

Coop's Scoops # 78 Friday, July 24th, 2020

Just a quick one today, much to do to get ready for our two outdoor virtual services tomorrow. Watch at 3pm to see the **St. James, Port Cunnington** Patronal Festival day Cemetery Remembrance Service....and then later in August we'll post the second event which will be a Morning Prayer service officiated by the Rev. Margaret Morrison+. To join on line, go to <https://www.facebook.com/deaneryofmuskoka> If you can't watch at 3pm, the service will remain on the facebook page at least a couple of days.

Being quick always reminds me of bunnies, And that reminded me of a very cute picture From several years ago. Hope you can feel the "cuddly" But otherwise, thanks for bearing with me! And yes, that's Claire! Easter 2013



News from the Parish:

Lake of Bays: Rev. Margaret will be sending the Zoom meeting invitations out to Wardens, Treasurers and parish leaders soon.... It is scheduled for Thursday, July 30th at 6:30 pm. I have heard that there MAY be a Diocese wide ZOOM meeting that night, but cannot get it confirmed at this time. If the Diocesan meeting does become confirmed, we will change the LOB meeting until the following week, and you will be notified.

St. Thomas: The ZOOM meeting for Wardens, Treasurers and Parish leaders re Getting Started is tentatively scheduled for Monday August 3rd at 6:30 pm. Link in information will be sent when Liz returns to work next week, and will be forwarded to you at that time.

A thank you is extended to everyone for their faithful and generous givings during this covid closure time. Your support is keeping us in a healthy financial position, and you are to be commended.

One quick Joke:

How many rabbits does it take to change a light bulb? Only one if it hops right to it. (In keeping with our quick theme)

One Cartoon:



One Scripture: Colossians 3:13

**Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense.
Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you.**

One quick homily:

This short Scripture is selected from the list of the things we are to put on; how we are to clothe ourselves in our daily life and witness. Please read the whole section – Colossians 3: 12-17 – to get a more complete picture. The “hurried” aspect of this command is for our own sake, not for the sake necessarily of the one who has offended us. Sometimes it will take a process of healing before forgiveness can be spoken fully. For sure. But whenever we can, with God’s help, quickly forgive, we are doing three things:

- Preventing a wound in ourselves from festering and getting even worse
- Responding in faith thinking rather than in cultural thinking.
- Freeing the offender from our condemnation. That does not mean “it didn’t matter”...it means we are not expecting or asking God to reign punishment down upon them. We are willing to pray for their joy and their transformation, that they may not wound another as they have wounded us.

Imagine just for a moment yourself on yours one day asking God to forgive you for a sinful behaviour. How'd you like to hear..."Well, maybe after I think about it!" Or "when you change your behaviour, come and ask again" or "No, I just can't do that". That would be awful. The love of Jesus calls us to be as quick to forgive as we hope to be forgiven.

When situations and wounds are deep, abusive, repetitive and cutting, then we can with integrity seek help and counsel and time for healing before leaping into the kind of forgiveness that may put us at risk of further wounding. God honours that, and people are right to wait until it can be an authentic and healing experience for them. It may take forever. And in that case, we can ask God to do the judging, and leave it with Him to exercise both justice and mercy.

Okay, that wasn't really "quick"I could have said less....I'll try harder next time.

Blessings from Judie+

A Prayer for this day:

Now into the keeping of God I put

All doings of today:

All disappointments, hindrances, woundings, negligences, forgotten things...

All gladness and beauty; love, delight, achievement...

All that people have done for me, All that I have done for them, my work and my prayers...

And I commit all the people I love to

His shepherding, to His healing and restoring, to His calling and His making;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Margaret Cropper 1886-1980)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be upon us all, this day and evermore. Amen.

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