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Nurturing Faith and Serving the World

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

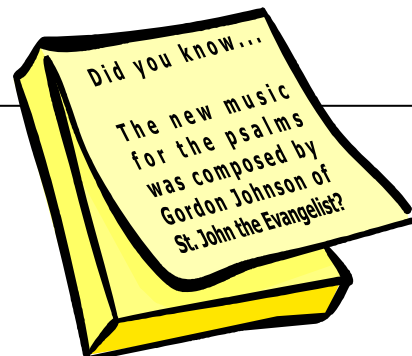
I have three seemingly disconnected matters I would like to highlight in my space in *The Lychgate* this time around. First, please note that this edition of *The Lychgate* features the achievements of some of our parish youth. All these young people are active members of our parish life (its worship, ministry, and fellowship) and are engaged in living full and grace-filled lives in many other ways in the world God loves. While at times I wish I saw more of our youth more regularly on Sunday mornings, I am also keenly aware that they are "out there" doing good things. I believe we need to support them in these endeavours and assure them that they are part of a church that is interested in them and remains a place that they can always call home. So, from now on, I hope *The Lychgate* will continue to feature news about the activities of our youth. If you know of a young parishioner's achievement that would grace the pages of *The Lychgate*, please let us know.

Second, people often say to me "I am sure you are very busy", or something similar. That always makes me a little nervous! It is true that as a parish priest I lead a full life that sees me engaged in a number of interesting and challenging activities. It is also a life that I love. What worries me about being perceived as "very busy" is that people might hesitate to call on me in a time of need or pastoral crisis. Like everyone I set priorities - my relationship with God and my family topping the list. As a priest, among my highest priorities is the pastoral care and concern of the parish, particularly for people in times of crisis. Feel free to call on me and I will respond as soon as possible. Don't worry, if there is another pressing matter, I will say so. Please remember that I am at your service.

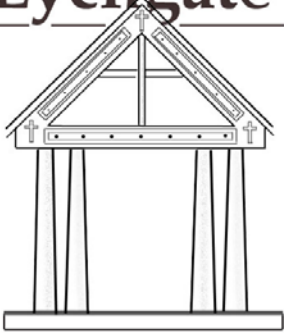
Third, summer is upon us. It is a season for many of rest, recreation, renewal and travel - I for one look forward to some time off for all of the above. I am also mindful that many people work hard throughout the summer to ensure our safety and comfort. Many others will remain isolated and alone while still others do not enjoy the resources to engage in the activities so many of us take for granted. Please remember those who work this summer and who are less fortunate, and those who are of service to them. Please remember your parish church is open all summer. And if you are on the road, remember that wherever your travels may take you there is likely a church close by. So drop in, worship with another community, and bring greetings in the name of our Lord from the fine people at CCBC.

Be well and serve.

Peace, *Peter John†*



THE Lychgate



Priorities and Planning Update

Two key recommendations coming from our 2007 Priorities and Planning Committee and endorsed by Vestry 2007 were improved communications and addressing generational succession.

The Communications audit was completed this past year leading to a new website, new formats of *The Lychgate* and *Lychgate-in-the-Pews*, and a focus on how we communicate (web, email, paper, bulletin boards). It's all about sharing ideas and information. Many thanks to the Communication Audit Committee!

Generational succession is rooted in the belief that information and experience are gifts that should be passed on. Relationships between older and younger members, veterans and newcomers, are highly valued by us all. In order to identify the many roles and work tasks that are offered at CCBC, a Volunteer Fair is being organized for the fall. Committees and special events coordinators will be asked to set up information tables to help parishioners identify ways they can help. CCBC is committed to service, and this Fair will facilitate that.

Your CCBC Wardens

BARBARA WATERMAN

Barbara Waterman came to CCBC as organist and choir director in 1977 and for almost 30 years she supervised the music worship with great musicianship and enthusiasm. She was organist during times of major changes in the church. Morning Prayer and Evensong were once regular worship services with the choir providing music and chants. There was the "old blue hymn book" (for use at Evensong) and the "new red book", now replaced by the "new blue book" and "the blue song book" - just as the Book of Common Prayer was replaced by the Book of Alternative Services. Contemporary music was included more frequently and a band added to the music. The changes were not easy for anyone, but Barbara took them in her stride just as she did the move from Bell High School to the new church, from choir practices in the chapel basement and her own home, to the choir loft in the new building.

She challenged and encouraged us to try some difficult pieces: requiem masses by Faure, Mozart and others, anthems during Holy Week, Christmas, or ordinary Sundays. She entered the choir in the Kiwanis music festival a few times and we had good showings. She took us to Centrepointe Theatre for Harmer House fundraising concerts. Barbara also took us "on the road" to sing Evensong at several churches in the Ottawa Valley as our outreach programme. On special occasions, such as retirement dinners, the choir sang special versions of the *Te Deum* or *Magnificat*, with words supplied by talented wordsmiths in the choir. Barbara was proficient at playing "twiddly bits" during pauses in the service; the notes just magically came from her fingers to fill the appropriate space. She played preludes and postludes, and composed many of the chants for psalms that we enjoy today. Barbara paid great attention to pronunciation and phrasing such that there would be no "lettuce pray" instead of "let us pray". The junior choir was a particular joy for her, albeit it involved some hard work, which in latter years she shared with our Junior Choir Director Pat Haunts. Their partnership ensured keenness and excellent training of enthusiastic young voices. No child was turned away, even if she or he could manage only two or three notes! Social activities are a big part of any collegial group, and the choir enjoyed pot lucks and swim parties at her home and visits to a nearby pub after practice. Barbara kept track of the choir's personal lives and often remembered birthdays and anniversaries at practice.

These are the memories of one chorister who joined the choir a few months after Barbara's arrival and thus spent every Thursday evening and Sunday morning in her company, other than during the summer months when Barbara alone suffered the heat in the loft. We the choir miss her: her strong personality, her comments like "watch my mouth", "shivers up my spine" (when we sang particularly well), her commitment, and her musicianship.

Barbara was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. RIP

Caroline Fitzpatrick

DONATING SECURITIES/SHARES TO CCBC

We have had some enquiries from parishioners with respect to donating shares to CCBC (rather than cash or cheque) and have had a recent donation of securities which prompted us to prepare a process to facilitate such share transfers. The points below will give you more detailed information on the process and tax advantages of donating securities to CCBC:

- Securities which have appreciated in value, given to charities, constitute the best tax assisted gifts under the income tax act!
- Changes to the income tax act, effective since May 2nd, 2006, make it possible for you to donate/transfer publicly-listed securities, such as stocks, bonds and units of a mutual fund trust to CCBC;
- You receive a charitable tax receipt for the full market value of the securities at the time of their transfer AND you report none of the capital gains (for the securities transferred to CCBC) on your tax return – a win-win situation!
- To assist you in this process, CCBC has prepared an authorization form and guide (available from CCBC's office or website) and a Scotia McLeod direct investing account has been established;
- On receipt of the securities, CCBC sends you a charitable tax receipt for their full market value at that time, arranges for Scotia McLeod to sell the securities and deposit the proceeds to CCBC's bank account; and, will disburse the funds;
- The authorization form lets you instruct CCBC as how the funds should be disbursed (what programs or projects you want to support and to what extent), or you may leave it to CCBC's discretion;
- In your estate planning, you could consider donating securities to CCBC in your will, thereby reducing the tax burden on your estate and providing a bequest to your parish church.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the CCBC office or the undersigned. Feel free to also consult your own broker or financial advisor.

Robert Wakeman, CCBC Financial Auditor/Reviewer
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2008 Garage Sale

Our solicitation of items for this year's Garage Sale was most successful. Parishioners were very generous in donating many articles which became someone else's treasure. Thank you to all contributors. The day of the sale went very well. It was very busy from opening until about 11:00 o'clock and then it slowed down until 1:00 o'clock when we closed. Through the sale of many 25-cent, 50-cent, one-dollar and 2-dollar articles we managed to take-in **\$1,475.00!** Many thanks are sincerely extended to about 20 volunteers that helped with set-up, pricing, cashiering, customer assistance, and clean-up. It was a lot of hard work for everyone.

Larry Last

Refuge NOW Dinner a Success!

The Afghan dinner held on April 18th at St. Stephen's Church was a huge success. Refuge NOW is delighted to report that the event realised \$2,316.75. Almost \$700 came from generous bids on the baskets of goods that were donated by committee members and put together with Donna Bright's assistance. Thank you Donna!

This will add to the sum already in the bank account, ready to help another refugee family settle in Canada. The process is underway to identify a family and apply for sponsorship, but more monies will be required to fulfill the year-long commitment.

Many thanks all those who supported the event and continue to support and encourage us in this work.

Dorothy Coverdale
Refuge NOW Representative

Diocesan Strategic Plan

At its April meeting, Parish Council had a fruitful discussion on a questionnaire concerning the Diocesan Strategic Plan which will affect all areas of diocesan work and governance. Members expressed many reservations on the utility of this questionnaire and the implementation of the Plan. Comments and replies were later collated and sent to the diocese. We encourage everyone to read about the Strategic Plan on the diocesan website.

Your CCBC Wardens

Did You Know...Our CCBC Youth

Some of our youth at CCBC seem to do some rather interesting and impressive things when they are outside of our church building!

Thomas Bissett has recently been selected for a team of 14 players to represent Eastern Canada in the Danone Nations Cup (soccer). 5000 youths tried out for the squad and our own Thomas made the team.

Shannon Clarke has twice in the past year cut off 8" of her hair and donated it to be made into wigs for cancer patients.

Ian Clarke and his band from Colonel By Secondary School participated in the Heritage Music Festival in New York City on April 17-20th and performed at the gold level.

Matthew Cook and his hockey team, the Nepean Bantam B Spartans, won their league championship.

Hannah Hobbs is an avid swimmer. This year she has won several medals and ribbons in the 200m butterfly and 400m individual medley, and is working on making her provincial times.

Breanna Pizzuto recently organized and hosted a fundraising dinner for a girls high school in Kenya. The event raised \$10,000 and Breanna has been nominated for a youth philanthropy award.

Upcoming Events

Lectio Divina –Bible Study continues weekly
Tuesdays at 10 am

Seniors' Service
Wednesday May 28th, 2 pm

Bazaar Conveners Meeting
Thursday May 29th, 7pm in the Lounge

CCBC:TNG Youth Group Friday Night Drop-In
Friday May 30th, 6:30-9 p.m.

"Amazing Grace", a musical offering by the Junior Choir
Sunday June 1st, at the 10 o'clock service

The Lord's Funky Monkey's Junior Youth Group
Sunday June 1st, 11:30 am

CCBC Spring Fling Dinner Dance
Friday June 6th, begins with cocktails at 6:30 pm

CCBC:TNG Youth Group Year-End BBQ
Sunday June 8th, 11:30 am

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday June 18th, 6 pm

Seniors' Service
Wednesday June 25th, 2 p.m.

For complete details
visit our website:

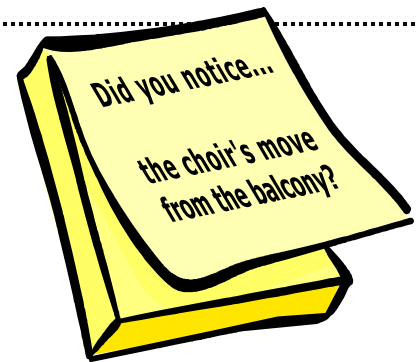
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CCBC Marketplace

For Sale

Boy's 20" bike, like new - \$75
Labrador 18L water cooler
with bottle cover - \$50

Call Heidi at 613-599-8006



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:

Caleb Michael Robert Santos,
son of Deanna Waterman-Santos and Michael Santos (of San Antonio, TX)

Funerals:

Elizabeth Ebinger Holmes
Pat Spearey
May Aileen Wills

Jacqueline Lina Laurie
Barbara Ann Waterman