



CANON DAVIS MEMORIAL CHURCH

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July 12th, 2020 — Sixth Sunday after Pentecost —
Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112;
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Dear Friends,

Sally and I know a couple who are going to start on a journey in a little while. It is not the type of journey that travel agents promote. It is not a journey to see distant relatives or friends. It does not involve climbing a mountain or deep sea diving. This journey is that of finding a car to replace an aging station wagon.

This can be far from an easy task. When we were children people bought cars based on styling, horsepower, reliability and cost. So what do people consider in making this type of choice in the year 2020? We generally go with a mental list of what is important to us. These days there are additional significant considerations. To name a few: safety; fuel economy; digital driving aids; environmental footprint; good sight lines; well placed controls; comfortable seating; and provision for emergencies.

Now one may not expect to find the perfect automobile. Features vary among makes and models. Compromises may be expected. A strong sense of priorities is most helpful in making such a big decision.

So where does one begin? One thing to avoid is making a quick choice based on some single feature that seems exciting. For example, a car's styling may have seemed very impressive; while its uncomfortable seats, poor sight lines, and location of controls could make long car rides almost unbearable. These could lead to driving fatigue, thus reducing crucial alertness and thus, safety.

So what does this car talk have to do with our faith? We make decisions every day. Many of them impact not only our own lives; but the lives of others. Such impacts are important to keep in mind in making our decisions in life, including buying a car. You see, as people of faith, I believe we have a responsibility to consider our neighbour. Although it may not seem like it, a car purchase may have huge consequences on other people. A car's design may very well affect the safety of its overall performance and the protection of the people within and around it — people we are called by God to love.

No, we are not only talking about just buying cars. Our consideration of others applies to a multitude of purchases of goods and services. This is part of our being kind to one another.

As Christians, we see that most of our choices may be, or may not be, aligned with the love of God. In our work, in our leisure, in our generosity and our interactions with others, in the way we care for loved ones and ourselves, the love of Christ permeates our lives. This is, indeed, good news. For we benefit anytime this gift of God passes through us.

As the prophet Micah says: *He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

Amen.

A Morning Prayer service officiated by Lay Reader, Ginny Schleihauf is offered monthly for the people of CDMC. Ginny does a wonderful job of officiating. Her first BCP service was recorded on YouTube and can still be viewed online.

Here's the link: https://youtu.be/l91_Mkh2O6M

Our sincere thanks go to Ginny for officiating; The Rev'd Raymond Hodgson for technical support; The Rev'd Greg Jenkins and the people of St. Alban's for the Wednesday evening and Sunday services. These services are to be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. We would appreciate your feedback on the online worship services offered through Canon Davis Memorial Church.

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

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 a children's focus, church music, readings, prayers and a sermon. Also, St. Alban's offers an Evening Prayer service Wednesday evenings. I hope you will find these services help to deepen your faith.

In all of this, do take good care of yourself. Stay healthy and promote the good health of others!

God's blessing be upon you and all those you love.

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