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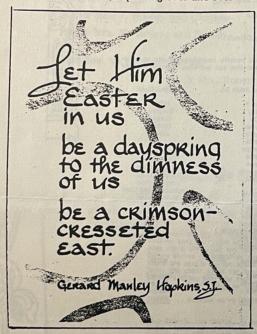
CHURCH

NEWSLETTER SPRING AND SUMMER 1987

Dear Friends,

Thankfulness is my theme for this spring and summer issue of our parish newsletter. It's a bright, sunny April morning as I write this and outside the open vestry window the children from the nursery are swinging, playing in the sandbox, and making as much noise as they can. What a lovely and beautiful neighbourhood we live in.

Reflecting on the abundance we enjoy, I'm reminded of the litany we used at the Sader on Maundy Thursday. Do you remember? It had a marvellous semitic, Old Testament tone and cadence, repeating over and over



Had he (God, the All-Including)—done just a little for us and not—so very much IT WOULD SUFFICE US.

Again and again as the litany proceeded, God's great acts of kindness and mercy to his people were recounted and his Name praised.

Try to apply this method of giving thanks in your own life. Think of the blessings (life, health, peace, freedom, sun, mocn, stars, food, friends, family, children, flowers, work, memories, fun, etc. etc. etc.) that literally have been piled upon us as we've made our journey through this life. As I do this, I find it very humbling, and I feel renewed in the awareness of the intimate and gracious embrace with which the Lord, our God, the Holy One, holds and sustains us.

All of this leads me to say, and I speak for William and Brian, that we are grateful to you for making the past few months and the beginning of our team ministry so enjoyable and productive a time. At various diocesan meetings and functions, my sisters and brothers in the ordained ministry ask the question, "How are things going at St. John's?"

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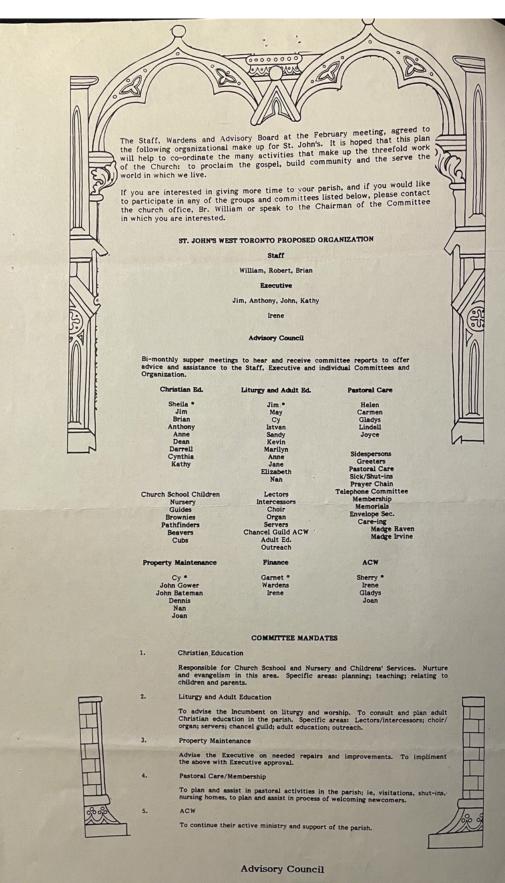
My reply is always the same: "Things are great! It's a marvellous parish. The people are wonderful!" Note the superlatives; because you are a superlative group of people. Have a wonderful spring and summer and come to church.

Sincerely Robert Hagler, OHC

KEEP IN TOUCH OVER THE SUMMER!

Mid Week Summer Home Eucharists Return Soon!

Fun and Fellowship runs 12 months a year at St. John's. With the summer activities soon upon us, more and more of us will be spending our weekends away from the city. The mid-week gatherings allow us to keep in touch with the community at St. John's. Each Wednesday Evening at 7:30 p.m. in July and August we will be having a get together at a different house in the parish. An informal service will be followed by simple refreshments and socializing. Friends and neighbours are also welcome. So instead of "See you in September", let's celebrate summer at St. John's!



Meets Tuesday, May 12 a cook-out at the Priory beginning at 7 p.m. with the Council Meeting in the North Room after.



WE WELCOME THOSE WHO ARE NEW TO OUR PARISH

Mr. Kevin Ariss
Ms Evelyn Butler
Mr. & Mrs. J. Hughes and Chelsea
Mr. & Mrs. M. Massey and Family

The Rev. Victoria Matthews

Mr. Kwasi Nkrumah
Mr. & Mrs. S. M. Porter
Miss Pauline Sipes
Mr. & Mrs. S.J. Steckley
and Alexandra

Miss Jane Walker

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Navaratnam and Family

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

Our appreciation is extended to all of you who brought in the Lenten self-denial boxes; the contents of which were given to the Outreach Fund of St. John's. As April was the

Controversies too we raise
When we sing our hymns of praise
Some adore the tried and true
Others thrive on something new
There are people in the crowd
Think the choir sings far too loud
Others sitting near the back
Say that volume's what we lack

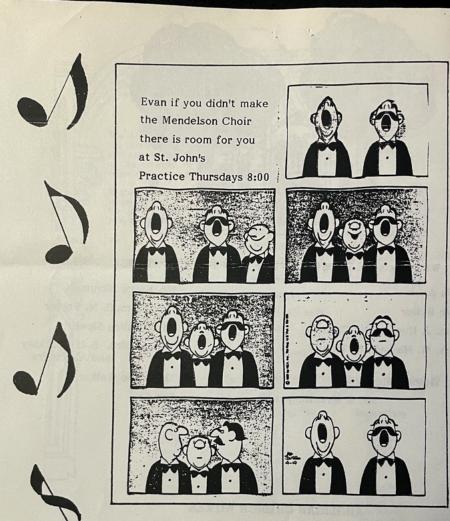
CHORUS .. Because we're Anglicans etc.,

High Church, Low Church, InEight, ten or seven fifteen
Some like the Service said
Some want it sung instead
Some kneel to Say their prayers
Some stand to offer theirs
We should live in harmony
For we are one family.

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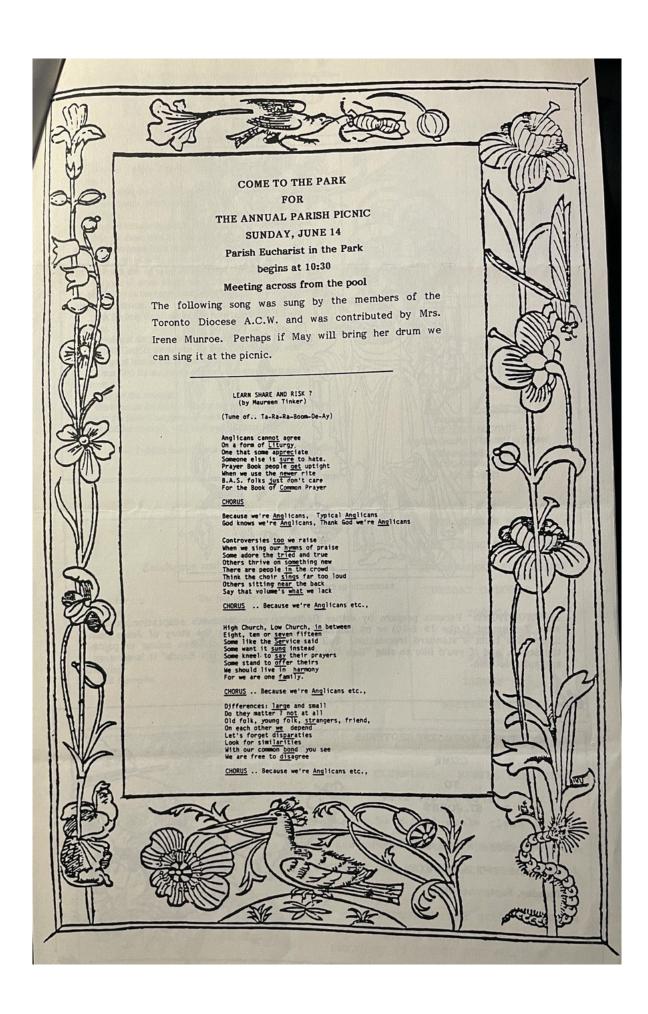
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Liturgy and Adult Education





LITTLE PEOPLE'S PAPER



ZACCHAEUS IN THE SYCAMORE TREE

INSTRUCTIONS: Parents prepare by either finding a good children's adaptation of the New Testament (Luke 19 1-10) or by familiarizing yourself with the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus from a standard translation. Tell the story, let the children colour or paint the scene, and if you'd like to sing "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" it is an easy and apt selection.



SCOUTING'S YOUNGEST BROTHERS

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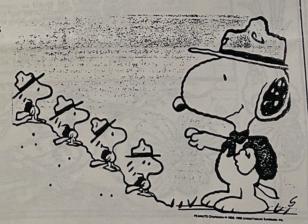
A Beaver Colony will start at St. John's

for boys 5 - 8 years of age

on Tuesday, September 8th

at 6:00

To register call Kathy Gower 769-8183



Prayers During Communion

Creative "people watching" at communion can become

Give thanks for families as you watch parents and children go up to communion, praying that the members may be knit together in affection.

Pray for those who parent alone and those who live alone.

Pray for those who have recently had a death in the family; it
is not easy to come back to church for a while.

Give thanks for the older people who find it quite an effort to get to church and up to communion, yet they are there.

Pray for all those whom you know to have great responsibility in the community or in business and thank God for their commitment.

Ask for help for all those who have personal or family

Rejoice at the young people who are present.

Thank God for those who are living routine lives with dignity, good humor and responsibility.

Bless God for the newly married, the new parents and newcomers.

Pray for the stranger.

Give thanks for those who, for the past number of years, have come to the Holy Communion here for pardon and renewal, for solace and for strength, with faith and thanksgiving.

- Taddled from Church of Our Savior, Charlottesville



Zacchaeus and Me

I climb the tree of shade, of shadow, Hiding, Seeing yet unseen, Unseeing until I perceive The face of the me
I'm meant to be
Mirrored in Your eyes.

And looking up, he said,
"Come down, for today
I must stay
in your house."

-Sr. John Eleanor





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SPRING CLEANING! SPRING CLEANING!

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There will be a full scale clean up of church and church grounds sponsored by the PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

ON

SATURDAY MAY 30th

EVERYONE IS NEEDED AND WELCOMED SO BRING YOUR DUSTCLOTH AND TROWEL. . . .

As we reflect on the Easter season at St. John's, we recall the success of the Lenten series as introduced by Ester De Waal and, on our ever growing congregation. We bid a warm welcome to our new family members and hope that they, in turn, will make others feel welcome.

The sense of community experienced at the Shrove Tuesday dinner, the Sadar dinner, the Church school video night (graciously hosted by the O.H.C.. Will the priory ever be the same again?), and the Easter egg hunt brings to mind the need to keep our Church community together as summer approaches. Our summer get togethers will be facilitated by the home Eucharist programme, you are encouraged to take part in any way that you are able.

We look forward to seeing children of all ages at the Church school picnic.

Respectfully submitted,
The Wardens



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