



Catalyst

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St. Andrew's Church

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

A Growing Congregation

A number of years ago, the congregation of St. Andrew's adopted a mission statement and a set of important goals. The mission statement was that "the people of St. Andrew's are called by God to serve in faith, hope and love in the heart of Toronto", and this mission would be achieved by striving towards the following goals:

- inspiring public worship
- loving fellowship
- strengthened faith
- involved youth
- community witness
- a growing congregation
- environmental responsibility

Even though these goals inform many parts of our life and work, it is good, from time to time, to ask ourselves whether we are achieving them as effectively as we can. Earlier this year, the elders at St. Andrew's were presented with a proposal to begin a process of considering what ideas, plans and initiatives that we might undertake, together as a community, to more effectively address the specific goal of becoming 'a growing congregation'.

As a result, a small task force — composed of both elders and congregational members — was asked to create opportunities for conversation and consultation with the whole congregation about what plans should be set in place to help our congregation to grow more effectively.

Church growth is, of course, a very complex matter, and can never be simplistically reduced to quantifiable or measurable 'numbers'. Healthy and vibrant congregations are places that grow numerically — but also that grow in spiritual maturity, in opportunities for service, in engagement in their wider communities, and in many other ways. There can be congregations that grow to a great numerical size, but lack the compassion, the sense of community, the willingness to serve, and the demands of faithfulness that mark the type of church that Christ longed to establish. And, equally, there can be times when small or struggling congregations can similarly lack the compassion, community, service and faithfulness that are the marks of a community shaped by Christ's Spirit. These essential qualities can be found in large congregations and in small congregations. But regardless of the numerical size, important questions should be asked about whether better or more effective ways can be embraced to help such holistic growth in our life and witness — and to make our congregation a more hospitable, inclusive, gracious, kind and attractive community.



Over the past few months, this small task force has facilitated opportunities for everyone to participate in this conversation. They have been deeply grateful for the articulation of the congregation's hopes and dreams; for the engagement with their questions; and for the willingness that so many people have demonstrated to explore new ideas and *(Continued...)*

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visions for our life together. Old ideas have been honoured, and new perspectives have been welcomed!

As they continue this work into the new year — in preparation for the presentation, to the congregation, of a planning process that will help us to grow as a community of Christ's followers, I would like to encourage all of us to continue to ponder the questions that have been presented to us. What reasons would you have for inviting a friend or a family member to join in the life and work of St. Andrew's? What answers would you

give to a person who asks why you are a part of the church — and why they might want to consider becoming a part of the church as well? What visions do you have for helping St. Andrew's to more effectively reach out to those who long to find a compassionate, hope-filled, engaging, community in the heart of the city of Toronto?

And what can we do, together, to make those dreams and visions a reality?

Will

Welcome to the "Catalyst"! It has been a while since the last edition of this newsletter, so we have tried to 'catch up' on some of the events which have taken place over the past year.

Upcoming editions will not seek to cover such a long period of time.

Please note that submissions, articles and photos are welcome.

CATALYST

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Joyful Feasts

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. How often have we heard this phrase as we come to the table to celebrate communion? Despite the small portions of bread and wine that we receive, we say that this is a feast; a feast of God's grace poured out for us in the broken body and shed blood of Jesus. It is the feast of Christ's body, the church, as we share in one loaf and one cup, celebrating our oneness in Christ; we are part of the body and, at the table, we both offer and receive blessing from the other members of the body who are gathered there. We give of ourselves to those in need and we graciously receive from the gifts that God has given to our neighbour. This feast draws us together, from north and south and east and west, from all corners of our city and indeed from all parts of the world where we have our origins. The joyful feast of the people of God indeed!

As our *Out of the Cold Suppers* have begun again this fall, I have found myself remembering these words as we gather around tables in the Great Hall to share in another joyous feast. Under the gracious leadership of Maureen Strong in the kitchen, amazing meals emerge to be offered to guests who have responded to our invitation to join us and to share in the bounty that God has provided for us. In addition to a wonderful meal, our guests share a warm and inviting space in the heart of this vibrant city. They share the friendship and care of so many volunteers who prepare, serve, clean up, listen and offer a word of support. They choose clothing and other items that not only provide warmth and comfort, but also some style and personality in what can be a very cold and uninspiring world. But this sharing is not one-way. Those of us who are the "volunteers" also receive. Our feasts are graced by the wide diversity of peoples that make up our city, and we are privileged to receive from those who live out their lives in different and amazing ways. Around tables, we share our common humanity and the love that God has for all of us.

Scripture is filled with images of great feasts given to celebrate victories or marriages or other important events in the life of the nation or its rulers. Those images are captured by Jesus in much of his teaching and storytelling and used to help us



understand what life in God's kingdom is all about. I love the parable of the great feast in Luke's gospel. A wealthy person has prepared a big dinner party and has invited many friends and relatives and business acquaintances. When the time comes to gather, the slaves are sent out to call the guests. But every one of them has an excuse as to why they cannot accept the invitation to share in the feast — it seems that responding to this gracious invitation had dropped to a very low place on the priority lists of those who were the closest people to the host. The host is not happy but also does not despair. "Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame." Now there was a response! The slave said, "What you ordered has been done, and there is still room." So the slaves were ordered, "Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled." And there was one big joyful feast!

A bit like Monday evening and Tuesday mornings in the Great Hall at St. Andrew's. A bit like the joyful feast of the people of God. A bit like understanding that no one is excluded from the table that Christ has prepared for us. *Bon appetit!*

Bob Faris

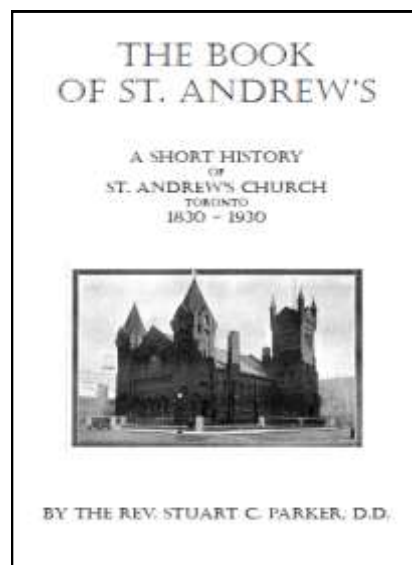
The Book of St. Andrew's by The Rev. Stuart C. Parker, D.D.

We are pleased to announce that we have reprinted *The Book of St. Andrew's: A Short History of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, 1830-1930*.

This history of St. Andrew's Church was written by the Rev. Stuart C. Parker, D.D., who was our minister from 1923 to 1950. He led the opposition to union with the Methodist and Congregational churches and describes the immensely complicated process of reorganization for the Presbyterian Church following the formation of the United Church.

Many other highlights of our history are described in the book. Here are a few interesting facts:

- In the period from 1870 to 1896, under the Rev. Daniel James MacDonnell, social outreach grew enormously. There were numerous Bible classes, Young Peoples' organizations, Women's and Men's Associations and a Penny Savings Bank.
- The original St. Andrew's Church on Church Street at Adelaide became too small for the growing congregation. They decided to move and build, and in 1878 the Manse and Church at King and Simcoe were completed for a cost of \$100,537.48.
- At the Centenary celebration in 1930, Prime Minister Mackenzie King spoke from our chancel steps: "The Church would have no place but for the world in which it finds itself. It is but one institution, but it should be the central institution of all. Its mission is to breathe upon the others the spirit of life. The State will find its noblest expression and fulfilment of its highest destiny only as its life approaches in expression the aims and ideals of the noblest and highest individual life."



Cover illustration for
The Book of St. Andrew's



Find out more about these events and others in this remarkable 142-page paperback book. Priced at a modest \$20.00, it would make a wonderful Christmas gift! It will be available at Coffee Hour for the next few weeks. Alternatively, please contact the church office.

Pat Reynolds

The Growth Planning Task Force



Earlier this year the Session of St. Andrew's appointed a Growth Planning Task Force. Its purpose is to develop recommendations about how we can intentionally plan for growth in the ministries of St. Andrew's. The primary goal for this plan is to try to double our size and the influence in the next three to five years.



Since then the Task Force has conducted a comprehensive survey that invited input from our congregational members, adherents and friends. We also approached each of our seven ministries to obtain their thoughts and ideas. We have also learned from studying the experience of other growing congregations in major downtown metropolitan areas. The Task Force is now preparing its final report to present to Session in January and then to the congregation.

Historically St. Andrew's Church and its Institute was a major influence in the then downtown residential community and provided many important services. Once again, today we see a new and vibrant residential community being built around us and a growing, vital business community.

This has reshaped the context of St. Andrew's and the Task Force is developing what it believes are exciting initiatives to bring us closer to these communities as an active, growing and influential downtown Christian presence in their midst.

Our sincere thanks to all of you who contributed with your thoughts and suggestions.

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Communications Ministry

The Communications Ministry is one of seven separate ministries set up under Session to help handle particular aspects of ministry, and, like all these ministries, is open to anyone within the congregation who can provide help with these ministry areas.

Communications are two-way: between ourselves within the congregation and from the St. Andrew's congregation to those outside our walls, who are not familiar with our worship and activities.

Within the congregation, the *Catalyst* provides a recent record of people, particular events and topics at St. Andrew's. We are pleased to welcome Yvonne Pigott as our new editor, ably assisted in a continuing role by Jane Martin. They have already been active seeking your input for this and future issues.

Our new outdoor sign will be an additional resource showing our presence in the heart of the city.

Today many organisations seek to present their identity to the public in as clear and straightforward manner as possible, so that their message is presented without distortion. This includes the concept of branding, and here the church is no different. Information overload means that we have a shorter attention span available to absorb information from our surroundings.

With the assistance of specialists the communications ministry is working on developing a branding framework, based on our mission statement and the recent survey. We want to develop a consistent framework to present our message, with a common appearance across various formats, whether brochures, bulletins, newsletters or our website. This would include colours, fonts, and general layout.



Many of our new members first learned about St. Andrew's through our website, and site quality is essential to engage and retain a potential visitor's interest prior to their first visit. We have engaged professional help to assist in the website upgrading, both for content and ease of navigation. Any common formats and publicity information that are developed will be available as a common resource for other ministries in the congregation to support their own events at the church.

Our present members are Alison Rose, Allan Lever and Biao Su, with the part time participation of others who are helping with their specialised knowledge and expertise. If you feel that you can help achieve our objectives, please talk to one of us.

Peter Price

Boarding Homes Ministry

Boarding Homes Ministry is most grateful for the faithful, caring ministry of the St. Andrew's Church team members. They are currently involved in visits to three different homes, and God is glorified as relationships are lovingly nurtured. BHM is presently linked with two homes in Windsor; one each in Amherstburg, Paris, Brantford, Newmarket; and thirteen homes in Toronto. At the moment, we are hopeful of finding team members for two *women only* homes in the west end. May God be praised as people continue to share life in Christ.



Rodger Hunter



Team members from the St. Andrew's Boarding Homes Team have been visiting in one of the downtown Toronto boarding homes every second Wednesday evening for fourteen years. December is our anniversary month. The original home that we first visited was sold last spring creating a time of upheaval. Change was not easy for the residents or for us. We have lost touch with some of our former friends and we miss them. We have reconnected with some and made many new friends as a result of being warmly welcomed at another home on Borden St. I have particularly felt that welcome as I am now in Toronto infrequently. When I arrive at the Borden St. home, I am always greeted by name and when I am back in Nova Scotia, the residents ask Rodger to telephone me on a regular basis. They know I am there with my mother. Residents always ask about her, and want to know what the weather is like and when I am coming back.

In a recent *Presbyterian Record* article, Amanda Henderson talked about the importance of a ministry of presence – a “gathered community that cares for each other”. That is what I receive from my boarding home experience and I am always thankful for that presence in my life.

Phyllis Matheson

Let us Honour the Living

At the recent memorial service for our much loved Barbara Sargent, our Senior Minister in his address said that on such occasions, from the reminiscences of family members and friends, we learn so many new facets about the person who is no longer with us.



In contrast, let us honour someone who, at 95 years of age, is still very much with us. The Rev. Stuart B. Coles comes regularly to our Sunday morning Bible study. His mind is sharp; his comments are

always thought provoking and sometimes very direct. He recently challenged a speaker who had commented that God spoke to men in the Old Testament. "God spoke to men and women," interrupted Stuart. Not for him any old fashioned generic terminology! On another occasion, he lamented what human beings have done to a once good physical creation.

Recently two amazing facts about Stuart came to me from outside our own congregation. Earlier in January I telephoned the archivist at 50 Wynford Drive to learn what is available about the relations between The Presbyterian Church in Canada and the State. I recalled one address I had heard several years ago, but I wanted more up-to-date information. I was told that *the* expert in The Presbyterian Church in Canada is the

Rev. Stuart Coles and that I should try to track him down. Well, that was not difficult!

Then even more recently I discussed with Will an item that had come before the last General Assembly: In churches lacking an ordained minister should carefully selected lay persons be authorised to administer the communion? As you will know, this has engendered correspondence in the *Presbyterian Record* about what is called theologically the *Priesthood of All Believers*. A now retired ordained minister of our denomination, the Rev. Dr. Donald Freeman, had earned his doctorate at Knox College in 1999 with a comprehensive 567 page dissertation on this topic. I telephoned to ask him where he had got the idea for his thesis (which is now available at Knox College library). He replied that the Rev. Stuart Coles would be cheering for sure at the revived interest in this doctrine as it was *he* who had pointed the way to an earlier Presbyterian scholar's views on an inclusive ministry, i.e. the theme that had become the central focus of Don's thesis.

So we have in our midst a senior whose body is now frail but whose mind was, and still is, sharp and visionary. Stuart's ideas may sometimes inevitably challenge us, but perhaps they point the way to our renewed commitment to Jesus the Christ, both as individuals and as a believing community.



Olive Regina Anstice
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Dispatches from **Out of the Cold**



Monday, Nov. 6: Well, here we go! Another exciting season at OOTC started as a quiet night with 182 people enjoying a fabulous meal of Cream of Tomato Soup, a choice of Chicken Pot Pie or Broccoli & Swiss Cheese Quiche, and Roasted Butternut Squash and Apple Crisp with Ice Cream. The many new volunteers and returning volunteers in new jobs were happy to hear the comments: "Good service, good people and best of all good food!". "I'm stuffed"; "You'll be here next week, thank God". Our friend Liz complimented Chef Maureen for an excellent soup and *decadent* dessert.

Monday, Nov. 19: We welcomed 276 guests last night. I think rumours of what we were having for dinner must have gotten around: Roasted Red Pepper Soup, BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Cornbread, Coleslaw, Enchiladas, and Banana bread with Penuche Fudge Icing. Feedback included compliments on a stupendous dinner. It was gratifying to hear that "It's a great thing that you do here;" another guest was thrilled to speak Farsi with a volunteer; in the boutique a young man thanked volunteers for some warm clothes as he could no longer pay to keep his belongings in storage. A big thank you to all the volunteers who continue to bring in donations to the boutique.

Sunday, Nov. 18: A huge special "thank you" to the 15 volunteers who scrubbed ovens, organized cupboards, washed every shelf in the storeroom and kitchen and so much more. They also managed to organize and fold a small mountain of clothing for the boutique. It was a great morning with volunteers from across all the crews from Sundays afternoon to Tuesday morning and then a special lunch to top off the day. Please help us to maintain our workplace and keep everything sparkling clean!

Boutique Items Needed: Extra large clothing items (men's and women's); jeans, socks, underwear (new or laundered), toothbrushes. Items for the holidays: financial donations, toiletries (soap, tooth brushes, razors, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc.), socks, mittens, scarves, hats, new underwear.

Volunteers: The holiday season is fast approaching, and since Christmas Eve falls on Monday we are planning a great celebration! Extra help is needed to stuff 450 stockings (for Christmas Eve Dinner and Christmas Morning Breakfast). Contact us at minardla@gmail.com.

So there you have it — successful nights during which we were able to offer our friendship and support to those who need it. Give yourselves a pat on the back!



*Jo-Anne Roberts,
and volunteers
Andrea, Lauren, Lyndsay and
Lindsay*



Recent pictures of some of the wonderful volunteers in the "Out of the Cold" program at St. Andrew's





New Members

*St. Andrew's extends a loving welcome
to those who have recently joined our congregation!*

Osbourne Codner

by Marc Buist



Osbourne was invited to our Advent Services over a year ago by friends and at that time was looking for a place to worship. He met Reverend Will after the service, and returned the following Sunday and was quite surprised when the minister called him by name. Osbourne was very impressed. We know that remembering names is one of Reverend Will's fine gifts, and how important and welcoming this practice can be.

Osbourne grew up in Jamaica and moved to Canada about 10 years ago. He is an Accountant by profession with a Bachelors Degree in Accounting and Management Studies, as well as being a trained Fashion Consultant! Osbourne loves life, and he loves to travel, dance and keep fit.

Heather Copeland

by John Darling

Heather Copeland came down the road from Barrie in 2006 and decided to stay. Life in Toronto has meant a considerable cultural change for Heather after living in the country and a small town. Heather's interest in movies and music has been a complement to her job at the Canadian Media Production Association. She also works part-time as a legal assistant to a labour lawyer.

Heather's lunch-time walk brought her to St. Andrew's one day, and she decided to attend a Sunday worship service. The atmosphere and the welcome from members of the church community lead her to join the congregation in February, 2010. Heather also likes singing the hymns and the warmth of the people at "Bide-A-Wee" Coffee Hour.



Christina J. Kim

Christina came to St. Andrew's Church because she heard about it through a co-worker. She attended for a few weeks and really enjoyed the sermons. As a result, Christina decided to become a member of the church and joined the congregation in February, 2010. Christina really enjoys participating in church activities such as being part of the Sunday *Out of the Cold* preparation crew. Also, she really enjoys the beautiful music and the sermon every Sunday.

Christina and her husband were married at the St. Andrew's Church in October 2011. Christina works at Manulife.



New Members

Jill Van Vugt and James Harrison

Jill and James came to St. Andrew's in 2009 because they were impressed with the Church's outreach programs. After attending some services, they were very encouraged by the messages that they were hearing from Reverend Ingram and decided that this would be a good place for them to put down spiritual roots.

James comes from the Anglican tradition, while Jill's family has strong ties to the Christian Reformed Church. The Presbyterian Church's theology seems to strike a balance between these two denominations and Jill and James felt very comfortable becoming members of St. Andrew's Church in February, 2010.

They find Reverend Ingram's sermons very thought provoking and relevant, and indicated that he is a big part of the reason they decided to join the church. Jill and James also love the music and find the church's position on social issues and commitment to interfaith dialogue very important.

Jill's sister, Megan Van Vugt, is also a member of the church and another sister, Abigail McCluham and her husband, Peter, were also members until they moved to Kingston recently.

James and Jill are both lawyers working in-house for insurance companies. James practices technology and contract law while Jill is a litigation lawyer doing defense work.



Our most recently welcomed members will be introduced in the next issue of the "Catalyst".

“Remembering O.P – A Tribute to Oscar Peterson”

On Saturday, October 13, *Life and Music at St. Andrew’s* hosted an evening of great music in honour of one of Canada’s musical giants.

Oscar Peterson was an extraordinary pianist who dominated the jazz scene for many years in this country. He gave his last public performance on the Bosendorfer Imperial grand piano that now belongs to St. Andrew’s, and it was this inspiring connection that led us to plan an evening in his honour.



Oliver Jones grew up in the same Montreal neighbourhood as Oscar Peterson and was strongly influenced by the late jazz giant. As a young prodigy, Oliver studied piano with Daisy (Peterson) Sweeney, Oscar Peterson’s sister. Now an outstanding jazz pianist in his own right, he was happy to pay homage to his mentor and friend.



Photo by Osheen Harruthoonyan, Catbird Productions Inc.



Photo by Judy Neal

Reflecting on this relationship, he said “I have often wondered if I would have even chosen music as a youngster if my parents had not moved so close to the Peterson house. I had the great privilege of hearing him play at a very young age. I was five years old at the time. It had a profound effect on me. Some 70 years later, he still has the ability to impress and inspire me.”

On October 13, Oliver and his trio (Dave Young, on bass and Norman Villeneuve, on drums) provided plenty of inspiration of their own!



Oliver Jones, Dave Young and Norman Villeneuve taking a bow.

Photo by Osheen Harruthoonyan, Catbird Productions Inc.



A Bird's Eye View of the Performance

Photo by Judy Neal

A large audience was treated to famous tunes by George Gershwin, original material by Oliver Jones, and of course, many compositions by Oscar Peterson, ending with the famous "Hymn to Freedom". It was a fitting tribute to a musician whom Oliver describes as "Canada's greatest national treasure."

Thank you to the Life and Music team and to the large group of volunteers who worked diligently to make this evening possible.

Dan Bickle

St. Andrew's has responded to the *Accessibility for Disabled Ontarians, 2005, Act*, (AODA) by forming a committee to develop our policy. This resulted in researching what other religious organizations have done, and settling upon the wording prepared by The Presbyterian Church in Canada, almost verbatim.

Culver Riley, AODA Committee Chair



Accessibility Policy

We will use reasonable efforts to ensure that people who have disabilities and who attend worship or participate in any of our programs and services will be treated with dignity.

Assistive Devices

We will ensure that our personnel are trained and familiar with various assistive devices that are used by people with disabilities while participating in or attending our services or programs.

Communication

We will communicate with people with disabilities in ways that take into account their disability.

Service Animals

We welcome people with disabilities and their service animals. Service animals are allowed into our worship areas and into most other areas of the church subject to consideration for those with severe allergies.

Support Persons

A person with a disability who is accompanied by a support person will be welcomed to have that person accompany them into the church.

If the church is offering a program where fees are charged fees will not be charged for support persons for admission to St. Andrew's Church. We will notify congregants and visitors of this through a notice posted on our bulletin boards.

Notice of Temporary Disruption

In the event of a planned or unexpected disruption to services (e.g. elevator, wheelchair ramps) or programs (e.g. worship services, educational and fellowship events, *Out of the Cold* meals, etc.) that participants with disabilities usually attend, St. Andrew's Church will provide notice promptly. This clearly posted notice will include information about the reason for the disruption, its anticipated length of time, and a description of alternative facilities or services, if available.

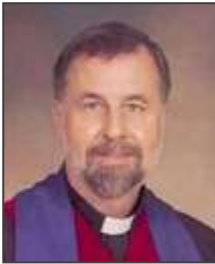
The notice will be placed at the King Street entrance to the sanctuary, the Emily Street and Simcoe Street entrances to the Great Hall, at the manse (church office) entrance and on the homepage of the church's web site.

Approved by Session: January 17, 2012

2012 Advent Meditations



Waiting ...



December 5

“Waiting with Elizabeth and Zechariah”

The Rev. Wes Denyer,

Minister of Rosedale Presbyterian Church, Toronto

December 12

“Waiting with John the Baptist”

The Rev. Rafael Vallejo,

Minister of Queen Street East Presbyterian Church, Toronto



December 19

“Waiting with Mary and Joseph”

The Rev. Emily Bissett,

Minister of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Toronto



Organ Selections – Noon

Meditation – 12:15

Light lunch – 12:45

Transitions

Remembering James Sparrow

James became a member of our congregation on the same Sunday in October, 2011 as Osbourne Codner and Will Hendrie. I remember the occasion well. James felt at home in St. Andrew's Church and was blessed by the beautiful liturgy and comforting sermons. He came to us from Ottawa to receive treatment for a serious illness. No matter how weak he was, he attended the service because it meant so much to him.



James was a very gifted person with several degrees from Universities in Montreal, Ottawa and California. He led a very productive life and was well respected in the government and the Asian Development Bank where he had worked. His occupation took him all over the world.

The Lord took James home last January 27th. At his Memorial Service, we noticed that a large circle of family and friends treasured him and he touched many lives in different ways. People from all over traveled to our church to remember James.

We really enjoyed having James in our midst for a few months, and were blessed by the way he showed his faith and hope in the promises of the Lord. Even in the face of pain and suffering, he remained steadfast.

Marc Buist

Deaths

Lucille Choi, a long-time member, November, 2011

Al Collins, long-time member and beloved husband of Donna, November 30, 2011

Barbara Sargent, long-time member and beloved mother of Gail, January 16, 2012

James Sparrow, a new member, January 27, 2012

John Goodwin, long-time member and beloved husband of Lenore, September 11, 2012

Roy Ferris, beloved father of Karen Ingram, September 30, 2012

A Tribute to Barbara Sargent

A remarkable lady, Barbara was among us for many years, full of English charm, witty remarks, fun and laughter. We really miss her sitting in the front pew beside her dear friend, Diana, where Barbara had a kind word for every one entering the church through the blue doors. If she was not there, Barbara was in the nursery upstairs, having fun with the children. No task was ever too much for Barbara. She was ready to help and serve wherever needed. Those who experienced personal loss and serious illness appreciated her words of comfort and care.

When Barbara worked downtown a few years ago, she attended the Thursday chancel communion service, and got to know Reverend Cameron Brett. She was really blessed by these services, and coming to St. Andrew's Church became a part of her life. Barbara was born and raised as an Anglican, but as she told me: "I am sort of Anglican Presbyterian now," and that was just fine with her. She faithfully drove her little car from Pickering every Sunday, and hardly ever missed attending church.

As she became more involved with St. Andrew's, Barbara started to volunteer, especially with the "Out of the Cold" program. Due to certain after-church duties, I was usually among the last people to leave, and I would always find Barbara at a table peeling potatoes or vegetables and having great fun with the other volunteers. She motivated them all. When I saw her in the hospital, we joked about her hands: those loving hands that sorted important papers during her career at the Ernst and Young offices and that prepared food for the hungry. We call her efforts works of love and we thankfully remember Barbara for them. As many of us go our separate ways on Sunday after church, we leave behind the volunteers, who give their time and energy to helping others and ensuring that nutritious meals

are ready for Monday nights and Tuesday morning breakfasts. These dedicated volunteers like Barbara are a true mark of a church that is showing the Love of Christ in downtown Toronto.



Barbara made herself available to serve on the Board of Managers. With her accounting background, she took a keen interest in the financial welfare of St. Andrew's Church. We miss her around the Boardroom table.

Some of us knew how Barbara struggled with ill health and how serious it was. We remember her coming to the service in which we dedicated our grand piano. She said: "I don't want to miss this occasion as I looked forward to it." Despite her pains, she really enjoyed it all.

Soon after that celebration, Barbara became a patient at Mount Sinai Hospital, and then was moved to palliative care at the Grace Hospital, which is called "the house of Love" in downtown Toronto. After a few days, the Lord took her home. We ask the Lord for comfort for her daughter, Gail, and granddaughter, Melanie, who loved Barbara so much.

Well done Barbara, we thank you at St. Andrew's. Yes, the Lord was your Shepherd and you may now dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

Marc Buist

New Members

February 10, 2011

Osbourne Codner
Will Hendrie
James Sparrow

February 26, 2012

Anna Chandisingh
Radica Chandisingh
Rachel Forrest
Catherine Gatere
Ricardo Girdharry
Eraj Jayawickreme
Kristian Khan
Emma Landry
Anthony Lee
Paul Loggie
Helen Loggie
Gillian Miller
Kevin Miller
Rayna Narayansingh
Ryan Outar
Sophie Outar

May 27, 2012

Leanne Bell
Liva Loudenot
Thierry Loudenot
Rose Thiessen

October 28, 2012

Shauna Brown
Jessie Cooke
Lois Hird
Indra Narayansingh
Keith Narayansingh
Catherine Stratton
Shirley Walker

**2011**

David Olenic and Heekyong Diane Lee - April 9
Michael Ng and Angel Lee - June 11
Fraser Robertson and Samaneh Hosseini - August 19
Blair Milroy and Katharine McGinnis - August 20
Sacha Meo and Barbara Chisholm - September 17
Kevin Miller and Gillian Lever - September 17
Francis Fong and Christina Jeong Kim - October 1
Sean Taylor and Kristen Stout - October 1
Gordon Hunt and Elizabeth Yu - November 19

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Martin Paradis and Kathleen Buzek - October 4
Eraj Jayawickreme and Rachel Forrest - July 21
Ricardo Girdharry and Bey Wang - August 11
Alfred Fellner and Ioana Pinzaru - August 18
Michael Raines and Annie Ning Wang - September 29
Kristian Khan and Rayna Narayansingh - November 3
Scott Campbell and Leanna Monaco - November 17

Baptisms in 2011 and 2012

<i>Date Baptized</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
October 9, 2011	Chloe Sierra Richardson	Darren & Heather
October 30, 2011	Willa Jane McIlquham	Peter & Abigail
October 30, 2011	Ethan Kennedy McEwan	Robert & Patricia
November 20, 2011	Andre-Philippe Guerard	Philippe & Ritu
February 26, 2012	Ms. Emma Landry	—
April 15, 2012	Serena Wilson	David & Elizabeth
April 22, 2012	Olivia Mae Denis	Dustin & Michelle
August 12, 2012	Suyi Kim	Gyooshik & Jooyeon
August 12, 2012	Caitlyn Chow	Douglas & Suyi
October 21, 2012	Rachel Elizabeth Graham	Malcolm & Jennifer



A Reminder from the Keepers of the Reference Library

The recently established Reference Library, which contains many specialized reference books that are no longer in print, is open to all interested members of the community of St. Andrew's Church. To ensure that they remain available for everyone's use, Reference Library books and materials are for use in the Board Room, and should not be removed from the room. Three books may have been borrowed inadvertently, so we list them below in the hope they will be returned to the Reference Library very soon. *Thank you!*

- *The World's Religions*, by J.N.D. Anderson
- *A History of Ancient Israel and Judah*, by J. Maxwell Miller and John H. Hayes
- *Life in the Ancient Near East (3100 – 332 BCE)*, by Daniel C. Snell

Advent and Christmas 2012
at
St. Andrew's Church



Sunday, December 2

Advent Communion Service - 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays, December 5, 12 & 19

Advent Meditations - Noon

"Waiting"

Sunday, December 9

Church School Pageant - 10:30 a.m.

White Gift Sunday

Friday, December 14

Annual Rugby Christmas Carol Evening - 7:30 p.m.

(Freewill offering for Out of the Cold)

Saturday, December 15

Saga Christmas Party - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 16

Christmas Choral Service - 10:30 a.m.

(Freewill offering for Boarding Homes Ministry)

Special Service of Remembrance - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 23

Worship Service - Fourth Sunday of Advent - 10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 24

Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols - 7:00 p.m.

With Brass Quintet (7 pm only)

Candlelight Service of Holy Communion - 11:00 p.m.

Out of the Cold Holiday Meals

Christmas Eve Dinner - Monday, December 24 - 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Breakfast - Tuesday, December 25 - 7:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve Dinner - Monday, December 31 - 6:00 p.m.

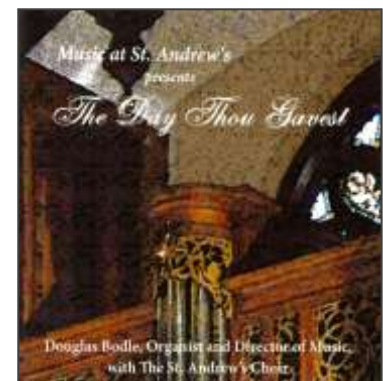
New Year's Day Breakfast - Tuesday, January 1 - 7:30 a.m.

Looking for Christmas Gift Ideas?

Earlier this year, the "Life and Music at St. Andrew's" committee produced two beautiful CDs of music from St. Andrew's. Copies are available from the church office.



"A Companion to the Book of Praise"
By the Choir of St. Andrew's Church,
Toronto, under the direction of
Douglas Bodle



"The Day Thou Gavest"
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