jarrott. We are pleased that they have joined our Parish Council team this year.

It is amazing how quickly the time goes and now it's almost Easter. It's time to look back and reflect on what has happened since we reported in the last Prescription.



Burning palm crosses on Shrove Tuesday

Photo credit: Marlene Mitten

Pub Night, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and our Annual Meeting – Since we last wrote we've held a Pub Night on January 30th, our Annual Vestry meeting on February 15th and Shrove Tuesday Dinner on February 17th. All were well attended, with the Pub Night having the most people! We enjoyed the Players entertaining us with some songs from the Panto as well as Bre Levere and Matt Bromley of Shoestring Acoustic who brought their blues style music to Pub Night. Something new for us after the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was the burning of our crosses from last year so that the ashes could be used for the Ash Wednesday service.

Our Fantastic Fridays continue to be popular with 60 people attending in January, 76 in February and 43 in March. The woodworking session in February was particularly popular as you can see by the numbers. A number of families from the community attended that Fantastic Friday for the first time. Thanks to everyone who has come out to help and act as hosts on these Friday evenings. Fantastic Fridays will continue on the first Friday of the month with two more planned for May 1st and June 5th until we take a break over the summer.



Woodworking is always very popular!

Mariana with the frame she constructed.

Photo credits: Barb Prescott



Parish Annual Return (PAR) – We are working on our Parish Annual Return for 2014, which is to be submitted to the Diocese by April 1st. It includes our financial figures for 2014 as well as a listing of our delegates to Synod, attendance, and other statistics. Our parish list at the end of 2014 included 227 people (16 years and over), slightly less than 2013 when 231 people were listed.

Our attendance on Sundays at all services averaged 123 people in 2014 (which matched our 2013 figure), while our average weekly attendance was 152 (again equalling our 2013 figure). In addition to Sunday attendance, average weekly attendance numbers include attendance at Thursday morning services and special services on other days of the week such as Fantastic Fridays, Holy Week, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Heads Up regarding our Amazing Journey Summer Day Camp – We are planning another great Day Camp this summer. It will be held in the mornings of Monday, July 6th to Friday, July 10th. This year our Amazing Journey Summer Day Camp will travel back to when Jesus was a boy, with the children journeying back to Jesus' hometown of Nazareth. The camp will be held at Church of the Cross. We are working with them, as we have done the last three years, to plan the program and activities. Please keep these dates in mind and pass on information to parents of children who might like to attend. If you are able to help with the planning now or with the Camp in the summer, we would love to hear from you. For more information about the Camp, Please talk to Barb Prescott, Sharon Hallsor, or Tara Poilievre.



Our Parish Council Retreat – The Reverend Wendy Brown from Harcourt United Church in Guelph, Ontario was the facilitator for our Parish Council Retreat on February 28th. She led us in “A Joy Conversation”, helping us to share our stories of finding joy in our lives. She challenged us to think about the steps we might take to move forward at St. Luke’s and bring joy in our lives at St. Luke’s. We shared suggestions and strategies for the way forward through writing our thoughts on how we can be empowered, equipped and affirmed in our roles as leaders in the Parish. Parish Council members found this to be an enjoyable and positive start to our year of working together.

At this time, we as Wardens give thanks for the many blessings we have in our lives and ask for God’s continued blessings upon you and your family at this special time of celebrating the Festival of Easter.

Your Wardens Marlene, Sharon, Barb and Harry

A reminder that your support is always needed for.....

The Regional Grains Program for Our Place – Our Place would be delighted to receive the “Grain” contributions you put in the box at the back of the church. Contributions are collected on the second Sunday of the month. Here’s the roster for 2015:

Month	“Grain”
April	White Rice
May	Elbow Macaroni
June	Brown Rice
July	Navy Beans
August	Lentils
September	Spaghetti
October	Barley
November	Dried Split Peas
December	Dried Fruit

Also, consider helping with **Flowers for the Church** by making a donation to the Altar Guild. Please contact **Margaret Warden** at 250-477-1303 for more details.

And we always NEED New Volunteer Greeters, Readers, Sidespeople at all of our services. Please speak to the Rector, Ray Lett, or Barb Prescott if you are able to help in any of these ways.

Important Parish Dates to Note for April – June 2015

Date	Event
Saturday, April 25 th	Spring Fair – 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Friday, May 1 st	Fantastic Friday (aka Messy Church) – 4:30 - 6:30 pm
Friday, June 5 th	Fantastic Friday (aka Messy Church) – 4:30 - 6:30 pm
Friday, June 12 th	Pub Night at St. Luke’s – 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Sunday, June 21 st	10:00 am Combined Service followed by the Parish Picnic
Saturday, June 27 th	Garden Party at the Turnham’s – 2:00 pm

And Dates to Note in the Summer and Fall

Monday, July 6 th - Friday, July 10 th	The Amazing Journey Summer Day Camp – 9:00 am - 12:00 noon Joint project of St. Luke’s and Church of the Cross, it will be held at Church of the Cross this year.
Saturday, September 19 th - Sunday, September 20 th	St. Luke’s Homecoming Weekend (See page 10 for more information.)

St. Luke's Church Men's Club Tie

submitted by Pam Gaudio

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*Photo credits:
Vicki Sharp*

The Men's Club is sponsoring the sale at cost price of "A Distinctive Tie" with a unique design for St. Luke's Church. We will be ordering these ties from England for delivery prior to Christmas but need to receive your firm commitment by the end of September. For further details, and to order one or more ties, please phone the Church office or Duncan Forbes. Price: \$25 each. Your support will be much appreciated.

Description of the St. Luke's Tie

The St. Luke's tie is a dark blue polyester tie, made in England, with a Coat of Arms and stripes design arranged in a continually repeating diagonal pattern. The stripes are three narrow stripes together colored gold, green and gold. The Coat of Arms is a shield outlined in gold and divided by a gold cross. In the upper left and right quadrants is a figure of a white winged brown bull with white halo on a green field, which is the symbol of St. Luke. In the lower left quadrant are two green snakes entwining a brown rod on a dark blue background, which is the symbol of the medical profession; St. Luke was a physician, and the symbol also represents faith. In the lower right quadrant is a brown eternal lamp with flame and radiants in gold on a white background, which represents the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.



Editor's Note - The tie is no longer available.

St. Luke's A.C.W.

submitted by Pam Gaudio

Gleaned from a Past Prescription – Vol. 5, No. 3, April 6, 1995

St. Luke's Anglican Women (A.C.W.) hosted a very successful Diocesan Annual Meeting early in March on our "80th Anniversary". The first W.A. (Women's Auxiliary) meeting was held at St. Luke's on March 11th, 1915. Those first members had a much harder time to live up to the purpose of the W.A. which is to unite women in fellowship of worship, study and offering and to strengthen their own spiritual lives, and will lead them into Christian service everywhere. Without these ladies we have to stop and wonder if St. Luke's would be here today. They would hold teas in their homes and charge their friends 25 cents to come and spend the afternoon. The money raised this way helped pay the Rector's stipend, the water and light bill and sometimes gas for the car and no doubt coal for the heating. The Dorcas group made layettes and children's clothing as well as quilts. Some of these went to the Saanich Welfare Office and to the Rev. Greene around Alert Bay.

The following ladies have spent 50 years or more working in the W.A./A.C.W.: Mary Armstrong, Marjorie Huggett, Remoth Leeder. Thanks and congratulations to Marjorie Huggett.

Our Celebration of 100 Years of Women's Ministry at St. Luke's by Barb Prescott



*Marjorie Huggett
cutting the cake
Photo credits: Pam Gaudio*

After the 10 am service on March 15th, we held a special Coffee Time Celebration with a cake to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the start of St. Luke's WA/ACW and recognize 100 years of women's ministry at St. Luke's. St. Luke's Women's Auxiliary (WA), which later became the ACW (Anglican Church Women), first met on March 11, 1915. St. Luke's ACW disbanded in February 2002 but a number of parishioners continue the ACW connection by attending Diocesan ACW meetings held at various times throughout the year. Barb Coleman, the Diocesan ACW President, came from Duncan to be part of the service and celebration.

The celebration also recognized Marjorie Huggett's long association with the ACW. Marjorie joined the WA in Salmon Arm in 1948.



Coincidentally we found out on the day that March 15th was the 57th anniversary of the day Marjorie and her husband, Art, arrived at St. Luke's. Marjorie, Art, and their family first arrived at St. Luke's on March 15, 1958 which began Marjorie's long association with St. Luke's.

We give thanks for Marjorie's long association with St. Luke's and for the blessings she has brought with her many years of ministry here.

St. Luke's Homecoming Weekend by Barb Prescott

Mark your calendars for a special celebration in September! **On Saturday and Sunday, September 19th and 20th we are planning a St. Luke's Homecoming Weekend.** This will be our Fantastic Fun Day, Welcome Sunday and more, all rolled into one great weekend! September 17th will mark the 155th anniversary of the beginning of the congregation of St. Luke Cedar Hill. The first congregation at Cedar Plains, as the area was called, met in the Irvine family farmhouse on September 17th, 1860. So it is fitting that we have a celebration to mark this milestone and invite the community to take part.

This will be a time to invite anyone with a connection to St. Luke's to "come home" to take part in the celebrations: people who were baptized, married, once attended Sunday School, have moved away, or friends and family who used to attend, but don't attend now. Perhaps we'll also have a descendents' tea or lunch at the same time and invite descendents of people buried in the churchyard.

We have lots of ideas and are just starting to brainstorm! We welcome your suggestions and help with planning this special weekend. If you can help with the planning or have ideas to share, please talk to Barb Prescott, Sharon Hallsor, or Pam Gaudio.

The Shelbourne Community Kitchen Hosts an Open House *by Barb Prescott*



Photo credit: Barb Prescott

An exciting event happened on March 23rd! The Shelbourne Community Kitchen officially celebrated its new location with a ribbon cutting ceremony and an Open House.

The Shelbourne Community Kitchen is a collaborative effort of a diverse number of community partners including community associations, faith groups, local businesses and individual residents. These partners started meeting in 2012 to identify poverty related needs in the Cedar Hill/Shelbourne Valley area. These discussions culminated in the creation of the Shelbourne

Community Kitchen in 2013. The partner organizations are: Lutheran Church of the Cross, St. Aidan's United Church, St. Luke's Anglican Church, Mt. Tolmie Community Association, and Camosun Community Association.

The Shelbourne Community Kitchen operated in satellite locations for the first two years, but recently was able to obtain a long-term lease on a privately owned house on Shelbourne Street. After obtaining a Temporary Use Permit from the District of Saanich, the house was renovated. At the beginning of March, the Shelbourne Community Kitchen moved to its new location at 3541 Shelbourne Street.

The purpose of the Shelbourne Community Kitchen is to provide support through a neighbourhood resource centre for those in the community who lack adequate access to healthy food. At the kitchen groups will be able to cook meals together, work in the community garden and access the food pantry.

Presently Ray Lett and Edith Jarrott represent St. Luke's on the Board of the Shelbourne Community Kitchen. If you would like more information, please speak to Ray or Edith, visit the Shelbourne Community Kitchen at its website (<http://shelbournecommunitykitchen.ca>), on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ShelbourneCommunityKitchen> or contact Kim Cummins, Program Coordinator, at info@shelbournecommunitykitchen.ca or at (250) 590-0980.



*Shelbourne Community Kitchen's New Location
3541 Shelbourne Street
Between Cedar Avenue and Donnelly Avenue*

The Holy Assumption of the Virgin Mary Russian Orthodox Church, National Historic Landmark, Kenai, Alaska *submitted by Vicki Sharp*

Editors' Note: Malcolm and Vicki Sharp visited this National Historic Landmark in Kenai last summer when they toured Alaska and the Yukon.



*Photo credits:
Vicki Sharp*

The National Historic Landmark includes three buildings: the Parish House, which is believed to be the oldest building on the Peninsula constructed by the Russians; the St. Nicholas Chapel, which is a memorial shrine; and the Church. All three buildings are constructed of logs. The Church property also consists of a graveyard, a small park, a reproduction of Fort Kenai, and four historic log buildings behind the Fort. The first Christian missionary to reach Kenai was Father Juvenaly, one of the ten original monks who came from Kodiak from the Valaam Monastery in Russian Finland. Father Juvenaly wintered in Kenai in 1795-1796, baptizing local inhabitants.

Kenai received its first resident priest, Father Igumen Nicolai, in 1846. In 1849 Fr. Igumen established a small church which was part of the original trading post. By 1859 through his energetic labour he recorded 1432 members in the parish. He also instituted the Russian school. Fr. Nicolai is buried under the chapel which bears his name. The St. Nicholas Chapel (erected in 1906) is on the approximate site of the original church.

In 1895 the parish received a \$400 grant from the Holy Synod in Russia to construct the present church of the Holy Assumption. The church was built in the shape of a boat which has spiritual significance as well as being appropriate considering its location on a fishing community on the mouth of the Kenai River. The bell tower was added at a later date. The chandelier is possibly the largest candle-burning chandelier in the state. Some of the icons in the church came from the original church. Others, such as those on the Iconostasis Wall, were painted in Russia especially for the consecration of Holy Assumption in 1896. Holy Assumption is one of the oldest active parishes in Alaska.



An “Epic” Journey by Gillian Bloom

I was on my way to visit my daughter in Black Creek and had to be at the bus station by 7 a.m. (Not sure why because there were only 6 of us ready to board the bus – and we even had boarding numbers!) Very nice bus – black leather reclining seats and free WiFi – the seats were more interesting at that time of the morning, so I slept most of the way to Nanaimo.

Once there – things did not go so smoothly. Although I did manage to get a cup of coffee (quite illegally so I had better not say how I accomplished this feat!) I mentioned to the bus driver that I was supposed to meet my daughter at the Black Creek Community Hall. He didn't know where that was – new to the route – and I couldn't explain.

So he consulted his route and said he could stop at the RV place. Now – how to let my daughter know – could I remember her phone number? I was loaned a cell phone and got hold of her explaining the new stop – and then fell asleep again until we arrived in Courtenay. From then on I had my eyes peeled for my stop when suddenly the man in front of me said “ Wasn't that where you wanted to get off?” It was indeed – but too late to stop and the bus driver irritably complained that we weren't even in Black Creek yet – that was Merville.

We then proceeded to pass by the end of my daughter's road, then the Community Centre, which I pointed out to the driver for future reference! Where and when was he ever going to stop? Finally we stopped at the Black Creek Diner and I had to get off. I was hoping that my daughter had seen the bus pass her and would follow it, but after waiting about ten minutes (thank goodness it was sunny), I realised that wasn't going to happen. What to do? If I left the side of the road she was bound to drive by and miss me. So again I borrowed a cell phone and called her. Luckily she had headed home and was there to answer and come and pick me up. Moral of this story – don't travel without your cell phone and your daughter's cell phone number!!

Iceland – Land of Fire and Ice by Gillian Bloom

I did see the Northern Lights but in a rather unusual place – above the luggage containers in the airplane! We did go out one evening especially to see them but apart from a faint glimmer they were not cooperative – too bad, as that was what I really came to see.

It was a short and very different holiday. We went prepared for cold, but it was not as bad as some places in Canada, ranging from -1 to 4 degrees – but lots of snow and ice. We saw magnificent waterfalls – partially frozen and towering geysers which erupted about every 5 to 7 minutes. On arrival we were taken straight to the Blue Lagoon – a hot spring area about the size of two football fields and so lovely and warm – very relaxing after a seven and a half hour flight.

One highlight of the trip was when we boiled eggs in the really hot springs – putting the eggs in net bags on poles and immersing them in the boiling water. Charlie pronounced them delicious!



*Photo credits:
Gillian Bloom*

Reykjavik is a fairly modern city and the streets are free of ice and snow as they are heated thermally. However, Iceland is a very expensive place so we realised why lunch and dinner were not included in the tour. It was hard to find an inexpensive meal but at least we were given a very good breakfast and I usually made sandwiches for lunch. One of my favourite stops was to see the Icelandic ponies. They are short, sturdy and shaggy animals with heads which seem too big for their bodies. They are kept outside all winter but their owners do put out hay for them. They have four paces and the fastest is rather like a trot with their knees high in the air – very different but surprisingly smooth.



Gillian Bloom in Iceland

Many of the souvenirs were the same type as one can buy anywhere (and made in China generally). However, their sweaters and their knitted goods are beautifully made and this is reflected in the price!

Since we only travelled with overnight bags, no big purchases were made. All too soon it was time to have a last city tour and then off to the airport. I wouldn't have missed this for anything, but I do wish I could have seen the Northern Lights!!!

The St. George Stained Glass Memorial Window by Heather Moon



On the south wall of St. Luke's Church is a stained glass memorial window depicting St. George, Patron Saint of England. Installation of this window was begun in January 1983 and it was donated by my parents, George and Irene Moon (nee Ince). St. George is popularly identified with English ideals of honour, bravery and gallantry. The inscription on the window reads: "St. George. Fear not for I will deliver you". It is dedicated "To the glory of God and in loving memory of the Ince and Moon families".

Who are the people memorialized on this window in these two families each with a four letter surname?



*Frederick and Charlotte Moon
Family photos submitted by
Heather Moon*

My paternal grandparents, Frederick and Charlotte Moon, arrived in Quebec from the London area of England in July 1919 on the ship Tunisian, bringing with them their infant son, George, my father.

Their destination was Mt. Tolmie, Victoria, BC, where they settled on a large property they had purchased on Rowan Street. Frederick had served his country in World War I in the Royal Engineers, British Army, and was awarded the Military Medal for Bravery in the Field.

They joined the congregation of St. Luke's and George, having had his first birthday on December 3, was baptised there by Reverend G. Wells on December 11, 1919. He was confirmed at St. Luke's June 18, 1933 by Bishop G. Exton Lloyd having been prepared by Reverend S. Ryall.



James and Elizabeth Ince at their home in Fernie, BC

My maternal grandparents, James and Elizabeth Ince, were born in Chorley, Lancashire, England where James was a coal miner and Elizabeth a weaver. Some members of each of their families had come to Canada before the onset of World War I. After James and Elizabeth became engaged, James set out to join the other family members in Fernie, BC, to establish a home for himself and Elizabeth. He then planned return to England to marry Elizabeth and bring her to Canada. The start of World War I in 1914 changed these plans. In March 1916, James joined the 103rd Battalion of the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force and was shipped out to England to serve in the war.

Elizabeth, along with one of her sisters, was an excellent weaver and she and her sister were chosen to weave the cloth for the aeroplanes because in her words "it had to be perfect". James survived the war but had been wounded. A month after the war ended, James and Elizabeth were married on December 14, 1918, in the Church of England at their parish church, St. James, in Chorley. They were

finally able to realize their dream and arrived in Quebec City in July 1919 aboard the Grampian and then travelled via the Canadian Pacific Railway to their destination of Fernie, BC. They had two children, Irene (born in 1920) and James (born in 1924). Irene was born in Victoria while her parents were here so that James could be treated for his war wounds. They returned to Fernie where they raised their family.

Irene, after graduating from high school, returned to Victoria to live with family friends and get work. (She often remarked that having grown up in Fernie, she had seen enough snow to last her a lifetime.)

Meanwhile growing up in Victoria, George sang solos at St. Luke's, attended the original Cedar Hill School and Mt. Douglas High School, and was taking an apprenticeship in carpentry. One evening he was in downtown Victoria when he saw a girl he knew walking with a gorgeous redhead so, of course, he stopped to chat with her. The redhead was Irene Ince and there the romance began.



George and Irene Moon strolling down Yates Street 1939

Once again war broke out and George signed on with the Royal Canadian Navy. George and Irene married in November 1939 and George was immediately shipped out. George was one month short of his 21st birthday and Irene was 19. George's name is included on the Roll of Honour on the rear wall of the Church listing the "members of St. Luke's Church who are serving their King and country". In August 1943, HMCS Haida, a Tribal-class destroyer built in England was commissioned into the Royal Canadian Navy and George was assigned to her for the duration of the war and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. HMCS Haida's crew sank more enemy tonnage than any other Canadian warship. She has been referred to as "the fightingest ship in the Canadian Navy". Haida was designated a National Historic Site of Canada in 1984 and is on display in Hamilton, Ontario.



*Confirmation Ready:
Sharan (L) and Heather posing for a
photo before going to St. Luke's
to be confirmed. They were prepared
for confirmation by Canon F. Pike.*

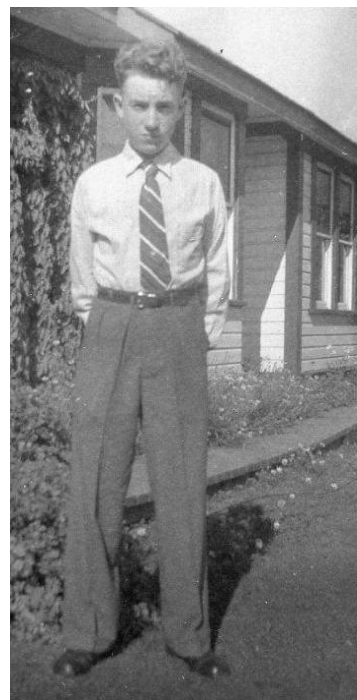
in their teens. Sharan was married at St. Luke's in August 1961 to Jack Thomson and they had two daughters.

Irene's brother, James Ince, joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1943 and trained as a Wireless Mechanic. In 1955, he married Teresa in Fernie and they raised their two sons in Calgary, Alberta. They returned to Victoria after retirement to live in the house on Rowan Street. James died in 2011.

George and Irene had two daughters, Sharan and Heather, both born during the war. Irene lived on Rowan Street in the big white house on the north side of the street that was given to the young couple by Fred and Charlotte who had built a new home on another piece of their property on Rowan Street. Sadly, Frederick died in 1942 at age 62. Neither of his granddaughters had the opportunity to meet him.

In 1946 James and Elizabeth Ince moved into the big white house with George, Irene and the girls. The family was devastated when James died suddenly in 1946 at the age of 56. George built a new bungalow for his family a block south on Derby Road and a few years later built a house on Rowan Street for Elizabeth between the big white house and the house where Charlotte Moon lived. As children my sister and I loved to visit both of our grandmothers living such a very short distance away.

Sharan and Heather were baptised and confirmed at St. Luke's, attended Sunday School there as well as Girls' Auxiliary and Anglican Young Peoples' Association. They both taught the primary classes at the Sunday School



*James (Jim) Ince - Irene's
brother at the family home
in Fernie, BC*

All of the deceased members of the Moon and Ince families are at rest in the cemetery at St. Luke's:
Frederick Moon (1942) and Charlotte Moon (1963)
Irene Moon (1992), Sharan Moon (Thomson) (1998), and George Moon (1999).
James Ince (1946), Elizabeth Ince (1985), and James Ince (2011).

Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." John 11: 25-26.

Stories from St. Luke's Churchyard – William Westby, Master Gardener *by Pam Gaudio*

William Westby was a professional English landscape gardener from Yorkshire, England. He started his career under his father's guidance at age 12 and eventually became the head gardener for the Duke of Devonshire. Trained in topiary and espaliery, he also learned to grow tropical fruits in a northern climate.

William and his family immigrated to Canada in 1910 due to his son's health and settled in Winnipeg where he worked for the city's parks department. After a couple of years he realized the Prairie climate was not good for his son's health, so the family moved again, this time to Victoria where he started his own nursery.



Butchart Gardens' Sunken Garden

It wasn't long before his good reputation was brought to the attention of Robert and Jenny Butchart. Robert asked him to help fulfill Jenny's dream of transforming the old limestone quarry into a beautiful garden. He agreed and designed and supervised the development of the world famous sunken garden, a project that took seven years. In 1922 he left the Butcharts' employ and established his own company at Elk Lake called W. H. Westby & Son Landscape Gardeners and Garden Architects.

He designed many gardens in the Uplands district and was asked to design the interior gardens for the first salt water swimming pool building in downtown Victoria. From his experience working for the Butcharts he filled the building with a magnificent display of ferns, begonias, azaleas and bougainvilleas. When he finished the building, known as the Crystal Gardens, it was transformed into a gardener's paradise. William always thought a garden was a lovely thing.

William Westby died September 10, 1933 at the age of 67. He is buried in the family plot in St. Luke's Churchyard in Row D, plot 40.

A Punny Story

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway.
One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'

Cemetery Committee Notes by Barb Prescott

When the Cemetery Committee met on March 4th, we decided that we would again have Cemetery Cleanup mornings this year. These worked well last year: a total of twenty people came to these cleanup mornings, some coming each time, others coming to one or two. This year we have chosen the third Saturday of the month starting in April for our Cemetery Cleanup Mornings. **So please mark your calendars: April 18th, May 16th, June 20th, July 18th and August 15th will be our Cemetery Cleanup Mornings.** We'll plan to be there from 9 to 11:30 am, and people are welcome to come and go during that time as suits them best.



*A Cemetery Cleanup Morning in 2013
Photo credit: Barb Prescott*

Do you know someone whose grandparents or other relatives are buried at St. Luke's? Please invite them to take part in one of the monthly churchyard cleanups. Or maybe they could write a story about their grandparents or other relatives for our Prescription.

A heads up for the summer: **The Old Cemeteries Society will be conducting a tour of St. Luke's Churchyard on Sunday, August 9th at 2 pm.** World War I experiences will be the focus of this tour which will be led by Pam Gaudio and Sylvia Van Kirk. They will guide us to the graves of men and women buried in the churchyard who served in World War I, including General Ashton, "Whizzbang" Johnson, Montague Bridgeman, and Nursing Sisters, Parker and Pugh. Parishioners will be invited to take part in the tour at a reduced price.

Please speak to Daniel, Pam Gaudio, or any of the wardens if you have any questions or concerns about the cemetery. We look forward to seeing you at our first Cemetery Cleanup of 2015 on April 18th!

St. Luke's Celebration of Palm/Passion Sunday with Church of the Cross by Barb Prescott



Lutheran Church of the Cross and St. Luke's celebrated Palm/Passion Sunday together this year. A palm procession provided a walking link between the two churches. The service began with members of both congregations meeting at 10 am at Church of the Cross. Worship started with the Liturgy of the Palms and the blessing of palms, coats and blankets. The blankets and coats collected were donated to the patrons of Our Place Society.

Following the blessing of the palms, coats and blankets, the two congregations joined together in a palm procession crossing Cedar Hill Road and Cedar Hill Cross Road to St. Luke's. Two trumpeters led the singing of I Want Jesus to Walk with Me as everyone processed to St. Luke's.

At St. Luke's, the service continued with the Passion Narrative and a celebration of the Eucharist. Refreshments were served in St. Luke's Hall after the service giving members of both congregations time to mingle and continue to strengthen the many links between the two churches.




Thanks to Vicki Sharp for sharing these photos and the one on the cover.

A slide show of the Palm Procession is linked from the home page of St. Luke's website (www.stlukesvictoria.ca) under News.



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St. Luke's Spring Fair

SATURDAY APRIL 25th 10 am – 2 pm

Your donations of plants, antiques and collectibles, needlework and handicrafts, jams and jellies, home baking, jewellery, books, toys, and miscellaneous "white elephant" items will be most appreciated!

No clothing or large furniture items please.

Please drop off items the week of the sale.

We don't have storage space for items dropped off sooner.

Set Up - Thursday, April 23rd in the evening (6 – 9 pm)

and all day Friday, April 24th (9 am – 3 pm)

This event is one of St. Luke's major fundraisers and is much anticipated and enjoyed by the community. We look forward to your continued support. Please call us with any questions or to offer your assistance. Thank you very much.

Carol Turnham, 250-592-2842, and Lois George, 250-598-7863, Convenors.