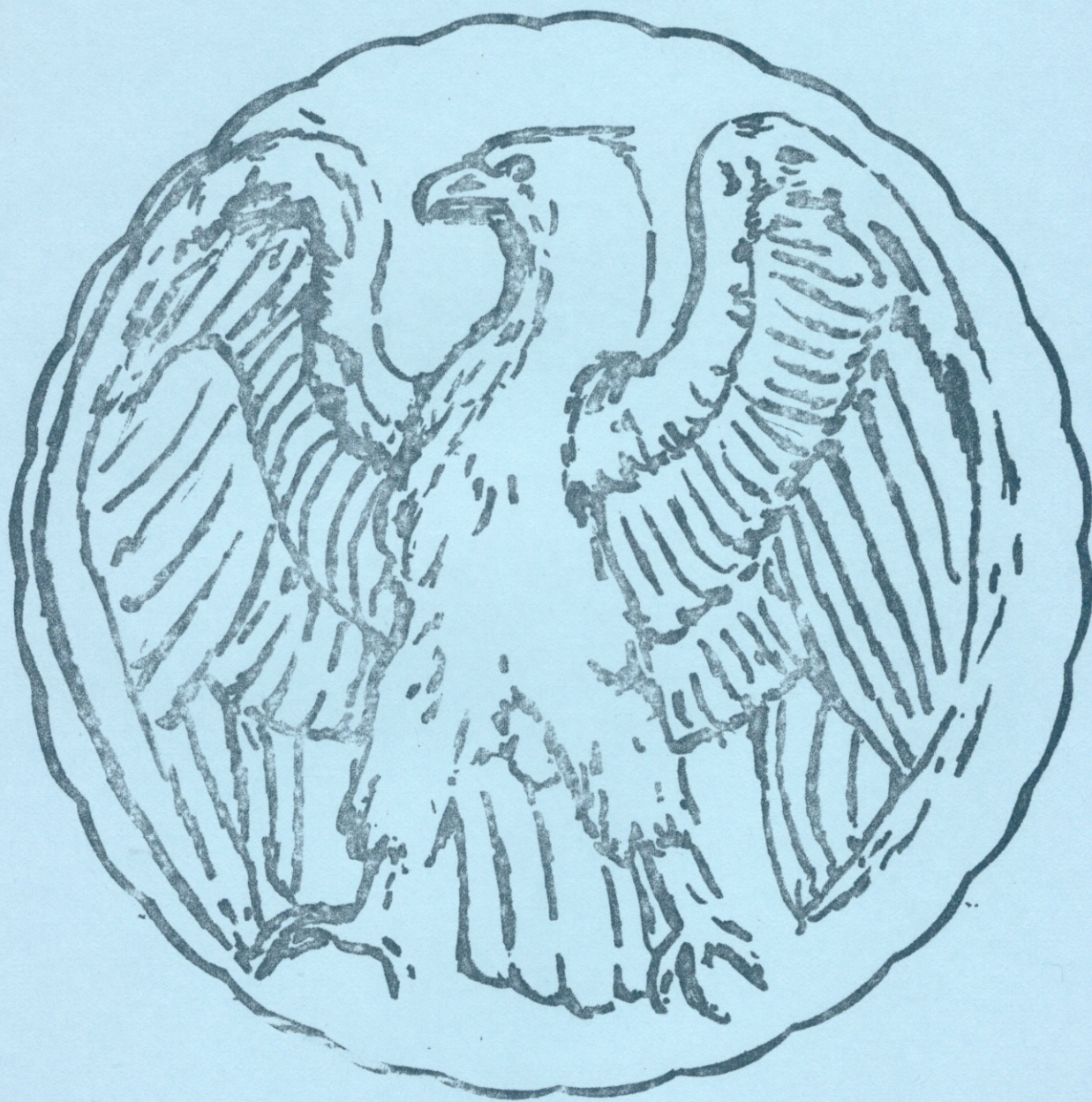
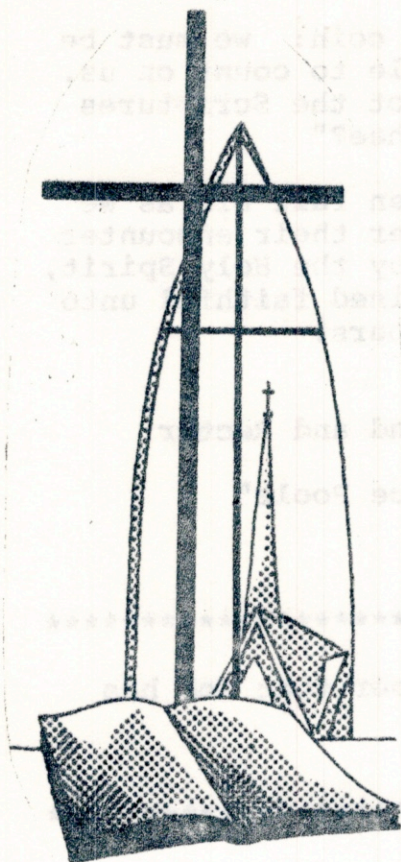


THE CARILLON



St. John's Church

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING



It is a curious fact that in the book of Esther the name of 'God' is not once mentioned. If you look at the last verse of the book that precedes it you will see there, in the final prayer of Nehemiah, the words, 'Remember me, oh my God, for good;' and.....if you turn the pages to the book which follows it, you will find Job described in the very first verse as 'one that feareth God.' But in between there is silence - complete, curious and arresting - not what you would expect in the Bible!

It is curious for another and deeper reason, and that is, the book does not justify this absence of the name of God. Its value, theme, and purpose cannot be fairly estimated on the basis of this omission; for its vivid story reveals a true confidence in God's care, a readiness to respond to His call, and the certainty of a God-given victory when such response is made.

The story is simply this: a young girl is called suddenly to be queen, the highest position in the land. Esther is unaware of what is happening around her. No sooner does she assume office, when an unforeseen crisis arises. There is court intrigue. A massacre is imminent carrying with it the possibility that her race will be wiped out. Someone must play a great part.

"God has made you Queen," says her uncle, in effect, 'So be a queen.' "Who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

And she answered, "So will I go unto the king which is not according to law; and if I perish, I perish." She trusts God. She accepts the challenge. She delivers her people.

As we read this story we see that it emphasizes the underlying thought of God's providence but more than that, it shows us human response, human co-operation ... in short, commitment.

Spiritually Speaking (cont'd.) , , , ,

It is like the two sides of the same coin: we must be able to count on God and God must be able to count on us. We know that God will never fail. Do not the Scriptures state, "I will never fail nor forsake thee?"

God does not fail. Only men and women fail Him as we saw once again on Good Friday. But after their encounter with the Risen Christ and were touched by the Holy Spirit, then nothing could move them, they remained faithful unto the very end. May their experience be ours!

Your friend and Rector

"Maurice Poole"

"When these experiences come, remember that God has His eye on every detail."

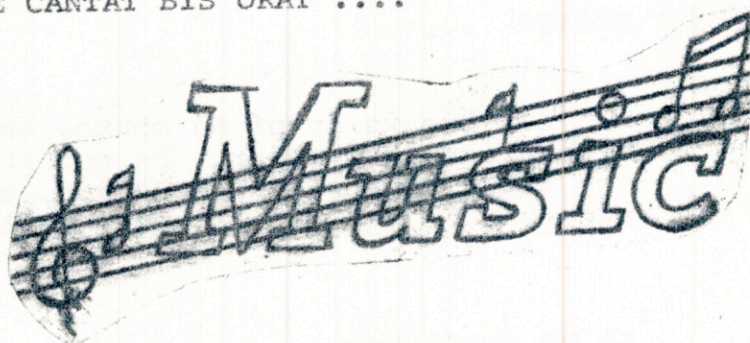
EDITOR'S NOTE:

Canon M. P. Poole, who has been attending Wycliffe College this past Winter, will receive his Master of Divinity degree at their Convocation on Monday, May 3, at 8:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, May 4, at 8:00 p.m. Philip Poole will be receiving his Master of Divinity degree at the Convocation of Trinity College.

All of their many friends at St. John's West Toronto are cordially invited to attend this double honour to the Poole family.

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(contributed by M. Stevens)

OUR HYMNS ARE NOT LIVED

The singing of a hymn should be a great experience for us - it can be a prayer, a testimony, a praise, an invitation to others.

However, for many of us, we don't take seriously enough the words we sing. We sing "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and content ourselves with a few minutes.

We sing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and wait to be drafted into His service.

We sing "O, For a Thousand Tongues To Tell" and don't use the one we have.

We sing "There Shall be Showers of Blessings" - but don't come to church when it's raining.

We sing "Blest Be The Tie" and let the slightest offence sever it.

We sing "Serve the Lord with Gladness" and complain about all we have to do.

We sing "I Love to Tell the Story" and never mention it all year.

We sing "Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord" and worry ourselves into nervous breakdowns.

We sing "The Whole Wide World for Jesus" and never invite our next door neighbour to come to church with us.

We sing "Thy Way Not Mine, O Lord" ... make our own plans and ask the Lord to bless them.

"Let us live as though Christ were crucified yesterday; risen today; and coming tomorrow!"

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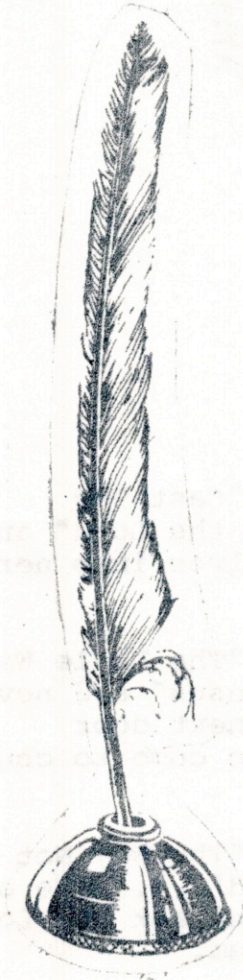
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SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 1977

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CAMP ARTABAN

FROM THE WARDENS' CORNER



"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."
Ps. 19:14

TO BE OF SERVICE

The Golden Rule ranks in history with the great pronouncements on the rights of man; it is also the distinguishing badge of ethical business. It says in a sentence the whole substance of the teaching of the law and the prophets on conduct between individuals and between groups.

The Golden Rule is also an invitation to take the initiative in giving service. One reason that the world sometimes looks dull and uninteresting is that we are so wrapped up in our own affairs that we do not enter others' lives.

There is no need to wait for big opportunities or for cries for help. A well-timed voluntary service graciously given is a contribution that is of benefit to both the receiver and the giver.

The teachers of all faiths and the moralists of all schools of philosophy have continually laid their emphasis on everyone's duty to others.

"I don't think I'm my brother's keeper. But
I do think I'm obligated to be his helper."

Everyone is under obligation, though everyone's quota of responsibility may be different. Duty is proportionate to one's status and ability. One person's duty may be higher than another's, but no one can opt out of doing what his place in life requires of him.

We owe, too, some expression of gratitude for the insights and inspirations that give sparkle and meaning and sense of accomplishment to our lives. Our most important social responsibility is to do our own special job in society as well as we know how.

Service is a creative expression of self. If a person does not give something of himself to others he dries up, shrinks, peters out. On the other hand, giving of himself adds to his enjoyment of life. It expands his area of interests. It gives him a feeling of participating.

There are some services that money cannot buy:

Kindness, thoughtfulness, courtesy, consideration, tolerance, showing appreciation and good nature.

These are all individual services, given according to one's opportunities and the opportunities one can make.

The late King George VI said: "The highest distinction is the service of others."

The interested man or woman who becomes acquainted in a personal way with the problems of a family, may aid it to become serene and free from tension and to replace bewilderment with confidence.

The person who cheers the lives of elderly people is going farther than providing subsistence and shelter: he is giving companionship, without which the most sheltered existence is barren. The friends of the aged have dropped away one by one. Their telephones seldom ring. A visit and a five minute chat is a service beyond price. It is living the Golden Rule.

If a person is to walk with head held high he must make his contribution to life. If he is to fulfil his destiny, he must leave the world a little richer and better than it would have been had he not lived and performed his services.

There is an art, too, in receiving services given us. They should be accepted graciously and with evident gratitude and an expressed 'thank you.'

"To receive a service handsomely and in the right spirit, even when you have none to return, is to give one in return."

Your Wardens are

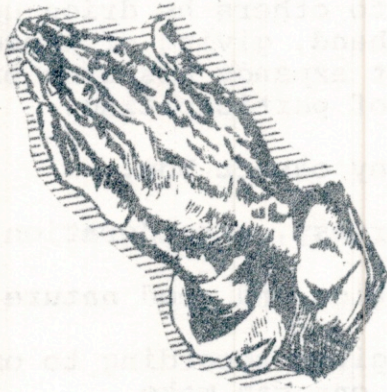
John Varley
Rector's Warden

Garnet Devitt
People's Warden

Mona Johnston
Deputy Warden

"Our thoughts, words, and actions not only mold us, but they largely help to mold those about us."

PRAYER 'n' PRAISE



(Contributed by E. Bombeck)

When the Good Lord was creating Mothers He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

"She has to be completely washable, but not plastic."

"Have 180 moveable parts ... all replaceable."

"Run on black coffee and leftovers."

"Have a lap that disappears when she stands up."

"A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair."

"And six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord, "It's the three pairs of eyes that Mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front so that she can look at a child when he goofs and say, 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel touching His sleeve gently, "come to bed. Tomorrow ..."

"I can't," said the Lord, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick ... can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger ... and can get a 9-year-old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a Mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this Mother can do or endure."

"Can it think?"

"Not only think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told you you were trying to put too much into this model."

Prayer 'n' Praise (cont'd.)

"It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."

"You are a genius," said the angel.

The Lord looked at it and said
"I didn't see it there."

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On May 8, have a happy
Mother's Day - come to church.



DING DONGS FROM THE BELL TOWER

... another Easter has come and gone and an enjoyable one it was too ...

Jack and Muriel Lawson are on their annual vacation in the South. Thanks to Ruth Shortt for looking after the Church Office.

... We are pleased to learn that the Rev. Peter Hamel and wife, Anna, and children are returning to Toronto. Hope we will see them at St. John's.

... By now you have read about the 'Father and Son' act of our Rector and his son, Philip, who will be receiving Master of Divinity degrees from Wycliffe and Trinity Colleges on May 3 and 4. But that is not all ... daughter Mary follows up in June with a B.A. degree from York University.

... Congratulations to the Youth in their project of painting the Parish Hall. For those who like to know their 'colours' ... the bottom half is "pumpkin."

... Welcome to new choir member Patricia Hunter in the soprano section recently.

... How many have noticed how the Junior Choir is growing lately ... not only in numbers, but several of the members are definitely shooting skyward these days.

... Mustn't forget to also welcome busy Sue Weston into the alto section - a wide musical range is her particular accomplishment. Can sing low or high.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

MARY AND ELIZABETH

One writer has described Mary Tudor as "a grimly religious woman" whose "ruling passion was to restore England to Roman obedience." This obsession made her so insensitive to her people that she repeatedly acted outside the limits of public toleration, with a result exactly opposite that which she had intended.

Her first step along the road to Rome was marriage to Philip of Spain. She saw this as uniting England and Spain, and committing England to the religion of Spain. She would have made Philip king of England, but her council would not permit it; thus Philip's power became that of a behind-the-scenes advisor, and in this capacity he was able to do a great deal of damage, because wherever possible she took his advice -- or followed her own will -- against the advice of her council.

She was advised against persecuting the Protestants, but they had done her much harm in the days of Anne Boleyn, and she was determined to "get even." She thus took the first step toward the defeat of her purposes, for she made martyrs out of Bishop Ridley and Latimer, Archbishop Cranmer, and others, who were burned as heretics,

and the Protestant faith became a martyred faith, its Prayer Book a martyred book. In addition, the Pope insisted that in order for England to be received again into the fold, the monastery lands confiscated under Henry should be returned to the Church: this their new owners, even those with Roman sympathies, would not do. Thus, between them, Mary and the Roman church succeeded only in making the name of Rome anathema to the English religious conscience; a populace at first indifferent to the reformed religion now took it up as a national cause.

By contrast with Mary, Elizabeth was temperamentally Henry's daughter and she came to the throne with Henry's popularity. Faced, immediately, with the religious question and the need for a settlement, she would have started with Henry's settlement as the basis of her Church. She wanted to remain in control, but she found that events during the reign of Mary had in effect pre-determined the path her settlement would take.

Elizabeth also had the benefit of wise advice and the good sense to take it. Her most important councillor was William Cecil, an ardent Calvinist, who knew both his Queen and his people, and how best to present the one to the other.

Christian Education (cont'd.)

The prayer book which Elizabeth issued in 1559 was as remarkable, in its way, as was the first prayer book. Her book has been described as, "conservative, catholic, protestant, and reformed"; "the most satisfactory book in the world"; it was a book which established her church as, clearly, "the English part of the universal catholic church of Christ." It was, essentially, the 1552 book reinstated, with its most protestant edges softened. (The position of this book may be seen in the words of Administration: "The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee," from the 1549 book, and "Take and eat this ..." from the 1552 book, were combined in 1559, in the form we now use.) In the Act of Uniformity which legalized the new book, Elizabeth declared that she was not to be considered "Supreme Head" of the Church, but rather "Supreme Governor"; this indicated that her headship of the Church was administrative, not spiritual.

The continuation of the episcopacy of the new order was assured when the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Matthew Parker, was consecrated by three "old" bishops (i.e. pre-Marian) who had been in exile.

With internal problems at rest, Elizabeth turned her attention to foreign ones, and here she played daring, but successful, games of cat-and-mouse. Philip of Spain tried again to get a 'hold' on England, by trying to marry Elizabeth as he had her sister, Mary. She encouraged him, to gain time, and did likewise with a French prince. She left the Pope's request for acceptance of his terms for reconciliation dangling for twelve years; his subsequent ex-communication and deposition of her, together with absolution of her subjects from their oath of allegiance to her, made enemies of all Romans, and Papism became treason. This, in its turn, gave rise to conspiracies to dethrone Elizabeth and replace her with Mary of Scotland; as a Papist and Elizabeth's heir, she was regarded by the Papists as the legitimate queen; in allowing herself to become involved in the plots against Elizabeth, she became a danger to her, and was beheaded.

With the defeat of the Spanish Armada and the death of Mary Stuart, England began a period of peace and prosperity, of literary and cultural growth. It was in this climate of unity of royal and popular will, that exploration was begun which laid the foundation of the British Empire.

With the accession to the throne of James I (Elizabeth's successor), there began power struggles between King and parliament, and between Anglicans and Calvinists. James firmly believed in the Divine Right of Kings in matters both temporal and spiritual. (The definition of this doctrine is that the right of sovereigns to rule is derived directly from God, and that they are not responsible to their subjects for their method

Christian Education (cont'd.)

of governing).

The people had accepted the absolutism of Henry and Elizabeth because of their personal popularity. James, however, hadn't the personality to carry this off, but felt it necessary to proclaim his "superiority" at great length, thus antagonizing parliament and the common people.

The majority of the members of parliament were Calvinists who thought that the Anglican Church was still too "Romish." Their doctrines were carried to extremes by the Puritans, who demanded a "thorough, godly reformation," to include abolition of most ritual forms and actions. Their antagonism to episcopal church government led to the convening of a conference at Hampton Court in 1604. The Puritans wished to abolish the Prayer Book and establish such Calvinist doctrines as "predestination" (a chosen few are destined to be saved).

Debates between the Puritan leaders and the Bishops resulted in temporary victory for the established church. The chief result of the conference was the commissioning of a new translation of the Bible, which became known as the "King James Version."

(Next Month: KINGS AND COMMON-WEALTH - THE SWINGING PENDULUM)

COME ALONG TO

A PLANT PARTY

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1977

8:00 p.m.

PARISH ROOM

SEE AND LEARN ABOUT

PLANTS

"THINGS" TO BUY

FUN - AND REFRESHMENTS

BRING YOUR FRIENDS



SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, May 1	9:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Choral Communion
Sunday, May 8	9:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
		Holy Baptism
Sunday, May 15	9:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Choral Communion
Sunday, May 22	9:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Ordination of Deacons
		by The Right Reverend A.A. Read Suffragan Bishop of Toronto
Sunday, May 29	9:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Choral Communion

"Service is good when He asks it,
Labor is right in its place,
But there is one thing better ---
Looking up into His face."



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BULLETIN!

MONDAY

Study Group - 8 p.m.
 Scouts - 7 p.m.
 Rangers - 7 p.m.
 St. Elizabeth Group (1st)
 St. Helen Group (3rd)
 St. Anne Group (4th)
 PLANT PARTY, April 25

TUESDAY

Parish Council (2nd)

WEDNESDAY

Girl Guides - 7 p.m.
 Prayer 'n' Praise - 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Weightwatchers - 7:30 p.m.
 Friendly Corner - 1:30 p.m.
 Brownies - 6:30 p.m.
 Servers Guild

FRIDAY

Junior Choir - 6:30 p.m.
 Senior Choir - 8:00 p.m.
 Cubs - 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Couples Club (last)
 AUCTION, May 7
 SPRING DANCE, May 14

DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

to the June Carillon will
 be May 15, 1977.

UP-COMING EVENTS

AUCTION - May 7

Saturday, May 7, 1977

St. John's Parish Hall

Refreshments, Homebaking

Flea Market, Book Table

11:00 a.m.

DONATIONS OF HOMEBAKING
 ARE NEEDED

SPRING DANCE - May 14

Saturday, May 14, 1977

St. John's Parish Hall

Refreshments & Prizes

\$3.50 per person

A SPECIAL EVENING!

ROGATION SUNDAY - May 15

Everyone is invited to
 bring a plant to decorate
 the church....either on
 Saturday or early Sunday.

SPECIALS

SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL

On Sunday, May 22, 1977, in St. John's West Toronto, we will have a very special service with the Right Reverend A. A. Read, Suffragan Bishop of Toronto conducting the Ordination Service when Philip Poole is ordained a Deacon. There will be a number of candidates being ordained that evening and all will be here with their families and friends. To top it all off, the service will be televised on tape and broadcast on the cable stations on Tuesday May 24. A very exciting evening for St. John's West Toronto.

We extend a very cordial welcome to all St. John's parishioners, their friends and families. And to all the new Deacons, we say

"God bless you" - - there's no greeting
Quite so fond as this,
No sweeter phrase for meeting
Or to speed the parting kiss - -
No other words convey so much
Sincerity of heart
For when the guests arrive
Or when loyal friends depart.
No sentence is more suitable
Or has a truer ring
Than this lovely phrase "God bless you"
For it covers everything.

SPECIALS

SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL

On June 12, 1977, two very special guests will be worshipping with us ... Canon Minto Swan and his wife Marian. They will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary at that time and it is their wish to come back to St. John's West Toronto where their friendship first began, and where they have had so many friends all these years. Bishop Fred Wilkinson will be our special preacher that day, so it is an all-round Golden Occasion.

Congratulatory cards may be sent to the happy couple in care of the church office. All such mail will be placed in a gold bag and presented to them at the reception which will follow the 11:00 a.m. service. All are cordially invited to make it a very festive occasion.

To Minto and Marian we say

God bless you for the little things
You take the time to do
The little things that show your love
The things that make you You!

This is our prayer for every day
It comes with dearest love
God bless you with just everything
That you're deserving of!