



Nurturing Faith and Serving the World

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Wow! I can't believe it's Advent already and Christmas is right around the corner. Yet isn't that the way it seems to happen every year for so many of us. Before we know it the pace of our daily activity becomes fast-flowing water under the bridge and another year has passed, marked by the celebration of the birth of Christ.

On one hand there's so much that I could use this space for to point towards the activities of our parish – the breadth and the scope of its ministry and activities, as well as the fullness of life that is enjoyed in our many households. On the other hand, I feel called somehow to simply stop and encourage us all to find time this Advent season to slow down, prepare, reflect on the life that has been gifted to us and the place God finds in our midst.

Advent is that time, though it too can be full of hyperactivity with seemingly no time to breathe. So I'll keep it short and bid you this Advent to find the time and make the space to be still and know God, so that the celebration of Christmas brings a feast overflowing with faith, and the sure and certain hope that Christ is with us always. I pray that this season will be one of peace and joy in believing the good news that began its revelation in the birth of the Christ Child.

Peace,
Peter John†

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Ecumenical Breakfast

Come one! Come all! This year's Ecumenical Breakfast will take place Saturday January 31st. Hosting the breakfast this year are our friends at St. Martin de Porres Church. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to meet with our neighbourhood brothers and sisters not only from community churches but also from the whole Bells Corners area. This year, funds from the breakfast will be donated to Ottawa-Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OCAPDD) for their work in the Bells Corners community. We look forward to seeing many CCBC families and friends there as we meet in fellowship to support OCAPDD. Tickets will be available in early January.

Many hands are needed to prepare for the breakfast. Whether it is baking muffins, setting up for the event or serving, please consider volunteering your time. For more information, please contact Cathy or Paul Séguin or Diane d'Entremont.

Date: Saturday, Jan 31 2009

Times: 8:30a.m. or 9:30a.m.

Price: \$6 adults
\$2.50 children (5-12 yrs)
Free for children <5yrs

Location: St. Martin de Porres
3891 Richmond Rd.

Cathy Séguin

MAINTAINING GOD'S HOUSE

While we still haven't stopped the leaks in Foundation Hall, a number of facilities maintenance needs have been taken care of during the summer and autumn months. There are not many volunteers around in the summer when it's more pleasant to be at the cottage or camping or traveling. So we risk the colder autumn weather when school is back in session and then take chances with people being able to work around hockey practices, music lessons, and so on. Getting volunteers to help with some of the jobs has been difficult. It would be very helpful if anyone has suggestions on how to overcome this need.

We did get a good number of hands out to help straighten the retaining wall and the job is almost complete. The excavation is still to be filled with crushed rock or coarse gravel, and agricultural sheet and top soil. When that is done, the garden can then be put to bed for the winter.

New hand rails have been installed on the main steps to replace the somewhat wobbly ones that have served us for about 25 years. The leak in the ceiling of the upstairs lounge has been arrested by having the hole in the roof fixed. There have been a number of improvements made with the sound system in Foundation Hall along with the purchase of a new keyboard which delights Gordon to no end. The main organ has also been repaired and is now fully functional again.

The Second-Level Accessibility Project was completed with the installation of the lift in the Chapel and the creation of ramps from the doorway near the upstairs washrooms and at the doorway going into the Chapel. A person in a wheelchair is now able to enter the main entrance, take the elevator to the second level, cross the podium to the Chapel, take the lift to floor-level in the Chapel and position themselves either at the rear or the front of the Chapel. Changes are planned to provide better locations for wheelchairs and walkers in the Chapel.

At about the time that you may be reading this edition of the Lychgate, two more projects are expected to be either completed or on-going. The main entrance steps are scheduled to be covered with the same non-slip material as is now on the Chapel steps. It will make the steps easier to keep ice-free and to remove snow. And finally, new carpets are to be installed in the main entrance, the foyer, the hallway to the offices, the choir room, all of Foundation Hall and up the stairway to the emergency exit at the front of Foundation Hall. This will be quite a Christmas present to ourselves!

God bless everyone from all of us in the Facilities Management Committee wishing you and yours a very merry and joyful Christmas and a happy, healthy prayerful 2009.

Larry Last

WARDENS REPORT

As always, our parish continues to be a very busy place... Worship on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. has taken on a new look. We have a new electronic keyboard, a very fitting memorial to Barbara Waterman; we are learning new music for the psalms and for the Eucharist; and the choir is settling into its new location at the right front of the church. Another very successful Bazaar has taken place – what a joy to see the fruits of so much work and preparation. We have heard from more than one source that ours is the best bazaar around. We are looking forward to the installation of new carpet early in December – another new look, just in time for Christmas. The Nominations Committee is working hard to fill the slate of positions for 2009. There are still some vacancies remaining, but all will be ready for Vestry.

Corporation is beginning to think ahead to Vestry. We do not know the date yet, but it will be toward the end of February. For those new to the parish, and those who may not know much about Vestry, it is our annual general meeting. We report on the past year, set plans, approve the budget, elect the officers and committee chairs for the coming year, and more. It is our opportunity to learn about CCBC activities and to vote on issues facing the parish. It is also a time of fellowship, beginning with one of our renowned potluck suppers. Unfortunately, attendance has been slipping lately. Please start looking at your calendars and try to set aside time for this important event in the life of our parish and CCBC family.

Janet Martin

AN OPEN INVITATION TO SING!

On Sunday 14 December 2008, as part of the Advent Carol service, the choir will be singing “And the Glory” from Handel’s “Messiah”.

It is always a special occasion when music from “Messiah” is performed, even more so when it is done as an act of worship.

To mark this special event, an invitation is being extended from the choir to members of the congregation to join in. If you feel inspired; can read music; and have the time to attend a couple of rehearsals - come along a “make a joyful sound”.

For further information contact our Music Director Terry O’Connor (613-828-5160).

This would also be a great opportunity to find out if joining the choir is something you might like to do. There is a lot going on with the new musical setting for the Eucharist and anthems and canticles to learn. It is a wonderful and fulfilling way to contribute to the worship service. New members are always most welcome. So do chat to Terry and consider joining the music ministry at Christ Church Bells Corners.

FAMSAC Christmas Hampers

We need help to:

Sort Thursday, Dec 18th

Pack Friday Dec 19th

Deliver Saturday Dec 20th

Sign up sheets are in the church foyer.

For more information, call David Cook at 828-6125

Amazing Grace

On Sunday November 23rd, the CCBC choirs and congregation joined with church choirs across Canada in the singing of “Amazing Grace”.

For more information, visit the Amazing Grace Project at www.anglican.ca/amazinggrace.

A video was made of the event at CCBC. Our video will be posted on the Amazing Grace website, along with other videos from across Canada, by the beginning of December.





Holly Days Bazaar 2008

The annual bazaar was held on Saturday November 15th. The bazaar ran smoothly, with tables and rooms counting 15.

The wrap up meeting was held on Tuesday November 25th to review lessons learned this year.

The conveners would like to thank the many people who graciously donated the items for sale. There was an abundance of goods. As well, many thanks go to all the volunteers who make the bazaar successful. This event could not be done without them.

All in all it was a very successful bazaar. The final tally before the mini-bazaar was: \$12,300.

*Sharron Hamilton and
Shelley Harvey*

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

We are very excited about the upcoming Advent Season in the church school. We have many activities planned to make this a memorable time for the children and youth of our parish.

This year on December 7th we are asking all the children to bring gifts to church to give to Saint Nicholas, so that he may in turn share them with others in our community who are less fortunate. You can use your imagination when gathering items or the following have been suggested:

Ideas for children: puzzles, books, games, dolls, cars and trucks and arts and craft supplies.

Ideas for adults: hats, scarves, mitts, socks, skin care samples, novelty items, chocolate.

Gifts should be unwrapped, though gift bags are encouraged. Please include any batteries if required.

All children are encouraged to join us and participate in our Annual Advent Pageant on December 21st. No preparation or practice is required; just arrive a little early that morning to get your costume.

I would like to highlight our new nursery ministry which is now being led by some carefully chosen youth from our parish. Under the umbrella of Church School and the supervision of all our teachers; these talented youth are welcoming parents and their children to our nursery setting. They have all received orientation on: childcare expectations, hospitality, safety, and nursery protocols.

Just a reminder: If your child is new to church school, please fill in a registration form and give it to your child's teacher or to Donna or Susan. Blank forms can be found on the web-site or on the bulletin board.

All the Best this Advent Season

Susan Whitton and Donna Bright

ECOLOGICAL WORKING GROUP

At Vestry 2008 we heard about CCBC's Ecological Working Group (EWG), affectionately called *Earwig*, and its mandate and plans for CCBC ministry in "... *Serving the world God loves ...* "

This summer and fall you may have noticed some of the changes that have been taking place around CCBC as a result of the EWG's work. A bicycle rack was installed this summer, and has been well used.

Addressing a parishioner's query about "How can I recycle batteries?" There is now a battery recycle box at CCBC. It is a Tupperware container located in the foyer, beside similar containers for labels, stamps, and eye-glasses. Batteries placed there will be taken to a battery recycle location by an EWG committee member.

The Facilities Committee has researched programmable thermostats for the church. CCBC's multiple heating systems make the installation and use of programmable thermostats a bit tricky, but they are in the Facilities Plan for 2009.

Parish Council recently approved that CCBC switch its electricity supplier to Bullfrog Power (www.bullfrog.com). Bullfrog Power is an electricity supplier that specializes in environmentally-friendly generating methods such as wind power and low-impact hydroelectric facilities. This is in contrast to the vast majority of Ontario's electricity, which is generated by nuclear, coal, oil and gas facilities. Such traditional methods of electricity generation are much more harmful to the environment. By buying our electricity from Bullfrog Power instead of from the Ontario electricity pool (e.g. via Hydro One), CCBC is supporting the development of renewable power in Ontario. EWG is very excited that CCBC has made this big step towards the stewardship of God's creation.

Upcoming plans of the EWG committee include a composting program and a "save paper" campaign. Stay tuned for more details.

EWG welcomes all parishioners' questions and suggestions and input, so please feel free to speak to any of the committee members about any ideas you have. Current members include myself, David Neave, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Leonard Howley, and Kim Greco. We are always looking for new members: if you would like to join EWG, please speak to myself or to Peter John.

Andrew Weston,
Ecological Working Group Chair

50th Anniversary of PWRDF

On 23 October 1958 a mining disaster struck in Springhill NS. In a response organized by church officials, Canadian Anglicans raised more than \$100,000 for the miners' families and community. This led to the creation of the Primates World Relief Fund at the 1959 General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC). At its 1969 General Synod, ACC decided to add the words "and Development" to the Fund's name to recognize the importance of ongoing development work as well as relief in times of disaster. Since 1959 Anglicans in Canada have raised over \$88 million for PWRDF, building better lives, better communities and a better world.

Last month the ACC began the 50th anniversary celebration of the PWRDF, which will continue until 2010 General Synod. The celebration has four goals: **Celebration**, **Awareness**, **Fundraising** and **Education** (or CAFE for short). Indeed, an internet café will soon be established on the PWRDF website (www.pwrdf.org) to elaborate on these goals and opportunities for participation by individuals, parishes and dioceses. What shall we do at CCBC to celebrate PWRDF? Send your ideas to Victor Wehrle at victor.wehrle@rogers.com or 613-829-4691. **Yes we can!**

Victor Wehrle, PWRDF Rep



Kid's Korner

Solve this Word Scramble for Books of the New Testament

HATETWM

ARKM

KEUL

ONHJ

TCAS

ONMSAR

ANSCHNOTII

TAAIGNLSA

NPAHSEEIS

LSAIIPHNIIP

HNSISALOTANSE

YHITMO

TSTIU

IPMHELON

EWSBRHE

SEAMJ

TEREP

EDJU

NETOEIRLVA

Upcoming Events

Carpet Installation

December 1st through the 5th

Feast of St Nicholas

Sunday December 7th

ACW St Andrew's Group

Wednesday December 10th, 1-4 pm

Cooking with Erin

Friday December 12th

Advent Carol Service

Sunday December 14th

The Lord's Funky Monkeys

Sunday December 14th

CCBC Youth Gathering

Sunday December 14th

Seniors' Service

Wednesday December 17th, 2 pm

Parish Council

Wednesday December 17th, 7 pm

Advent Pageant

Sunday December 21st, 10 am

Cooking with Erin

Friday January 16th

CCBC Youth Gathering

Sunday January 18th

ACW St Andrew's Group

Wednesday January 21st, 1-4 pm

Parish Council

Wednesday January 21st, 7 pm

Seniors' Service

Wednesday January 28th, 2 pm

Christmas Services

(Foundation Hall)

Wednesday, December 24th, 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. (Carols begin at 10:30 p.m.)

Thursday, December 25th, 9:30 a.m.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:

*Genevieve Miriam Elizabeth McNeill, daughter of Louise and Brian McNeill
Leo Colin Savas Adamantidis, son of Fiona Sutherland and Chris Adamantidis*

Weddings:

Claudia Iannelli and Jeff Corlett

Funerals

Edward Ernest Smith

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