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CHURCH OFFICERS: Peoples' Warden: Joan Devitt 766-3062
Rector's Warden: John Edward 769-6971
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Organist, Choir Director: Gary Gray 698-9795

OFFICE NUMBER: 763-2393

HALL NUMBER:

MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR:

Dear Friends & members of St. John's;

I haven't been so happy in years! What a beautiful, active, supporting Church Family you are, and what a lovely Church building to call our home. You can just feel the love you have for our Lord, and, the great strength that is here through past ministries all set to go: Readers for the lessons; Layreader, Servers, Choir, Prayer Chain, Sanctuary Guild, etc, etc, etc.

You are not the youngest congregation but you have more drive and love than many congregations that are younger than you are.

As I write this note I am also preparing for our Harvest Thanksgiving Service and along with being thankful for the bountiful Harvest we enjoy Daisy and I are thanking God that we have the opportunity to minister here.

This Thursday I meet the Wardens of my other Parish, St. Mary The Virgin and St. Cyprian.

How am I going to handle St. John's and St. Mary's? Well for one thing I will have the part-time assistance of the Rev. Robert Kennedy beginning November 1st. While he will be spending some of his time at St. Mary's, he will assist at St. John's at 8:30 a.m. and at 11 a.m. at least once per month. With his assistance and the strength of the Lord, "We will overcome."

How can you help? In ways that may seem strange.

Please, please call me, (or the Rev. Bob Kennedy after October) if we can help you in any way. I would feel the most disappointing and depressing statement I have ever heard was "I would have called you, but I felt you were too busy".

Please make a note of my home phone number, 283-9552. We have established call forwarding on the office and vestry phone, 763-2393, and when no one is in the Church this phone will often be answered by Daisy or I at home.

Thank you again for all your love and support to St. John's, Daisy and I, and above all, your love of our Saviour Christ.

Yours in His Service,
Gordon D. King

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Sunday November 6: This will be All Saints and Remembrance Day Sunday. There will be a Church Parade if feasible.

November 20th is a very special service, being Anniversary Sunday. Mr. King will be absent on November 13 as he will be on a CURSIO weekend.

ASSISTANT TO MR. KING:

Robert Kennedy is assistant priest in charge to Mr. King both at St. John's and St. Mary's and St. Cyprian's on Westmoreland Ave. Mr. Kennedy will take services at St. John's one Sunday per month and will be in charge of services at St. Mary's and St. Cyprian's on the other Sundays.

A.C.W. NEWS

There will be an A.C.W. General Meeting in the Parish Room on Thursday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Dessert & coffee will be served. Mr. & Mrs. King will be present and all are invited to attend.

Don't forget the Just For You Fashions Show to be held in the Church Hall on Tuesday October 25th at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3 each, with refreshments.

The Anniversary Bazaar (with a Christmas theme) will be on Sat. Nov. 19 from 10:30 - 3 p.m. If you can contribute to this, please contact Irene Munroe at 762-5327 or Sherry Haynes at 769-9258.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Rummage Sale.

READERS NEEDED: If anyone is interested in reading a lesson during Church Services, please contact May Webster at 763-7556. We would like to expand the number of people we have to read.

CHOIR WELCOMES MEMBERS: The Choir & Director are very happy to welcome Anna & John Wichelow, Kim & Tammy Hoyland and Daisy King. Due to the age and condition of the gowns, new ones are presently being made. Any who are handy with a needle and are willing to help please contact May Webster at 763-7556. Practices are Friday evenings at 8 p.m.

CUBS AND SCOUTS

There is room for more boys in our Cubs and Scouts at St. John's. Meetings are on Monday evenings. Please contact John Gower at 769-8183 for more information.

NEW OFFICE HOURS: Due to Sharon's recent appointment as Deanery Youth Worker, the new hours are Tuesday mornings, all day on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Please note the new number for the Parish Hall, and that Mr. King can still be contacted at the old number, as call-forwarding will be used when there is no one in the office.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER:

We welcome to the fellowship of St. John's:
Mr. & Mrs. J. Crummey and their children Edward & Clare;
Mr. & Mrs. M. Ramsey.

INTRODUCTION SERVICE:

On Sunday November 6th, 4:30 p.m.,
At St. John's.

PLEASE NOTE: HALL NUMBER:
769-6807

ST. JOHN'S A.C.W. SPONSORS GIRL IN KENYA

For the past five years, St. John's A.C.W. has sponsored a girl in Kenya, East Africa. Her name is Joyce Gatonga, and she is sixteen years old.

Joyce comes from a large, rural family and through our sponsorship is enabled to attend a girl's Boarding School. She writes letters to the A.C.W. to let them know how she is progressing and to thank them for their support. These letters have been shared in the past with the Sunday School students, who have in turn written to Joyce.

The following information has been provided by Mrs. Sherry Haynes, who corresponds with Joyce on a regular basis.

"Since June, 1978, St. John's A.C.W. has been sponsoring Joyce Gatonga's education at Materu Girls' Centre in Meru, Kenya. The centre is supported through funds from CAMSAVE and the Canadian Government (CIDA). Individual sponsorships like ours enable Joyce and 500 other students to board at Materu Centre from January to November.

Joyce's letters are a joy to read. Over the years, we have seen her progress from the primary (lower school) to the secondary school level. She speaks of her great happiness to be at the centre and tells of her people "collecting very little from their gardens" because of very little rain. It is evident that each harvest is important to her because her family depends on it for a living.

In future issues, we will share Joyce's letters both past and present with you, as well as those from Brother John Koczka, the principal. At present, the cost of sponsoring Joyce is \$200.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTRY:

BAPTISM: We wish to welcome the newest member of our Christian Family, Michael Jeffrey Weir, son of Catharine & Jeffrey Weir, grandson of Marjorie White.

HOLY MATRIMONY: Anne Christine Revington and Francisco C. Vidal Jr. renewed their vows of Holy Matrimony on October 22, 1983. "Sanctify O Lord, these Thy Servants".

We would like to welcome to the fellowship of St. John's:
Terri and Jessica Sweete.

8:30 a.m. Services will be shared by the Rev. R. Kennedy and the Rev. G. King.

11:00 a.m. Services: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Sundays the Rev. G. King, the Rev. R. Kennedy on the 4th Sunday.

NOVEMBER

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| | | 1 7 p.m. Rangers | 2 4: Wed. Club 7: Guides | 3 7 Brownies Pathfinders | 4 8 Choir | 5 2 p.m. Rangers: Community Movie for Children |
| 6 8:30 Welcome to Robert Kennedy 11 Remembrance & All Saints 3:30 Recital 4:30 Introduction Service | 7 7 Cubs & Scouts | 8 7 Rangers | 9 4 Wed. Club 7 Guides | 10 7 Brownies Pathfinders | 11 King at Aurora 8 Choir | 12 |
| 13 11 a.m. The Rev. Reginald Stackhouse, Guest Preacher | 14 7 Cubs & Scouts | 15 7 Rangers 8 Advisory Board | 16 4 Wed. Club 7 Guides | 17 7 Brownies Pathfinders | 18 8 Choir | 19 10:30 - 3 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR |
| 20 10 a.m. Runnymede 11 Anniversary Sunday 102nd | 21 7 Cubs & Scouts | 22 7 Rangers | 23 4 Wed. Club 7 Guides | 24 7 Brownies Pathfinders | 25 8 Choir | 26 |
| 27 Advent Sunday | 28 7 Cubs & Scouts | 29 7 Rangers | 30 4 Wed. Club 7 Guides | 7 Brownies Pathfinders | 8 | |

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DECEMBER

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | 1 7 Brownies Pathfinders | 2 8 Choir | 3 |
| Advent 2 4 11 a.m. Jesse Tree 2-5 p.m. "One Parent Family Association" Christmas Party | 5 7 Cubs & Scouts | 6 7 Rangers 8 Outreach - Evening - Cooking Demonstration | 7 4 Wed. Club Party 7 Guides | 8 7 Brownies Pathfinders | 9 8 Choir | 10 |
| Advent 3 11 3:30 St. Nicholas Celebration (Hangin' O' the Greens) | 12 7 Cubs & Scouts | 13 7 Rangers 8 Advisory Board | 14 4 7 Guides | 15 7 Brownies Pathfinders | 16 8 Choir | 17 |
| Advent 4 18 10 a.m. Runneymede - Carols 11 a.m. Lessons & Carols | 19 7 Cubs & Scouts | 20 7 Rangers | 21 7 Guides | 22 | 23 CHRISTMAS EVE 7 p.m. Eucharist | 24 |
| CHRISTMAS 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |