

# Catalyst

June, 2011

## St. Andrew's Church

75 Simcoe Street, Toronto, Ontario

*The people of St. Andrew's are called by God to serve in faith, hope and love in the heart of Toronto.*



### For the Love of Toronto...

Toronto means a lot to me. I was born at the Toronto Western Hospital, and spent the first years of my life in this city before our family moved to Cambridge. As I was growing up, my mother often commented that my favourite family excursions involved trips to Toronto – to the ROM, the Planetarium, the Science Center and, for those of you who remember it, the “Organ Grinder” restaurant. At eighteen, it was therefore not a great surprise to my family that I came back to Toronto for university. During seminary, I served in a congregation at Jane and Finch, and in the Don Jail at Broadview and Gerrard. Upon ordination, my first congregation was in the old village of Swansea in the High Park area, and we lived in the manse next door to the church. It was in Toronto that my wife grew up, where we were married, and where my kids were born. And now, for almost four years, I have been serving in this wonderful church in the heart of Toronto – which is located one mile (as the crow flies, or as the map on my computer told me) from the place where I was born.

Even though I have travelled in many parts of the world, I never regret coming back to Toronto. For all of its familiarity, it continues to fascinate me. On a recent day off, Karen and I dropped the kids off at school, got on our bikes, and rode down through some of the picturesque streets of the Junction, Roncesvalles Village, and Little Portugal before stopping off for a cappuccino in an outdoor cafe in Little Italy. We then wound our way back home, along backstreets and bike trails, to pick up the kids for lunch. A few weeks before, we took the kids out to the Scarborough Bluffs and wandered down the windswept beach as the waves crashed against the shore, and the seagulls swooped and soared overhead. One of my favourite jogging routes takes me down through High Park and along the Martin Goodman Trail, across the Humber Bay Arch Bridge and up a trail along the Humber River. I love the busyness of the

downtown core, the constant activity in the business and entertainment districts, the friendly chats with our Out of the Cold guests, the peaceful serenity of Toronto Island, and the incredible diversity that is present on every single TTC subway car that I have ever ridden.



One of the reasons that I think that St. Andrew's is such a remarkable congregation is because we 'name' the city of Toronto in our mission statement -- “the people of St. Andrew's are called by God to serve in faith, hope and love in the heart of Toronto”.

So what does it mean to embrace this city both as our home, and as our mission?

This edition of the “Catalyst” is filled with great opportunities to ponder our calling to serve this city. As we welcome Bob Faris, we celebrate that a significant part of his mandate will be to help us to engage more fully in mission and outreach activities in our city; as we celebrate the purchase of the new grand piano, we look forward to using this beautiful instrument both in worship and in musical events that will be a blessing to our city; and as we move forward on necessary – and expensive – maintenance on this beautiful old building, we give thanks that we have also been able to share a significant amount of our congregational resources – totaling \$200,000 -- with other ministry groups, most of whom are serving the needs of people on the streets of our city.

We so often repeat the beloved verse from John 3:16, that “for God so loved the world...” But what difference does it make to our understanding of our calling– as a community of Christ's followers – to paraphrase that verse just slightly. “For God so loved Toronto...”

## Church School Recognition

*On Sunday, June 12th we recognized the participation of our children and the contributions of our volunteer teachers to our vibrant children's Christian Education program.*

**Primary Class:** Erin Birdsell, Elisabeth Callan, Isabella Durno, Lexi Durno, Rachel Fast, Lucy Graham, Madeline Ingram, Spencer Ingram, Benjamin Knight, Isobel Knight, Ashara MacGregor-Mansilla, Shane Matheson, Laurel McKenzie, Jamie Taylor and Joshua Wentges-Faiz.

**Junior Class:** Andrew Birdsell, Neve Clute, Calum Hepburn, Magnus Hepburn, Kate Ingram, Jack Matheson, Sinclair McKenzie, Brooke Taylor, Andy Xu and Arthur Xu.

**Senior Class:** Owen Clute, Adela Hepburn, Daniel Klapman, Stuart Maiden and Evan Phillips.

**Youth Class:** Jessie Cooke, Sarah Klapman, Leslie Maiden and Catherine Stratton.

**Teachers:** Herbin Barrington, Brian Birdsell, Erica Cooke, Jennifer Elliott, Cynthia Humphries, Irene Faiz, Karen Ingram, Diane Lee, Mary Maiden, Kristen Stout, Esme McKenzie, Maureen Wardell, Betsy Nieuwland, Noel Ramsey, Fiona Smith and Michelle Weir.

**Nursery Volunteers & Assistants:** Sarah Birdsell, Andrea Charlton, Jane Durno, Betsy Nieuwland, Fiona Smith, Kristen Stout, Lorraine Price, Cynthia Humphries, Nancy Mathewson, Barbara Sargent and Kim Taylor. Teens Jessie Cooke, Sarah Klapman, Leslie Maiden and Catherine Stratton assisted regularly.



### *CATALYST*

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## St. Andrew's Inducts The Rev. Dr. Bob Faris

by Jane Martin

On Sunday, May 29, 2011, The Reverend Dr. Robert Neil Faris was inducted by the Presbytery of East Toronto to serve as Associate Minister at St. Andrew's Church. The scriptures for this celebration effectively demonstrated different ways in which God calls us to service and discipleship. Fiona Smith read **1 Samuel 3:1-10**, in which Samuel heard a voice calling him and assumed that it was Eli summoning Samuel to his bedside. Eli was old and Samuel slept outside of his room so as to be available to help Eli. Three times Samuel entered Eli's room to ask why Samuel had called him. Eli realized that God was calling Samuel, and Eli counselled Samuel to respond: "Speak, for your servant is listening." The second scripture was **John 1:43-51** and was read by Sarah Klapman. This passage records a conversation between Philip, one of Jesus' original disciples, and Nathanael. Philip told Nathanael about Jesus, but Nathanael responded: "Can anything good come of Nazareth?" Philip was undeterred by this retort and said: "Come and see". Nathanael met Jesus, who said of him: "Here truly is an Israelite with no deceit." Nathanael was astonished and asked: "How do you know me?" Jesus replied that "I saw you under the fig tree before Nathanael called you". Nathaniel responded: "Rabbi, you are son of God."

The Rev. Dr. Rick Horst delivered the sermon and focused on the second reading as an example of what is involved in discipleship. Philip was not only ready to commit himself to Jesus, but also invited Nathanael to "come and see" Jesus for himself. Dr. Horst remarked that "not many have been argued into Christianity". Instead, Philip shared his personal belief about Jesus. When Nathanael expressed doubt about Jesus because of his place of origin, Philip did not dispute it, and simply invited him to come and see for himself. When they met, Jesus recognized in Nathanael an honest person. Dr. Horst noted that Christ's great gift is to see in us what we can be. Christ saw Nathanael under a fig tree and recognized something of value within him. Dr. Horst asked whether when God calls each of us we, like Nathanael, will take the leap of faith to follow him and, like Philip, share the passion that we have for Christ with others. Will we eagerly serve God since ministry today requires a discipleship team?

The Rev. William Elliott provided the congregation with several examples of how Dr. Faris has heard God's call to discipleship, used his unique abilities to hear others and become a caring and compassionate voice for justice and fairness. Reflecting on the concept of "voice," Rev. Elliott noted that Dr. Faris spent his childhood in small town Ontario and then developed the voice of an accomplished teacher, preacher and singer. Rev. Elliott also noted that Dr. Faris had paid attention to voices that are not heard by noticing the silence of the disadvantaged in society. Dr. Faris has been courageous in using his voice to seek justice and fairness for those members of society who are most in need of an advocate.

We look forward to Rev. Dr. Faris using his gifts as part of the ministry team of St. Andrew's Church.



*Will Ingram, Bob Faris and Rick Horst at Bob's induction on May 29. Photo by George Cantlie.*

## The Induction Service

On May 29th the Presbytery of East Toronto ordained the Rev. Dr. Bob Faris as our new Associate Minister.

*Photos by George Cantlie*



*Director of Music Dan Bickle accompanies the St. Andrew's Choristers.*



*William McGowan, right, acting moderator of The Presbytery of East Toronto, reads the Preamble to the Induction. The Rev. Ian McDonald, Clerk of the Presbytery, left, listens with Rev. Faris.*



*Extending the Right Hand of Fellowship: ordained ministers and elders in attendance greet our new Associate Minister.*



*The Rev. Dr. Bob Faris delivers the benediction at the end of his service of induction as Rev. Will Ingram looks on.*

## Starting From the Benediction

by Bob Faris

One of the odd things about a service of induction is that the one being inducted has very little to prepare or do. Various other people in the Presbytery or in the congregation organize the service and ensure that everything is done decently and in order and according to the Book of Forms.

The one thing that the inductee does get to do is to pronounce the benediction. It feels a little more like an ending than a beginning. However, it is your one chance to put a stamp on the proceedings and launch you off into your new ministry. So for my beginning:



*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ – The two legged one who walked among us and taught us how to live in right relations;  
The love of God – Creator, the one who gave us life and placed us on this beautiful blue planet;  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit – Great Spirit who empowers us to love and serve all our relations,  
Be with you this night and forevermore. Amen.*

I have come to St. Andrew's from my position of Executive Director at the Churches' Council on Theological Education in Canada. Our focus of the last few years, "Mission and Power" helped me to journey further along the road of relationship with indigenous sisters and brothers. Since first contact with Europeans in the sixteenth century, the First Peoples of Canada have found themselves in a complex relationship with these newcomers who, after initially being dependent on those already here, seemed intent on wiping them off the home they called "Turtle Island". The Church played its role, perhaps most pointedly and destructively, in its operation of residential schools that sought "to remove the Indian from the child". Over the past three decades, those churches that operated the schools and Christians in other churches have come to understand the ways in which the good news of Jesus was co-opted to fit into this project. They have made confessions and apologies and have sought ways in which truth can be told and processes of reconciliation begun that would establish a new foundation for the relationship with First Peoples. This new relationship would recognize the fact that God was present here long before European missionaries arrived and would honour the wisdom and experience gained from millennia of living in this place that can enrich and inform life here for all of us.

The benediction I pronounced at the end of the service of induction reflected some of what I have learned in my journey with First Peoples. The words of benediction that are well known to us can find new and fresh meaning in the wisdom of those who have gone before us in this place and continue to offer their wisdom to all as a gift. As we journey together in ministry, it is important that we remember that God has gathered us here and called us to ministry on the traditional land of the Mississauga of the New Credit First Nation.

A Mi'kmaq friend, Terry LeBlanc, shared that many First Peoples understand that we walk backward into the future – looking back to learn from our past and finding ways to heal the brokenness of our relations so that we can move into the future in a careful and good way with all whom we might meet. The ending really is a beginning. The benediction is a call to worship and to serve. I look forward to our journey together held in the loving arms of our Creator.

Bob

A Congregational Meeting  
will be held on Sunday, June 26 in the Great Hall following worship service  
to review bids for the new sign and restoration of the North façade (King Street).  
Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## A Session Minute



Members of the congregation who attended the Sunday forum led by The Rev. Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, heard him identify some of the significant issues that have come before the General Assembly in this past year.

The Session spent time learning about one of these issues recently: the subject of allowing lay missionaries to administer communion. Lay missionaries serve congregations in Canada in rural and remote areas where it is often difficult to call an ordained minister. For example, of the seven churches in the Presbytery of Temiskaming, in northeastern Ontario, five are served by lay missionaries, with one vacant charge, and one ordained minister. The presence of one ordained minister follows a period of some years without a single minister in the presbytery. For that period, this meant presbytery meetings could only occur when a regional minister or ordained synod staff member visited.

Where ordained clergy do not reside, the sacraments of baptism and communion can only be performed when an ordained individual visits the congregations served by the lay missionaries. Members may also celebrate communion in their communities at a United Church, for example, or other church where open communion is practiced. Lay missionaries in the Presbyterian churches are able to take care of all other duties normally performed by ordained clergy, notably the

leading of Sunday services including preaching, and providing for the pastoral care of the congregation.

At recent meetings of the General Assembly overtures have been made to change our denomination's policy, which restricts the administration of the sacraments to ordained clergy, to provide for lay missionaries to preside at communion services. In 2010, following the direction of previous General Assemblies, the Clerks of Assembly proposed strict rules under which this may be done and these rules will be considered at the next General Assembly meeting in June 2011.

Our Session had an interesting discussion about this issue. No consensus was reached after one meeting but Session members agreed the matter deserves urgent attention and solutions need to be found, including sending ordained ministers more regularly to these remote and rural areas with the financial support of the sending presbyteries. We agreed the Presbytery of East Toronto, to which we belong, should be encouraged to lend such support to Temiskaming as needed.

Terms of several Session members expire in June 2011 so the Session passed a motion to seek nominations from the congregation for new Elders. Sandy Aird, Chair of the Personnel Relations Ministry, initiated this process in April, and new elders were elected on June 5.

Lori Ransom  
Clerk of Session

## Our New Elders

On June 5th Blair Agnew, Marc Buist, George Cantlie, John Darling, Mary Maiden, John Matheson, Lori Ransom, Eric Reynolds and Fiona Smith were re-elected as ruling elders.

At the same congregational meeting Deborah Baird, Candace Grant, Allan Lever, Noel Ramsey, Culver Riley, Alison Rose, Biao Su and Annie Wang were elected as ruling elders.

They will be ordained and/or inducted on Sunday, June 26th during worship service.

## St. Andrew's Welcomes New Members

### Doug Blake

by John Matheson

Doug came to St. Andrew's Church as our *Out of the Cold* cook in the fall of 2010 and completed a full season with the program. As those members who read Joe-Anne Roberts' weekly reports know, our guests continue to be very complimentary about the dinners that we serve each week during the winter season. Doug has agreed to succeed Lorraine Irvine as Coordinator for OOTC this fall. He heard about St. Andrew's and our OOTC while volunteering with the *Out of the Cold* program operated at Osgoode Hall, where he is still involved.

Doug grew up in Toronto and has worked in landscaping and been a truck driver. More recently his interests turned to cooking, and he studied to be a chef. His summer activities include boating in his power boat and working as the manager/operator of a party vessel that can accommodate up to 600 guests.

We welcome Doug to membership in St. Andrew's Church and his contribution to our ministry of outreach.



### Janice Campbell

by Heather Dalzell

I have known Janice since she was a little girl in our church in Chatham. Janice and my daughter, Elizabeth, went through Sunday School and Young People's together and still are close friends. Janice was maid of honour at Elizabeth's wedding.

Janice is a lawyer and works with Wal-Mart Canada. She is an avid jogger and cyclist and at the present time she is in training for a 4-day ride for *Kids with Cancer*. In addition she is on the board of directors of *Horizons Youth Shelters*, an international organization working with homeless youth.

Welcome, Janice, to St. Andrew's. We are delighted to have you as a member of our church family.



### Andrew Darling

by John Matheson

Andrew and his family (wife, Cheryl and sons, Euan and James) moved to Toronto from Scotland in 2007 on assignment with full expectations of a short-term stay. The Darlings liked the city, the country and the people and as a result they decided to make their Canada their permanent home. Since Andrew was christened at St. Andrew's Church in Edinburgh, he was attracted to St. Andrew's in Toronto. Andrew works near our church and started attending Thursday chancel communion services. By coincidence, his good friend, Blair Agnew, introduced him to our *Out of the Cold* program, and he has been a faithful volunteer at OOTC for several years.

Andrew found that these two connections to St. Andrew's Church, along with the nice people whom he has met here, made his decision to join the congregation an easy one.

We welcome Andrew to St. Andrew's Church as a new member and seasoned volunteer.



Welcome  
Our New  
Members

### **Peter Faiz**

*by Sandy Aird*

Peter was born in Karachi, Pakistan and came to Canada as a young boy. He is a brother of Irene Faiz, an elder at St. Andrew's. Peter's son Joshua, who turns four in July, is one of our Sunday School regulars. Peter has worked in the information technology staffing field for over 15 years. He was drawn to St. Andrew's because of the quality of the sermons, the serenity, the choir and the family atmosphere that enriches the life of his family.

Welcome to St. Andrew's, Peter.



### **Doris Liang**

*by Cynthia Humphries*

Doris was born and raised in Toronto. She continues to live in the city and works as a Group Reservations Coordinator in one of Toronto's boutique hotels. Her parents were born in Calcutta, India as were her older brother and sister. Doris's family immigrated to Canada a little over 40 years ago, and they now reside in Scarborough.

She did not attend a church prior to coming to St. Andrew's. One of her friends introduced her to this church two years ago, and she has been attending ever since. She found that the people of St. Andrew's are hospitable, friendly and courteous. Doris enjoys many activities such as *Wine, Cheeses and Jesus*, participating in *St. Andrew's Choristers*, and volunteering for the *Out of the Cold* dinner preparation. She says it is a great opportunity to meet and talk to people from diverse backgrounds.

Welcome to St. Andrew's, Doris.



### **Katrina van Drongelen**

*by Fiona Smith*

Katrina was born in Abbotsford, B.C., but lived in Winnipeg, Manitoba for 12 years before moving to Toronto for graduate studies. She considers Winnipeg to be "home". She is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Toronto in the Department of Geology. More specifically, she studies meteorites at the Royal Ontario Museum. Her main hobbies and interests revolve around her area of study, including various aspects of geoscience and planetary geology. Additionally, she has a major soft spot for *Star Trek*, *Nina Simone*, and *Jane Austen* novels.

Katrina and her husband, Shaun McKinnon, came to St. Andrew's because they were looking for a church community in which they both felt welcome and comfortable with the service. Because they come from very different backgrounds, this was a challenge, but St. Andrew's Church seems to be a good fit. When asked what she likes most about St. Andrew's Katrina says she first and foremost, enjoys Will Ingram's sermons. "I find them thought provoking and challenging. Additionally, I love being part of the congregational choir; it has been a very welcoming and positive environment. Overall, St. Andrew's Church has been overwhelmingly welcoming."

Welcome Katrina and Shaun!





## To Share Our Blessings...

St. Andrew's has been richly blessed, in many ways, throughout its life and history. Recently, a significant bequest was received that has been helpful in allowing the congregation to complete a number of necessary renovation and maintenance projects on the building. In addition, portions of this bequest have been used in the piano fundraising campaign, and in providing support for our new associate minister.

St. Andrew's is closely connected to a variety of important ministries and missions whose work extends far beyond the bounds of our congregation. As we all know, the last few years have been profoundly challenging to many of these agencies, since the economic challenges have increased the number of people who are dependent upon these important organizations, while the donations to those causes have sometimes declined because of the economic challenges that have affected their donors' ability to offer their financial support.

As a result, the elders of St. Andrew's Church, in consultation with members of the Board of Managers, felt that a percentage of the financial resources of our congregation could, and should, be shared with other ministries and missions that are performing important work, largely in the Toronto area.

In order to inform the congregation of these gifts that have been made – and to increase our awareness of the good work that is being done by these various agencies – we would like to offer the following information about the agencies that received these gifts.

### ***Evangel Hall Mission***

For almost 100 years, Evangel Hall Mission (ehm) has been reaching out to socially isolated, marginalized and impoverished individuals as well as the homeless population in downtown Toronto. Men and women come to Evangel Hall for guidance and support, food and clothing, counselling and assistance. Evangel Hall provides material, emotional and spiritual help, but also provides a supportive community that breaks the bonds of loneliness, isolation and despair. Everybody is welcomed with a warm smile and kind heart.



Evangel Hall also operates a multi-storey residence for individuals who have found it difficult to find housing; a weekly chapel service; support groups for people struggling with drug and alcohol dependencies; help in finding housing; and a free health and dental clinic. It is one of *Charity Intelligence Canada's* most highly rated charities.

Evangel Hall is a mission of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and is accountable to its Board of Directors and to the Presbytery of East Toronto. It is located just east of the corner of Adelaide and Bathurst, and guests and volunteers are welcome.

To learn more about the work of Evangel Hall, please visit [www.evangelhall.ca](http://www.evangelhall.ca).

### ***Knox College***

#### ***– for the Chair in Pastoral Theology***

Knox College is the Presbyterian Church in Canada's largest seminary community, and is also a founding member of the Toronto School of Theology, which is a part of a federation of seminaries located on the downtown campus of the University of Toronto. For over 165 years, Knox College has been preparing students for ministry in the Presbyterian tradition. Recently, the College began a campaign to establish an endowment fund for a Chair in Pastoral Theology, and this gift will be used to support that campaign.



**KNOX COLLEGE**

For more information about Knox College, please visit [www.knox.utoronto.ca](http://www.knox.utoronto.ca)

### ***Boarding Homes Ministry***

Founded in 1996, Boarding Homes Ministry is an ecumenical ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and nurtures Christian community by linking the residents of boarding homes with visitors from congregations. Regular visits are established and relationships flourish as friends share life in Christ. In the homes, the Boarding Homes Ministry teams socialize, pray, worship, laugh, lament the great hurts of the human condition and break down the barriers of isolation.

To learn more about Boarding Homes Ministry, please visit [www.boardinghomesministry.ca](http://www.boardinghomesministry.ca).



### ***Portland Place Supportive Housing Facility***

Portland Place is a non-profit housing facility and a mission of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Located at 163 Portland St (the corner of Richmond St. and Portland St.) in downtown Toronto, the facility offers clean and stable housing to a significant number of individuals who might otherwise encounter difficulty in finding supportive housing. A number of members of St. Andrew's Church have been – or are presently – involved on the Board of Directors of Portland Place.

For more information about Portland Place, please visit [www.pccweb.ca/portlandplace/](http://www.pccweb.ca/portlandplace/)



### ***Flemingdon Gateway Mission***

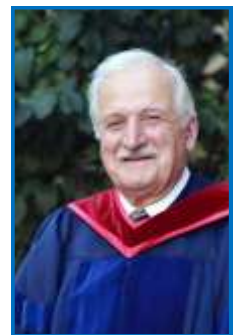
Flemingdon Gateway Mission is a mission of the Presbytery of East Toronto, in partnership with the Anglican Church of Canada. The Mission, which emerged out of the ministry of Gateway Presbyterian Church, offers after school and summer programmes for young people in the Flemingdon Park area of Toronto, as well as various forms of social and literacy services for newcomers to Canada.



In the coming summer months, Flemingdon Gateway Mission will be operating a summer day-camp programme for children, which will not only provide healthy and active opportunities for children in the area, but will provide leadership development for young people who will be involved in the design and oversight of the programme. The Rev. Paulette Brown, who was one of our recent guests during the Lenten series at St. Andrew's, is presently serving as the Executive Director. To learn more please visit [www.flemgatemission.com](http://www.flemgatemission.com)

### ***The Rev. Dr. George Vais Adult Christian Education Fund***

A few years ago, a generous donation was made to establish "The Rev. Dr. George Vais Adult Christian Education Fund" at St. Andrew's Church, in honour of the remarkable ministry of George Vais, and as a way of providing stable funding for future adult educational opportunities. A portion of the income from this fund is available for use, each year, in enabling further educational opportunities, lectures and seminars for the members and friends of St. Andrew's Church. Further contributions to this fund are welcome and encouraged.



## *Presbyterian World Service & Development*



Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) is the development and relief agency of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The work of PWS&D includes:

- Responding to emergency situations after disaster and conflict
- Long-term community development with international partners working in agriculture and livestock, education, health, HIV and AIDS, human rights, small business, clean water and sanitation
- Refugee sponsorship by Canadian congregations.

PWS&D works with churches and organizations seeking to transform their communities by promoting justice, peace and the integrity of creation. PWS&D supports people and communities in Africa, Asia, Central America and Eastern Europe according to their need and regardless of their faith.

It should be noted that PWS&D does not receive direct funding through *Presbyterians Sharing...*, but raises its own support, primarily from donations from individuals and congregations in The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

## *Armagh*

Armagh offers a safe space in Mississauga for women and children who are fleeing abusive homes. Armagh provides furnished apartments that are located in a tranquil setting close to transportation, shopping and schools.

Unlike crisis shelters, where women can stay for one to four months, Armagh is available to them for a full year, with one year of follow-up support at the time of their departure.

Armagh is the only second stage housing in Ontario's Peel Region that is exclusively for women and children. Women who come to Armagh make a commitment to become independently strong and to build lives free of violence. Armagh staff help these women prepare for their future independence through legal and financial counseling, guidance in the pursuit of further education and job training. They help women find qualified day care for their children, and guide them in arranging permanent housing. They also provide counselling in self esteem, budgeting, life skills, anger management and conflict resolution.

Armagh was originally established as a ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada for unwed mothers, and though its focus and mandate has changed over the years, it continues to maintain this important connection to the church in their present work.

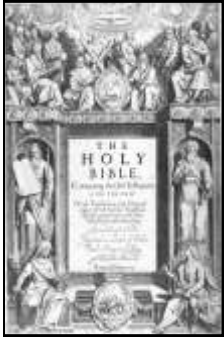
## *Out of the Cold*

The *Out of the Cold* program at St. Andrew's Church has now completed its 19<sup>th</sup> season. It has served delicious hot dinners to hundreds of guests on Monday evenings from mid-November to mid-April every year. Every Tuesday morning all year round the program provides a nutritious hot breakfast. The breakfast program depends on the dedication and diligence of a number of 'early risers' who are at the church by 6 a.m. to begin preparing the breakfast. Both programs include a 'clothing boutique' that distributes toiletries and gently used clothing to our guests. Most important, volunteers extend friendship and a warm welcome to our guests. Many guests comment on how much a warm smile, a handshake, and some conversation mean to them.



## Spring Seminars

by Marc Buist



It was a pleasure and a privilege to attend the seminars led by Dr. P.J. Carefoote in celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first edition of the King James version of the Bible. The seminars were very well attended and much appreciated. Dr. Carefoote is the Medieval Manuscript & Early Book Librarian at the *Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library* of the University of Toronto. He did a superb job in showing us in words and pictures the birth and development of the English Bible.

His first theme was *Lost in Translation* and we were amazed about all the perils associated with the attempts to translate the Bible into the English language. The importance of this translation has reached into and affected the lives of everyone who came and still do come into contact with it.

His second theme was *The King's Bible: The historical setting and how it achieved its iconic status*. Dr. Carefoote described in very lively terms and illustrations all the historical facts surrounding the creation of the King James version, and we were very surprised about all the stories he told us, which were indeed very interesting.

The third theme was *The Story's Not Over: The continuing evolution of the English Bible*. How will it survive, especially in the overtaking digital age? Many people still love the flowing, very reverent and beautiful language of the King James version, and it is treasured so much. We give thanks for the great masters of this translation. Over the centuries, there have been revisions and corrections as of course new information was found, and new translations to reflect how the English language has evolved. Dr. Carefoote went out of his way to answer the many interesting questions and we learned a lot.

This was one of the most interesting seminars I have attended; indeed, it was very worthwhile! On behalf of all the participants we express our deep appreciation to Dr. Carefoote and the organizers for these wonderful seminars.

## Recommended Reading

### The King James Bible's 400th Anniversary

by Fiona Smith



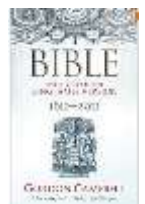
"There is a time and a place for everything" – like marking the 400th Year Anniversary of the King James version of the Bible! And worthy of special mention . . . in England, the King James Bible Trust has been established to celebrate the KJV's "impact in history and on language, particularly in this country, but also throughout the English speaking world". This website ([www.kingjamesbibletrust.org](http://www.kingjamesbibletrust.org)) is definitely worth investigating!

There are many books published on the subject, but the ones listed here are published in 2010 and 2011 to celebrate the anniversary. All are available at your local library or neighbourhood bookstore.

### Bible: the story of the King James Version, 1611-2011

by Campbell, Gordon. Oxford University Press, 2010. 354p.

Illustrated with reproductions from early editions of the King James version, *Bible: The Story of the King James Version* offers an authoritative history of this renowned translation, ranging from the Bible's inception to the present day.



### **Begat: the King James Bible and the English language**

by Crystal, David. Oxford University Press, 2010. 327p.

"Let there be light," "a fly in the ointment," "new wine in old bottles," "how are the mighty fallen," "the salt of the earth." All these everyday phrases owe their popularity to the King James Bible. Indeed, it is said that this astonishing Bible has contributed more to the color and grace of the English language than almost any other literary source.

In *Begat*, best-selling language expert David Crystal offers a stimulating tour of the verbal richness and incredible reach of the King James Bible. How can a work published in 1611 have had such a lasting influence on the language? To answer this question, Crystal offers fascinating discussions of phrases such as "The skin of one's teeth" or "Out of the mouth of babes," tracing how these memorable lines have found independent life in the work of poets, playwrights, novelists, politicians, and journalists, and how more recently they have been taken up with enthusiasm by advertisers, Hollywood, and hip-hop. Along the way, Crystal reminds us that the King James Bible owes much to earlier translations, notably those by Wycliffe in the fourteenth century and Tyndale in the sixteenth. But he also underscores crucial revisions made by King James's team of translators, contrasting the memorable "Am I my brother's keeper" with Wycliffe's "Am I the keeper of my brother."

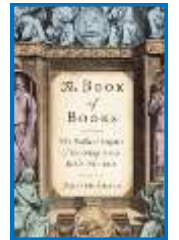
Language lovers and students of the Bible will be equally enthralled by *Begat* and its engaging look at the intersection of religion and literature.



### **The Book of Books: The Radical Impact of the King James Bible 1611-2011**

by Bragg, Melvyn. Forthcoming in September 2011.

Melvyn Bragg sets out to persuade us that the King James Version has driven the making of the English speaking world over the last 400 years, often in the most unanticipated ways. He argues that while many think our modern world is founded on secular ideals, it is the King James version that had a greater legacy. The King James Bible not only influenced the English language and its literature more than any other book, it was also the seedbed of western democracy, the activator of radical shifts in society such as the abolition of the slave trade, the debating dynamite for brutal civil wars in Britain and America and a critical spark in the genesis of modern science.

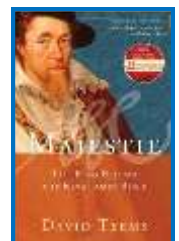


### **Majestie: The King Behind the King James Bible**

by Teems, David. Thompson Nelson Inc., 2010. 320p.

Written with a touch of the irreverent, *Majestie* is a shared biography: that of the first Stuart king of England (James I) and the Bible that goes by his name. It is part tabloid, part history lesson, part speculation; but it's all James.

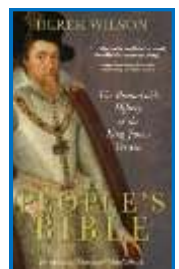
Colorful, witty, imperfect, sensuous, bawdy, intelligent, England has had no king like him, nor any book like the one he bequeathed us, before or since.



### **The people's Bible: the remarkable history of the King James version.**

by Wilson, Derek, Lion, 2010. 222p.

Beautifully presented and based on extensive scholarly research, this accessible volume traces the fascinating history of the Authorized Version of the King James Bible from its earliest predecessors through its remarkable influence on the church, literature, and wider society throughout the English speaking world. In 1604, the new King James I convened a meeting at Hampton Court to address the problem of the Puritans. The recommendation, one of unparalleled political and religious significance, was for the authorization of a new translation of the Bible, one that would be accessible to the common people, and one that would be placed in every Church in his realm. Within three years a team of 47 scholars on six committees had begun work in Oxford, Cambridge, and Westminster, and the fruit of their labours—the Authorized Version—was published in 1611.



## Music at St. Andrew's



As those of you who have been in the sanctuary over the past few weeks will know, we are thrilled that the piano fundraising campaign has led us to the purchase of a beautiful Bosendorfer Imperial 9' Concert Grand Piano.

As well as a beautiful resource for new musical opportunities in worship, we look forward to many community events and concerts that will now be possible because of the presence of this wonderful instrument in the sanctuary of St. Andrew's.

A very special thanks is extended to Dan Bickle, our Music Director; to Lee Stratton and John Darling, Conveners of the Piano Committee; to the members of the Piano Committee; and to the many members and friends of our congregation whose financial contributions to this fundraising campaign have helped it to be a success.

Plans are already underway for worship and other special musical events in the fall season -- more details to follow!

## Doors Open 2011

At Doors Open 2011, held on Saturday, May 28th, 38 volunteers from St. Andrew's communicating in a total of 12 languages welcomed approximately 1100 visitors. The morning was slow because of the weather but it became busy as the day became warm and sunny.

This year Charles Diltz conducted personal tours through St. Andrew's that were received so well that he suggested we have several volunteers conduct tours next year with special attention to one or two items such as the story behind a stained glass window or the organ, etc.

Since the theme this year was Photography, Will Hendrie kindly agreed to display his pictures of the architecture of St. Andrew's along with pictures taken in recent years by Tom Kovats, George Cantlie and Judy Neal. We also included some pictures that display the story of St. Andrew's: *Who we are, what we do, our church school, Out Of The Cold, etc.* Someone suggested that we display the pictures in the Board Room along with others that highlight the history of St. Andrew's. Some of the Doors Open visitors came to our church service the next day and many more said they also wanted to have this wonderful experience.

A special *thank you* to all volunteers who kindly gave their time and enthusiasm for such a wonderful and enriching event.



*Volunteer Carmen Buske, centre, with volunteers from the 48th Highlanders, in the regimental museum.*

## Milestones

### Marriages

**Grant Farrow and Ruth Peterson** were married at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church on April 2nd.

**David Olenic and Diane Lee** were married on April 9 at St. Andrew's Church.

### Deaths

Three long-time members or adherents of St. Andrew's have passed away this spring. **Helen Hall** died on April 24th, **Helen Webb** died on May 8th, and **Harry Quinn** died on May 25th.

### Awards and Achievements

**Stevie Cameron** recently won the prestigious *Arthur Ellis Awards for Excellence in Canadian Crime Writing* for her non-fiction book *On the Farm*, about Robert Pickton and the missing women of downtown eastside Vancouver.

**Allison Angelo** has recently been appointed Musician in Residence for the *St. Cecilia Concert Series* in Halifax for the 2011/12 season.

## Mission News

March 9, 2011

Fiona Smith, Convener, Outreach Ministry  
St. Andrew's Church  
73 Simcoe Street  
Toronto, ON M5J 1W9



Dear Fiona,

Thank you very much for the generous donation of \$525.00. Please extend our gratitude to the St. Andrew's Church School children, St. Andrew's Outreach Ministry and everyone else involved in the Valentine's Bake Sale. We will be using the funds to purchase more plants and flowers for our chapel garden and to upgrade our memorial wall.

Your kindness and generosity is much appreciated by staff, volunteers and our many wonderful patrons who grace our premises each day. Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Hislop  
Director of Programs  
Evangel Hall Mission

## Calendar of Events

### Weekly Services and Events

**Sunday Worship** – every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

**Church School & Nursery** – every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. – Second Floor

**Coffee Hour** – every Sunday following worship – Great Hall

**Bible Study** – Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. – Board Room

**Chancel Communion** – every Thursday at 12:15 p.m. (1/2 hour)

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** – during worship service on the first Sunday of the month;  
immediately following worship service on the third Sunday of the month

**Alcoholics Anonymous** – Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays (changing to Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the beginning of July)

**Out of the Cold Community Breakfast** – every Tuesday all year – 7:30 a.m. (preparation starts at 5:30 a.m.) – Great Hall



### Fellowship Groups

**Wine, Cheeses & Jesus** – June 16 at 7:00 p.m.

**Saga** – June 24, July 23, August 20, September 23

**St. Andrew's Book Club** – watch for announcements

### Meetings – Session and Board of Managers

**Board of Managers** – June 22 and September 28 at 6:00 p.m. – Board Room

**Session** – June 21 and September 20 at 7:00 p.m. – Board Room

**Congregational Meeting** – Sunday, June 26 following worship – Great Hall



### Summer Vacation Schedule

Rev. Will Ingram, Senior Minister - July

Rev. Dr. Bob Faris, Associate Minister - August

Doug Pearson, Church Manager - last 2 weeks of July + TBA

Judy Neal, Administrative Assistant - August



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