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## NEWSLETTER

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### UPCOMING EVENTS IN ST. JOHN'S

VARIETY CONCERT  
St. John's Choir

Saturday, March 10, 1984 8.00 p.m.  
Tickets \$3.00, available from May Webster.  
Refreshments served in the interval.

- An evening of entertainment in the true tradition of "Variety"  
- music, dance, recitation, in fact something for everyone.

SOCIAL SERVICE NIGHT  
Sponsored by A.C.W

Monday, March 19, 1984 Dessert 7.30 p.m.

FASHION SHOW  
(St. Anne's Group)

Saturday, April 7, 1984 Dessert & Coffee 1.30 p.m. Show 2.00 p.m.

MAY MART (SECOND TIME AROUND)  
A.C.W.

Saturday, May 26, 1984

### OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

WINTER COUNCIL MEETING OF TORONTO DIOCESAN ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

Wednesday, 29th February 9.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.  
St. Matthew's Anglican Church, 3962 Bloor St. West, Islington  
"Today's Children - Who Cares?"

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 2, 1984 7.30 p.m.  
Salvation Army Temple, Keele Street

Men and Women are now involved in what was traditionally  
the Women's World Day of Prayer. All are welcome.

PANCAKE SUPPER  
(Grenadier Rangers)

Tuesday March 6, 1984 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall

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# VESTRY MEETING - January 29, 1984

There was a very good turn-out for the vestry meeting, which was held following the eleven o'clock Sunday service. There was a picnic atmosphere at lunch before the meeting commenced at about one o'clock with Reverend Gordon King in the Chair, flanked by Rev. Robert Kennedy and Church officers Joan Devitt, Gladys Graham, Irene Munroe and John Edward. Sherry Haynes acted as Vestry Clerk.

The overriding feeling of the meeting was one of optimism, in spite of a reported deficit in 1983 and an expected deficit for 1984. Earlier, in his address to the congregation from the pulpit, Reverend King referred to the financial problems which face not only St. John's but many other Churches today, but emphasised that we should not lose sight of the true purpose of the Church - to enable the spiritual renewal and growth of its people. He spoke of the challenge of the coming year; the need to move forward in the Church; to embrace change; to reach out to the community around us, and to draw that community into the Church. To literally share God's home.

Rev. King's drive and enthusiasm had obviously had their effect, and as the reports of the Committees were read, and the officers elected for the coming year, there was a definite feeling of confidence that, with God's help, we can achieve growth and strength in the year ahead.

## Appointments

### By the Priest-in-Charge:

Lay Reader	Cy Watson
Rector's Warden	Joan Devitt
Deputy Rector's Warden	John Bateman

### By the 1984 Wardens:

Treasurer	Irene Munroe
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## Elections

People's Warden:	Gladys Graham
Deputy People's Warden	Mike Ramsey
Lay Members of Synod	Irene Munroe, Olive Roberts (Alternate: Ida Brittain)
Chairman of Advisory Board	John Bateman
Vice-Chairman of Advisory Board	Cy Weston
Chairman of Memorials	Irene Munroe
Chairman of Theological Bursary Fund:	Ida Brittain
Co-Chairmen of Property Committee	Herald Buckle, Bill Sutcliffe
Chairman of Sidesmen	Alf Gandy
Vice Chairman of Sidesmen	Herald Buckle
Auditors	Jack Lawson, Ernie Lee
Envelope Secretary	Ruth Shortt
Chairman of Readers and Lay Assistants	May Webster
Chairman of Finance and Stewardship	Garnet Devitt
Chairman of Membership	Lynn Davis
Chairman of Outreach	Sherry Haynes
Representative to Scout Group Committee	Bill Sutcliffe
Editor of Newsletter	Joyce Ramsey



## WHAT IS A CURSILLO?

### THE WEEKEND

The word 'Cursillo' is Spanish for 'short course'. Thus, a Cursillo weekend is a short course in Christianity. It focuses on what it means to be a Christian and to live as a follower of Christ in all spheres (or environments) of life.

### THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT

The Cursillo movement is much more than a weekend. It is a movement of the Church.

Its Goal is to change the world, to restore all things in Christ by transforming the environment of society in Christ.

Its Strategy is to provide a method of structuring Christian life to make it possible to live what is fundamental for being a Christian, which in turn develops an apostolic movement of the laity, aimed at bringing a Christian influence to bear on all environments in society.

### THREE PHASES OF THE MOVEMENT

#### 1. Pre-Cursillo

This is the process of searching for and the selection of persons and environments, and the preparation of the candidates for the three-day Cursillo, with a view towards a commitment to the Post-Cursillo.

#### 2. The Cursillo Weekend

This short course is "the joyful communication of being Christian". It involves the proclamation of the message of Christ; the development of a deep experience of Christian Community, and the discovery of and commitment to one's personal calling (or vocation) as a Christian in the world.

#### 3. The Post-Cursillo

The Post-Cursillo, or 4th Day, is the most important part of the movement. It is the organization of follow-up group meetings, designed to continue and support the process of Christian growth and action, begun in the weekend.

### HISTORY

The Cursillo Movement began in the Roman Catholic Church in Majorca, Spain, at the end of the 1940's and began to spread to other countries in 1953.

Today, Cursillos are given in more than fifty nations on five continents. It is estimated that more than two million men and women of various languages and races have participated.

In 1963, the first Catholic Cursillo was held in Ontario and the movement is now firmly established in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

In recent years, the movement has become ecumenical and it is now widespread and growing rapidly in the Episcopal Church in the U.S.A.

In March, 1976, the first Anglican Cursillo was held in the Diocese of Toronto and it is expected to be a significant force for renewal in the years ahead. (07)



How appropriate: the Cross and Resurrection changed the world, disciples from men of fear to men of faith, and is still bringing changes in our life and His world when we let the message of Christ's death and resurrection in.

God bless you this Lent and bring you to the faith and forgiveness of the Cross and the joy of the Resurrection.

Yours in His Love,

Gordon D. King.

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#### CURSILLO

I would like to invite you to attend a Cursillo weekend. (The following sheet is an article, "What is Cursillo").

Basically it is a spiritual enrichment weekend, Friday 4 p.m. to Sunday night. The actual cost is \$85.00, BUT THIS CAN BE SUPPLEMENTED. NO ONE SHOULD NOT GO DUE TO COST.

The up-coming weekends are for:

Couples: June 1st, 2nd, 3rd,

Men: October 12th, 13th, 14th,

Women: November 9th, 10th, 11th.

This program is highly recommended by the Archbishop, the College of Bishops and Daisy and I have found it to be a strengthening force in our lives.

Mr. Cliff Kempadoo, President of Cursillo, and Layreader for St. John's Oak Ridges will take the Sermon on May 6th at 11 a.m., and will be available for questions after that service.

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#### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Sunday April 15th: PALM SUNDAY- Blessing & Distribution of Palm Crosses.

Wednesday April 18th: 7 & 10 a.m., 8:30 p.m. Eucharist; there will be no study at these Services.

Thursday April 19th: MAUNDY THURSDAY: 6:30 p.m. Seder Feast, 7 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner, 8 p.m. Eucharist in the Church, and Stripping of the Altar.

Friday April 20th: GOOD FRIDAY: 11 a.m. 1 hour Service, Meditation on the Cross, 12 noon - 3 p.m. Prayer Vigil in the Church.

Sat. April 21st: EASTER VIGIL: 8 p.m. First Light of Easter, Holy Baptism & Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

Sunday April 22nd: EASTER: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Prayer Book Choral Eucharist

(There is also a 6:00 a.m. Eucharist Sunrise Service being planned for High Park)



What about the Fall?

It is my intention to have the services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (this will also be the service times for June, July and August).

The 8:30 a.m. service will be Prayer Book Eucharist

The 11:00 a.m. service will be Third Order Eucharist.

There are several reasons for this and I will attempt to explain a few of them.

1) We must as our #1 priority minister to the new members of our Church, and many are not Anglican by tradition. The Anglican Communion is not the easiest service to get to know, mainly due to the involvement of the Lay people, and, to continue to change about month by month is confusing to them and often to us.

2) I feel that once the new Liturgical Services are used for several months we will become familiar with them as we are now with the Prayer Book.

3) We are one of four Anglican Churches in this area: St. Paul's, St. Olave's, St. Martin in the Fields, and our St. John's. St. Martin in the Fields has a more ceremonial tradition and draws the people that like it. St. John's, St. Paul's and St. Olave's while there are some subtle differences, are much alike. I believe that if St. John's moves ahead into the 80's we could attract a number of people, young and old, who are looking for renewal, both spiritually and liturgically, in their lives.

What can you do to help?

1) Give it time! Try it over a period of three to six months - some may not find it fulfilling at first, but change is never easy.

2) Pray for it; pray for you; pray for me: As your Rector I feel a tremendous burden as I bring about the above.

Will it work?

Will it draw in new people?

Will the present members give it time?

Will the present members support it?

I have shared my plans and concerns with Archbishop Garnsworthy and his reply was one of complete support.

The new Alternate Prayer Book will be printed in 1985. My feeling is why put it off - we have to move sometime soon and why not now as we renew together this family of God.

On Good Friday we will have a service at 11 a.m. on the Seven Words of the Cross, and then from 12 noon to 3 p.m., I am going to remain in the Church to pray about my ministry and renewal at St. John's, and I invite you to pray with me for whatever time you can - 10, 20 minutes???, that you may accept and grow through change.



## TODAY

"In the Church today there is a dramatic trend back to the authentic shape of early Christian worship. The goal of this movement is summed up as THE LORD'S PEOPLE, AROUND THE LORD'S TABLE, ON THE LORD'S DAY. The Eucharist is the food of the baptized and vital to the building up of the Christian community into the Body of Christ.

The living Christ Jesus: always present with us as we live, move and have our being: in the midst of prayer, scripture reading, study and discussion He comes to us. And so special is that coming in the Eucharist -- 'This is My Body', 'this is My Blood'; 'do this in remembrance of me'. The old chestnut of Queen Elizabeth I comes to mind;

'Twas God the word that spake it,  
He took the Bread and brake it,  
And what the word did make it,  
That I believe, and take it.

Yes, to this day, His command is carried out -- He feeds His people, and we are strengthened to go back into His world and be His people, carrying His light as we go forth.

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Dear Friends:

I have been struggling with the future of Liturgical Renewal in the Parish.

The questions most often asked are:

- 1) Why Eucharist (Holy Communion) so often? (I have attempted to answer this in the previous article.
- 2) Why are children taking the Eucharist and how does it work?  
(I have invited the Reverend Gregory Physick to speak to us on WEDNESDAY MAY 2nd about his experience at St. Francis of Assisi, Mississauga)
- 3) Why Liturgical Renewal and why third order?

I have also invited the Reverend Canon Gordon Baker to speak to us on WEDNESDAY MAY 9th : Why Liturgical Renewal and Third Order; and on WEDNESDAY MAY 16th on The Implementation of Liturgical Renewal and Lay Involvement.

AGENDA: for the three weeks in May: 2nd, 9th, 16th:  
7:30 p.m. Speaker & Discussion  
8:30 p.m. Eucharist and Coffee

I do hope for a good attendance on these nights. It is important that you as a congregation obtain more knowledge so that we may move together in the fall.



## A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE EUCHARIST

(From time to time, I am asked "Why the Eucharist?", that is to say, why such an emphasis on the Eucharist? I borrow some thoughts from a pamphlet put out in St. Thomas a Becket Anglican Church, plus add some of my own thoughts as well. I hope they are instructive.)

### EVIDENCE OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

"As with all matters of our Christian Faith, we must begin with the person of Jesus and the evidence of Holy Scripture. The Bible reveals that Jesus gave very few commands to His Church. His way most often was to lead men by example and the teaching of parables. However, he did give us the command to baptize (Matthew 28:19) and to celebrate the Eucharist (1 Cor. 11:24). Thus the Eucharist has the highest authority possible for Christians: a dominical command." (one commanded by the Lord).

We find in the writings of St. Paul and also that of St. Luke in the Book of the Acts that the Eucharist was one of the marks of the Christian community: Acts 2:42 -- 'and they devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.'.

### CHRISTIAN HISTORY

"Scholars of all traditions have shown that following Pentecost the new Christian community continued to come together to celebrate the Resurrection on the first day of the week by 'the breaking of bread'... Historical evidence proves that the Eucharist was the universal norm of Christian worship up until the middle of the 16th century. And it continues to be the norm for most Christians around the world today.

While the Eucharist became part of the Reformation controversies, in many ways some of the Reformers were indeed trying to emphasize the Eucharist as a time for the people of God to come together and a time for all to make their communion. For many reasons the laity did not receive communion much at all.

Controversies were a part of the English Church when the split from Rome came about. But it seems clear that the author of the Book of Common Prayer (Archbishop Cranmer) did not intend to replace the Eucharist (Mass) with Matins (Morning Prayer). He had taken the many service books of the day and reduced the daily monastic offices to two (Matins and Evensong) to enable more participation by the laity in daily worship -- morning prayer was to be a service prior to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

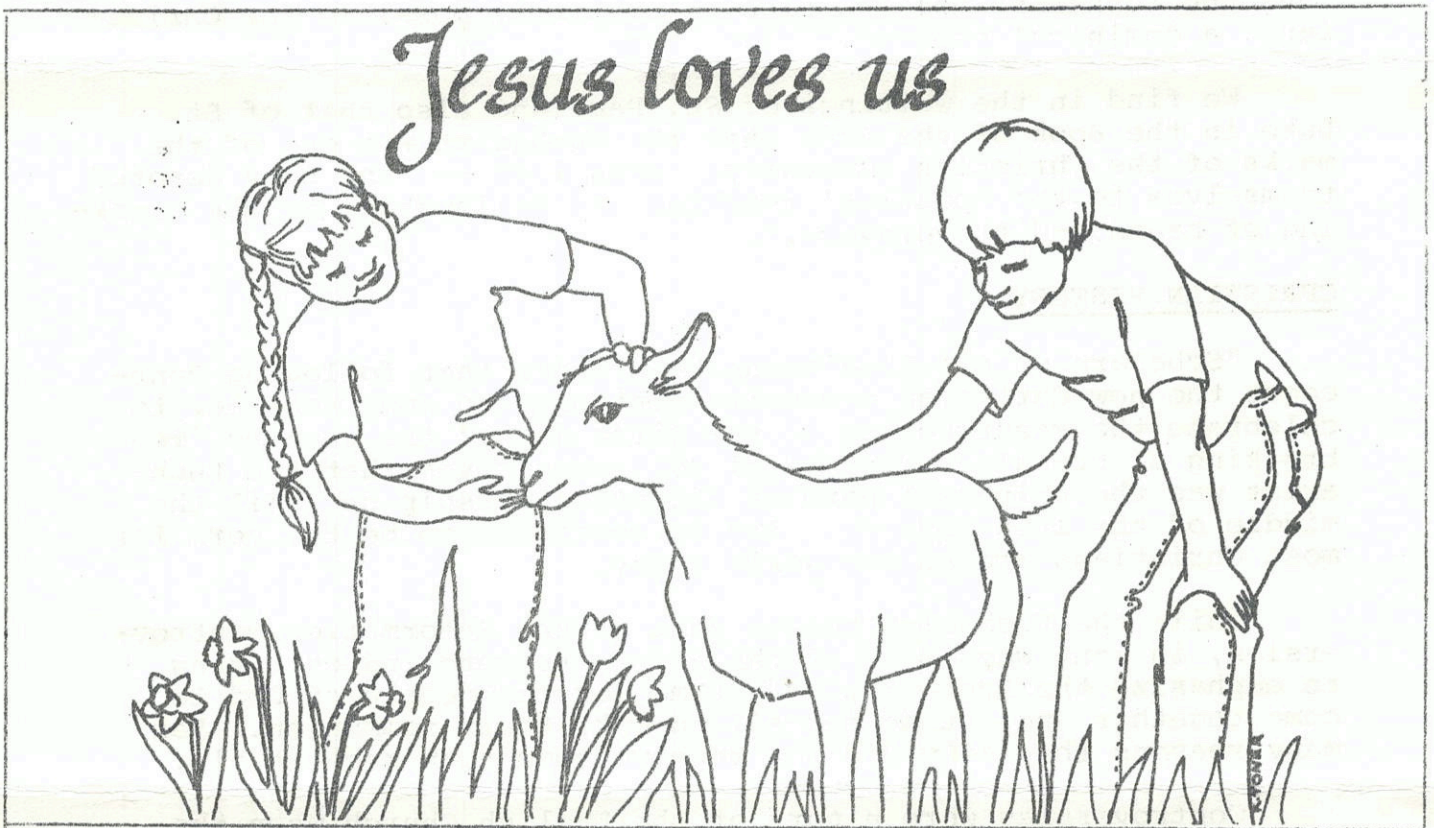
Throughout Anglican history one finds compromises between parties within Anglicanism, Puritan revolt, Catholic revival, Evangelical fervour, Oxford Movement and so forth, are a part of our history. (I have a small booklet available in my office for those who wish to explore some of the history of the Church and get a handle on some of the theological thought.).



The Newcomers' Meeting on February 21st was a first time event, but one which is sure to be repeated. 20-25 people met socially to get to know each other and to learn about St. John's plans for the present and for the future. It turned out to be a very happy event.

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SOMETHING FOR THE CHILDREN



Children,

This picture reminds me of one of my favourite hymns "All Creatures Great and Small". I expect you will want to colour it in nice bright colours to show how cheerful God's world can be.



### Choir

The President of the Choir

John Gower  
(elected by members of the Choir  
early in January)

Choir Master

Gary Gray

During the service, Reverend King had paid tribute to the hard work and unfailing support given by his Lay Reader and Servers, the Treasurer and Wardens and many officers and committee members of St. John's; it is gratifying that these people have so readily accepted re-election (or appointment) and also that several newer members will be helping to share the burden.

Reverend King had made special mention of the many years of devoted service given to the parish by John Edward - five of those years as Rector's Warden. John has now resigned from that office, and as a token of appreciation for his dedication to St. John's, Reverend King presented to him a beautiful book entitled "Christ's Life in Stained Glass".

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### NEWS ITEMS

- Proceeds from the BAKE AND RUMMAGE SALE, January 21, 1984 were \$350.00. Home made preserves were a new feature, which did very well. MANY THANKS to all who helped.
- The Circle of Friends Robbie Burrrrrrrrrrrns theme on January 27 was a great success! Some great Scottish fare, a rousing sing song and Scottish dancing for the initiated. A great film too.
- The following charming letter was received by the Circle of Friends in response to the Christmas gifts given to Runnymede Hospital patients:

Addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Sutcliffe. Dated January 12, 1984

"We are writing to express our deep appreciation and gratitude to members of St. Johns Anglican Church for again this year sending us the beautifully wrapped and labelled gifts for our patients. They were divided between each Nursing Station and our Nursing staff gave them out to patients on Christmas morning.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity helped bring the lovely spirit of Christmas into the Runnymede Hospital - and made it possible for our patients to enjoy as much of the Christmas season as they could.

We thank you, and send you our best wishes for happiness and achievement in the new year ahead. God bless all your endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Dorothy Macpherson  
Coordinator, Volunteer Services



MARCH 1984

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Brownies 1	World Day of Prayer 7:30 Salvation Army 2	3
4 Cubs	5 PANCAKE SUPPER 6p.m.	6 ASH WEDNESDAY	7 Brownies	8 Brownies	9 CHOIR VARIETY CONCERT 8 p.m.	10
11 Cubs	12 Rangers Pathfinders	13 Wed.Club Guides Bible Study	14 Brownies	15 Brownies	16	17
18 Cubs	19 Rangers Pathfinders	20 Wed.Club Guides Bible Study	21 Brownies	22 Brownies	23	24
25 Cubs	26 Rangers Pathfinders	27 Wed.Club Guides Bible Study A.C.W. Council	28 Brownies	29 Brownies	30	31