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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.

Coming to Church ... for Someone Else

In our modern culture, there is a tendency to assess almost everything that we do in relation to the questions "What I can get from this experience?" or "How will this satisfy my needs?" We invest time, energy, and resources in those experiences that will give us the greatest results, or advance our career, or make us feel good.

This same attitude can sometimes affect the way that we view our life in the church. Whether we are looking for a new church, or are longstanding members of a congregation, we often view our church participation in this same culturally-conditioned manner — that is, in relation to what it will do for us, or what we will get out of it, or whether it satisfies our personal needs.

These are understandable ways to assess our commitments. After all, it does not make a great deal of sense to invest time, energy, or resources in experiences that are wasteful or pointless; and neither does it make sense to continue, indefinitely, in a spiritual community that fails to help us to grow, to mature, or to progress in the spiritual life as individuals, or that fails to fulfill any dimension of the mission of Christ in the world.

But there is a balance to be pondered.

That is, there are times when it is important for us to ask both "What can I get from this experience?" and "What can I offer to others?" In the Letter to the Hebrews, there is a great passage which I often ponder when I think about life in a church

community: "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another" (Hebrews 10: 24–25).



We should not forget that, on any given Sunday, there is a vast diversity of life experiences that are represented in a worshipping community. Some people are in times of great joy, while others are living through great sorrows; some are experiencing times of uncertainty in their personal relationships, their health, their employment, while others are in the midst of times of success and elation; some are feeling enthusiastic about their faith, while others are experiencing times of struggle and doubt.

But if we only come to church to "get something out of it," we forget that our presence and our participation on that day might be needed as a source of consolation or encouragement for someone else. And if we get into the habit of "neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some," we will ultimately fail to be the church that we are called to be.

In the next few years, we will be asking ourselves — as a congregation — some important questions about how St. Andrew's can be more intentional in reaching out to those in the community around us in order to become a more effective, dynamic, and growing community. At times, we may find ourselves presenting the invitation to become part of

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the church in relation to what people can “get out of it” — and this is important. But let us not forget that at the heart of Christian spirituality is a deeper question — how can our presence, compassion, time and energy serve as a blessing to someone else? And how can we become a place where others

can cultivate this same attitude of caring as much for others as they do for themselves?

And perhaps a good way to start is to embrace the habit of regularly coming to church ... for someone else.

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The Growth Planning Task Force: Initiatives Moving Forward



We are pleased to provide you with an update on the progress of the Growth Planning Task Force. Having received the approval of our Session to implement the recommendations in our final report, we proceeded to distribute the report to the congregation and presented it at a special meeting on Sunday, February 3rd, 2013. We were very enthused by the positive feedback we received.

On February 19th, the Task Force met again to discuss implementation and priorities. During February, we met with the Conveners of our seven ministries to further plan implementation and finalize the approved initiatives that will be given priority. The Task Force recognizes that the success of the plan rests on its implementation, so giving careful attention to the process of moving forward is very important.

The initiatives will be implemented by our ministries: Worship, Community Life, Outreach, Christian Education, Finance and Stewardship, Communications, Personnel Relations, and Growth and Innovation. The latter ministry will facilitate implementation and carry out some needed further research. With the creation of this Growth and Planning Ministry, the work of the Task Force is completed. We express our sincere appreciation for the time and energy devoted by Sue Goodwin, John Matheson, Jane Durno, Graeme Hepburn, Rayna Narayansingh, David Tsuchiya, Will Ingram, and Bob Faris.

There is much work to be done if we are to achieve our goal of doubling the size and influence of St. Andrew's Church. The steps we need to take have been identified. Our success will now depend on the enthusiastic support of members of our congregation, and their willingness to join us by giving of their time and energy in the months to come. Towards that end, we will be offering you every opportunity to participate in areas that would interest you.

*Sandy Aird and Allan Lever, Co-Chairs,
The Growth Planning Task Force*

Boarding Homes Ministry

Fostering Community
by Roger Hunter, Chaplain



Boarding Homes Ministry nurtures Christian community by linking church visitors with residents of local homes. We are grateful for the generous support of St.

Andrew's Church, which helps make these communions possible.

Fostering community is a process of *movement* and *finding*. It first involves going out from the church into the neighbourhood, and team members have taken up that challenge. To their credit, they overcame many uncertainties, and for their reward, they *found* not only new friends, but new insights into how God moves among us. Residents are very hospitable and have so much to teach us.

Community life in these homes becomes a *movement* of heart and spirit, which is joyful, and prayerful. Community life provides a rich space in which team members discover more about themselves and their faith; and they find delight in the grace, wisdom, and courage of residents.

This Lenten season, we have been pondering a photograph taken of a small side chapel at the Iona Abbey. A chair has been placed beside a cross. It invites one to sit still, wonder, and draw close to the wide mystery of God's love.

Residents have said that the photo speaks of 'contemplation' and 'tranquility' while others have found the harsh shadows unsettling. A team member wondered if part of Christian life involves becoming friends with one's discomfort? And still the photo beckons. It could even ask what might be different in life when a person stands up and leaves...



This Lenten season, may grace and new life attend you.

Further Reflections
by Allison Singer

I look forward to my times with the friends we have visited over the years. I have come to love them all. There are fourteen residents, who are all male, and the average attendance when we visit is eight. There are usually three team members: Nick, who is from a Baptist Church, Emily who is at Emmanuel College, and from St. Andrew's, me. The "guys" are always happy to see us. I hope they feel joy because of our visit rather than just because it is a break from the usual boredom of living in confined quarters. The home that we visit is one of the better homes in Toronto, being owned and operated by a Christian couple. Most of the residents have a mental illness of some kind. We are constantly amazed at the extent of their knowledge of topics, ranging from the Bible to technology and current affairs.



Yes, I enjoy my visits and feel privileged to be a part of residents' lives.

A Final Word

by Rodger Hunter

In each of the homes that we visit, the journey to the Passion of Jesus takes on its own distinct character. It remains a lively and thoughtful time.

May grace also accompany all of you in your own spiritual movement and finding.



In Gratitude



I am profoundly grateful for the hospitality and stimulation I enjoyed over your St. Andrew's anniversary weekend. The energy and engagement at the brunch, the morning service, and the *Out of the*

Cold program warmed and inspired me. I trust I sowed a few provocative seeds among you that will flourish in love and good deeds as you continue to be pioneering Presbyterians in the heart of Toronto.

I wanted to pass on one further thought I had as I reflected on the weekend. It focused on a way to build even more alliances that will make St. Andrew's an even more positive presence in the heart of Toronto as you implement your Growth Plan. I trust it is helpful as you co-create your future with the triune God.

A Space to Explore, Imagine, Change, and Connect

I mentioned at the brunch that curiosity is really the only way to invite people into community and invite them to flourish as part of it. It's the quality of questions that you are asking that will attract new people into the fellowship and activities at St. Andrew's. My experience is that people have lots of ideas they would like to explore, but very few places to actually do it in a safe, stimulating, and supportive environment. A church with the breadth of diversity enjoyed at St. Andrew's is just that kind of community.

These conversations are not about telling people the answer. Rather, they are about generating ideas through the conversations. They create space for people to explore, imagine, change, and connect. Creating more opportunities for such conversations to happen may be worth trying.

Specifically, I wondered about starting a salon (focused conversations about a significant question) called something like "Cultivating a Compassionate City: Conversations about a Better Toronto." Here's how the editors of the *Utne Reader* describe their idea of a contemporary salon in 2001:

Salons are gatherings where people talk big talk, talk meant to be listened to and perhaps passionately acted upon. Salons are incubators where ideas are conceived, gestated, and hatched, sometimes slowly and ruminatively, sometimes with dazzling speed. Salons are frontiers of social and cultural change. Salons are the concert halls where conversation is presented in virtuoso style. (cf. *Salons: The Joy of Conversation*, New Society Publishers; 2001: p.ix)

The right questions will attract the right people to a safe, stimulating, and supportive place. The crucial preparation for this kind of endeavor is crafting the questions that will open up an exploration of the possibilities people can imagine that will cultivate a compassionate city. The Christian witness to our understanding of the source of compassion becomes part of those conversations. The impact of the conversations might even be expanded through a judicious use of social media.

Inviting people into these kinds of conversations, I am convinced, will generate the alliances that will enhance the mission of St. Andrew's Church in the heart of Toronto.

*Brian Fraser, Minister,
Brentwood Presbyterian Church, Vancouver*

6 Dispatches from



The New Year got off to a great start thanks to the dedication of volunteers and supporters, whether at Monday dinners, behind the scenes Sunday advance preparation, or the all-day Monday cookout. Here are glimpses of the last few weeks.

January 15: At 7:00 pm, 216 guests had come through the door. Outside, those who had lined up were served soup by Jordan. Inside, *Maitre d'* Mike took charge: The instant a guest left the table, a fresh setting was readied and the next in line escorted inside to the vacated seat. In all, 260 guests enjoyed another excellent dinner by Maureen and her team: roasted tomato soup, chicken pot pie with buttermilk biscuits, our famous "mac and cheese," corn, red peppers, apple crisp — and Barb's thumb-print cookies.

January 21: One of the guests arrived almost frozen: He had no gloves and his fingers were curled and red. Within minutes Darlene returned from the Boutique with long underwear, gloves, and a hat. Our guest was now perfectly outfitted for the cold. Jordan took soup to those waiting in line outside. Dinner was carrot and ginger soup, beef stew and roast potatoes, sweet potato and greens casserole, and vanilla cake with chocolate frosting. In all, 261 guests enjoyed the meal. Their comments of appreciation included: "Thanks for being here."

January 28: It was a "quiet" night with 239 guests, who were rewarded with one of their favourite meals: cream of mushroom soup, Caesar salad, BBQ chicken, sweet potato fries, peas, and a lovely bread pudding with caramel sauce.

February 4: 235 guests found comfort food on a cold night: chicken noodle soup, shepherd's pie, cheese and potato perogies, peas, green salad; and banoffee (banana plus toffee!) pie.

February 12: The Boutique's Darlene was up to her usual tricks. To celebrate Valentine's Day, the boutique was done up with red and white clothing. 265 guests endured wet weather and were rewarded with stracciatella soup, breaded chicken thighs, penne pasta with tomato sauce; broccoli florets, orange honey glazed carrots, Caesar salad; and tiramisu. According to a guest, the vegetarian offering *really* was vegetarian!

February 25: Two hundred forty-five guests partook of a fine meal of split pea soup, meat loaf with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed baby carrots; or vegetarian quesadillas with salsa fresco and sour cream; ice cream and cookies. And how kind and considerate our guests were! A guest carefully helped a lady get seated. His assistance was graciously acknowledged.

...And so go the latest chapters of *Out of the Cold*. Six weeks remain before our guests see the end of winter.

A Matter of Socks

OOTC on National Radio: Frank Faulk's "Good as Gold," a CBC radio documentary about the essential importance of socks to the homeless, featuring the St. Andrew's OOTC program, was broadcast on Michael Enright's *Sunday Edition* on February 24. The familiar voice of Darlene Treen and several OOTC guests can be heard. To listen to the podcast connect at <http://www.cbc.ca/thesundayedition/popupaudio.html?clipIds=2337877809>

A distributor of sportswear from the Greater Toronto Area answered the call for much needed socks by offering a deep discount on sports socks, allowing us to purchase of 150 pairs. The purchase was made possible through the generosity of those attending the Mardi Gras Gospel Sing; the collection exceeded target so that even more socks can be purchased. This acquisition would also not have happened without the help of Hanne.

Jo-Anne Roberts and Bob Faris

Special Awards

The congregation of St. Andrew's Church wishes to congratulate three members of the congregation who have recently received special awards. Alison Rose was presented with the Order of Ontario, Charles Diltz received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Stevie Cameron was presented with the Order of Canada. It is interesting to note that all three individuals have served as ordained elders in the Presbyterian Church. Further information about Stevie Cameron and her achievements will appear in the next addition of the Catalyst.

Alison Rose

Alison Rose was recognized for her outstanding commitment to feeding people in need for more than eighteen years. She began by volunteering with "Out of the Cold" during the second year after this program began operating at St. Andrew's Church. Alison first met Rev. Will Ingram as a fellow volunteer at that time. Later on, Alison decided to interview Martin Teplitsky, the founder of the "Lawyers Feed the Hungry" program, which is operated by the Law Society of Upper Canada at Osgoode Hall in downtown Toronto. Alison recalls that the interview never happened; however, she became a friend of Mr. Teplitsky, and he asked her to take on a substantial role in the program that he initiated. Alison became a volunteer coordinator of the Law Society's program, which offers four meals a week: two dinners, one breakfast and brunch on Sundays on a year round basis. Many volunteers are required, and Alison also assists with the two dinners most weeks.



Alison described herself as "incredulous" when she received a telephone call from the Awards Secretariat of the Ontario Government to ask her if she would accept the Order of Ontario. Alison said: "I never thought that I would receive it. I found it very touching". Alison calls her volunteer work "a gift" because "it gives me people to care about." The Order of Ontario was created in 1986 and is the highest provincial honour given to an individual.

When not doing volunteer work, Alison is a successful independent documentary film-maker and journalist. She is currently working on a documentary about four astral physicists who are taking a road trip to mark their retirements and their 50 year relationship.

Charles Diltz



Charles Diltz received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his military service and his contribution to society through volunteering. Charles served in the Royal Canadian Artillery Unit during World War II, and later became a member of the regimental militia when he moved to Ontario. Charles is an active volunteer, who works with cadets and assists with Church activities. Recently, Charles has contributed a number of interesting articles to the Catalyst, which demonstrate his commitment to lifelong learning.

Apocalypse: Here, There, and Now?

Between the 5th and 17th of July 1936, a terrible heat wave struck central North America, affecting Ontario and Manitoba in particular. While the heat abated to some extent, schools did not start until the end of September. During that time, there was a story circulating that the earth would catch fire by spontaneous combustion, and life on this planet would be destroyed. One wonders why some people seem to be obsessed with the idea of destruction, but please note that the word “apocalypse” was not mentioned.

What then is the meaning and derivation of the word “apocalypse”? Simply, the word comes to us from Greek and means “an unveiling, a revelation, an uncovering, or the passing of information.” The derivation of the word originates in the Judaeo-Christian Bible where the last book is entitled: “The Revelation of St. John the Divine” or “The Apocalypse of St. John the Divine.” This book talks about the coming of the Kingdom of God in its fullness, which would be a time of great joy because good would prevail over evil, and the Kingdom of God would be established in its fullness. If this is such a happy time, how does the idea of doom get in here? Flip the apocalypse coin to find the concept of Judgement Day, when those on earth who have passed the test will remain to enjoy a time of peace and prosperity for all, while those who fail will be zapped. Poof! (To those who use the word “apocalypse” incorrectly – be warned!)

The current interest in End Times has been prompted by the discovery of a calendar devised by the Maya in Central America, which has mistakenly been taken to mean that a disaster is in the forecast. But then again, false prophets have been an anomaly of the 20th century particularly in North America.

There have been at least twelve of these failed prophecies, including the Marian predictions and those of the Jehovah’s Witnesses, which will be familiar to most people. You may recall that a few years ago, we had Jonestown in Guyana; Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas; and the Solar Temple in Quebec and France. One group believed that when members committed suicide, their souls would be picked up by a spaceship and taken to another galaxy because planet Earth was finished. Lastly, there is Harold Camping in the United States who has made two forecasts of the end. (The first one, you will remember, failed). This is rather strange coming from a Christian, since Jesus said several times that “ye know not when the time is” (*The Gospel of Mark, Chapter 13, Verse 33*). Now we have a new group called “Growing in Grace,” which claims that Christ has returned, and advocates a need for purity; the group is reminiscent of the people referred to in the Dead Sea Scrolls, who sought purity in order to be prepared for the Apocalypse (i.e., Revelation of the Kingdom of God).

If you think that the world will end today, just remember that it is already tomorrow in Australia. It might interest you to know that none of the world’s major religions contemplate destruction of the earth, just a renewal or re-ordering.

Now we come to the Maya, whose long count calendar indicates that an event, which would be marked by rituals, was to occur on December 21, 2012. But what exactly is this event? It is nothing more than the completion of one cycle of time and the start of another. According to the Maya, this has been going on for millennia. Thus, one can conclude that they had no thought of the world coming to an end.

What did the Maya, who are still living today in Central America, do on December 22, 2012? Nothing out of the ordinary. It was just another day. They got on with their lives. And so did we!

That’s something to think about.

Charles Diltz

In Touch with the Dutch

I would like to share a bit of Dutch Canadian history, which brought an outpouring of affection and patriotic feeling among the Dutch people and the many Dutch Canadians in this country. Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands announced on Monday, January 28, 2013 that she will abdicate on April 30 after spending 33 years as Head of State. What makes this announcement interesting for us is that, as a child, Queen Beatrix spent five years living in Ottawa and worshipping with her family at Ottawa's St. Andrew's Church. Princess Juliana, as she was then known, and her family were offered safe haven in Canada after they fled their beloved country to escape being taken as prisoners in the Second World War. When Princess Juliana's third daughter, Princess Margriet, was born, the hospital room at the Civic Hospital was declared to be an extraterritorial part of the Netherlands in order to ensure Dutch citizenship for the newborn princess. The Dutch flag flew from the Peace Tower of the Canadian Parliament Buildings, and the National Anthem of the Netherlands rang out. In addition, Princess Margriet was baptized in St. Andrew's Church in Ottawa.

In the history books used by children in the Netherlands, the Canadian connection is recorded, and pictures of St. Andrew's Church in Ottawa are shown. U.S. President Roosevelt was named one of the godfathers of Princess Margriet. The baptism service was attended by many dignitaries from all over the world. Prime Minister McKenzie King was a great supporter of the Royal family, and was a witness at the baptism. Queen Wilhelmina flew from London for the occasion. Afterwards she addressed the Canadian Parliament and the U.S. Congress to express the deep gratitude of the Dutch people for the support and sacrifices of Canadians and Americans during the Second World War. During the War years, the Dutch people suffered immensely. They were strongly advised to refrain from openly demonstrating their joy at the birth of Princess Margriet for fear of causing reprisals. The German Occupation forces held the people in an iron grip, and their disdain for the Royal family was

certainly no secret. However, the Dutch people rejoiced and their spirit remained largely unbroken. The Allies flew over Holland and dropped Orange pamphlets to tell the news.



Another part of this story can be found at Toronto's St. Andrew's Church in the Museum of the 48th Highlanders located in the lower level. The Liberation of the Netherlands is described in detail in the museum. The Dutch people will be forever grateful for the sacrifices of the Highlanders and other Canadian soldiers. Whenever Veterans visit Holland, they receive a tumultuous welcome. Due to their sacrifice, Holland was liberated in 1945 and the royal family was able to return. Princess Juliana had a parting gift for the St. Andrew's congregation in Ottawa: a lectern of unpolished oak, bearing the royal coat-of-arms, and carvings of marguerites and the four evangelists. At the dedication service, Rev. Andrew Burnett, the presiding minister, said: "Let this lectern then stand in this place as the abiding memorial of God's gift to a great House and nation in its hour of need." Juliana also donated thousands of tulip bulbs to Ottawa in appreciation of the country's kind hospitality. Donations continued under Queen Beatrix, with the result that hundreds of thousands of tulips turn Ottawa into a sea of color each spring.

When announcing her abdication, Queen Beatrix stated: "Responsibility for our country must now lie in the hands of a new generation." Her son, Crown Prince Willem Alexander, will become the nation's first king in more than a century.

Considering this moving chapter in Dutch Canadian History it is no surprise that the bond between the Dutch and Canadian peoples remains strong.

Marc Buist

Ministers of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto: John Barclay, DD, 1842-1870

Music is one of John Barclay's great legacies to St. Andrew's Church. The old tradition of Presbyterian churches was for singing to be led by a precentor, who used a tuning fork to set the note, and who was followed by the congregation without instrumental accompaniment. This was the custom inherited by churches in the Reformed Tradition from the Swiss reformers, Zwingli and Bullinger, who regarded music as an intrusion in worship. The first innovation at St. Andrew's Church was the recruitment of a choir in 1852. To assist the choir, a harmonium was purchased, and the music was led by Capt. Harkness, bandmaster of the 79th Highland Regiment. In 1859, a larger "melodeon" was introduced over the objection of a few protesters, and retained after debates in Presbytery and Synod in 1862. A pipe organ was introduced in 1868. This was the beginning of organ music in Presbyterian Churches in Canada, and also in the Church of Scotland. It was one of the contentious issues when The Presbyterian Church in Canada was formed in 1875. Music has been one of the distinguishing glories of worship at St. Andrew's Church since Barclay's ministry.

Barclay's sermon from May 24th, 1863 was a discourse entitled: "The Throne Established by Righteousness."¹ It was the Queen's birthday, and a portion of the text extols the virtues of Queen Victoria, and excellence of the British constitution. However, the bulk of his address dealt with the foundations of civil society: "It is righteousness alone that is the true support and safeguard of nations; righteousness both on the throne and around the throne, and extending through all ranks of the commonwealth." Barclay noted that where power is abused, whatever the form of government: empire, monarchy, republic, it lacks moral authority and is a terror to its people. The

true exemplar of authority is God himself. "His power is directed in its exercise by a righteousness that never swerves from what is holy, and just, and good."

Barclay was expounding the view that the state is answerable to God. This is a doctrine contrary to the prevailing opinion of modern secular society. Charles Taylor notes this distinction: "One understanding of secularity is in terms of public spaces. These have been allegedly emptied of God, or of any reference to ultimate reality. ... This is in striking contrast to earlier periods, when Christian faith laid down authoritative prescriptions, often through the mouths of the clergy."²

The speech was characteristic of Barclay's position. He came to Toronto in 1842 as a minister of the Church of Scotland, and the following year that church split over the issue of the obedience of church courts to civil authority. The elders of the congregation resigned and joined the Free Church, but Barclay remained with the old Kirk and recruited new members for the Session. He sought recognition of the Church of Scotland as one of the established churches with the right to claim for support from the government in the allocation of the "Clergy Reserves." One consequence of this recognition was the establishment of Queen's University in Kingston in 1842, and Barclay was among those sent to Scotland to recruit a Principal for the institution. Another consequence was the granting of glebe lands to the Church of Scotland. One parcel so granted was the property on which St. Andrew's Church now stands. Related to its state connection, St. Andrew's continued to be the garrison church for Scottish troops stationed in Toronto, and this is reflected in the continuing connection of the congregation to the 48th

Highlanders. This connection is no longer sanctioned by the Defence Department, but the communion table still marks the place of the Regiment in the life of the congregation.

Charles Taylor characterizes prevailing, current, secularist opinions as “closed world structures,” which cannot be an adequate description of the human situation despite their dominating influence in modern thought. His analysis is philosophical and sociological, and he presents evidence that secularism is not universally accepted in the world. We may note that the Vatican is an independent state, and communication in the Roman Catholic Church is conducted in diplomatic bags. Secularism is contested or denied in many countries where Islam is the predominant religion. Israel proclaims itself as a Jewish state.

In Canada today, the churches make representations to government; however, their presentations are normally formulated on secularist principles, seeking human welfare at home and abroad. A sermon like Barclay’s would be very rare today. We are unlikely to demand righteousness from government, and Old Testament texts, which abound in such demands, are seldom heard. Even milder texts such as that from Proverbs are not read. It is notable that the *Revised Common Lectionary*, widely used in churches of many denominations, does not include readings such as Romans 13 or 1 Peter 2:13-17.

Issues concerning the relationship between civil government and religious institutions remain current. Prime Minister Harper has recently established the Office of Religious Freedom headed by Dr. Andrew Bennett, who has the rank of Ambassador in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. This appointment is concerned with developments outside of Canada. The remarks of Prime Minister MacKenzie King, made from the Chancel steps of St. Andrew’s Church in 1926, on the occasion of the fiftieth

anniversary of the present building, set out his view of the relations between Church and State, an opinion which would be worthy of consideration today: “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.”



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THE BOOK OF ST. ANDREW’S

A SHORT HISTORY OF ST. ANDREW’S CHURCH TORONTO 1830 - 1930



BY THE REV. STUART C. PARKER, D.D.

Read more about the Rev. John Barclay and his work at St. Andrew’s in *The Book of St. Andrew’s: A Short History of St. Andrew’s Church, Toronto, 1830 - 1930*.

St. Andrew's Church Library

Drop by the library after church on Sunday to browse through the collection of books, CDs and videos, conveniently located in the boardroom. You are sure to find a book or two that will encourage you to reflect on God and on His Word revealed in Jesus, in scripture and in the created world. Consider some of our newest books:

The Other Face of God

by Mary Jo Leddy

Mary Jo Leddy shares the stories of refugees that she has worked and lived with in Romero House, a shelter for refugees in Toronto. In committing herself to first of all "doing" justice, she has come to know and love the stranger in our land. The stranger has become her neighbour, has become part of the neighbourhood, and has reflected God to her. Mary Jo Leddy describes how our self-centred, North American culture affects and limits the way we view God and His world. She also points out that when we really begin to see and respond to the individual, who is different from us, we will be transformed, enter into a new spirituality, and meet the living Christ.

All Things are Possible

by Dr. Kenneth G. McMillan

In his autobiography, retired minister, Kenneth McMillan, tells of the commitment that he made to God as a young man and how God has guided him through his life's journey. Dr. McMillan recounts the basic truths and tenets he realized along the way.

Confident Faith in a World that Wants to Believe

by Dr. Lawrence Brice

Lawrence Brice demonstrates how evidence from the natural world, from the Bible, and from personal suffering can lead to rational, confident faith in God.

Christianity After Religion

by Diana Butler Bass

Diana Butler Bass describes Western culture's move towards a post-religious faith. She believes the current change from religion to spirituality gives direction, hope, and a fresh vision, which will result in a new, great awakening.

A Secular Age

by Charles Taylor

Charles Taylor outlines the history of the change of Western culture from one rooted in the Christian faith to that of a secular society, in which the Christian faith is seen as one option among many others.



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Elisabeth Paradis



Mardi Gras Gospel Sing!

On February 9, 2013, the Life and Music Committee decorated St. Andrew's Church in Mardi Gras colours, and presented a great evening of music that celebrated the Gospel Music tradition. Beginning with a vigorous drum roll from the Narthex and a parade down the centre aisle, the performers treated us to old favourites like "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" and "Down by the Riverside," as well as a number of pieces composed or arranged by our guest artists.



Alana Bridgewater



Ken Whiteley



Ciceal Levy

The concert was headlined by well-known Gospel artist, Ken Whiteley. Ken was ably supported by singers, Alana Bridgewater and Ciceal Levy, and the outstanding Jordan Klapman All-Star Swing Band. An excellent crowd, who braved the cold and snowy weather for the event, sang along with the performers, following lyrics that were projected on a large screen at the front of the Nave.



Jordan Klapman

At the end of the concert, the audience was treated to a post-concert reception featuring refreshments prepared by The Strong Food Company, extending the Mardi Gras theme to another level. In all, there was a great spirit about the event, and St. Andrew's Church made a number of new friends in the community!

Thanks to Jordan Klapman for his inspiration and leadership, to the Life and Music Team and volunteers for their diligent work, and to Judy Neal for her administrative assistance.



2012 Church School



Dressing the wise...people.

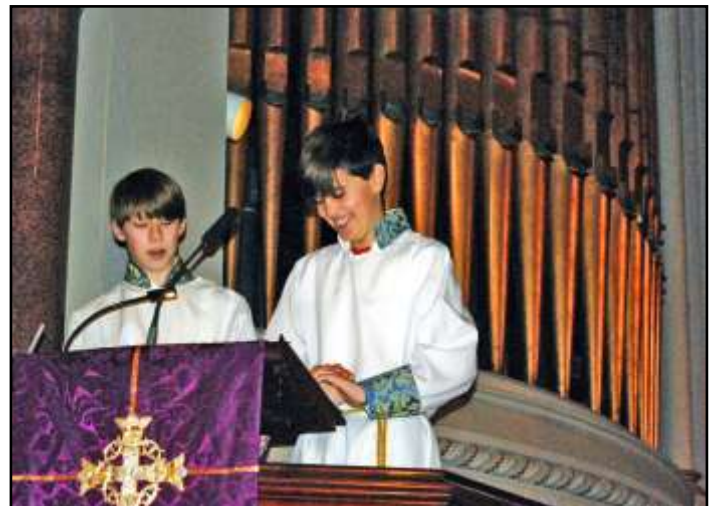


Angels blessing one another.

*On Sunday, December 9, 2012,
we enjoyed another wonderful Christmas pageant
performed by the members of the Sunday School.
Here are some photos from that day,
taken by Judy Neal and Will Hendrie.*



The cast — ready for anything!



Narrators tell the story...with awe and wonder.

Christmas Pageant



The angels sing.



Zechariah speaks out in praise of God.



Away in a manger...



Mary, Joseph and the angel...amazed.



The shepherds decide to set out to find the king.



New Members

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

Shauna Brown



Shauna Brown has joined St. Andrew's by transfer of her membership from First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton. On arrival in Toronto in June, 2012, she began searching for a church. She was gradually drawn to St. Andrew's after attending worship services and participating in Bible Study and Supper Seminars.

At First Presbyterian, Shauna was an Elder and participated in Mission and Outreach activities, as well as the Ladies Aid Society and Women's Missionary Society. As a mother of a son and daughter, she also taught in the church school.

Shauna was a registered nurse and worked in several hospitals in Southern California as a young adult. Following her return to Canada, she worked as a community health nurse in rural Alberta. After moving to Edmonton, she worked in a medical supply store until her retirement. Her son and daughter live in Toronto.

We welcome Shauna to St. Andrew's and look forward to getting to know her better.

Lois Hird

After growing up in Manitoba and graduating as a registered nurse, Lois moved to Alberta to accept a nursing position. By chance, she had the opportunity to work with the media and thus began a career as a freelance feature writer for many different publications.

Most recently, Lois looked after her aging father until his death at age 95. Over the years she made many visits to family members in Toronto and on those visits she gradually became acquainted with St. Andrew's Church. She decided to become a member on her retirement and has transferred her membership from St. Andrew's in Port Credit.



Lois has a special interest in historical buildings and artefacts, which also drew her to St. Andrew's Church. In her previous church Lois served on the Leading With Care Committee. She has expressed an interest in participating in any activities at St. Andrew's having to do with the history of the church.

Welcome to St. Andrew's!

New Members

Jessie Cooke

Jessie, daughter of Erica and George Cooke, is grade 10 student leading a busy life with her school studies and hobbies. In addition to her academic studies, she is a School Ambassador, a programme for leadership training, and she serves as an ambassador for any school functions.



Prior to becoming a member, Jessie participated in a special class at St. Andrew's, convened by Bob Faris and Will Ingram, to learn more about being a member of the Presbyterian Church. Jessie and her brother Arthur represent the sixth generation of their family to be members of St. Andrew's Church. Jessie is very pleased to be carrying on this tradition.

Jessie's hobbies include curling, which the family has pursued together for many years. As with most young people, Jessie is up to date with current technology and she owns a computer, which she uses mainly for school. She spends a little time on Facebook to keep in touch with friends. Another hobby she enjoys is reading, with a preference for fiction.

Together with other young people in the congregation, she assists in the nursery at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday mornings.

We look forward to getting to know Jessie better, and wish her all the best in her studies.

Shirley Walker

Shirley is a former high school teacher of social studies from the Maritimes who has retired to Toronto to be near her family. She transferred her membership to St. Andrew's from St. Andrew's United Church in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Shirley lives downtown and started coming to St. Andrew's to worship. In her previous church she was a member of the choir and a Sunday school teacher. Here at St. Andrew's she has expressed an interest in helping in the Out of the Cold programme.



Shirley has a son and daughter in Toronto as well as a sister. She is also happy to babysit her granddaughter.

Welcome to St. Andrew's!

Pat Reynolds

Editor's Note: Catherine Stratton and Keith and Indra Narayansingh will be introduced in a future issue of Catalyst.

New Members

December 23, 2012

Leslie Maiden
Stuart Maiden

February 24, 2013

Ingrid Chingcuanco
Nesmith Chingcuanco
Patrick J. Harrington
Valerie Lynn Stacey
Richard Lett
Joshua Ng
Dipo Tongonu-Bickersteth

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

Baptisms

January 27, 2013

Avery June Catherine Robertson
Renee Anne Van Rensburg

Daughter of Samaneh and Fraser Robertson
Daughter of Joan and Adriaan Rensburg

February 3, 2013

Burke Darrach Harrison
Parker Christie Harrington

Son of Jill and James Harrison
Daughter of Valerie Stacey and Patrick Harrington

Milestones

Congratulations are offered to Ken Grant, who earned a Doctorate in Business Administration with a focus on knowledge management and innovation.

All That is Real, an anthology of poetry edited by Bill Bissett and published by Workman Arts, will be launched in May. The anthology features a number of poems by Toshio Ushiroguchi-Pigott.

Editors' Note: Correction to the December 2012 Issue, p.18: Martin Paradis and Kathleen Buzek were married May 4, 2012. We apologize for the error.

St. Andrew's Life and Music



Chopin and the Romantics: An Evening with Edward Auer

On Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. Life and Music at St. Andrew's presents Chopin and the Romantics: An Evening with Edward Auer. Edward Auer was the first American to win the prestigious International Chopin Competition in Warsaw, Poland. The programme will include music by Chopin, Schubert, and Rachmaninoff, and will highlight our Bosendorfer piano. Tickets: Adults \$20; Students \$10.

Master Class with Edward Auer and Junghwa Moon Auer

On Saturday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m., Edward Auer and Junghwa Moon Auer will present a Master Class at St. Andrew's. They will teach and coach several advanced piano students who have been selected by audition from a number of applicants. You are welcome to attend and share in this interesting educational experience. Tickets: Adults \$20; Students \$10.



Dan Bickle

Noontime Recitals

March 1	Emily Chia-Lin Chaing, Piano
March 8	Aaron Chow, Piano
March 15	Yale Russian Chorus, Mark Bailey, Conductor
March 22	Ricker Choi, Piano
April 5	Jialiang Zhu, Piano
April 12	Leslie Bickle, Soprano
April 19	Adam Zukiewicz, Piano
April 26	Lee Stratton, Piano
May 3	Lyndsay Promane, Mezzo Soprano
May 10	Triceratonin Trio, Oboe, Bassoon, Piano
May 17	To Be Announced
May 24	To Be Announced
May 31	Younggun Kim, Piano



St. Andrew's Church

Calendar of Events

Worship Services

March 20, 12:15 p.m.
March 24, 7:00 p.m.
March 28, 7:00 p.m.
March 29, 10:30 a.m.
March 31, 6:30 a.m.
March 31, 10:30 a.m.
April 28 - 10:30 a.m.
May 19, 10:30 a.m.

Lent Noontime Meditation
Palm Sunday
Maundy Thursday
Good Friday
Ecumenical Sunrise Service, Yonge-Dundas Square
Easter
48th Highlanders Regimental Church Parade Service
Pentecost

Fellowship

March 22, April 26, May 24 - 6:00 p.m.
April 25, May 23 - 7:00 p.m.
May 30, 7:15 a.m.

SAGA pot luck supper and discussion
Wine, Cheeses and Jesus
Ontario Prayer Breakfast, Fairmont Royal York Hotel

Life & Music at St. Andrew's

Fridays, April 5—May 31, 12:10 p.m.
April 19, 7:30 p.m.
April 20, 7:00 p.m.

Noon Hour Recital Series
Edward Auer Concert
Master Class with Edward Auer and Junghwa Moon Auer

Sunday Road Closures

April 21
May 5

Yonge Street 10K Run
Toronto Goodlife Marathon

