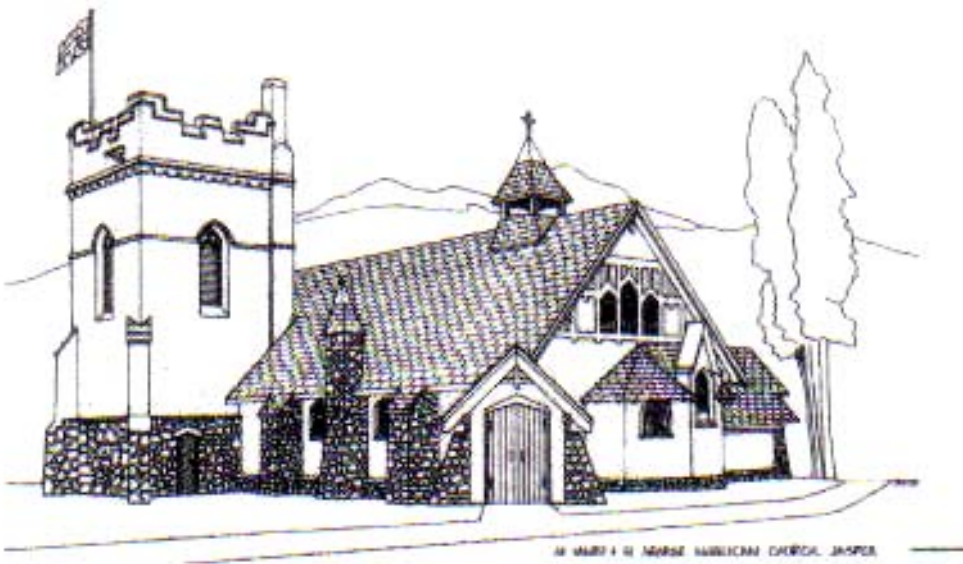


# Parish of St. Mary & St. George

Jasper, Alberta



Parish Newsletter

Spring, 2009

## Newsletter Welcome

Welcome to our newsletter for the Spring of 2009. We look forward to keeping all our St. Mary & St. George family members up to date on what is going on in the Parish and invite you to participate both in the worship services and in other events as they occur.

### Hi-lights from the Annual General Meeting - February 22/09

Fifteen people gathered after church Feb. 22/09 for a potluck lunch followed by the Annual General Meeting. Minutes of the 2008 AGM were accepted and the Treasurer's Report and proposed Budget for 2009 were approved. All other reports were also accepted as presented.

Outreach programs for the coming year will include: Primate's World Relief & Development Fund (\$1,000.00); support of Rev. Marion Sutton's charge in Jamaica (\$1,640.00); and raising funds through a New-to-Your sale to benefit St. Francis Hospital in Zambia. Dates for this sale are set for **May 22<sup>nd</sup> ad 23<sup>rd</sup>** with cleanup and spring cleaning day set for **May 25<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

A "*Book of Memories*" is going to be compiled and the invitation is out to submit any interesting anecdotes and memories of events and happenings in the parish over the years. Please consider submitting your "memories" (not necessarily history) by July of this year.

### Election/Appointment of Parish Officers

<u>Rector's Warden:</u>	Rae Weatherill		
<u>People's Warden:</u>	Dianne Crayston		
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Bryn Thomas		
<u>Vestry:</u>	Nancy Addison	Bev Cardiff	Glenda Cornforth
	Bob Dowling	Dong Han	Dick Weatherill
<u>Synod Delegate:</u>	Glenda Cornforth		
<u>Alt. Delegate:</u>	SheenaThomas		

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### Newsletter Reflection March 2009: Greetings from Rev'd Adela:

I am so pleased with this initiative to have a more expanded parish newsletter. Thanks, Bev! Although we are small in numbers, you can see that our parish is full of active, lively and creative people - what a blessing! Lately we've been trying out Sunday 10:00 am singing practices, which has made our singing during services stronger and more fun! I'm looking forward to the book of parish memories we hope to put together this summer and fall, and I invite you all to contribute. During this season of Lent, I pray that you will find some peaceful and quiet moments in your lives, to reflect on God's love for you, and God's desire to be in closer relationship with you. After all, God sent Jesus to walk among us - to bridge the gap between the human and the Divine. That's what we will be celebrating as a Christian community from Palm Sunday to Easter, and we warmly welcome you to join us - there is a place waiting for you in our church and in our hearts. Don't hesitate to call me if you would like to discuss God's place in your life or any other issues or concerns you may have. May you experience God's Easter gift of new life, and the joy of the Resurrection, Amen.

## Five Finger Prayer

1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those close to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty".
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble, or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger - the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

## Upcoming Services and other Events .....

Lenten Services: A Mid-Day Meditation and brown-bag lunch  
12:00 Thursdays @ 12:00 p.m. (location alternating between Anglican & United Church) - bring your lunch

Lenten Book Study & Discussion on *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus Borg is a joint book study with the United & Lutheran Churches and is held in the Pioneer Lounge at the United Church  
March 18, 25 & April 1, 15 7 22 AT 7:30 p.m.

## Holy Week & Easter 2009 Services

***Please note that the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services are joint services among the Anglican, Lutheran & United Churches of Jasper - All Are Welcome!***

April 9<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday - 7:30 p.m. service at the United Church  
-- This might be preceded by a Seder Supper if interested volunteers come forward.

April 10<sup>th</sup> : Good Friday 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at the Anglican Church  
2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at the Lutheran Church--  
probably going outdoors and for a walk behind the Cross.

April 12<sup>th</sup>: Easter Sunday 10:30 a.m. Eucharist - The Resurrection of our Lord Each church will have their own service that day.

## Other Events & Reminders to mark on your calendar

- Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (Pine Grove Manor) - first Mondays 1:30 p.m.
- New-to-You Sale - May 22-23
- Annual Spring Cleanup - May 25
- Submit your "Memories" for the Memories Book by July 31<sup>st</sup>

And a passing comment .....The Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday was a great success - a big THANK YOU to all who all helped in any way. Between 88-100 people attended and enjoyed wonderful pancakes - complete with Maple Syrup!