

## *Nurturing Faith and Serving the World*

### FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

This is always an exciting time of year for a parish priest. Church school begins, the choir returns to its place and many other folks return back from vacations, cottages and the like. This fall is no exception. As you read through this Lychgate please make note of the many programs and activities that are part of our shared ministry.

In late June we bid farewell to the Reverend Jon Martin, who served our parish as Assistant Curate for over two years. It was a fond farewell and we will miss Jon's energy and joyful presence. Diane, the girls and I visited Jon in his new home in Winchester in August and I can report that he has landed soundly on his feet and is embracing the challenge of being the rector of North Dundas. Since Jon's departure many people have asked me if we are getting a new Assistant Curate. Absolutely yes! It is a position that is critical to our ministry and it is my hope that we will be filling it in due course. As was the case of Jon's two immediate predecessors, Brian Kauk and Jane McCaig, it can take a number of months for suitable individuals to be made available – often tied to the academic year. So, rest assured we will have an Assistant Curate in good time.

In the meantime, I am delighted that Bishop Peter Coffin will be taking a more active and visible role in the parish. Bishop Peter has agreed to be our Teacher-in-Residence. Having been the rector of CCBC through most of the 1980s and always a part of our parish family, especially during his tenure as our diocesan bishop and more recently as a parishioner, you are aware of the many gifts he brings to ministry. Bishop Peter will be leading some adult education programs this year (e.g. November 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>), helping out on Sunday mornings, and providing pastoral coverage at times when I am away. Peter has been a teacher, mentor and friend of mine since I served as his student intern during my seminary days. It's a real joy to have Peter as our Teacher-in-Residence.

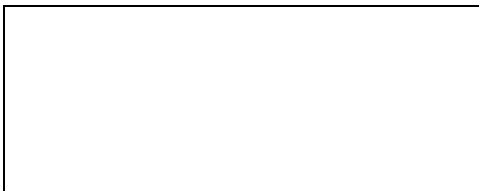
I am also delighted that Susan Whitton has joined the staff of Christ Church Bells Corners as our Church School Coordinator, a position she has held on a voluntary basis for seven years. This is a critical position in the life of our parish as we embrace nurturing the faith of our children as one of our highest priorities. By funding this position, we will ensure program continuity, improved communication with families, as well as training and support for our dedicated church school teachers. This position will be funded on a three year trial basis and is possible because of money available due to the interim period between Assistant Curates. I am grateful to all those who have consulted with me about this new position, in particular the members of Parish Council who offered helpful feedback and ultimately their support.

Thanksgiving, All Saintside, Remembrance Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, the activities of Advent, and before you know it, it will be Christmas once again. Imagine! Gathering together as a community of faith on Sunday mornings is central to our parish life. With all that we do throughout the week and the diversity of our lives, it is good to gather to celebrate the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. See you then.

*Peace Peter Jahn*

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**Barbara Waterman  
Memorial Fund**

Just at the time when thought was being given to a suitable memorial for Barbara Waterman, it became apparent that a new keyboard was very much needed to support the music ministry at CCBC. This is the ministry of which Barbara was such an important part for so many years, and a memorial fund has been set up to acknowledge her commitment and express our gratitude.

Barbara was a consummate musician who was at home on the piano, keyboard, or organ bench; she taught piano for many years and was a member of the Royal Canadian College of Organists. We believe that she would approve of the new acquisition.

If you would like to make a donation you may put it in your envelope with a notation to the Barbara Waterman Memorial Fund under the "other" heading or leave it in the office at any time.

**WARDEN'S REPORT**

**Church School Coordinator Hired**

It is a delight to announce that Susan Whitton has been hired as CCBC's Church School Coordinator. This is a new staff position at CCBC, supported by Parish Council, and we are looking forward to Susan's leadership and talent to help direct and support our already superb church school. Susan will be working closely with Donna Bright, Church School Support Group Chair as well as with Peter John in her endeavours.

Susan began her work August 15<sup>th</sup> and we wish her every blessing in her position!

**Second Floor Accessibility Project**

Take a walk around the second floor of our parish building and you will see the results of the second floor accessibility project. To add to the elevator that was installed last year, an electric lift has been installed in our chapel so that our parish is fully accessible. Visitors can now access the chapel by using the elevator, crossing the podium, and entering the chapel from the east door. Many thanks to Orest Roscoe and his committee for their hard work and dedication to this project. We are also grateful for the many financial gifts that made this possible.

**Volunteer Fair – September 21 and 28**

As a follow up to our Priorities and Planning recommendations, CCBC is holding a Volunteer Fair on two Sundays in September (21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>) in Foundation Hall after both services. Our Stewardship Campaign of last fall, which was based on a narrative budget, shared the good news of what volunteer time and dollars it takes to offer these many ministries. The goals of the event are to share with the parish the work that is being done by the many committees and groups that offer considerable time and talent to our various ministries, promote generational succession (a core value identified through Priorities and Planning), and encourage parishioners to offer their volunteer time and skills.

We look forward to a wonderful opportunity to share the good news of our ministries!

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THIS FALL**

**“Why We Do What We Do When We Do It – Worship at CCBC”**

**Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> & Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

– with Peter John Hobbs

Who chooses the hymns and the readings? What’s a collect and who writes it? What’s with the clergy vestments? Why do the colors change? Like Christians everywhere, every Sunday we gather for worship here at Christ Church Bells Corners. There is a great deal of planning, preparation and people hours that go into every Sunday morning. People ask any number of questions about the things that we do when we worship. Sometimes it’s because that’s what Anglicans do; sometimes it’s because it’s always been done that way here at CCBC; sometimes it’s because the rector said so. The first evening will be a chance for Peter John to explain in general terms why we do what we do when we do it here at CCBC. Please though, come with lots of questions and put him on the hot seat. The second night will be a continuation of the same though more time will be spent focusing on possible changes as well as the music ministry here at CCBC. This will particularly be an opportunity to learn a new musical setting for the sung parts of the service that will be gradually introduced during the fall.

**“Thy Kingdom Come”**

**Tuesdays, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>**

– with our Teacher-in-Residence, Bishop Peter Coffin

Bishop Peter’s lecture series in the fall of 2007 focused on church history, particularly the spirit of Canadian Anglicanism. This time he will root his study firmly in the scriptures as he uses these three weeks to explore a number of passages in the Bible. Please mark these dates on your calendar and watch for more details in the parish bulletin and on the parish website.

**Advent 2008**

We are considering providing an opportunity to gather in small groups in the homes of fellow parishioners during the season of Advent. Can we actually find the time to gather for fellowship, Bible study and prayer as we prepare for the great feast of Christmas? Planning is underway and more details will emerge throughout the fall. Stay tuned.

**Charities say Thank You to CCBC**

Every year the Mission and Outreach Committee has the task of disbursing funds from both designated donations and a percentage of general ministry funds. The organizations that receive these monies are very grateful and acknowledge our donations, often sending a summary or report of their endeavours. These letters are posted on the notice board in the foyer for your information.

**Holly Days Bazaar**

As always, we will need your help for this year’s Holly Days Bazaar. Please start setting items aside for the book room and the white elephant room. You can also help by contributing baked goods, knitting, or craft items. Watch Sunday bulletins for more information.





**Kid's Korner**

**Did Noah Fish?**  
 A Sunday school teacher asked, 'Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?' 'No,' replied Johnny. 'How could he, with just two worms?'

**The Lord is My Shepherd**

A Sunday school teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, 'The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know.'

**Upcoming Events**

**ACW St Andrew's Group**  
 Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 pm

**Seniors' Service**  
 Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm

**Bells Corners Union Cemetery Memorial and Reception**  
 Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm at CCBC

**ACW St Andrew's Group**  
 Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 pm

**Parish Council**  
 Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm

**Seniors' Service**  
 Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm

**Adult Education with Bishop Peter**  
 Tuesdays, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>

**Holly Days Bazaar**  
 Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

**ACW St Andrew's Group**  
 Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 pm

**Parish Council**  
 Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm

**Reign of Christ**  
 Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Seniors Service**  
 Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm

**First Sunday of Advent**  
 Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

For complete details  
 visit our website:

[www.christchurchbellscorners.ca](http://www.christchurchbellscorners.ca)

**FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

**Baptisms:**

*Richard Arthur Lewis, son of Krista and Jeff Lewis*  
*Katherine Mary Charlotte Roberts, daughter of Jennifer and Matthew Roberts*

**Weddings:**

*Deborah Catherine Marian Bush and Erich William Bernabe*  
*Sarah Elizabeth White and Peter Douglas Turnbull*

**Funerals:**

*James Edwin Arthur Thomas*  
*Arthur Allan Kinchen*  
*Terence Simms*  
*Hilda Pearce*  
*Doris Doreen Simms*