



# He's Alive!

## St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Smiths Falls

Dear Friends in the Risen Christ,

In the next week or so, Christians the world over will be celebrating "Holy Week" and this year on Sunday, April 16th we with many others will celebrate Easter. I just wanted to take this wonderful opportunity to reach out to each of you and to invite you to remember and to celebrate wherever you are, this Revolutionary moment in time, when God acted through our Lord Jesus Christ, to restore hope to His beautiful creation, an action that continues to impact, all humanity and all creation even to this day. WOW!

Can this be unconditional love? "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13 NRSV) ... Or as we read in the Easter message of John's Gospel 20:13 or Matthew's Gospel 28:6 when the women came to the tomb...the words spoken by the angel or attendant or messenger depending on your translation of the Bible; "... Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Or in Matthew, where again the angel, attendant or messenger said..."He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said." As I read and wrestle with these verses and in the light of this generation, I replace He with the word Hope... I am reminded that the Hope that was lost, is become Hope restored, and that is an experience we all need in our individual and collective journeys.

May you know His Love, Healing, Power and Blessings, this Easter.

## Your new Interim Priest and Pastor

On March 2nd, Bishop John Chapman appointed me as your Interim Priest-in-charge until such time as your next Incumbent/Rector can be found or if needed another Interim Priest is appointed. So I serve at the Bishop's pleasure and at this time it is a pleasure to be here with you. I have met a number of you however being an "old fella" I'm retired don't you know, it will take me some time to remember all of your names so please, keep reminding me.

Being your Interim doesn't mean that I'm simply here to maintain whatever routine is in place but being "in charge" means to continue to lead the church, so I will be doing my best to engage you in the life of the Church, and I encourage you not to hesitate to talk to me about what is on your heart or mind. You may contact me through the Parish Office or my personal email: [nonnus.claude@gmail.com](mailto:nonnus.claude@gmail.com)

Blessings, Fr. Claude.

*Let us praise Him with heart and soul and voice!*

*I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore. REVELATION 1:18*

# Holy Week Dates and Times

## April

- 9th 8am and 10am Palm-Passion Sunday.
- 12th 10am Midweek Eucharist.
- 13th 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist with stripping of the sanctuary.
- 14th 10am Good Friday Anglican Liturgy no Eucharist.  
12 Noon Community Walk of the Cross leaving from St. Francis de Sales.
- 15th 5pm Easter Eucharist.
- 16th 8am Easter Eucharist.  
10am Easter Eucharist.
- 17th Easter Monday - Office is Closed.

**All are Welcome.**



+Saturday, April 22nd at 10am preparation meeting with parents and Godparents if possible, for those to be Baptized.

+ Saturday, May 20th at 3pm Baptism.

# A Baptism Event & Celebration

When I arrived at St. John's there were three requests for Baptism and there may be others who are thinking about it, be it for a child or an adult. We are receiving more request for adult Baptism as some parents opted to leave their child choose for themselves. All part of a changing culture.

Also the tradition here at St. John's is to celebrated Baptism on a Saturday afternoon. So looking ahead, I have set aside **3pm on Saturday, May 20th** (not to interfere with

Mothers Day which is on May 14th) for a Community Baptismal Celebration. Exception can be made for adults. To that end, and to provide for preparations, Parents seeking Baptism for a child and the Godparents where possible, are asked to meet with me as a group at 10am on **Saturday, April 22nd** at St. John's (please enter by the main doors off George Street). Child care will be available if needed. Adults are asked to call me for an appointment by contacting the Parish Office at **613-283-1261** asap. Please let others know if they have been talking about having a child Baptized to contact the Office.

# Our Next Adult Discovery...

..."Saving Jesus...Ever feel like Jesus has been kidnapped by the Christian Right and discarded by the Secular Left?

What about the Jesus before Constantine and after Christianity became a world Religion. But then again...Do

the Christians of the Eastern Christian Church see Jesus differently than Western Christians...?

Join us for the conversation...be part of the discovery for the Jesus in your Life. Bring a friend, any friend. Starting at 7pm Tuesday, May 2nd, location to be announced.

Please Call the Office to register.

**613-283-1261**

