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St. John's Anglican Church
Bowmanville

Parish News

June 2009

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MAPLE FEST MISSION -- St. John's sold baked goods, fair trade tea, coffee and chocolate, as well as providing face-painting for passers-by at the Maple Festival in downtown Bowmanville last month. With Dianne Greaves are some of the members of the Guatemala Mission Team, Janice Vaughan, Tim Maddock and Justin Greaves.

Info Page

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PARKING - Available at the Funeral Home lot, corner of Division and Queen St. Please leave spaces closest to the church on Temperance St. for newcomers and those who have difficulty walking extended distances or families with baby strollers.

WEEKLY SERVICES (Sept. to June)

Sundays:

8 a.m. - Holy Communion, a traditional service of Holy Communion from the 1962 Book of Common Prayer is celebrated. All are welcome.

10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist from the 1985 Book of Alternative Services is celebrated, with programs for children and teens. A nursery is available. Coffee Hour follows 10 a.m. service. We also sell Fair Trade coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

SUNDAY SUMMER SERVICES

NOTE: There will be one Sunday service only during July and August.

Time: 9:30 a.m., The summer schedule begins Sunday, June 28, with a 9:30 a.m. service.

Wednesdays:

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion, coffee and conversation

TO CONTACT THE PARISH NEWS: The Parish News is published the last Monday of the month, except for July and August. Contact the Parish News Editor, Peter Parrott (905) 623-2662.

Incumbent's Page

by The Reverend Christopher Greaves



How Awesome is Our God !

The beauty of spring's blossoms is but a pale reflection of the joy of knowing Jesus!

Where would the world be without the good news? I dare say a world without direction, hope or truth.

On hearing the news recently of a plane crash in Guatemala killing the local founders of the mission where we will be serving in June, Claudia and Rafael Aranedo, we were saddened for their family and the mission. Dr. Sam Martin, Canadian founder of the "Arms of Jesus Children's Mission" from Pickering, Ontario, flew down to Guatemala to be with the family. We are told things will go ahead June 27 to July 4. But it gives you pause. I woke early recently and turned to my bible.

"God met me more than half-way,
God freed me from my anxious fears.
Look at God, give him your warmest smile.
Never hide your feelings from him.
When I was desperate, I called out,
And God got me out of a tight spot. Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see
How good God is
Blessed are you who run to him
Worship God if you want the best;
Worship opens doors to all God's goodness.
Turn your back on sin; do something good
Embrace peace and don't let it get away!" **Selections from Psalm 34 (The Message)**

The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus. And there are as many ways to make disciples as there are people in the church. The common threads are there: admitting we have been away from God and our desire to return, of receiving Christ by faith, of asking to be filled with the Spirit, then reading / feeding on His Word and seeking God in prayer. There is much disciplining ourselves in the way of Christ. It is a life-long adventure. In a world of many distractions and sudden tragedies, we come back to God and the Word and find fellow journeyers at church.

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Around St. John's

PHOTO DIRECTORY NEWS - Thanks to all those who have signed up for photo sessions June 11, 12 and 13. Our goal is for 100 families to be included in the directory. You are welcome to sign up for a photo session if you haven't already done so. There are two ways to sign up. You can book your photo each Sunday, after the 10 a.m. service or you can call Eliana Wheeler at (905) 697-0508. A fourth photo session has been added on Wednesday, June 10, 2:30 to 9 p.m. at St. John's.

APRIL STEWARDSHIP REPORT - St. John's continues to run a deficit. However, we are tracking better than 2008 in terms of revenues and expenditures so far. As of April 30, our deficit for 2009 stood at \$11,112.91. We remain optimistic that we can conclude the year with a balanced budget. In looking at St. John's total financial picture, we should keep in mind that we incurred previous deficits which were accommodated by tapping our reserves. We need to pay down previous deficits if we are to ensure St. John's replenishes its reserves and has enough funds to meet unexpected needs in the years ahead. Please prayerfully consider how you can respond to our Sacrificial Giving Campaign which is continuing. Parishioners who have not already done so are encouraged to consider giving to St. John's through a monthly PAC (Pre-Authorized Contribution.) This ensures we have a steady source of givings that continue each month, even when parishioners are not able to attend because of holidays and other commitments. Contact the church office for information.

WHO-FEST RAISES OVER \$900 - Thank you for supporting the Women Helping Others (WHO-Fest) on Saturday, May 23. By donating items to the sale and by helping out at the booths or in setting up, you have helped to raise just over \$900, according to preliminary estimates.

DIOCESE ISSUES UPDATE ON COMMUNION PRACTICES - A Pandemic Alert update dated May 21, 2009 from the Diocese of Toronto, Co-ordinator of Chaplaincy Services, Pandemic Planning Resource Co-ordinator, the Rev. Canon Douglas Graydon:

Clergy and congregations are reminded to practice good hygiene in hand washing, sneezing into the sleeve or tissue, using hand sanitizer, or (during the peace), catching your neighbour's eye and sharing the peace by a simple bow in their direction. A further reminder that during communion the practice of intinction (dipping your bread in the cup of wine) is prohibited. Sacramental theology teaches us that receiving only the bread is still making one's full communion. If we choose not to receive the wine, we can cross arms over the chest, or gently touch the base of the chalice for a brief moment. As one church puts it, "It's not hip to dip, so we sip."

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS AT ST. JOHN'S OFFICE - In July and August, the church office will be closed Mondays. Regular office hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. continue Tuesday to Friday.

St. John's Rogation Service

Sunday **May 31**, 2009 at 10.30 am.

(In case of rain, service will be at St. John's at 10.30 am. followed by pot luck picnic indoors)

[Note: 8.00 am. service at the church is unchanged]

At the home of Bob and Sharon Kosloski
6147 Rundle Road, Hampton

Pot luck picnic and games for the children will follow the service.

What to Wear: casual clothes, sunhat, sunscreen, bug repellent, flat shoes

Please Bring: contribution to the cold pot luck picnic lunch (foods that can be eaten with fingers please) Plate and mug for each person.(Coffee and juice will be provided) Lawn chairs, blankets for children to sit upon. Pets to be blessed are welcome (as long as they will not eat another pet).



WHOFEST YARD SALE -- Thanks to everyone who helped ensure the success of Yard Sale on May 23, organized by Women Helping Others (WHO). The bake tables are always one of the highlights of the event. Pat Russel is selling cookies to Mary Garnett and Mary Greaves.

Strawberry Social Thursday, June 25

St. John's Anglican Church

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sandwich and Shortcake

Tickets available at the door.



BIBLES FOR MISSIONS THRIFT STORE BOWMANVILLE - is now accepting furniture donations on the west side of the building at the large delivery doors. Clothing and household goods should be dropped off on the east side of the building. Thank you for all your donations. With your help we will provide Bibles and training around the world! IF you still have to hand in your volunteer application to the store please do so ASAP so we can give you the volunteer job of your choice. God bless, Tracey Ali (Volunteer Coordinator) 905-697-8357 or Rose DeVries 905-623-9600 (store).

Mission to Guatemala

2009 Guatemala Mission Team PRAYER CALENDAR

Saturday, June 27 Depart: Toronto Pearson Airport by American Airlines at 6:15 am. Arrive; Miami 9:24 am. Depart Miami American Airlines at 11:50 am. Arrive in Guatemala at 1:22 pm

Saturday, July 4 Depart Guatemala American Airlines at 8:40 am. Arrive Miami 1:20 pm. Depart Miami at 4:05 pm. Arrive at Toronto Pearson 7:15 pm.



June 27, please pray for "Kit," (the Rev. Christopher), Justin, and Nick ("Red") Greaves.



June 28, please pray for Susan Harris, of Courtice Baptist Church, who is also a member of our mission team.



June 29, please pray for Sharon and Brett Hillyer.



June 30, please pray for Charlie (Charlotte) Logeman.



July 1st, please pray for our Team Leaders, Tim and Sharon Maddock.



July 2, please pray for Tegan and Arian Maddock and Alec (Allaster) McNeill.



July 3, please pray for George and Janice Vaughan.

July 4, please pray for the whole team and the families we meet in Guatemala, for a safe return and any follow-up or future mission work sponsored by St. John's Anglican Church.

June 2009

Weekly Events at St. John's

Sunday service hours

8:00 a.m. a traditional service of Holy Communion from the 1962 Book of Common Prayer is celebrated. All are welcome.

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist from the 1985 Book of Alternative Services is celebrated, with programs for children and teens. A nursery is available. 'Fair Trade' Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate and refreshments following.

Mondays

12:00 p.m. Marthas meet in the lower kitchen every third Monday.

1:30 p.m. Joannas meet in the Lower Kitchen every first Monday.

7:00 p.m. Girl Guides/ Brownie Great Hall

7:30 p.m. Adults' Badminton in Parish Hall.

Tuesday

1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Community Corner meet in the Lower Kitchen.

7:30 p.m. the W.H.O. Group meets in the Lower Kitchen every third Tuesday.

Tuesdays, 2nd and 4th, Prayer Group meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall.

Tuesdays and Thursdays

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Canadian Mental Health Association renting Parish Hall and Kitchen.

Wednesdays

9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion followed by refreshments. First Wed of Month at Kingsway Arms Retirement Home, 65 Clarington Blvd.

7:00 p.m. Girl Guides Pathfinder Program in lower kitchen.

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study and Support Group. Please join us from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

7 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Choir practice.

7:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Rangers (formerly Girl Guides Senior Branches)

They meet alternate Thursdays in the lower kitchen

7:30 p.m. Men's Sharing Group, Parish Hall.

Fridays

7:00 p.m. Youth Group, Upper Room

Week of June 1-6

Tuesday, June 2

7:15 p.m. arrival for 7:30 p.m. start Parish Council in Parish Hall

Wednesday, June 3

Holy Eucharist, Kingsway Arms Retirement Home, 9:30 am

Thursday, June 4

Mission meeting, 7 pm. Parish Hall

Week of June 7-13

Sunday, June 7 Trinity Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Baptism

Tuesday, June 9

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Clericus Quiet Day in Gore's Landing with Bishop Linda Nicholls.

7:00 p.m. Natural Church Development, Parish Hall

Wednesday, June 10

2:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Photo Session, Great Hall

Thursday, June 11

2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Photo session in Great Hall

Friday, June 12

2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Photo session in Great Hall

11:30 a.m. T.L.C. meeting, Lower Kitchen

Saturday, June 13

10:00 a.m. – 4:50 p.m. Photos, Great Hall

Week of June 14-20

Sunday, June 14

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Ecumenical Service in Rotary Park, Bowmanville (No 10 am service at St. John's.) Church offering envelopes will be received as usual.

Tuesday, June 16

Christian Education leaders' meeting, 7 p.m., Parish Hall

Wednesday June 17

7:00 p.m. Natural Church Development team meeting in Parish Hall

Saturday, June 20

8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Stewardship Workshop in St. Peter's Cobourg

Week of June 21-27

Sunday, June 21 Father's Day

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, commissioning of Mission Team

Wednesday, June 24,

Mission Team final meeting, 7 p.m., Parish Hall

Thursday, June 25

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

An Old Fashioned Strawberry Social

Saturday, June 27

Guatemala Mission Trip Team Members depart, returning July 4

Week of June 28-30

SUMMER SERVICE HOURS BEGIN (No 8:00 a.m. Service)

July and August - One Sunday service only at 9:30 a.m.

June 28 to Sept. 6.

Sunday, June 28

Canon Bruce MacCallum

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

NB: No Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Communion service on July 1st, Canada Day only. Throughout the summer, Wednesday services are at the usual time (9:30 a.m.) but with no services at Kingsway Arms on either the first Wednesday of July or August.

See pg. 8 for complete schedule of summer services, including celebrants, preachers and worship leaders.

ALLERGY ALERT - St. John's will consider at the next Parish Council meeting, June 2nd, issuing a ban on all peanut products, tree nuts and seeds in both the Parish Hall and in the church. When the policy comes into effect we will need to be vigilant in implementing it for a safer, peanut-free environment. We have a number of parishioners who have moderate to severe allergies to these and other products. Please check packaging and stay tuned for more information or contact one of the church wardens, through the church office. Thank you.

Going, Going...

St. John's parishioners and friends enjoyed roast ham with all the trimmings last month during a fund-raising dinner and auction for the Guatemala mission trip. Nicholas Greaves displays one of the items donated to the auction, while Tim Maddock and Christopher drum up bids. Thanks to the donors, the volunteers, and everyone who made this event possible. Over \$1,600 was raised.



Summer Schedule of Sunday Services

- Sun. 28 June CHANGE to single 9:30 am Sunday service.
Celebrant and Preacher for Sunday, June 28 - Canon Bruce MacCallum
- Sun. July 5, 9:30 am Celebrant Canon Trevor Denny (St. John's new Honorary Assistant),
preacher Dorothy Woodcock
- Sun, July 12, 9:30 am BCP Holy Communion, Celebrant and Preacher, C. Greaves
- Sun, July 19, 9:30 am BAS Hoily Eucharist, Celebrant and Preacher, C. Greaves
- Sun, July 26, 9:30 am Morning Prayer, Lay person to lead
- Sun. Aug. 2, 9:30 am Celebrant and Preacher, Canon Trevor Denny
- Sun. Aug. 9, 9:30 am Celebrant and Preacher, Bruce MacCallum
- Sun. Aug 16, 9:30 am Officiant Morning Prayer, Julie Chatterton
- Sun. Aug 23, 9:30 am Celebrant and Preacher, Rev. Bob Hartley
- Sun. Aug 30, 9:30 am (Morning Prayer / Healing Service) Officiant, C. Greaves;
Preacher Canon Trevor
- Sun. Sept. 6, 9:30 am (Labour Day Weekend) BCP Holy Communion, C. Greaves

Incumbent's Page

How Awesome is Our God!

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When the Spirit was poured out at Pentecost (Acts chapter 2) the good news of what God had done in Jesus just couldn't be contained. Like a cork popping off a bottle, God's word was being fulfilled and nothing could stop it. In the season of Pentecost we celebrate the growth of the early church. Today we continue to grow as the church, 'the family of God, the body of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit' as the Prayer Book states. Let this truly be a season of growth for each of us, our families and our church. Whatever challenge or adversity you may face or wherever you may travel, turn it into a well-spring of prayer to God. May God's word guide our thinking and God's Spirit empower us to act as Christ would.

Much love to all,

The Rev. Christopher Greaves, Pastor, St. John's Anglican Church, Bowmanville

Baptism on Trinity Sunday, June 7

We welcome those new to St. John's, especially those to be baptized on Trinity Sunday, June 7, 2009: Kayleigh and Sydney Lambert, and Rachel Kennedy. We give thanks for our new deputy people's churchwarden Marsha Parrott, those new to St. John's including Ian and Ashley Hale and family, Daphne Chislett and family, Brenda Colquhoun. If you are new to St. John's please let us know so we may welcome you also. My email address is < kitgreaves@bellnet.ca > "Kit" is my nickname and you are most welcome to use it or Christopher.

Good Response to Photo Directory

The response to the Photo-Directory has been exceeding our expectations. If you have not already spoken to one of the committee, do contact them to book your sitting. It is exciting to be part of our first parish photo-directory in over six years. Our co-ordinator is Eliana Wheeler; 905-697-0508.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP BEGINS AUG. 24 - Vacation Bible Camp will be taking place August 24 to 28 this year again co-sponsored with St. Paul's United Church on Church Street, one of our neighbour churches in downtown Bowmanville. Registration forms will be available soon.

ACTION PLAN FOR NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT - Natural Church Development will be setting in place an action plan to follow-up our 3rd survey April 1st. If you have any questions about NCD please contact our chair, David Crowe at 905 623-4332.

Prayer Page

June 2009

Please pray for these St. John's parishioners and their families

June 1-6

Greg & Vanessa WOODCOCK
Philip & Janice WOODCOCK
Robert & Dorothy WOODCOCK
Clyde WOODLAND and Mary Fitzpatrick

June 7-13

Walter & Jean WOODWARD
Andrew & Elaine WOOLFORD
Thomas WRIGHT
Darin & Abbie WRIGHT
Byron & Sandy YATES
Ann YU
Michael & Cynthia ZINCK

June 14-20

David & Tommie Sue ABRAHAMAS
Steve & Brenda ANDERSON
Jim & Pat ANDERSON
Christopher & Jennifer ANDERSON
Lou ANDERSON
Rose ANGER
Jim & Betty ARMSTRONG

June 21-27

Joanne Averill-Rocha & Joe ROCHA
Neil & Margaret BAIN
Samantha BAKER
Gary BALL
Betty BALL
Beverly BANNISTER
Murray BATE

June 28-30

The MISSION TEAM to Guatemala (June 27-
July 4) Christopher, Justin and Nicholas
GREAVES; Sue HARRIS, Sharon and Brett
HILLYER; Charlotte LOGEMAN; MADDOCK
family: Tim, Sharon, Arian and Tegan;
Alec MCNEILL, George and Janice VAUGHAN

Michael & Sandy REID BENNETT
Chris & Laura BERRY
Eileen BIGGS

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN

Call Betty at 905-697-8110
Connie at 905-623-2243
or Margie at 905-697-1423

St. John's Parishioners Honoured With Ontario Volunteer Awards

Congratulations on the special recognition that two of our parishioners received last month. ELIANA WHEELER received an award for her 30 years of service to the Girl Guides of Canada. BETTY NICHOLS received an award for her 15 years of service for Community Care Durham Home Support Clarington. These awards are recognized by the Province of Ontario and presented by our local MPP John O'Toole with Minister Michael Chan (Minister of Immigration and Citizenship) present at the awards ceremony.



ST. JOHN'S COLLECTS 10 BAGS OF TRASH IN GREEN RD. CLEANUP

Bob Woodcock, Justin and Nicholas Greaves, Claire Brownlee, Susan Sheen, Clarissa Greaves, Art Hewer, Dianne Greaves, Sharron Hewer (photo by Kit Greaves) In about an hour the 10 of us collected a bag each on May 24. St. John's makes a small contribution to keeping our community clean. Well done, crew!

Kids Invited to "Discovery Canyon" for Vacation Bible Camp August 24-28

Last summer was the start of a wonderful joint venture between St. John's and St. Paul's United churches -- a vacation bible camp program for children ages 5-12. Last year, we went on a Rain-forest Adventure, this year, we travel to Discovery Canyon. Join us for the week of Aug 24-28, 9am-12pm St Paul's United Church. Children ages 5-12 will enjoy crafts, songs, snacks, games and stories from the bible. There is no registration fee, but donations to cover expenses are most welcome.

Adult and youth helpers are welcome. Secondary students can earn school mandated community service hours during this program. Registration forms will be available at the beginning of June from the offices of St. John's and St. Paul's churches.

-- The Reverend Cathy Russell,

Assistant Minister to St. Paul's United Church, Bowmanville