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Rector's Message

Dear Friends of St. John's,

I would like to THANK YOU for all your prayers over the past year, when I was struggling with a severe infection. Since having minor surgery on Thursday, April 24, 1986, I have never looked back or felt so good in years.

I would also like to thank the members of the prayer chain for their continued prayers during this time and all of the congregation for the lovely plant.

I also want to thank God for our continued growth at St. John's. God has blessed and is blessing our efforts. Our attendance is over ninety nearly every Sunday, and it seems to me that every week, one, two or three families are looking to St. John's for a new Church home.

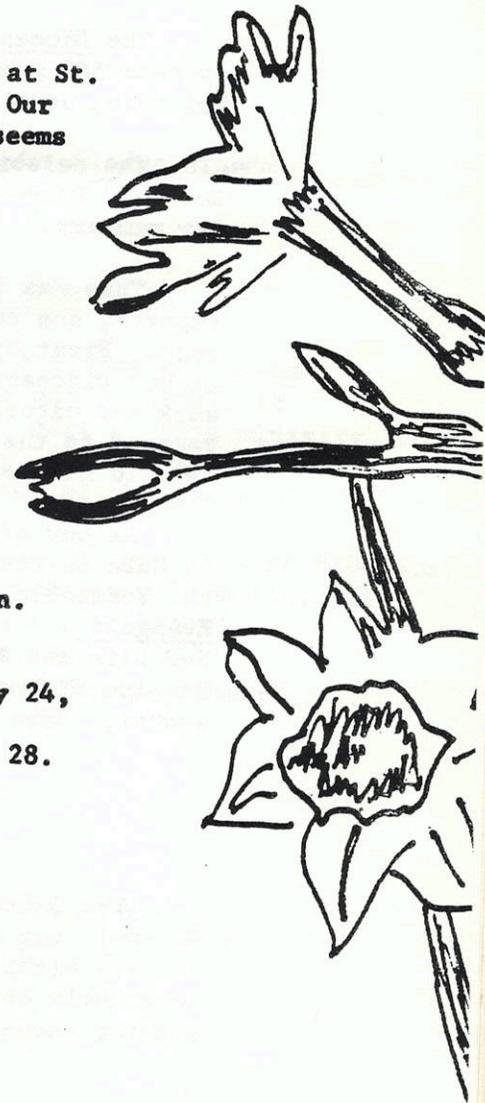
Daisy and I are inviting everyone to make a pilgrimage to our Condominium Home in Scarborough on Sunday, May 25, 1986 between 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Our address is 90 Ling Road, Unit 1110. There are maps available at the Church - hope you can make it!

Last Sunday, Bishop Brown visited with us and took the service. I know he was impressed with our Spirituality and also with the way in which we have been able to move into the Book of Alternate Services. He mentioned the new placement of the Altar several times and the closeness it created with the congregation.

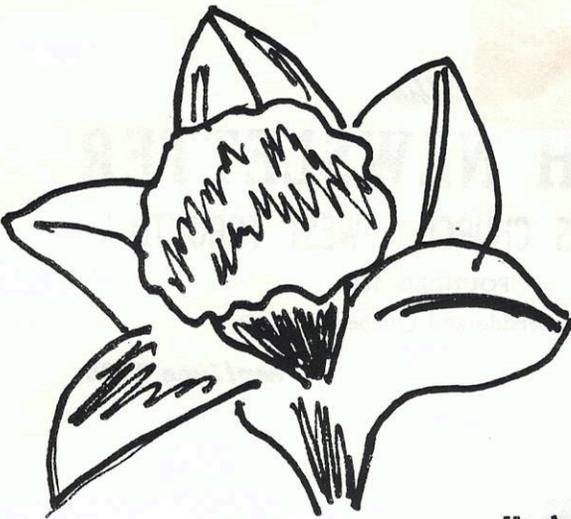
We have several upcoming fellowship events, and I look forward to seeing you at the May Mart, Saturday May 24, the Open House on Sunday, May 25, the Church Picnic on Sunday, June 8 and our Strawberry Tea on Saturday, June 28.

God bless you and keep you!

Gordon D. King+



ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN



Our grateful thanks go to all those who participated in the Lenten Self Denial effort. You will be pleased to know that the sum of \$390.92 was received towards the Outreach Commitment of St. John's.

Also, the Social Service Night was well supported and we hope that you have read the gratifying results published in the Sunday bulletin.

MAY MART - our next venture is just a few days away - May 24th!

We know that we can count on you to bring in your articles (we cannot have a sale if we do not have the merchandise!) Items may be brought in during the week, Tuesday to Friday - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Home Baking - Friday night or early Saturday morning.

Please read the enclosed flyer and do plan to attend yourself!

"Forward in Faith - the Second Century"

The Diocesan A.C.W. Annual Meeting, held in Peterborough was attended by some 500 members (including five representatives from St. John's - Ida Brittain, Joan Devitt, Gladys Graham, Sherry Haynes and Irene Munroe).

The celebration of the Holy Eucharist was administered by the Right Reverend Desmond C. Hunt - assisted both by ordained men and women and lay members.

This was followed by the President's address. In the annual book of reports, she reminded us that A.C.W. was honored on two occasions last year. First by a motion passed on September 14th during the morning session of our Diocesan Synod, expressing a vote of thanks to the A.C.W. for their work and witness. Secondly, by an invitation to her, as President, to respond to the address given by the Archbishop of Canterbury at the luncheon held in his honour at the Sheraton Hotel on September 18, 1986.

As our afternoon guest speaker, the Most Rev. Edward Scott, was delayed in Cuba en route home, we were favoured with an inspirational address by the Venerable Harry Hilchey, Secretary of General Synod. He spoke about Evangelism - a priority in our Diocese - Mission, Ministry, Liberation, New Life and Reconciliation. In closing, the Archdeacon stated that "the Mission of Moses was Liberation. What is our mission today? We must answer, 'Here am I, send me'."

OUTREACH - a note of gratitude!

The Outreach Committee would like to thank the Choir Director, Sandra Nemenyi, our organist, Kevin Docherty, and the members of the choir for the Variety Night they presented on April 25, 1986. Their interest in Outreach is greatly appreciated. A good time was had by all, and the proceeds of the evening amounted to \$211.00

- Irene Munroe

VOLUNTEERS

Many will be shocked to find
When the day of judgment nears
That there's a special place in Heaven
Set aside for volunteers.

Furnished with big recliners
Satin couches and footstools
Where there's no Committee Chairman
No group leaders or car pools.

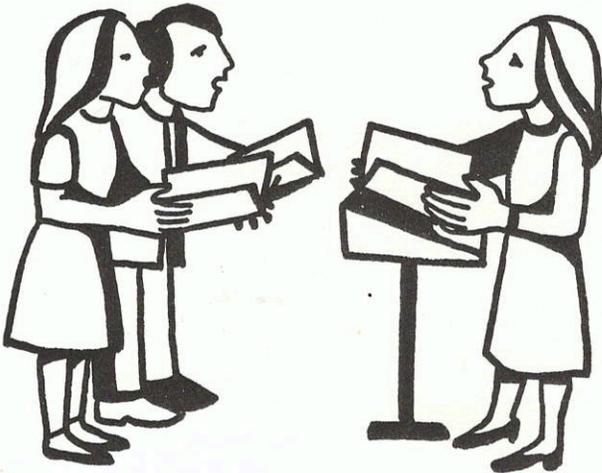
No eager team that needs a coach,
No bazaar and no bake sale.
There will be nothing to staple,
Not one thing to fold or mail.

Telephone lists will be outlawed
But a finger-snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners
And rare treats fit for a king.

You ask, "Who'll serve these privileged few
And work for all they're worth?"
Why all those who reaped the benefits
and NOT ONCE volunteered on earth.

Reprinted from Canadian Pensioners Concerned -
Ontario Division Magazine.

***** Contributed by Gladys Graham



ALL YE WHO MUSIC LOVE

The choir is looking for some additional members, especially in the men's parts. If you would like to become a part of this ministry, please speak to John Gower, Sandra Nemenyi, Kevin Docherty or any other member of the choir.

Practices are held Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m. It is not necessary to be able to read music, only to be enthusiastic and willing to learn!

-Sandra Nemenyi

One of 16 Ways to Kill an Organization:....

"Don't do anything more than you have to and when others willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help a cause, howl because the organization is being run by a clique."

('Borrowed' from the Howard-Emmanuel United Church Newsletter)

OVERHEARD IN AN ORCHARD

Said the Robin to the Sparrow:
"I should really like to know why these
anxious human beings rush about and worry
so?"

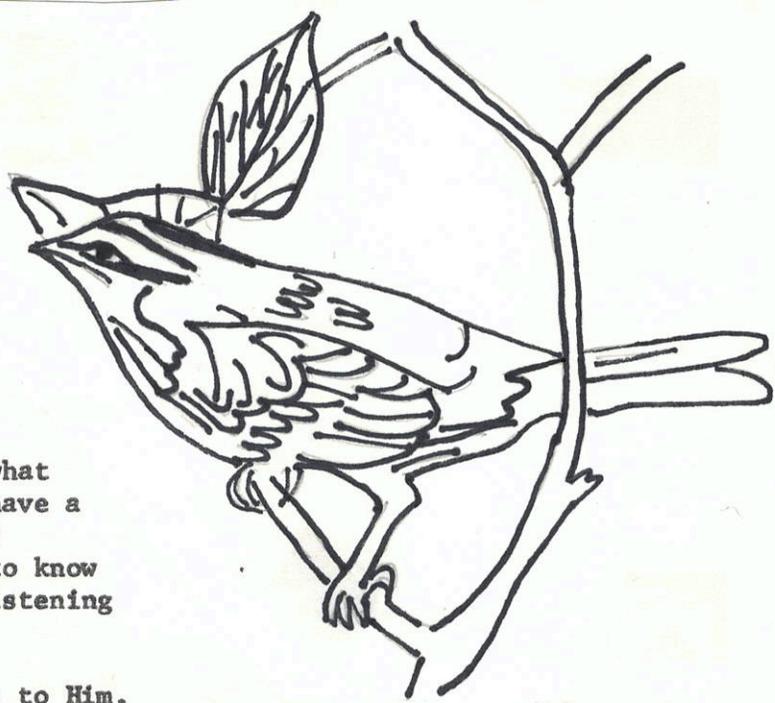
Said the Sparrow to the Robin: "Friend,
I think it must be that they have no heavenly
father such as He who cares for you and me."

If we had half the faith of the Sparrow, what
a worry free life we could enjoy! We know we have a
Heavenly Father, but do we really trust in Him?
Faith and Trust come from knowing, and we get to know
our Heavenly Father by talking (praying) and listening
to Him.

Like the Sparrow, we can entrust our lives to Him,
knowing He can do more with our lives than we can.

Have Faith in God, Make Him your Hope and stay
Have Faith in God, He hears us when we Pray
Have Faith in God, He cares.

Prayer Chain,
Lindell Mitchell



WILDLIFE FUND SEEKS HELP FROM RELIGIOUS
BELIEVERS

- from the Toronto Star

The World Wildlife Fund has called on religious
believers around the globe to take a more active part
in the battle to protect the environment.

"Conservation and religion have been apart for too
long. We rely on your help to forge a powerful new
network to reach new audiences with the conservation
message. Our aim is to promote care for nature, and
that is something religions have been thinking about
since their very beginnings."

The World Wildlife Fund credited its president, Prince
Philip, with the idea of appealing to religious faiths
to join ranks with conservationists. Prince Philip will chair a major conference on the
issue to be held in Italy in September. Representatives of five religions - Buddhism,
Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism - have already agreed
to take part.

If anyone is interested in joining the Canadian Wildlife
Federation, the address is 1673 Carling Avenue, Ottawa,
Ontario, K2A 3Z1. Members of the Canadian Wildlife Federation
receive six issues of International Wildlife. Annual
dues: \$19.50.





STOP 103

Ministering Among People

The following is a copy of a letter written by a young girl whose family has benefitted from the generous efforts of Stop 103. Thank you to everyone at St. John's who has contributed either money or food towards Stop 103's efforts. Please keep it up and know how much your thoughtfulness is appreciated!

"Dear Somebody:

You may not know it but me and my brother are having very bad problems at home. My mother can't afford food clothing a car. My dad left three years ago and ever since we have tried to stay alive. Have you ever run out of food we do all the time? Sometimes when we run out of food or clothes we go to stop 103 it helps a lot. I asked you how you would feel if you ran out of food one day. I think you would go to stop 103 too. They're great there. They give us enough food to last us for a few days. They're also trying to help my mother find a job. What if you were out of food and stop 103 had to close because they didn't have enough money to get food for people like us. You might get scared that you would have to live in a big room with a whole bunch of other poor people. I do.

The people at stop 103 said that you might help my mother and lots of other mothers too by giving a donasoin to stop 103. Will you please? "

Love,
Amy



LITURGY COMMITTEE

A series of Home Eucharists were held during the month of May. A small number of parishioners participated at each of them and everyone involved found the home settings both comfortable and moving. The socializing after the celebration of the Eucharist was enjoyable and enabled people to get to know each other a little better.

Due to the success of this venture, it is hoped that this tradition can be continued and that Home Eucharists can be celebrated from time to time throughout the parish.

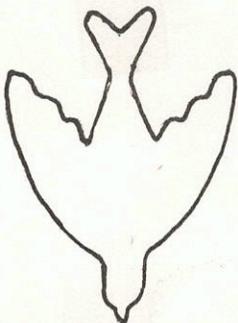
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A classical guitar concert was presented at St. John's as a fund-raising event by the Sunday School. The concert and reception afterwards were well-attended and helped raise \$68.00 for Sunday School supplies.

The 'Living the Good News' curriculum has proven to be very successful and will be continued next year. It is hoped that the Sunday School will be able to continue during the summer. With the nice weather, the children have been enjoying having their lessons out on the lawn. Numbers have almost doubled in the Sunday School this year and the needs are growing, so if anyone would be willing to lend a hand once in awhile, please let us know.

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard in helping us this year - especially Brother Brian!

- Sheila Crummeey



COME
HOLY SPIRIT

THINGS HAVE CHANGED ? !

I was recently given a copy of the item below, and thought you might find it amusing.

L.D.

I'm never lonely because I have four men in my life (don't tell!)
I get up in the morning with Charley Horse.
I spend all day with Arthur Ritis. I dine with Will Power.
I go to bed every night with Ben Gay.

Everything is farther away than it used to be.
It is twice as far to the corner and they've added a hill I noticed.
I have given up running for the bus, it leaves faster than it used to.
And it seems that they are making stairs steeper than in the old days.

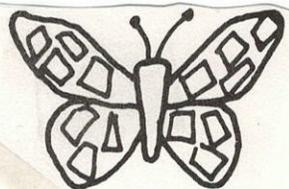
Have you noticed the smaller print they are using in the newspaper now?
And there is no sense asking people to read aloud, everyone speaks in such a low voice, I can hardly hear them.
It is almost impossible to reach my shoe laces.

Even people are changing.
They are much younger than they used to be when I was their age.
On the other hand, people my age are so much older than I am.
I ran into an old class mate the other day and she had aged so much I didn't even recognize her.

I got to thinking about the poor thing while I was combing my hair this morning and in doing so, I glanced in the mirror.

You know - they don't even make mirrors like they used to either!

Author Unknown



DAY BUS TRIP

WEDS. JUNE 18, 1986

8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

St. John's is sponsoring a day bus trip to Elgin House Resort, 2½ hours north of Toronto, on Lake Joseph in the heart of Muskoka.

There will be a punch reception, a sit-down luncheon and a stage production of Agatha Christie's "THE MOUSETRAP".

It sounds like a wonderful day - cost is \$30.00 per person. Anyone interested should see Gladys Graham.

Congratulations to the St. Anne's group of the A.C.W. who recently celebrated its 46th birthday! The group was originally known as the "1940's Club". Phyllis Thompson is the one remaining member of the original group.

NO EXCUSE SUNDAY

To make it possible for everyone to attend Church next Sunday, we are going to have a special "No Excuse Sunday." Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say "Sunday is my only day to sleep in." We will have steel helmets for those who say "The roof would cave in if I ever came to Church." Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold, and fans for those who say it is too hot. We will have hearing aids for those who say "The priest speaks too softly" and cotton for those who say he preaches too loudly. Score cards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present. Some relatives will be in attendance for those who like to go visiting on Sundays. There will be T.V. dinners for those who can't go to Church and cook dinner also. One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to see God in nature. Finally, the Sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the Church without them!

- Edward G. Boland

IMPORTANT DATES

Please mark the following important dates on your calendar!

Saturday, May 24, 1986 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
MAY MART AND BAKE SALE

Sunday, May 25, 1986 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
OPEN HOUSE - GORDON AND DAISY KING
Unit 1110 90 Ling Road Scarborough

Sunday, June 8, 1986 11:00 a.m. (No 10:30 a.m. service
at St. John's on this day)
CHILDREN'S SERVICE AND PARISH PICNIC
IN HIGH PARK

Take your own lunch - drinks provided
Games and prizes

Saturday June 28, 1986 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
STRAWBERRY TEA

Sponsored by St. Anne's Group of A.C.W.
Tickets available from Gladys Graham

COMMITTEES SUCCESSFUL

In the Spring of 1985, St. John's Parish went through an evaluation process and established 4 committees to work on the needs and concerns of our church - the Liturgy Committee, the Christian Education Committee, the Outreach Committee and the Fellowship Committee. Each group established goals and throughout the 1985/86 Church Calendar Year the committee members have been working hard towards achieving these goals.

The majority of the committee members have been pleased with the effort within their groups and feel that this has been a successful approach.

COMMITTEES SUCCESSFUL (CONT'D)

As our needs change, we hope to establish other smaller committees to deal with them, and at the present time, we see the desirability of establishing a Welcoming Committee to greet new members and keep in contact with them. Please keep this in mind as a possible ministry for you in the fall!

Lynne Davis

FROM THE PARISH REGISTRY

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome into the fellowship of St. John's:

Elizabeth Berg and family (Elizabeth is also a new member of St. John's choir)

Susan Tasich and Latoya Lynn

Stephanie and Jim McCullam and Kate

Elaine Caldwell

Craig and Linda Samuel and family

BAPTISMS

On April 6, 1986 - Letoya Lynn Tasich daughter of Susan Tasich

Upcoming

On June 1, 1986 - Amanda Weston, daughter of Susan Weston
Granddaughter of Cy and Nan Weston

On June 22, 1986 - Infant of Craig and Linda Samuel

DEATHS

We extend our sympathy to the families of:

Mrs. H. Dixon

Mr. Harry Steele

Contributed by St. John's Chancel Guild

CHANCEL DEPARTMENT

O God, who didst teach thy people of old to beautify and care for the holy place of thine abode; help us so to serve thee in thy sanctuaries here, that we may be numbered among those who worship before thy throne and see thy face hereafter; through the merits of Jesus Christ, thy son, our Lord. Amen

THE PRAYER OF THE CHALICE

Father, to Thee I raise my whole being,
a vessel emptied of self. Accept, Lord,
this my emptiness, and so fill me with
Thyself, Thy Light, Thy Love, Thy
Life, that these Thy precious Gifts
may radiate through me and over-
flow the chalice of my heart into
the hearts of all with whom I
come in contact this day
revealing unto them
the beauty of
Thy Joy
and
Wholeness
and
the
serenity
of Thy Peace
which nothing can destroy.

Teach us good Lord,
to serve Thee as thou deservest;
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek for rest;
to labour and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do thy will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty and eternal God,
enable us, through Worship
Learning and Service,
that, strengthened by the
Holy Spirit,
we may show forth your love
to others throughout the world.
Amen

All the way to heaven is heaven
for He has said, "I am the Way."



Many thanks to Millie Bateman, who contributed the following inspirational poem which she found in another publication. I am sure that anyone who has lost a loved one will be comforted by it.

L.D.

Do not stand at my grave and weep:
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight,
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.

In memoriam of Robert Lloyd Wyse
October 13, 1939 - April 3, 1985

THANK YOU !

As this is our last Newsletter until the Fall, I would like to thank everyone who has helped in its production this past year. Many of you have passed on ideas or articles or have contributed items of your own and these were all greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to Gordon King for his advice and support, to John Bateman, who proofreads, 'tidies up', and runs off the copies, and to Irene Munroe, Gladys Graham and Ida Brittain who faithfully put together, fold and address the Newsletter each time.

Best wishes to all our parishioners for a safe and enjoyable summer!

Lynne Davis

MEMORIALS OR THANK OFFERINGS

There are those of you who may wish to give a donation to the Church as a THANK OFFERING for a special blessing you have received in your life: Wedding Anniversary, Birthday, Birth of a Child, or as a MEMORIAL in memory of a loved one.

There are two ways of doing this:

- 1) by donating towards a permanent piece of church furniture
- 2) by donating towards the flowers in the sanctuary as a thank-offering or a memorial.

There are several permanent items needed at the moment:

Fair Linen Cloth for our new Altar
 Partial Communion Rail in our new Sanctuary setting
 Sanctuary Lamp or Candle

(The Paschal Candle we have is also available as a Thank-Offering or Memorial).

FLOWERS:

The flowers in the Sanctuary may be shared by more than one person. The cost of flowers, like everything else, is going up regularly and sharing dates is a way of overcoming this.

(It is the custom of the Anglican Church that flowers placed in the Sanctuary become the property of the Church and are given to the sick and shut-ins after Sunday services.)

If you wish to donate to any of the above, please fill in and return the form below.

NAME: (please print) _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

I wish to donate \$ _____ towards:

Fair Linen Cloth _____ Communion Rail _____ Sanctuary Lamp _____
 Paschal Candle _____

(A record will be kept in our Memorial Book of the above donations.)

I wish to donate towards sanctuary flowers _____

To be placed in the sanctuary on (date) _____

In Memory of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

TO KNEEL OR NOT TO KNEEL.....THAT IS THE QUESTION?

As Archbishop Garnsworthy says "WE LIVE IN A TIME OF PLURALITY AND DIVERSITY!

Conformity has never been enforced in the Anglican Communion.

We have always accepted that some of the congregation use the Sign of The Cross, and some don't; some make a slight bow or genuflect as they enter or leave a pew, some don't, etc. etc. etc.

This diversity has become more pronounced with the new Liturgical movement, and shows up in our services as to when to kneel and when to stand.

Our custom has been to kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer following the Benedictus: "Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord".

Our Theological Colleges and our "Liturgical Specialists" say we should remain standing, our Archbishop, and at all services at The Cathedral, ask us to kneel following the Benedictus.

The same problem arises with the Prayers of the People.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

DO WHAT YOU ARE COMFORTABLE WITH....

The only definite direction in the Book of Alternate Services is that we should **STAND** for the Peace (P.192), which makes me feel that we should kneel for the Confession and Absolution that precedes it.

We are working towards a short Communion Rail on the sides of our new Sanctuary. When we can afford this installation you will then have the option, (in fact it is already there and this will make it more convenient) to kneel or stand to receive the Eucharist.

(I sometimes wonder what directions the disciples had at the Last Supper TO SIT....STAND....OR KNEEL?)