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Welcome back, everyone! We hope you have enjoyed the summer and are planning to join us for worship and fellowship in the coming season.

We are pleased to introduce our new Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Gordon D. King. Our parishioners are looking forward to his stay with us and are optimistic about our future under his leadership.

The Homecoming Barbeque today should provide a good opportunity to meet Mr. King and to renew acquaintances in the Parish.

For anyone who happened to miss the June farewell for Canon and Mrs. Poole we are including a letter of thanks from the Pooles.

Our next newsletter will be out at the beginning of October so if you have any items contact me as soon as possible.

Lynn Davis - 533-0978

REV. KING APPOINTED TO ST. JOHN'S

The Rev. Gordon D. King, L.Th., has been appointed priest-in-charge of St. John's, West Toronto, as of September 1st, 1983. He comes to us from St. Ninian's, where he has been for the past 3½ years. He was ordained Deacon on October 18, 1956 and made Priest on May 12, 1957.

Mr. King is well known for his interest in and work with young people and was instrumental in establishing the Yorklea Children's Lodge - a home for juvenile first offenders which was built in 1968.

We extend a warm welcome to Mr. King and his wife Daisy and look forward to their tenure with us.

Dear Friends of St. John's:

How excited Daisy and I are as we begin our ministry with you in this beautiful old church.

What a wonderful welcome we received last Sunday from our Layreader servers, organist, choir and members of the Congregation.

I know the Good Lord is going to bless our work together here as we grow together in His love, Joy and Peace.

It will take a little while for us to get to know each other but we are already members of the Family of God, brought together through Christ and a Church alive through His Holy Spirit.

God bless each one of you and keep you in His strength and power.

Yours in His Service, Gordon D. King.

June 7, 1983.

To the Church Wardens and Congregation of St. John's Church, West Toronto, the most wonderful Parish Church in the world:

This is being written on Tuesday and my heart is still overwhelmed by your thoughtful, careful preparation and generosity with regard to my Retirement Service and Reception.

The events of last week-end were absolutely memorable and will always be treasured by Barbara and myself, and indeed by our whole family. The week-end started with the Church Wardens' party at the Park Plaza and this set the tone for the events to follow.

Barbara loves her brooch with her birth-flower and of course the corsage was beautiful as was my boutonniere.

I do thank the members of the choir and especially the Church Organist Gary Gray, for his splendid organ recital, the guest soloists, and for the lovely composition "The Ark". I found the service very moving and the support of so many friends and relatives helped to keep me up during what inwardly was a very heart-rending day. To have my brother present (what a surprise) and to have Philip celebrating meant a lot to me.

I enjoyed being mugged, and especially the coffee mugs of the young people, each with the name of their organization - Pathfinders, Rangers, Guides and Brownies. These, together with the Cub and Scout plaque will always have a prominent place in our home. The Guide Badges are a welcome addition to my chaplain's scarf. I meant to bring over my Cub sweater which is now over 50 years old. Perhaps if the Cubs ever need such a sweater as part of a display, I would be glad to loan it.

The offertory procession of Church Wardens and family was a thrilling sight.

I do thank you for the very generous purse. We will save it until the time is right for travel.

I thank everyone for their speeches. They were sincere and greatly appreciated.

This brings me to the gift of the especially commissioned ceramic replica of the Church building which means so much to us all. The addition of the pigeons was a delightful touch. Will you please convey to the artist how delighted we all were with such a beautiful gift. The music box playing the Lord's prayer was moving. We have been playing the Lord's prayer frequently.

I do thank the Anglican Church Women, Phyllis Goodfellow for the cake so appropriately decorated, and the ladies of St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

Then to round off the proceedings in a most creative way, Elsie and Charlie at the organ playing an original composition farewelling us. Then to be escorted out in such grand style by the Guides and Brownies, under a shower of balloons, courtesy of the Balloon King of St. John's into the waiting Rolls-Royce and a delightful ride through Bloor West Village - all of this will never be forgotten.

The hours of planning that went into the whole day is greatly appreciated.

Well, dear friends, the thought of leaving is only tempered by the fact that we are not moving very far away, and I hope that we will be able to see each other from time to time.

We pray that God will bless you under the leadership of your new minister, the Rev. Gordon King.

With my love,

Your friend in Christ,

Maurice+

DEANERY YOUTH WORKER APPOINTED

As of September 1st, 1983, St. John's Secretary, Sharon Towne, has been appointed to the Deanery of Toronto West as Youth Worker on a part-time basis.

Sharon will be working with the Rev. Paul Sceuse at Church of the Advent.

ST. ANNE'S GROUP EVENTS

St. Anne's Group will be holding a RUMMAGE SALE on Saturday, Sept. 17th from 10 - 12. There will be a Bake Table, white elephant, and good rummage tables. Sorters are needed to help on Friday evening, Sept. 16.

A JUST FOR YOU FASHION SHOW will be held on Tuesday, October 25th at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Admission is \$3.00 per person.

Plans are already underway for St. John's ANNIVERSARY BAZAAR which will be held Sat. Nov. 19th from 10:30 - 3 p.m. Anyone who is able to donate materials or time should contact Irene Munroe at 762-5327.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Sharon Barnes will be the supervisor of our Sunday School this year. She will be helped by Lynne and Laurie Arnold. Sunday School begins this Sunday and will be held regularly in conjunction with the 11 a.m. Service.

If anyone has any toys they would be willing to donate to the nursery, it would be greatly appreciated.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

St. Anne's - 4th Monday
Cubs & Scouts - Monday
Pathfinders & Rangers - Tuesday
Boys' & Girls' Club - Wednesday,
September 14th, 3:45 p.m.
Guides - Wednesday

Brownies - Thursday
Choir - 8 p.m. - new members always
welcome. For more information,
contact the Church Office at 763-2393.