



Canon Davis Memorial Church

380 Russell St. North, Sarnia, Ontario, N7T 6S6
(519) 344-9531 • <http://www.canondavis.com>

3rd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

• January 23, 2022

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 • Psalm 19 • 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a • Luke 4:14-21

Dear Friends, every now and then, I take the time to reflect on various people that have come into my life. Some for long periods of time; some only briefly. Some memorable; some not so memorable. We all have had similar experiences down through the years.

We may not think of it this way, but some have a profound effect on our lives and those who are close to us. Some we hire to help us do what we cannot do on our own. For instance, a major home or other repair. This is particularly true as we age. It can be a lot better to have someone full of energy, experience and knowledge applying his or her proven skills to do needed work.

It can be pretty impressive to see a number of people with different skills co-ordinate their efforts to bring about the desired result. For example, picture the combined efforts of an electrician, a plumber, a stone cutter and a carpenter in renovating a kitchen. Each is vital to an excellent balanced result. All work to make their contribution to achieve the high standard of the others. All work toward a common goal.

The Apostle Paul puts it in another way. He speaks, instead as it relates the parts of a healthy human body. He points out that each part has a role to play. Conversely, Paul points out the unwelcome frustration that might take place if one of our parts is missing or is inoperable!

Of course, when everything comes together as intended, it can be a joy. It is likely that you have found yourself as a part in the coming together of some people who are trying to accomplish an objective of some kind. You have seen the benefits of teamwork — especially when everyone does their part well!

In belonging to a worship community brings us a sense of belonging. Over the years you and I may find ourselves participating more frequently in certain ways. We may even notice or discern how we have some unique skills to contribute. As we reflect on these, we may begin to notice new ways we can serve God with the 'gifts' God has carefully given us.

How wide ranging may these gifts be? They stretch from highly technical, to the ability to be good at making phone calls to the lonely one's we know.

And where are we to apply our gifts? Are they needed within parish life?
Absolutely!

How about beyond our parish walls?
Yes, wherever our love of our neighbours takes us!

Our Christian Reform colleagues have a saying, *All of life is religion*. Beyond that, Jesus tells us that all of life is about love!

Amen.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Greg', with a small cross symbol to its upper right.

You are invited to go each Sunday and/or Wednesday to the link:

tinyurl.com/StAlbans-CDMC

That is the link to St. Alban's Anglican Church in Burnaby B.C. Follow the instructions. You will find links to the Rev'd Greg Jenkins officiating at an Anglican church service with children's focus, church music, readings, prayers and a sermon.

If you are also interested in joining their weekly Bible Study, contact Rev. Greg at revgregjenkins@gmail.com He will be more than happy to be in touch about joining in with their group by ZOOM. We hope you will find these services help to deepen your faith.

tinyurl.com/StAlbans-CDMC
