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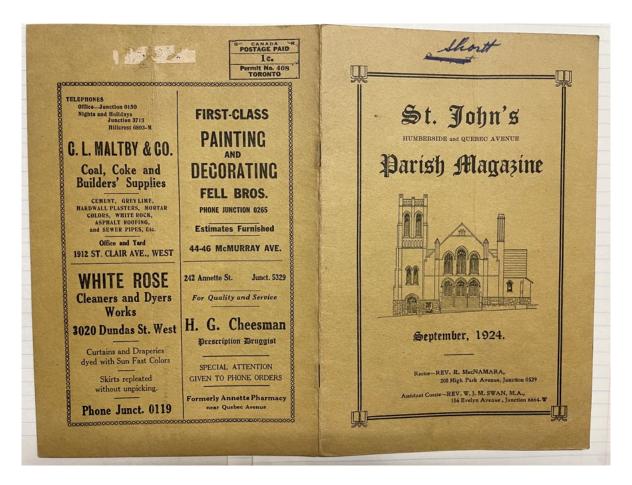
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### Why Should I go to Church

The remark is often heard that the churches are empty. Usually the comment is made by people who are so seldom in a church that they can hardly know whether it is so or not. On the other hand, it is quite wonderful that so many people do attend the house of God so regularly for worship. Sunday after Sunday they are present in their places in their respective churches. But we want every one in, and every one worshipping. This is a great ideal, a colossal demand, and requires an answer to the question, "Why should I go to church?"

In the first place, everyone ought to be lifted at least once a week out of the atmosphere of the world.

The church provides this holiday for mind and soul. But, you say, cannot relief be found, apart from the church, by giving Sunday to games, etc. For those who think so, here are two considerations:—

First, to use Sunday like that, resembles the crime called "misappropriation of funds." Sunday was set apart by the church for worship. Society, following the church, made it a free day for that purpose. How, then, can a man justify himself in using for secular purposes the holiday the church gained for him and has fought so hard to retain? Can we honestly take what religion has given us and use it for non-religious ends?

Again, a Sunday of amusement does not bring the relief and an requires. It touches only the symptoms of world weariness. In reality, it is the deep springs of life that need sweetening. And these amusement cannot reach. You want a real holiday among the hills of eternity. That my soul may be saved from pride, I come to a place where, unless my ears are heavy, I shall hear something which rebutes me. That my soul may be saved from hardness and ingratitude, I come to a place whose sole purpose it is to honour Christs—who by His mighty deed of love has made us all His debtors. That I may not become high-minded and abaurd by my own fortunes or

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achievements; that I may bear without any irreparable harm both my successes and my failures; and all the while that the best in me and not the worst, the spirit and not the flesh, the fine thing and not the coarse thing, may control and order my way, I come to a place and fulfill an occasion in which the blame is mine and mine only if a saving spirit from God does not bathe me in the springs which wash away all that is so prevalent in my fulfillment of the daily routine among the men and women of the world.

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me in the springs which wash away all that is so prevalent in my fulfillment of the daily routine among the men and women of the world.

Secondly, it is incumbent on every man to give attention to the ordinances of religion.

Are you a believer in the Christian account of God? Then you in particular are inexcusable if you refuse or neglect to get into contact with Him. But cannot you establish that contact with God everywhere? Certainly; God is to be found everywhere. But you will admit that there is more of Him in some places than in others. There is more of God, as someone has said, in a healthy organism than in a cancer. There is more of Him in a church than you will find outside. That is why your place, unless you deny the Christian God, is in the place where He is preached.

But we go further. Even if you deny God, still your place on Sunday is in the church. You of all men should be there to hear what is said for Christianity. Otherwise your opinion is hardly worth hearing. You can only have an outsider's knowledge of Christianity. But the Gospel claims that it can only be understood from within. "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine," says Christ. If you do not enter into the life of Christianity, you are not in a position to understand it. So the man who does not believe in God ought to be in church almost as regularly as the man who does.

Thirdly, it is every man's duty og give the support of his personal witness to the great principles for which the church stands.

Do you believe in the brotherhood of men? You, then, ought to stand by the church which was the first to proclaim such teaching. Do you believe in kindness, love, sacrifice, etc.? You ought, then, to support the church, because these virtues were advocated by the church which was the first to proclaim such teaching. Do you believe in kindness, love, sacrifice, etc.? You ought, then, to support the church, because these virtues were advocated by the church for centuries, and their hold upon society to-day is due to the

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People ought to attend public worship because the company of good persons helps them to pray better, removes some of their egotism and limitations, and promotes even in our imperfect congregations some measure of brotherly feeling, and opens some springs of charity and good-will. Sir William Ashley, the noted scientist, says: "Christian worship is our greatest chance to get the ice thawed around our hearts, to be touched anew to sympathy and unselfishness, and to be awakened to the possibilities of the human race and society.

Again, we can be quickened to endeavour. The church is the place where only the highest things are contemplated, where men hold out their hands to God and accept the ideals of the Kingdom of Heaven. It might be more of this; yes, and the clegry ought to make it so, but so ought the laity as well, and so ought those who stand outside and complain. Here is the instrument of the Kingdom of Heaven, faulty in its working probably, but deep rooted in tradition and full of enormous potentiality. There is nothing on the remotest horizon that can take its place. And even as it is, the church is a home where we are presented with a different ideal from that of the world with its hard self-seeking.

And last of all, I should go to church to save my soul. It is perfectly awful to sit down and consider the poor thing we have made out of life, even the best of us. The trivial successes, the silly prizes, the little rounds of applause from a world which will forget us in three days, and pass on to its next business, and all the while, it may be, our inward life with all its delicate fibres and tentacles by which we might secure ourselves in God so that when we die we should have something in us which bears upwards and will not let us die—all that inward life fainting steadily, steadily sinking into confusion, at first with spasms of shame and fear, later without any poignant discomfort, so that when we die it will seem even to ourselves that, so far as we are concerned, the whole thing is done and nothi

## The Bulletin

Ctober 5th—16th Sunday after Trinity—
Go-to-Church Sunday—Special Services.
11.00 a.m.—Holy Communion. The Rector.
4.15 p.m.—Holy Baptism.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer. The Rector.
October 12th—17th Sunday after Trinity.
8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
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### St. John's Cubs and Scouts

Those members of the Troop and Pack who were fortunate enough to attend Poplar Point Camp declare it the best place and camp they have ever been to.

The party left the Union Station early Friday morning, august 8th, arriving in Napance at noon. They were entertained and dined by the parents of the Napance member of our party King's Scout Russell Stevens. After seeing some of the points of interest of the town and completing the list of "eats" required, the baggage was loaded on to a truck, the boys piled in to hold it down, the balance following in a car, the twenty-mile drive to Erinsville was soon completed and our camp site on Beaver Lake chosen. Tents were pitched, baggage transferred from the truck to the camp site by our boats, supper served, and then a tired but happy party went to roost.

The Chief, who happened to be cook for the day, had us up at 8 a.m. for our first breakfast in camp. This was followed by the necessary camp pioneering duties, such as building the cookhouse, a dock for the boats, steps from the dock up to the camp, erection of a flag pole, etc, then we stared in to enjoy two weeks of real good camp life.

At a council meeting the name of the camp was chosen. Boat crews were picked, regulations issued as to the use of same, camp bounds and orders. Great was the delight of each boy as he caught his first fish. Bass, pickerel, pike and salmon

just abound in Beaver Lake, and many a meal of fresh fried fish was enjoyed.

Scouting activities were not forgotten. Each morning there was a short instruction period on scouteraft; ample opportunity was given for outdoor work, pioneering, signaling, swimming, and many tests were passed along those lines.

Boat trips were taken to different parts of the lake, and a good stretch of the Salmon River was explored by the boys. Another trip taken was to the base of the Bald Mountains.

Spring Lake, a small body of water hidden in a dense woods, with an outlet into Beaver Lake, was found by the boys. Here fish and wild duck may be obtained in great numbers.

The Scoutmaster reports the conduct of the boys as excellent, everyone willing to do his share of the work, no quarrelling, and every boy doing his best to play the game and be fair to the other fellow. It is a camp and training like this which brings out a boy's character and gives himself and others a fair chance to develop along the right lines. Without a doubt Poplar Point will be the choice of our next big camp, and in the meantine we are going to talk of the good times of the 1924 camp.

With all the boys back in the city the regular meetings started for Cubs on September 12th. The fall and winter program is now being completed by the officers and leaders.

### LOVE'S LESSON.

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One lesson let us bear in mind—
Be very gentle with our own,
Be to their faults a little blind,
Nor wound them by a look or tone.
Put self behind! Turn tender eyes;
Keep back the words that hurt and sting;
We learn, when sorrow makes us wise,
Forbearance is the grandest thing.
Be patient, lest some day we turn
Our eyes on loved one fast asleep,
And whisper as we lean and yearn,
"How often I have made you weep!"
"Some loved you not, and words let fall
That must have pierced your gentle breastt,
But I, who loved you best of all,
Hurt you far more than all the rest."
One lesson let us keep in mind—
To hold our dear ones close and fast,
Since loval hearts are hard to find,
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### The Choir

During the summer months it has been our endeavour to keep the Choir well organized, in order that our assistance in the service might be as helpful as possible. From the kind words of appreciation expressed by regular members of our congregation, as well as visitors who have worshipped with us recently, it would seem that we have not been altogether unsuccessful in our efforts, and are encouraged afresh for greater work which now lies before us.

Sunday, Sept. 28th, has been chosen as the day for our Thanksgiving services. The writer is now selecting special music for these services, and the Choir will commence working on the same at the regular Friday practices.

A few of our older Choir boys have experienced during the summer months that inevitable change, which is generally known as the breaking of the voice. With a rest from singing for a short time these boys should develop into splendid gentlemen choristers. We hope they will continue to keep in close touch with our work, and again join us when their voices have become settled.

Lastly, I would make an appeal to all those who have intended to apply for membership in the Choir and have not done so, to make an appointment with me while the matter is before them. We intend rendering some of the finest choral works this coming season, and look forward for a splendid year's work with the available material for choir work in our Church.

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### WHOM DO WE SERVE?

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My hand is His; it must not do unholy work,
My foot is His; it must not go unholy errands,
My ear is His; it must not listen to unholy words,
My eye is His; it must not look upon unholy sights,
My tongue is His; it must not utter unholy speeches,
My heart is His; it must not cherish unholy thoughts,
My whole body is His; it is the temple of the Holy Ghost.

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Although not announced in the Bulletin of the August issue there will be several important events during the month of September.

The Annual Rally Day for the Sunday School will be held on September 21st. This means that every child should return to Sunday School and where possible should bring new children with them. The parents and the children can both help in making this day a wonderful success. Special addresses will be given, and the parents are asked to come and bring the children to Church on that day.

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This year is a year of untold opportunity in St. John's Church, and we desire by every effort to make this year one of consecrated service in the Master's vineyard. To do this every one must have a part. Our aim should be to have every person doing some active Christian service. In this connection we are having a conference of workers on Thursday, Oct. 2nd, to discuss the work that we will undertake during the year. There will be a good programme, and refreshments will be served. We want every one to come to this meeting who will be interested enough to take some active interest, and this should include everybody. We desire to be aggressive, and we need your help.

Also we shall have a Go-to-Church Sunday for all our worshippers on the first Sunday in October, when special addresses will be given. We want to have every worshipper there on that day and every communicant present at the Lord's Table. Remember this date.

Children's Day will come as usual, on the third Sunday, Oct. 19th. A special service will be held for the children, 2-3 p.m., and also addresses in connection with the relation of the children to the

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