

CONNECTING MEOTA February 7<sup>th</sup> , 2024

**This newsletter is meant to inspire, engage, and encourage everyone in the Meota Parish to seek God and reach out to one another throughout the week.**

**Our next church service will be**

**Sunday February 11th  
10:30 am**

**at St George's Diamond Valley, Christ Church Millarville**

The people of St. James are welcome to worship with us at Christ Church or St. George's.  
We would love to see you and worship with you among us!!



**Join us for Worship  
In Person Services at 10:30am  
Christ Church, Millarville  
&  
St George's Diamond, Valley**

## MEOTA PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

If you have a palm cross from last year, please bring it to church **soon** and give it to Alan or Martyn in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

Pancake/Shrove Tuesday is Feb 13

Please come to St George's for pancakes, 4:30-7pm

Ash Wednesday is Feb 14, 7 pm St. George's

Fiddler on the Roof - Sat Feb 24, 2 pm, St George's

ONE SERVICE Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am St George's

Meota AGM Sunday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> St George's After the service

Prayer and Praise Service FEB 29<sup>TH</sup> 7:00 pm St George's

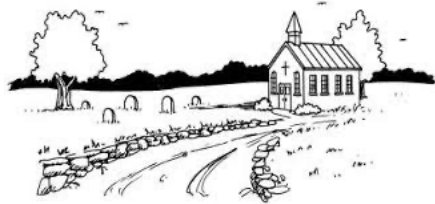
The Robe – Sat March 23, 2 pm, St. George's

Maundy Thursday March 28, 7 pm St. George's

Good Friday (Taize) March 29, St. George's 7 pm

Easter Sunday is March 31, 10:30 am

St. George's, Christ Church and St. James



Are you coming for pancakes?  
Did you invite someone? They will likely say no, but they might say yes!

# *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner*



**Join us Tuesday Feb 13 4:30pm - 7pm  
@ St George's Anglican Church  
200 Main Street SW  
Diamond Valley, Alberta**

## **THERE ARE THREE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES IN LENT**

**FASTING, PRAYER AND ALMSGIVING**



Last year we were invited to workshops on **Prayer**.

The year before, Ven Alan taught us about the different ways and means of **Fasting**.

This year, we are examining **Almsgiving**.

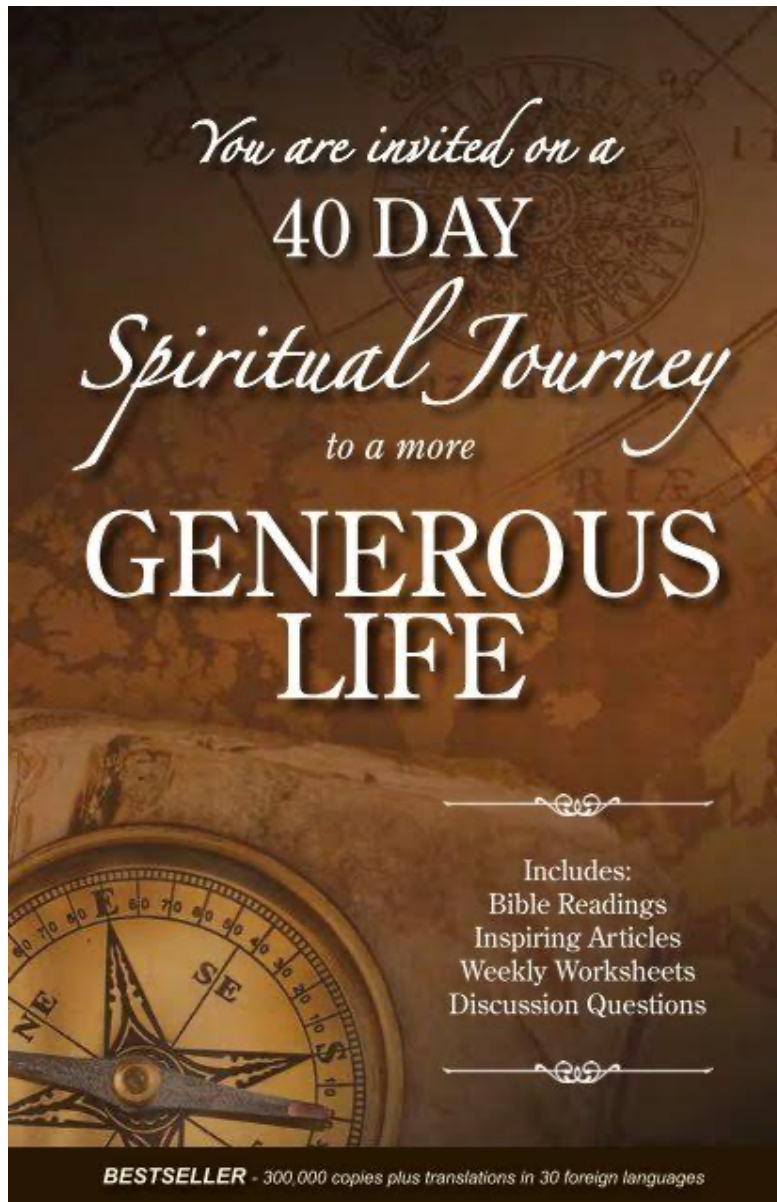
**Over the past three years, Ven Alan has been leading us into spiritual maturity by taking on the traditional disciplines of Lent.**

**I love Venerable Alan's sermons. He always has great insight!!!**

**Oh look, he is holding a Zoom conversation on Wednesday evenings in Lent and the meaning of Almsgiving.**

**Please join us.**

**Check your email the week before for a message from Michelle at Meota Parish. It will contain the Zoom link.**



This Sunday and Ash Wednesday the little books will be handed out. Zoom book conversation on Wed Feb 21,28, March 6 &13, 7:00 pm

It is a way to live out our gratitude for all that God has given us, reflecting the realization that we are the Body of Christ, responsible to love one another.

# YOUR FAVOURITE HYMNS

We have looked at *It is Well with My Soul*, *I Come to the Garden Alone*, *I Was Full of Joy*, and *How Great Thou Art*.

Email [meotaparish@gmail.com](mailto:meotaparish@gmail.com) with your choice and I will research it for you!

## ABIDE WITH ME for Robert (Bob) Betts

"**Abide with Me**" is a Christian hymn by Scottish Anglican cleric Henry Francis Lyte. A prayer for God to stay with the speaker throughout life and in death, it was written by Lyte in 1847 as he was dying from tuberculosis. It is most often sung to the tune "Eventide" by the English organist William Henry Monk.

The author of the hymn, Henry Francis Lyte, was an Anglican cleric. He was a curate in County Wexford from 1815 to 1818. According to a plaque erected in his memory in Taghmon Church, he preached frequently in Killurin Church, about nine miles from there. During that time the rector of Killurin Parish, the Reverend Abraham Swanne, was a lasting influence on Lyte's life and ministry. Later he was vicar of All Saints' Church in Brixham, Devon, England. For most of his life Lyte suffered from poor health, and he would regularly travel abroad for relief, as was customary at that time.

There is some controversy as to the exact dating of the text to "Abide with Me". An article in *The Spectator*, 3 October 1925, says that Lyte composed the hymn in 1820 while visiting a dying friend. It was related that Lyte was staying with the Hore family in County Wexford and had visited an old friend, William Augustus Le Hunte, who was dying. As Lyte sat with the dying man, William kept repeating the phrase "abide with me...". After leaving William's bedside, Lyte wrote the hymn and gave a copy of it to Le Hunte's family.

The belief is that when Lyte felt his own end approaching twenty-seven years later at the age of 54, as he developed tuberculosis, he recalled the lines he had written so many years before in County Wexford. The Biblical link for the hymn is Luke 24:29 in which the disciples asked Jesus to abide with them "for it is toward evening and the day is spent". Using his friend's more personal phrasing "Abide with Me", Lyte composed the hymn.

**Seldom do hymnals include all the verses. For Bob, all the verses are listed here.**

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word,  
But as Thou dwell'st with Thy disciples, Lord,  
Familiar, condescending, patient, free.  
Come not to sojourn, but abide with me.

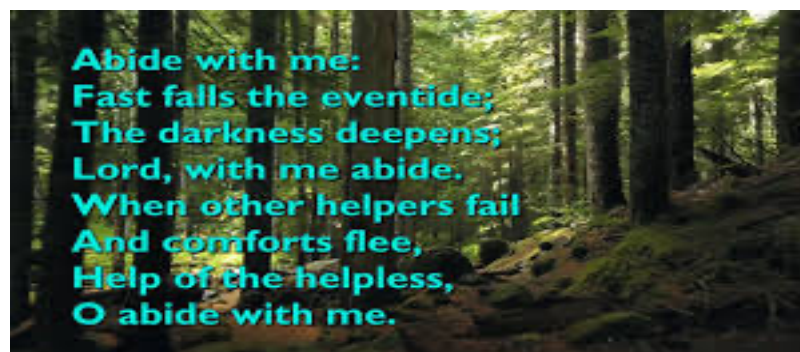
Come not in terror, as the King of kings,  
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;  
Tears for all woes, a heart for every plea.  
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,  
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee.  
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.<sup>[2]</sup>

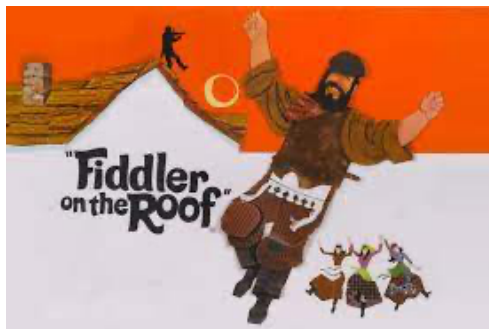


## WHY ARE WE SHOWING CHRISTIAN MOVIES IN LENT??

Lent is a time to draw closer to God. The leadership of our Parish would like to give you a variety of options: Pancake Supper, Ash Wednesday Service, the Zoom Book Study & the Prayer and Praise Service.

And... twice in Lent, two old movies to watch where the characters interact with God:

the first one is - **Feb 24 2 pm at St George's Fiddler on the Roof**




***Fiddler on the Roof*** is a musical with music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, and book by Joseph Stein, set in the Pale of Settlement of Imperial Russia in or around 1905. It is based on *Tevye and his Daughters* (or *Tevye the Dairyman*) and other tales by Sholem Aleichem. The story centers on Tevye, a milkman in the village of Anatevka, who attempts to maintain his Jewish religious and cultural traditions as outside influences encroach upon his family's lives. He must cope with the strong-willed actions of his three older daughters who wish to marry for love; their choices of husbands are successively less palatable for Tevye. An edict of the tsar eventually evicts the Jews from their village.

The original Broadway production of the show, which opened in 1964, had the first musical theatre run in history to surpass 3,000 performances. *Fiddler* held the record for the longest-running Broadway musical for almost 10 years until *Grease* surpassed its run. The production was extraordinarily profitable and highly acclaimed. It won nine Tony Awards, including best musical, score, book, direction and choreography. It spawned five Broadway revivals and a highly successful 1971 film adaptation and has enjoyed enduring international popularity. It has also been a popular choice for school and community productions.<sup>[1]</sup>

click on the link to see the trailer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsDP-90j9x8>





The Bible doesn't just  
give us instruction for  
today – it also plants  
wisdom in our hearts  
for the future.

LYSA TERKEURST

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

### WHY SHOULD I BOTHER ATTENDING?

- I like my church and it can run effectively with my support.
- I would like to encourage my minister – and just showing up demonstrates that I care about him and his ministry.
- There are things I like and don't like; maybe my ideas can make a difference.
- I can find out what challenges my church is facing. I think I can guess what they are, but do I really know? Maybe I can find out and be supportive.
- Two hours out of the year to support my church isn't a big deal to me but maybe IT IS to the church leadership.
- I can catch up with people I haven't seen in a while!

### **FEBRUARY 25TH ONE SERVICE**

**ST GEORGE'S. 10:30 AM**

### **AGM TO FOLLOW THE SERVICE**

**So, things go quickly, please bring a snack or a bag lunch for yourself.**

**THANK YOU FOR COMING!!**

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

### **Readings**

2 KINGS 2:1-12; PSALM 50:1-6; 2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6; MARK 9:2-9

## **Elijah goes to heaven in a whirlwind**

### **First Reading**

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, **"Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you."** Elisha said, **"Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."** He responded, **"You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."** As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

2 KINGS 2:1-12



## Second Reading

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. **For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6

## Gospel **THE TRANSFIGURATION**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. MARK 9:2-9



# The TRANSFIGURATION



Read Matthew 17, Mark 8-9, and Luke 9.  
Find and circle the words below.

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MARK 9:2-9

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GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

## PRAY WITH US

Almighty God, the resplendent light of  
your truth shines from the  
mountaintop into our hearts.

Transfigure us by your beloved Son,  
and illumine the world with your  
image, through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. Amen.



ALLELUIA!!