

An event which brings sadness to the parishioners of St. John's is approaching on June 5. This is the day that Canon Maurice Poole officially retires after 19 years as rector of St. John's Church.

Canon Poole was ordained as a priest in 1945 after receiving his education at St. John's College in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He worked in the Diocese of Rupert's Land in Manitoba from 1944-1949 and from 1949-1951 was assistant curate at St. Clement's in Eglinton. In Winnipeg, Canon Poole had a radio show for Sunday School for which he won an award. From 1951-1964, he was rector of All Saints in Peterborough and was Rural Dean for 8 years. In 1976, he was made Canon at the Cathedral of St. James and from 1977-81 he was Regional Dean of Toronto West.

Maurice and Barbara Poole came to St. John's, West Toronto, from Peterborough in December of 1964 with their three young children, Philip, Mary and David. Many milestones of their children's lives have been shared with St. John's parishioners over the years. Philip is now an ordained minister with his own parish in Stouffville. Many remember the beautiful service at St. John's when Philip <sup>became a Deacon.</sup> ~~was ordained.~~ Mary was married <sup>at St. John's</sup> ~~in our~~ parish last year <sup>when the parishioners were generously included in the service and</sup> ~~and~~ David has just recently become engaged!

One of the most exciting events to take place during Canon's Poole's tenure at St. John's was the Centennial of the parish in 1981. Who could forget the excitement and the spirit with which Maurice and Barbara entered into the activities - including dressing up in costumes of 100 years ago and driving <sup>with Archbishop Garnsworthy</sup> ~~in a horse and buggy~~ - drawn buggy!

Over the years, Barbara and Maurice have been active members of the Couples' Club, <sup>(now the Circle of Friends).</sup> joining in many an hilarious skit and sharing in the fellowship of the group.

