

# Christ has risen! Alleluia!

April 2011

Dear Friends,

We have a story to tell and a song to sing - '*We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song*' concludes Augustine. Being an Easter people means that resurrection is part of our life experience, part of who we are; part of what it means to be us. Easter celebrates how Jesus dies and rises in each of us, in our personal lives, in family, church, parish, community. It celebrates how Jesus dies and rises in our daily work, in our home life, in our relationships, in the joys and sorrows of the world.

The Great Commission (*Matthew 28: 16 fl.*) is a command for us to go about God's business in our community. We are fortunate to have the "St. Peter's Trust" as one of our resources. The trust enables us to provide for pastoral care and to fund ministry initiatives in the parish of St. Barnabas' - the interest is available for use, the principal is protected. We have been very much blessed as in addition to various smaller amounts, over the last 3 years we have been able to draw \$10,000 a year from the trust to supplement our parish budget - this represents approximately 9% of our operating budget.

These funds have, this year, allowed us to allocate budget resources specifically for lay ministry and education and for outreach. We are indeed fortunate to have this resource and we have the responsibility, and the opportunity, to use these funds to further the ministry of the Church in our neighbourhood.

With the exciting opportunities that God has in store for us we are blessed with means to spread the Good News. This does not exempt any of us from our financial commitment to God's work here in this parish. We must continue to be a generous people.

*That God is the 'owner' of all that He entrusts  
to us (1Chron.29:14, Ps.50:12) - we are stewards.*

Come and join us for Easter worship as we celebrate the Good News of Christ Risen!

**Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**



Yours in Christ,

Colin

Colin Pearce, Rector

**Easter Services**

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> *Palm Sunday***

Holy Communion @ 9.15 am (Family Service with Sunday School)

**Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> *Maundy Thursday***

Holy Communion @ 6.00 pm

**Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> *Good Friday***

Join us on Christ's journey to the Cross @ 11.00 am

Good Friday Fish Dinner 5-7pm

**Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> *Easter Day***

Holy Communion @ 9.15 am (Family Service with Sunday School)