

Trinity Connected

July 2021



Genesis 8:22

God pronounced this blessing over Noah and his family after the flood that devastated the world. It is a promise for us too. The seasons will pass in their appointed order but one day God will interrupt His appointed order and Jesus will return and then we will share in His glory.

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Dieppe Blue Beach Every Man Remembered

By Jayne Poolton-Turvey

On August 19th, 1942 a combined operations force made up primarily of soldiers from the 2nd Canadian Infantry Division, landed on the beaches of Dieppe; also known as Operation Jubilee. The operation would be a full frontal assault on the heavily defended port town in northern France. The Canadians would be responsible for landing at the two inside flank beaches at Puys and Pourville, as well as the main beach in the town of Dieppe.

The Royal Regiment of Canada, would be selected to land at Puys, which for the purposes of the operation would be known as Blue Beach. The narrow beach, which was flanked on both sides by high cliffs, proved to be a killing ground for the men who landed there. With most of the Regiment landing just as daylight was breaking, the element of surprise was lost. Many of the men were mowed down by machine gun crossfire which swept the beach, as the men left the landing craft trying to reach the seawall, while running on the unstable rocky beach. The casualty numbers were staggering. Out of the 554 "Royals" who landed, 229 were killed or died of wounds, 264 were taken prisoner, only about 61 were evacuated to England. The goal of this project: **"Dieppe - Blue Beach - Every Man Remembered"**, is to pay tribute to all 554 soldiers of The Royal Regiment of Canada who landed at Puys on that day.

Created on Remembrance Day in 2015, Dieppe - Blue Beach - Every Man Remembered is a not-for-profit research project that will honour every soldier from The Royal Regiment of Canada who landed at Dieppe on August 19, 1942. The end goal of the project is to create a memorial book including a photo and a story for each soldier. We have been able to find a photograph for all of these fallen heroes, except ten. One of the ten is Arden Arthur Armstrong (born November 1914) from Harrowsmith, Ontario, who was killed in action that day. His father and mother were Andrew and

Bible Study for July

Taken from the Gospel of Mark: Chapter 6: 14-29

Preachers often refer to the Revised Common Lectionary for ideas and guidance to topics for sermons each week. The Lectionary is a guide to the Holy Scriptures, pro-rated over a 3-year cycle. It's not written in stone that this guide be used however, it is very helpful even though it leaves out some really important stuff in the interest of getting everything else in.... And then we come to the story told by Mark in his Gospel chapter 6 verses 14 to 29 – the death of John the Baptist. So where is the Good News?

Of all the sections of the Bible that the creators of the Lectionary choose to leave in or leave out, it's a puzzle to me why they included this. Again, where is the Good News? How does our hearing of it mean anything for us as Christians or deepen our being the church? I may have some answers...

Recall that back in Chapter 1, Verse 14, it was the arrest of John that preceded the beginning of Jesus' ministry: *"Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God ..."* [Mk. 1:14]

We don't hear any more of John until this story, which Mark places after the story of the sending out of the 12 disciples and before telling of their return to Jesus. [Mk: 1-13]

Two weeks ago Mark told us that the gossip about Jesus had reached the ears of two members of the Judean elite, Jairus the leader of the synagogue and an unnamed wealthy woman. But now we

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Ode to Summer Service

By Jane Mackay written following the Sunday service at the Lions Pavillion on July 4th

The months have been long; the moments few
To see our friends - some old and some new.
So today was a joy and such a delight
To attend church again, though on a new site.
The weather was perfect - a chance in a million
To gather outside on the Lions' pavilion.
We worshipped together and were carried along
On a wing, a prayer, a sermon, a song.
'Twas a wonderful service, so peaceful and still;
Near me, a robin was singing at will
Reminding us all of God's presence and love
Right here among us, and not just from above.
I returned back home, so happy I went,
Rejoicing and thankful for an hour well-spent.



Church Finances

Our Local Expense givings for the month of June was \$3,186.00. Our expenses for the same period was \$6,039.21 leaving us with a shortfall for the month of \$2,853.21 This leaves us with a deficit of \$13,057.40 in this fund.



Mission and Service givings for the same period were \$3,610.00.

We welcome all donations either by cheque or by Etransfer to don@donaldcoleman.com. We express thanks to all who have continued to support us either through PAR other donations.

Psalm 84:11 Hold on to these wonderful promises. God, our protector and our beacon of hope - we are never alone.

Dieppe Blue Beach Every Man Remembered

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Katie Armstrong. Brothers were Leslie Wilkins, Donald Stewart, Clarence O'Connor, Theodore Wilson and a sister Gwendoline Ethel Armstrong. We have searched everywhere possible for the past five years trying to locate Arden's photo, with absolutely no luck. I am hoping that someone in your congregation might have a connection to the Armstrong family, or be able to give us some direction as to where we might look.

August 19th, 2022 marks the 80th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid, and we will be going to Dieppe with the intention of honouring these heroes by placing their photos on their graves, as well as a flag. We want to ensure that Arden Armstrong is honoured along with his comrades and that he is remembered.



We appreciate any help or recommendations available.
Thank you!

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Mexican Corn Salad

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 4 cups corn kernels fresh or frozen (thaw if using frozen)
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 red bell pepper cored, seeded and finely chopped
- 1/4 cup red onion finely chopped
- 1 jalapeno seeds removed, then finely chopped (optional)
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves chopped, plus more for garnish
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder plus more for garnish
- 1/3 cup parmesan cheese, finely grated



Instructions:

1. Melt the butter in a large pan over medium high heat.
2. Add the corn to the pan and cook for 3-5 minutes or until lightly charred. Season with salt and pepper to taste
3. Let the corn cool to room temperature, then place it in a bowl with the red bell pepper, onion, jalapeno, and chopped cilantro.
4. In a small bowl whisk together the lime juice, sour cream, mayonnaise, cumin, smoked paprika, and chilli powder.
5. Pour the dressing over the corn mixture and toss to coat. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese, additional chilli powder and cilantro then serve.
6. Salad can be stored covered in fridge for up to 8 hours before serving.

Wishing **everyone** who celebrates a birthday in June a very happy birthday!

**Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you.
May God's richest blessings fall upon you!**

Frank Goodfellow

July 11th

Ruth Brown

July 15th

Clarence Shepherd

July 16th



SFCS Foodbank Needs

Food donation items that we are in need of currently include:

- Canned Vegetables (tomatoes, corn, carrots)
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned or Jarred Fruit
- Cereal
- Juice Boxes
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Soap
- Jams and Spreads
- Canned Meat
- Cheese
- Coffee
- Salad Dressing



A Summer Thanksgiving

By Catherine Oxenford-Grant

As long as there are men and women, as long as earth has fruit to give,
So long will you be our God.
We thank you for all things that live.
As long as human words are spoken and people live for one another,
So long will you be here among us who share the work your love began.
You feed the birds, clothe the flowers and know your creatures and their ways.
O God, you are our hope, our refuge and you have numbered all our days.
You are our light, our life unending; we seem to die, but are not dead.
You sent your Son, Jesus to save us – his body is our living bread.
All that you have created must worship you while life endures.
You are the love that gave us being;
Accept us, O God, for we are yours.

***Wishing Kathleen and Frank Goodfellow
congratulations on celebrating their
60th wedding anniversary!***

Bible Study for July

Taken from the Gospel of Mark: Chapter 6: 14-29

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learn that even the King is hearing about Jesus. Word of this would both further boost Jesus' reputation among the street people and increase tensions with the elite.

Verses 14 to 16 foreshadow what happens in Chapter 8, Verses 27 to 30, where Jesus asks his disciples for their assessment of him. There, Peter says they believe Jesus is the Messiah; here Herod says he believes Jesus is John the Baptist "*raised from the dead.*" (another foreshadowing of future events.)

Mark then goes on to tell the story of John the Baptist's execution, and gives us an interesting glimpse into the character of Herod and into the social customs of the elite.

We learn that **Herod is weak** – we know this because he is unable to control the behavior of his wife and daughter. (The daughter does in public what is strictly allowed for family members only. She has revealed a family secret to everyone including high ranking members of Judean elite...very naughty stuff indeed! And it is his wife who takes the appropriate actions to restore her honour by having John executed.) We learn that **Herod is easily seduced** - we know this because of his fascination with John's teachings and by the dancing of his daughter. And we know that **Herod is impulsive and reckless with the duties and authority of his office** - we know this because of his hesitation to have John executed immediately when John first insulted his wife, and because of the extravagant promise made to his daughter. The only semi-honorable thing Herod does in this whole story is - reluctantly - keep his promise made to his daughter. Had he not done so, his officers would no longer trust him. The story ends with John's disciples coming and taking his body to "*lay it in a tomb*" - another foreshadowing of future events.

All of this background is very interesting and helpful, but my original question remains: Where is the Good News?

Perhaps there is none, and this is precisely Mark's point. Just in case we are getting too excited and thinking this business of being a disciple of Jesus is going to be a piece of cake, a story of fame, miracles, and wonders - Mark gives us a story of a good man being executed because of weakness, fickleness, and vengeance.

It's as though Mark is saying to us: The world is a dangerous place. Not only might you get killed for proclaiming the Good News, you might not even be honorably killed. You might be killed by stealth, and for totally shameful and trivial reasons.

Perhaps the moral of this story could be this: Proclaiming and doing the Good News of God is not about ego, fame, or honour. It's not an epic quest. Our death may come because of totally unrelated, trivial, silly reasons. Proclaiming and doing the Good News of God is not about being a hero. Regardless of achievement or success, in the end - it's about simple humble service.

Amen.