

# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - WEST TORONTO

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## Rector's Message:

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Dear Friends of St. John's,

As Daisy and I move on in our ministry, I hope you will remember us in your prayers as we will uphold you in ours.

We leave with some excitement for two reasons:

First: What an opportunity God has given us: A multicultural parish, a new parish full of opportunities to serve Him and grow in His love again with another part of His family. I started my ministry in Toronto with a new parish in Scarborough thirty years ago, and now I will likely finish my active ministry in a new parish and see it develop. Praise the Lord!

Secondly: I am thrilled to know that Father Robert, Brother William and Brother Brian are going to follow me at St. John's.

I know that it is different for many of you to realize that a team of monks are going to minister to you in your parish. However, let me tell you, they have a different and wonderful style of "monkeying" around than I have ever known.

Father Robert brings with him a compassion for people and knowledge of scri-pture, church history and liturgy that few, if any, priests I know can match.

Brother William is skilled in many directions, as those of us who sat with him during our evaluation procedure know. He is in contact with the church throughout Canada and the world almost daily, and his ministry will, I know, strengthen St. John's.

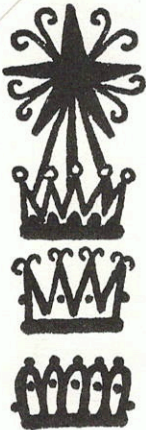
Brother Brian - what can I say? His ministry to our children, his singing and his practical spiritual witness we know and love.

What a power package - Bill, Bob and Brian (you remember B.B. Bats) - you have the B.B.B. Bats and they should hit many home runs.

God bless you all. I know that His love, joy and peace will continue to grow at St. John's, West Toronto, and in His world.

Yours in His service,

Gordon King



ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN - Diocese of Toronto

We are pleased to inform you that our commitment of \$70,000.00 has been given to the Diocesan Finance Committee as our share of the OUTREACH apportionment of the Diocese.

Other financial donations have been made to the Downtown Churchworkers' Association, The Church Army, five different homes for abused children and battered women, as well as many other projects.

At the present time, a survey is being undertaken to determine the present status of the A.C.W. in each parish in the Diocese; the results will be published soon.

All women are invited to the February Council Meeting to be held at St. Anne's Church on Saturday, February 21st.

Here at St. John's, the A.C.W. is busily planning its 1987 programme. We will keep you informed through this Newsletter and the Sunday bulletin.

The A.C.W. Executive

Dates for future A.C.W. events will be published soon.

NEWCOMERS

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

Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Richardson  
Mrs. Stoddart-Webster  
Mr. and Mrs. C. Wakelin  
Mr. and Mrs. S. Craine  
Mr. W. Maranis  
Mrs. S. Purdy  
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Knight  
Mr. and Mrs. F. Holmes  
Mrs. Eleanor McIsaac  
Miss Harla Monkhouse  
Mr. and Mrs. P. Judd



*Out of Egypt I have called my son*

Dear Parishioners,

Four years ago, Gordon and Daisy King were sent to St. John's to try and help the parish grow and flourish. What a job they have done!

Daisy has been an active choir member and great supporter of all church 'events'. Her talents and warmth will be missed by all.

Gordon has encouraged us to re-establish our priorities and accept changes - some of which were difficult at times. However, due to Gordon's strong convictions, hard work and 'people' skills, things have fallen into place. Gordon's 'charisma' and his ability to relate the gospel to our every day lives have won him a special place in our hearts.

We wish Gordon good health, and we wish both Gordon and Daisy good luck in their new ministry. Our thoughts and prayers will be with them as we seek to continue to grow and develop our fellowship under new leadership.

Gordon and Daisy - THANK YOU!

Lynne Davis

Baptism and Confirmation

On Sunday, December 28, 1986, St. John's was honoured to have the Most Reverend Lewis Garnsworthy officiate at the 10:30 a.m. service. During this service the baptism of Kevin David Stanley Ariss took place as well as the confirmation of: Kevis Ariss, Joyce Sauer and Tara Sue Gegax. Tara is the grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Swezey of this parish and was flown in from Switzerland for this special occasion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tuesday, January 13, 1987** Advisory Board Meeting to be held in Holy Cross Priory.

**ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING:** Sunday, February 8, 1987 in the church hall following the 10:30 a.m. service.

**Sunday, February 22, 1987** Induction of Rev. Robert Hagler as priest-in-charge, St. John's, West Toronto, 10:30 a.m.

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A QUAKER FARMER was milking his cow, when she suddenly kicked over the bucket of milk. She did this a second and third time, and the farmer said, "Thee knows I cannot curse thee and thee knows I will not strike thee. But what thee does not know is that I can sell thee to an Episcopalian!" - Newsletter of St. Martin's Church, Metarie, La.

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Following is a letter received from Mrs. Freda Le Gros regarding the baptism of her daughter Katherine at St. John's. A very welcome 'pat on the back', we're sure you'll agree!

Dear Rev. and Mrs. King,

I want to thank you both and the family of St. John's Church, for all the kindness shown to my family at Katherine's christening. I must say that I have attended many church services, but I have yet to have a congregation make a family of strangers feel so welcome.

The liberal message of all God's children being equal in His eyes no matter what, was truly manifested in the treatment we received at St. John's. Of course Father, the crowning seal of approval comes from my mother - getting older and set in her ways - decided that you and St. John's had much that you could show to her precious St. Bede's Church. She was very happy about the whole affair and carried her approval, verbally, to all and sundry at St. Bede's.

Thank you again - we will always remember you both and the St. John's family.

Yours truly,  
Freda Le Gros.



Dear Parishioners,

This will be my last issue as editor of the St. John's Newsletter. As my family and I will be moving some time in the New Year, and with Vestry coming up soon, this seems to be the most appropriate time for me to resign from this position.

I have enjoyed producing the newsletter over the past few years and wish to thank all those who have given their support, encouragement and advice.

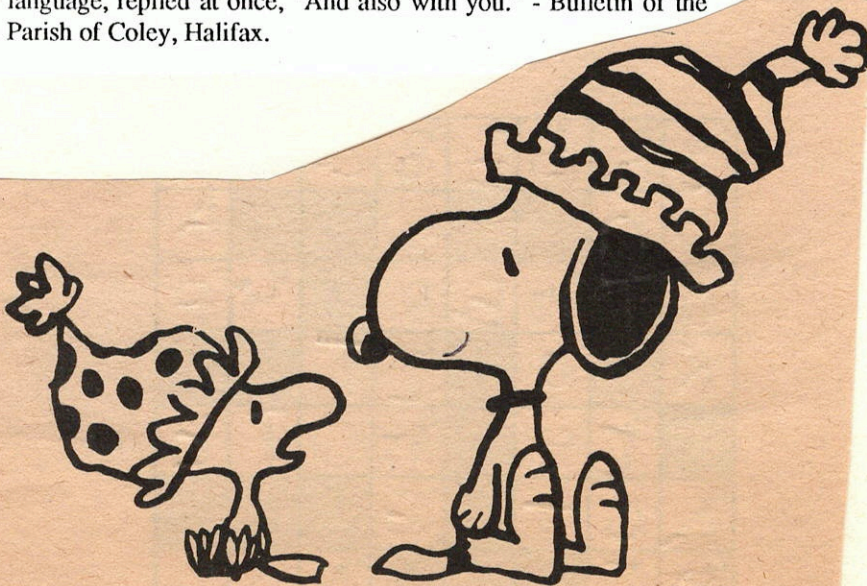
Special appreciation is due John Bateman, Gladys Graham, Irene Munroe and Ida Brittain whose help in getting the newsletter ready for distribution has been invaluable.

John Bateman will produce the newsletter on the computer in the future (God and the deanery willing, that is!). However, John will need help in gathering information. If anyone is willing to assume the position of editor, please contact John in the office (763-2392) as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Lynne Davis

COMMUNICATIONS: There is a story of a Diocesan Bishop (not of Wakefield) going to an unfamiliar church to celebrate the Eucharist. There was a microphone on the Altar, and, being uncertain whether it was switched on, he tapped it gently, apparently with no result. So, leaning very close to it, he said in a loud whisper which echoed around the church, "There is something wrong with this microphone." The well-trained and responsive congregation, very familiar with the latest in liturgical language, replied at once, "And also with you." - Bulletin of the Parish of Coley, Halifax.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**