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ST. JOHN'S, WEST TORONTO, NEWSLETTER

Dear Parishioners,

We felt it was time to get going once again with a newsletter and inform our parishioners about what is happening at St. John's. We also wish to ask you some questions which you will find at the end of the newsletter in the form of a short questionnaire. Members of our telephone committee will be contacting you shortly, and we hope you don't mind taking a few minutes to give us some answers. This will help us to update our mailing list and give direction to our future efforts. We extend a warm welcome to everyone to come and worship with us and join in some of the exciting events that are planned.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.

Holy Communion every Sunday

11:00 a.m.

1st & 3rd Sunday - Choral Eucharist

2nd & 4th Sunday - Morning Prayer

LENTEN SERVICES

Every Wednesday during Lent there will be a light supper (free-will offering) in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. followed by a service in the Parish Room at 7:00. Lenten study this year will focus on the book Into the Way of Peace by Maurice Wood, Bishop of Norwich. Copies are available at the church. This is a good opportunity for fellowship, and we hope to see many parishioners taking part.

EASTER WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 27

8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. - Choral Eucharist

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

March 28, 29, 30

7:30 p.m. - Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday, March 31

6:30 p.m. - Seder Eucharist

Good Friday, April 1

11:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Easter Eve, April 2

4:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil with
Holy Baptism

Easter Sunday, April 3

8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. - Choral Eucharist

CANON POOLE RETIRING

It was with regret that the congregation heard Canon Poole announce his intention to retire as rector of St. John's as of June 30, 1983. We have been fortunate to have had so many years of association with Canon and Mrs. Poole (Maurice and Barbara) and they will be greatly missed. We wish them the best of all things for the future.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are very enthusiastic about our Sunday School reorganization under the able direction of Sharon Towne and hope you will encourage any young families you know to come and participate. We have 2 new members of our teaching team, Laurie and Lynne Arnold and, of course, continue to offer excellent care in the nursery under Mrs. Sharon Barnes.

PANCAKE SUPPER

A successful Pancake Supper was sponsored by the St. John's Rangers on Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the Parish Hall. Sixty-five people were served pancakes, sausages, ice-cream, cookies, tea and coffee by members of the Pathfinders. It was an enjoyable evening, highlighted by the presentation of a cake and a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday for our rector, Canon Poole!

BADEN POWELL SUNDAY

On Sunday, Feb. 27, all of our Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers were in attendance at our 11:00 a.m. service. Mrs. Nan Weston gave the sermon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

You may wish to mark down some of the following on your calendar:

CHOIR TO PRESENT NEW CANTATA

The choir has welcomed 2 new members, Lynne Davis and Danielle Henning, and is busy preparing for the Lenten and Easter seasons. On Sunday, March 20,* the choir will be performing a cantata called GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE, which is based on a hymn tune of the same name. The cantata was written by our talented organist and choir director, Mr. Gary Gray and is scored for a full choir, with a soprano and baritone solo. An organ, flute, violin and cello will provide the accompaniment. New choir members are always welcome, so if God has blessed you with a good voice and you wish to share this gift, please call our director, Gary Gray at 698-9795 or choir president, John Gower, at 769-8183.

* At the 11:00 a.m. service.

ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH - March 5

"March Hijinks" is the theme of our Outreach Committee's presentation to be held March 5 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. A dinner will be served and a cooking demonstration, Irish Dancers, a Polish Orchestra and a sing-song will all be part of the entertainment! We hope you'll join us for an enjoyable evening. The cost is \$7.50 per ticket and proceeds go to St. John's Outreach Commitment.

A.C.W.

The A.C.W.'s annual social service night is planned for Tuesday, April 19, at 7:30 in the Parish Hall. The Rev. Bradley Lennon from All Saints, Sherbourne, will be the speaker.

The A.C.W. will also be sponsoring a fashion show on May 5 and a Second Time Round Sale. More information about these events will be provided in the next newsletter.

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

A Diocesan Youth Conference will be held May 13, 14, 15 at St. Paul's, Bloor Street. Anyone wishing further information should contact Sharon Towne at 763-2393.

DID YOU KNOW?

* That St. John's has an active Wednesday Afternoon Club for boys and girls aged 6-12? This is an interdenominational group that meets every Wednesday from 4:00 - 5:00. At present, 15 children are active in the group. They do crafts, sing songs and have an enjoyable time. All area children are welcome.

* That an Inter-Parish Young Adult Club has been organized? St. John's, St. Chad's and St. Olave's have combined their efforts and plan many interesting events. A dance was held on Feb. 12 and an afternoon of bowling is scheduled for Sunday, March 13. St. John's representatives are John and Kathy Gower, who can be contacted at 769-8183.

* That St. John's Couples' Club has now become the Circle of Friends in order to include all interested persons. The club meets on the last Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. from October to April. Where else can you get a home cooked meal, an evening of entertainment and the fellowship of friends for \$4.00? Bill and Doris Sutcliffe are in charge and can be reached at 249-1686 for further information.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER 1983:

HOLY BAPTISM:

"Grant that this child may lead the rest of her life according to this beginning."

February 20, 1983 - Robin Jean Sawyer, daughter of Kenneth and Doreen Sawyer.

IN MEMORIAM:

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."

January 5, 1983 - Henry George Gaskon

NEW MEMBERS:

Laurie, Lynne and Christy Arnold

Mr. & Mrs. J.K. Bateman

Lynne, Jonathan and Matthew Davis

Danielle Henning

Joanne Janke

Anne Revington

QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. How can St. John's best suit your needs?
2. Are there any specific changes, additions, groups formed, etc. that you would like to see?
3. Do you need a ride to church on Sunday?
4. Would you care for a visit from our visiting committee for shut-ins?
5. Do you wish to remain on our mailing list?