

# *From the Priest in Charge* \_\_\_\_\_

## **Charles Stuart, King... and Martyr?**

This past Tuesday was an interesting and somewhat controversial commemoration in the calendar of the Church, for we remembered the death of King Charles I of England and Scotland, who was beheaded in 1649 after two rounds of the English Civil War. (*What follows is certainly an abbreviated version of the events to fit in this small space*)

King Charles I had become King of England and Scotland at the age of 24 in 1625, succeeding his father, King James (VI of Scotland, I of England). His reign was marked by rows with Parliament over his authority to govern without their consent. On a few occasions, the King delayed convening a parliament to avoid their opposition to certain things – like when he was married to the Roman Catholic French princess Henrietta Maria. His early reign was marred with spats between the king and parliament regarding matters of religion, poorly executed military campaigns, and trying to raise money for armies without parliamentary consent for taxes. In 1629, Charles dissolved the Parliament, provoked by loud opposition by members of parliament towards some of his policies, and had nine MPs imprisoned.

For the next eleven years, Charles ruled as an absolute monarch without convening parliament. This time necessitated peace – since the king could not impose taxation without parliament’s consent, and other sources of financing began to refuse to loan him money – and so England’s involvement in wars were at a relative low. But behind the nation’s apparent tranquility, Charles’ subjects seethed with grievances on a wide variety of issues. By 1640, Charles’ hand was mostly forced to call a new Parliament to raise funds for military campaigns. The “short parliament” was convened in April 1640, where many of the grievances of the last 11 years came to a boiling point, and Charles once again dissolved parliament in May, a mere three weeks later. Since an invasion of northern England from Scotland was underway, Charles was forced to call a new parliament in November, of which 350 of the new 493 members of the Commons were opposed to the King. This “long Parliament” was a drawn out affair, and tensions were high. In late 1641, the king suspected that some members of the English Parliament had colluded with the invading Scots to pressure him, and on 3 January 1642, he ordered Parliament to give up three of their members for High Treason. When they refused, the king resolved to arrest them personally, and stormed the House of Commons with an armed guard on January 4<sup>th</sup>, but news that the king was coming allowed the five to slip away before his arrival, and this day became disastrous for Monarch’s breaching of parliamentary privilege. Parliament

quickly raised an army against him and the English Civil War (or three wars) broke out, eventually resulting in the arrest of the King in 1647. Following the accusation of secret negotiations between Charles and the Scots to restart the civil war, he was put on trial and convicted of High Treason. He was beheaded on 30 January 1649, and England entered a period known as the “Commonwealth”, led by Oliver Cromwell.

One of the flashpoint issues during Charles’ reign was the polity (or alignment) of the Church of England. Parliament wanted the church to take on a presbyterian model, which had recently been developed in Europe, as there was concern about the aristocratic nature of bishops. Charles (and the Archbishop of Canterbury, William Laud), refused to abandon the historic Episcopacy nor the Book of Common Prayer. Charles was a great devotee of the church and was a firm believer in the need for unity of worship, conformance to the Book of Common Prayer, and the maintenance of the historic Episcopacy – but many of his non-Conformist opponents saw him as influenced by his Catholic wife. It is believed that he was made an offer to keep his life should he abandon the Episcopacy, but he refused. As he stepped out to be executed, his last words are famously: “I have a good cause, and I have a gracious God; I will say no more. But a little after I go from a corruptible to an incorruptible crown, where no disturbance can be, no disturbance in the world.”

There is much disagreement about whether Charles should be called a martyr. The 1662 Book of Common Prayer contained, until 1859, services to commemorate him in this way, and took a stance against regicide as defying God’s appointment of the monarch. Others say that his commitment to the biblically-ordered existence of bishop kept him in unity with the tradition of the ancient and worldwide Church. Regardless of nomenclature, there is much to be said about the person of Charles I which I left out here, and I invite you to read more to formulate your own opinion! We pray that God may use all of his servants, ourselves included, to reveal himself to the world in whatever way he intends for His kingdom.



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Wəlastəkwiik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi’kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi’kmaq and Wəlastəkwiik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



## *Parish Notices and Updates* \_\_\_\_\_

**TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2023** are available in the Narthex. (*Those not collected within the next few weeks will be mailed out.*)

**PLEASE JOIN US EACH FRIDAY IN LENT** at 7:00 p.m. starting on February 16th for the *Stations of the Cross*, which is a quiet reflective service in which we journey through Christ's steps on the road to the Cross. This brief service is an excellent and hopeful meditation on what Christ was accomplishing on our behalf by His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection. In recognition of our Shared Ministry with the Parish of Marysville, we will be alternating the location between the two churches. We'll be starting on the 16th at St. Mary's and on the 23<sup>rd</sup> we'll be at All Saints'. Please join us whenever you can.

**THE SEASON OF LENT** is quickly approaching! Here are some important dates for planning:

- Please bring old **Palm Branches** by **Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**
- **The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner** will take place **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30-6:00pm**. There is no admission fee, but free-will donations will be accepted and applied to the capital loan repayment of the renovated entryway. All are welcome!
- **Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**:
  - o **10am at All Saints, Marysville** – Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes (Morning Prayer at 9:30am)
  - o **7pm at St. Mary's** – Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes (Evening Prayer at 6:30pm)

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETINGS:** The annual congregational meetings of the three parishes currently in shared ministry are scheduled for the following dates. Please plan to attend your congregational meeting.

- **PARISH OF MARYSVILLE**, February 11<sup>th</sup> following 9:30am Eucharist
- **PARISH OF STANLEY**, February 18<sup>th</sup> following 10:00am Eucharist
- **PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK**, February 25<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall following 11:00am Eucharist

*The 2023 Annual Reports will be available by next weekend in electronic and hard copies.*

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*Please join us in the Parish Hall  
following the 11:00 a.m. Celebration  
for a Parish Shared Meal*

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## THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK



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None of us right now are the wayside because we are at least trying to be Christians. Some of us may be the rock, some may be thorns. God knows, and this will be all revealed in the end. Even if you have very little soil right now, and even if you are choked with thorns and cares, God will help you to become good soil. He will help any man to become good soil. He is no respecter of persons. Any man that desires will be given, freely, God's mercy. So take God's mercy and clasp it to your hearts. Hold on to it and cultivate it, and be good soil, and God will save you.

*Seraphim Holland Nicholas*

EVE OF THE SUNDAY CALLED  
**SEXAGESIMA**

*Saturday, February 3, 2024*

*I will go unto the altar of God: even unto the God  
of my joy and gladness. (Ps. 43)*

**4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:**

✠ Psalm 18, part 2 | Genesis 17.1-22 | Romans 6

**5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit Psalm 44.24-27:	<i>page 386</i>
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 134</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Genesis 3.9-19
The Epistle:	<i>page 134</i>
Gradual Psalm 17.6-9:	<i>page 346</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 135</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
The Biddings & Intercession:	<i>page 75</i>
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
Post Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**FEBRUARY 6: FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

**FEBRUARY 7: FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

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7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

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**FEBRUARY 9: FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Zoom)

**FEBRUARY 10: EVE OF QUINQUAGESIMA**

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# THE SUNDAY CALLED SEXAGESIMA

*February 4, 2024*

*I will go unto the altar of God: even unto the God  
of my joy and gladness. (Ps. 43)*

## ***11:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist***

♫ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	<b>103</b> (ALBANO)
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 134</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Genesis 3.9-19
♫ PSALM 17.6-9	<i>page 346</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 134</i>
♫ GRADUAL HYMN:	<b>493</b> (ST. BOTOLPH)
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 135</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
♫ OFFERTORY HYMN:	<b>473</b> (ST. BEES)
The Biddings & Intercession:	<i>page 75</i>
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
♫ HYMN AFTER COMMUNION:	<b>244</b> (ST. CHRISTOPHER)
Post Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>
♫ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	<b>384</b> (RICHMOND)

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