

# BY GEORGE

158 Years

A MEMBER CONGREGATION OF THE ANGLICAN NETWORK IN CANADA (ANIC)

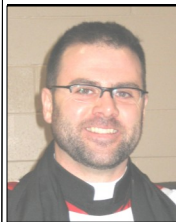
## INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

My Call to the Diaconate	p.3
Fountain of Life	p.4
Sunday School Summer	p.5
Easter Breakfast	p.6
An Opportunity	p.8
Reflection on Love	p.8
What is Lovely	p.9
Milestones	p.11

Give  
tongues of  
fire and  
hearts  
of love



## Tongues



In Genesis 3 Adam and Eve (and by extension the entire human family) failed to trust in

God's goodness and in His word. But the Lord was merciful in his judgment. By Genesis 6 the earth was covered with wickedness and every inclination of the thoughts of men was only evil all of the time. Again, The Good King was merciful in His judgment, sparing one man and his family.

In Genesis 11 the human family fails to trust in God's goodness and provision. Our forefathers set out to build a city, a tower that stretched to the heavens. This was no mere error of misguided technology, it was an overt attempt to dethrone the Lord God. It was a willful effort to place ourselves in the position of

Lord, Master and King over the creation. But God mercifully intervened. This time he gave diverse languages to confuse the workers and save them from themselves. The 'gift' of various languages prevented their construction project and flung the human family far and wide. While this may seem like harsh dealings, bear in mind that any other king would have crushed and destroyed such rebels.

Fast forward a few thousand years to the first feast of Pentecost following Jesus' death, burial, resurrection and ascension. Jerusalem is packed and crowded with Jews from all over the known world. They are all there to celebrate at the temple but feel distance from each other, struggling through language barriers.

And then it happens.  
God, in His mercy, gives various

(continued on page 2)



languages and diverse tongues to the disciples while they were gathered praying. All of His people heard the story of Jesus and of the coming Kingdom of God in their own language. Just as He used various languages to mercifully judge and separate His people in Genesis 4, saving them from their own rebellion, He was now using the gift of various languages to bring His people together. On that Pentecost day the gift of languages and tongues was used to bring about the reversal of isolation and separation.

If you were there on that day you would have seen the reversal of the fallout of the fall, the reversal of Genesis 11. You would have felt the electricity in the air, as hundreds and thousands of people saw the Kingdom of God breaking through all around them. The Lord of Heaven and Earth was drawing His people together.

Pentecost is the reminder that God is renewing all things. He is creating a new heaven and a new earth.

When humans try to create the Kingdom of God we always create idols. Through the misuse of technology we build cities and towers that represent our own rebellion against the Lord and King of the universe. But when the Spirit of God is at work, the Kingdom of God breaks through. The world of tomorrow breaks into today.

And we catch a glimpse of the coming Kingdom.

Jesus is proclaimed and seen as the

King. Rebellious people are restored to right relationship with their Lord and Master under His terms of amnesty, the cross. And all the King's people return from their isolation to rule and reign with Him in the new heaven and earth forever.

In one sense the church was formed on that first Pentecost. God's people were brought back together under their Lord and King, Jesus. Thousands heard the message of the King and His kingdom within a few days. They bowed their knee and began living the life of tomorrow today. The story goes on in Acts to tell us that the preaching of the kingdom added to their number daily.

That is what the Spirit of God does. He gathers God's people together, calling them out from distant places, altogether under one King, praising that King and longing for His Kingdom.

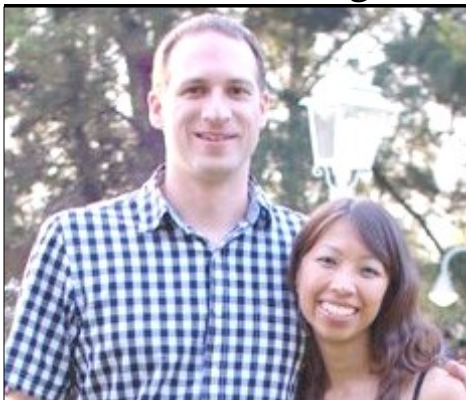
I pray that we at St. George's would be Pentecost people. I pray that we would continue to see the Spirit at work, placing a spotlight on Jesus, showing Him as King and gathering all of God's people together to long for His kingdom and praise the King.

*Ray David Glenn*

**Please pray  
for Joe Biggar who is to be  
ordained to the diaconate on  
June 15 at St. George's.**

*"I will pour out my Spirit"*

## ***My Call to the Diaconate***



It was about four years ago that I went to my friend's ordination to the priesthood in England. During that trip, I met one of his friends who had just been ordained into the diaconate as a permanent deacon. He would continue working in his regular non-church related job. Not being from an Anglican background I did not know that there was such a position within the clergy. The seed had been planted; I began to think about being ordained to the diaconate.

I have always felt an attraction and a desire to serve the Church in some manner. I knew as a lay person I could serve, but I wanted to serve with greater capacity and potential. I have had several friends enter the ministry full-time (as priests or pastors) but I've never had the desire nor felt the call to follow them into a full-time ministry (i.e. becoming a pastor of a church or preaching). I have always felt that I could rather serve the various pastors and church groups that I am involved with.

I prayed about my calling for another year and when I was confirmed at St. George's in 2011 I felt the call even stronger. A year after that, I finally mentioned this call to Ray David and he confirmed that this may indeed be a call from God. After a year or so of meeting with Bishop Charlie, working with an ordination discernment committee at St. George's and attending the DOVE retreat in Ottawa last year, the call had been confirmed.

My ministry at St. George's will be mainly around the small groups and pastorates. As we prepare to enter a new neighbourhood and have a potential influx of new people, we will have a great need for coordination. I will be joined by my wife Carny to help coordinate small groups and pastorates. Carny has experience coordinating small groups so I'm grateful to have her as a partner. The coordination of these groups involves mainly resourcing and equipping small groups and their leaders. Also, due to the expected influx of people, there will be a need for new small groups to be formed. Carny and I will coordinate the creation of these new groups as well as train new leaders for these groups.

You can help too! If you want to join or lead a small group in your area, please contact Carny and me. We would be happy to find a place for you in an existing small group or provide some resources for starting a new small group.

***Josev Biggar***



*"If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink."*



## ***THIRSTY FOR THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE?***

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. Isaiah 12: 3-4

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams. This one will say, 'I am the LORD's,' another will call on the name of Jacob, and another will write on his hand, 'The LORD's,' and name himself by the name of Israel." Isaiah 44: 3 – 5

They shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. Isaiah 49:10

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Isaiah 55: 1 – 2

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4: 13-14

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. John 7: 37—39

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Revelation 22: 17

*"I will pour out my Spirit"*

---

## ***Sunday School in the Summer at St. Georges***

---

We have had another wonderful year with the children at St. George's. We have maintained our 3 Sunday School classes again this year due to the wonderful efforts of our teachers. We average about 15 children a week in Sunday school and would love to have 3 more teachers join us in the fall to fill up our team. We have been delighted to see some new faces join us in our classes this year and they have added countless giggles and new friends.

### **Summer Volunteers**

As always we are looking for teachers and helpers for our summer sessions. This is our way of thanking our volunteers for the work that they do. It gives them a break and allows them to recharge as we get ready for fall and for transitioning into our new building. If you would like to volunteer for one or more week this summer, sign up sheets will be available in the Town Square. If you have questions please feel free to talk to Lesley or Shelley. The Sunday school material is provided and minimal preparation is required. We would love to see some new people or families take up the challenge to lead one week. We have great children at St. George's and I am sure that you will treasure the time you spend.

### **We are also having a Summer Challenge this summer...**

We are challenging each of our children to get into God's word. Each child who signs up, will receive age appropriate devotional material. Little ones can get their parents to help. It takes only a few minutes a day, and the child will develop healthy spiritual habits that can last a lifetime. For completing 5 of the daily devotions, the child will win a chocolate bar, for completion of 10, the child will win a Webkinz, and for 20 of the devotions (the whole book) he/she will win an AWESOME BOWLING PARTY with Lesley and Shelley. Sign up today in the Town Square.

### **August Collection for Needy Children**

Finally, in August we will be collecting School Supplies for needy children in Milton through the Salvation Army. We have done this the last three summers and have blessed children in Milton with backpacks and lunch boxes full of school supplies and peanut free snacks. EVERYONE at St. Georges can help us with this project. Let's send as many children as we can back to school with full backpacks and full lunch boxes.

Thank you.

***Shelley and Lesley***



*"If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink."*



## The Church Family Celebrates Easter

**Early on Easter morning St. George's was blessed with a bountiful feast! One hundred sixty hungry people were fed by a team of smiling volunteers!**



*"I will pour out my Spirit"*



*"If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink."*



### ***An opportunity for you***

A very good friend of mine Nancy Stewart works at BIRKDALE RETIREMENT HOME in Milton (beside the hospital) leading small groups and Bible studies. She has asked if perhaps someone in our congregation would be interested in helping her out.

Nancy Stewart would need help 2 days: **Monday** 2-3:30 Bible Study and **Wednesday** 2-3:30 Motivational Group. Both discussion groups have 15-20 people.

Duties would include: assistance with setting up furniture, seating residents, handing out materials, participating in discussions, serving tea/coffee/refreshments, casual conversations with residents, putting furniture and dishes away.

Nancy Stewart's email address is [nancy.stewart@bellnet.ca](mailto:nancy.stewart@bellnet.ca).

Thanks so much for any help with this.

Blessings,

***Marie Metsa***

### ***Reflection on the Love of God***

When we reach out and touch, focus and see, there is something tangible in what our senses are telling us, and we can see and feel love as part of where we are now. Until we are lifted above our mortality, we will never be able to plumb the depths of the love that God has for us. When we are given immortality, our new bodies will be totally formed of love, with all other emotions or feelings expressed by this. Through this we will at last be able to understand the true love of God, and the gifts and blessings that have come with it.

***Roger Harris***

*"I will pour out my Spirit"*



## ***What Is Lovely About Pentecost***



“In the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh [Acts 2:17].” “It shall be.” “God declares” it. This is God’s promise and He has done it. What those disciples received was also for us. “The promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” [Acts 2:39]

What is lovely about Pentecost is the abundance of the outpouring of the Spirit. The very words “I will pour out” suggest abundance. There is no carefulness here, no indication of a certain amount measured out, no rationing. This Pentecostal outpouring was generous and abundant.

This generous outpouring is lovely because the gift is precious. It is God with us not just for the moment, but forever! The Spirit is life [Romans 8]. It is the mark of God’s adoption and His ownership of us [Ephesians 1: 13,14]. It is the mark of our inheritance. When we have the Holy Spirit we are heirs of the Kingdom!

It is an overflowing pouring out of love, God’s love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us [Romans 5: 5]. It is a steady outpouring of God’s love, security forever and ever. Who wouldn’t want that?

It is the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit who washes us, the Holy Spirit who renews us, “the Spirit poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ, our Savior” [Titus 3:5,6]. Who doesn’t need washing? Who doesn’t long for renewal?

The abundance of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is lovely because the Spirit brings “times of refreshing” from the Lord. The Spirit brings about a flourishing of life, an abundant blossoming of the wilderness, the dry land and the desert [Isaiah 35]. The prophet Isaiah spoke longingly of the Lord “opening rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of valleys, the wilderness becoming a pool of water, and

*(Continued on page 10)*



*“If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.”*



*Continued from page 9*

the dry land springs of water [Isaiah 41; 18].” Through Isaiah the Lord declared, “I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit on your offspring and my blessing on your descendants. They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams” [Isaiah 44: 3,4]. It makes no sense at all except to a person who longs for “times of refreshment”. The Spirit provides times of refreshment and He provides abundantly. Who wouldn’t want this for ourselves and for our children as the Lord declares?

The ministry of the Spirit is a witness to Jesus. The Spirit is a witness to righteousness. The voice of the Spirit is a voice of conviction, conviction of sin, conviction of righteousness, and a conviction of judgment [John 16:7 -14]. Who wouldn’t want that? Genuine conviction of sin from the Holy Spirit, and true repentance is the only pathway to the Savior. Who wouldn’t want that? It is God’s gift! It is the outpouring of God’s gift of grace that we desperately need. No marshmallow gospel can do the work of genuine conviction, genuine repentance, turning from sin, and genuine taking hold of Jesus.

The Outpouring of the Spirit is lovely because the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of power. The great Baptist preacher Spurgeon(19<sup>th</sup> century) spoke of the unimaginable power of wind and fire combined, power impossible to resist. That is the power of the Holy Spirit! But it is not a destructive force; it is the power of God, the power of truth, the power of righteousness, the power of healing mercy. Every time we read the account of that Pentecost, fifty days after Jesus’ resurrection, we should be totally amazed at the record of the power of God’s Spirit working in stony hearts as Peter and the disciples urged them to repent. When have we ever witnessed such scenes of multitudes melted and turning to the Lord? When have we ever witnessed such great boldness and power of witness? When have we ever known such great grace upon the people of God as in those days [Acts 4: 31 – 33]? I long for our day to be such a day!

When those early disciples heard that a gift was coming in not many days, they waited eagerly. They banded together, all of them, and they devoted themselves to prayer [Acts 1;14] Jesus said that human fathers are willing to give good gifts to their children and “how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” [Luke 11: 13]. “The promise is for us, and for our children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

***Mary Ann Masters***

*“I will pour out my Spirit”*

## ***milestones***



This month our ANiC moderator, Bishop Donald Harvey, will be retiring and Bishop Charlie will become the diocesan bishop. Bishop Don is known and well-loved in every parish across the country. He has overseen the growth of ANiC from the original two parishes, to the many parishes and clergy that form ANiC today. ANiC is grateful for his faithful ministry and for his willingness to serve the church in the challenging environment of its first few years. We pray God's richest grace upon Bishop Don and Trudy for many further opportunities of fruitful ministry.

We are encouraged to pray, as well, for the Lord's blessing on Bishop Charlie and Judy. We pray for health and strength and for bold and faithful proclamation of the Gospel. We pray for fruitfulness, for faithful and wise pastoral care, and for God's continued direction for the church's vital mission to the world.



At the end of this month, also, Archbishop Robert Duncan will be retiring as Primate of the Anglican Church in North America. In this first period in the history of ACNA, the church has been greatly blessed by his witness, his shepherd heart and his courageous leadership. He will be remembered for his vision for ACNA and particularly for the challenge to plant 1000 churches in five years. He has been a friend of ANiC since its formation and has become a familiar presence at ANiC gatherings. We know his ministry will continue in a different form, and also that the church will carry on its mission in the direction that he set. He and his wife will appreciate your prayers as they begin this new phase of their ministry.



The ACNA College of Bishops is to meet June 20 – 22 in Pittsburg to discern the Lord's will and to elect the new Archbishop. The College of Bishops has requested prayer for this vital moment in the life of our church and has provided the following collects to focus prayer.

*“Almighty God, giver of every good gift: we thank you for miraculously raising up a new Anglican Movement and giving us a courageous Archbishop, Robert Duncan, to lead our Anglican Church in North America these past five years. Look graciously now on your Church, and send your Holy Spirit to guide the hearts and minds of the College of Bishops who will choose an Archbishop for our Province, that we may receive a faithful Apostle who will lead us in mission and evangelism with our brothers and sisters around the world, and who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries in North America, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*”

*“Heavenly Father, to Whom all the Saints in heaven and earth adore and bend the knee: Pour out your Holy Spirit on our bishops as they gather together to elect our new archbishop. Grant that they may have all wisdom and discernment; a spirit of revelation and the knowledge of your will, the confidence in your guidance in the decision to be made; this we ask in the Name of and for the glory of, the One who is, was, and ever shall be, your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.”*

***“If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.”***

**St. George's Anglican Church,  
Burlington,  
member congregation of the  
Anglican Network in Canada  
and part of  
the Anglican Church in North America**

**Rector: the Rev'd Ray David Glenn**

**Honorary Assistants:**

**the Rev'd Garth Hunt  
the Rev'd Peter Parent  
the Rev'd Keith Stodart  
the Rev'd Deacon Ray Smith  
the Rev'd Craig Bartholomew**

**Worship/Media Pastor: Bryan Hunt**

**Exec. Administrator: Gillian Fernie**

**Ministry Coordinator: Naomi Neeb**

**Crossroads Centre Chapel, 1295  
North Service Road, Burlington**

**8:30 am Morning Prayer or Holy  
Communion**

**10:15 family service, nursery and Sunday  
school**

**church office: 1-905- 335 6222  
email: office@stgeorgesonline.com  
Web Site:  
www. stgeorgesonline.com**

**By George editors:  
J. Masters, M. Masters  
email: mmasters@bserv.com**

Come down, O Love  
divine,  
Seek thou this soul  
of mine,  
And visit it with  
thine own ardour  
glowing;  
O Comforter, draw  
near, within my heart  
appear, and kindle it,  
thy holy flame  
bestowing.

R. F. Littledale  
1867