

ST. JOHN'S



CHURCH

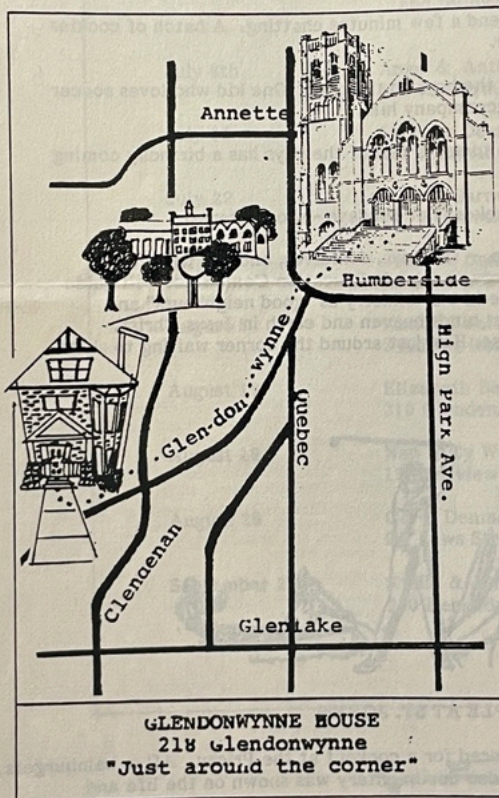
NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 1987

"Charity Begins At Home"

Reaching Out

The irritating thing about cliches and especially the one above is that, while they are worn ragged around the edges, they still convey what's true. Let's first take a look at Christian Charity, St. Paul says,



1 Corinthians 13. 4-7

Love is patient; love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful, nor conceited, nor rude; never selfish, not quick to take offence. Love keeps no score of wrongs; does not gloat over other men's sins, but delights in the truth. There is nothing love cannot face; there is no limit to its faith, its hope, and its endurance.

Then, for "home" let's take our neighbourhood. Near the corner of Glendonwynne and Clendenan is Glendonwynne House. This is a half way house for boys 16 and 17 years old who are serving sentences for criminal acts. In lieu of serving time in a detention centre, these boys have been selected to do their time in a more beneficial and constructive atmosphere.

The life the boys live at Glendonwynne House is based on a new concept in correctional methodology known as "open custody". "Open custody" is a two edged sword: "Custody" lets the boys know why they are there, while the "open" part invites them to experience and practice new ways of seeing themselves.

Candidates for the programme are carefully screened and only boys whom the courts and counsellors feel are capable of benefitting from this new approach are placed in the home. The programme is remedial, rather than punitive, and is conducted along lines combining models of behavioural modification, group therapy, and family counselling. The aim of the home is to work with the boys and their families toward achieving systemic change. Each facet of the boys' experiences at the house is used to present and employ workable and desirable alternatives to the options which brought them to the courts.

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An important element to the success of the programme at Glendonwynne House is for the Boys to experience living in a stable, middle economic neighbourhood. This is why the house is located in High Park rather than in the usual less stable neighbourhoods of downtown and Parkdale.

This is where St. John's enters the picture and where we are given the challenging opportunity of bringing new life to an old truth: "Charity begins at home".

At the most recent meeting of the Liturgy and Adult Education Committee Meeting, held at the Crummey's on Monday June 15, we heard a presentation from Morris Block, the Director and from Mary Brown, the Programme Coordinator, of Glendonwynne House. Morris began by referring to the informal ties that already exist. These involve initial support by Gordon King and Brother William for the house's location; the letter of support for the project from Sheila Crummey; the professional medical relationship that churchwarden Dr. Jim Crummey has had with the Boys; the gift of a pool table, arranged through friends of Sidesperson, Jane Walker; and the ongoing relationship with the Boys through our Outreach Chairperson, Elizabeth Berg. On Monday, June 22, the house was visited by William, Robert and Evelyn Butler.

WHAT CAN WE DO ?

Be a friend and neighbour. The Boys need odd jobs to fill their time. Use this as a premise to establish a friendly relationship, showing interest in the Boy as a responsible and useful person.

Take time to visit the house and spend a few minutes chatting. A batch of cookies or a cake would always be welcome.

Take time to go with one or two of the boys to the park. One kid who loves soccer can't go because there's no one to accompany him.

What about birthday presents. Call to see if one of the boys has a birthday coming up.

If they are around the church on weekdays or Sundays - show interest.

These are but a few of the ways we can help — the boys, ourselves, and the community in which we live. In the meantime the Liturgy and Adult Education Committee will guide us in ways that will help us be more creative in our ministry as "good neighbours" and lead us deeper into the holy communion that binds heaven and earth in Jesus Christ. Christ is present everywhere; and in this case, He's just around the corner waiting to show Himself in a simple neighbourly act.



YOUNG PEOPLE AT ST. JOHN'S

On June 7th some twenty young people gathered for a cookout at the Priory. After hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans and potatoe chips a video documentary was shown on the life and work of the Priory.

Future plans call for trips to Ontario Place, Waterland, a weekend camping trip, a possible trip to New York City, as well as a "Youth Sunday" at St. John's.

Contact persons for the group are:

Quita Webster
Kim Hoyland
William, O.H.C.

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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!

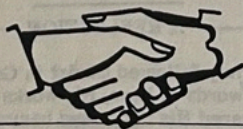


SUMMER HOME EUCHARISTS 1987

ALL WELCOME!

Wednesday Evenings at 7:30 p.m.
Informal Eucharist, followed by refreshments
and fellowship.

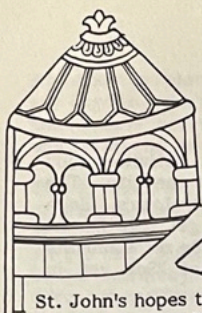
July 8th	Anne & Anthony Ruta 505 Windermere Ave	763-2876
July 15	Laura & Dean Samaras 154 Birchview Cres	763-5288
July 22	Joan & Garnet Devitt 197 Oakmount Road	766-3062
July 29	Jenny & Dennis Richardson 41 Gilmour Ave	766-4074
August 5	Kathy & John Gower 2 Althea Road	769-8183
August 12	Elizabeth Berg & Kye Tobin 310 Clendenan Ave	762-8888
August 19	Nan & Cy Weston 19 Hillsvie Ave	766-6663
August 26	Carol Denman & Tom Dunne 9A Laws Street	769-9011
September 2	Sheila & Jim Crummey 270 Kennedy Ave	762-3094



NEW TO OUR PARISH

J. David and Susan Reynasko-Nichol, Margaret (she's the one with all the questions!) and Heather.

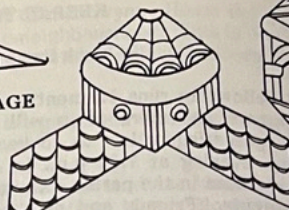
Charles Barnes
Robert Langevin
Mrs. Carolyn Kerr and Angela
Eleanore McIsaac
Stephen Allen Barnes



A PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Holy Land Tour

March 1988



St. John's hopes to sponsor a trip to the Holy Land in March of 1988. The tour will be planned by Ann Monro, Director of Monro Tours, who will be at the parish on the evening of Wednesday, September 23 to offer a presentation and to answer questions. The cost per person is \$1995.00 and is all inclusive except for gratuities. For each person going a donation of \$150.00 will be returned to the church. If you are interested or have a friend who is, please, let Robert know.

To whet your appetites, the itinerary is given below:

Day 01: Depart from Canada.

Day 02: Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport. Met and assistance and transferred to hotel in Jerusalem. Overnight: Jerusalem.

Day 03: Morning walking tour of the Old City of Jerusalem visiting the Dome of the Rock, the Western Wall, the Pool of Bethesda, Ecce Homo and the Chapel of the Flagellation. Continue via the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and then on to the Garden Tomb. In the afternoon, drive to Bethlehem to visit Rachel's Tomb, the church of the Nativity and Shepherds Field. Continue to Hebron to visit the Cave of Machpela containing two Tombs of Patriarchs. Overnight: Jerusalem.

Day 04: Drive via Mount Scopus to the Mount of Olives to visit the Chapel of the Ascension and the Church of Pater Noster. Continue to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of ALL Nations. In the afternoon visit Mount Zion, Dormition Abbey, the Room of the last Supper and King David's Tomb. Continue to Ein Karem to see the Church of St. John the Baptist. Overnight: Jerusalem.

Day 05: Leave Jerusalem and drive to Bethany to visit the House of Mary and Martha and the Tomb of Lazarus. Continue via the Good Samaritan Inn to Jericho to view Mt. Temptation and Elisha's Fountain. Drive to the Dead Sea and to the Caves of Qumran. Overnight: Jerusalem.

Day 06: Today is at your leisure, to rest or go shopping.

Day 07: Depart Jerusalem for the Galilee. Pass through the Jordan Valley and the Valley of Jezreel, arriving in Nazareth. Visit the Church of Annunciation, St. Joseph's Carpenter Shop and Mary's Well. Overnight: at Kibutz.

Day 08: Drive along the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum to visit the ruins of this ancient city. Continue to Tabgha, the site of the miracle of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish, and then on to Mt. of Beatitudes, scene of the Sermon on the Mount. In the afternoon visit the Jordan River and then drive to Mt. Tabor. Ascend Mt. Tabor and visit the Church of Transfiguration. Overnight: Tiberias.

Day 09: Drive to Acre to visit the Crusader strongholds and the Crypt of St. John. Proceed to Haifa for a visit of the city including the Persian Gardens, Stella Maris, Mt. Carmel and the Panorama Observation Point. Drive along the Coastal road to Caesarea to visit the Roman theatre and the Crusader Fortress. Proceed to Tel Aviv. Overnight: Tel Aviv.

Day 10: Tour Modern Tel Aviv and ancient Jaffa. Afternoon at Leisure.

Day 11: Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for Departure flight to Rome. Arrival in Rome and transfer to Hotel.

Day 12: After breakfast you will visit the Travi Fountain, visit the Trastevere Pansion, St. Peters Basilic, afternoon at leisure. Overnight in Rome.

Day 13: After breakfast, visit St. Peter in Vincoli. The Colosseum, Roman Forum, St. Paul outside the walls, afternoon at leisure. Overnight in Rome.

Day 14: At leisure.

Day 15: Transfer to the Airport for your flight home.

The following are the Hotels used:

HOLYLAND:	ROME
Telavin - Hotel Concord	Hotel Ariston
Jerusalem - Hotel Shalom	
Kibutz - Hotel Hagoshrim	
Tiberias - Hotel Jordan River	

A REFLECTION

"They followed Christ in Galilee
His words to hear, His works to see.
They shared His Cross and heavenly Bread,
They saw Him risen from the dead."

Vespers Hymn
Apostles

I can't count the number of times that while preaching and looking around at the faces in the congregation, I've been struck by the joyous news that "He walked this earth" For me and for you and for us together; "He walked this earth".

I'm looking forward to our parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land. There's something of an inexpressible joy in walking where He walked and seeing what he saw—Mt. Olivet, the Sea of Galilee, the Kidron Valley, the sun rising and setting over Jerusalem, and the muddy waters of Jordan across which Jesus, the new Joshua, led his people from bondage into freedom, from time into eternity.

BRICKS AND MORTAR



Property and Maintenance

Thank you, DENNIS. We are very grateful for the hours of work and thought given by parishioner, Dennis Richardson, in installing "EXIT" signs and emergency lighting in the parish buildings. By offering his talents and time Dennis has saved us a great deal of money in retrofitting the parish buildings to meet current fire safety standards.

PARISH WORK DAY

The parish work day was very successful. Many people turned out and the concluding pot-luck dinner made a fun ending to a full day.

IMPORTANT

It's damp downstairs. The Property and Maintenance Committee will be seriously strategizing on ways to solve the leakage in the Church basement and undercroft. Conditions are especially bad on the north end where, due to efflorescence are literally crumbling away. Whichever route we chose to follow (volunteers, professional, or a combination), we will need financial help to cover the cost. If things get too much worse, we may move the nursery to the old chancel. (Just kidding, but it might be fun!)



VARIETY OF PREACHERS AND CELEBRANTS

SINCE FEBRUARY

Guest preachers and/or celebrants at St. John's since February 1st have included; Archbishop Garnsworthy; Dr. Esther DeWaal; Fr. Clark Trafton, O.H.C. Superior; the Rev. Victoria Matthews; the Rev. Bill Crockett, Vancouver School of Theology; and Fr. Gordon King. Along with Robert, William and Brian variety at St. John's has not been lacking.

Our honorary assistant Vickie Matthews will preside at the Liturgy on June 28 and July 5 and 12. The Rev. Richard Johns, Director of Personnel Resources of the Anglican Church of Canada at Church House, will preside on July 19. Fr. W.R.D. Turkington, O.H.C. will preside on July 26.

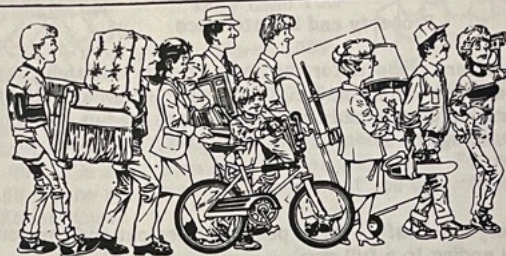


Baptism

On July 26, Father Turkington will have the pleasure and privilege of bringing Chelsea Hughes, the young daughter of John and Sandra Hughes into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Many of you met John and Sandra at the picnic. John's mother will be here from England for the baptism and we want to give her a warm reception on this very joyous day.

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

Dates to remember:



September 26, 1987 - Rummage Sale



November 21, 1987 - Holly Tea

A C W SUNDAY
November 22, 1987

The following is the text of a letter from Betty McKinn, President of ACW, to the Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto:

Anglican Church Women in the Diocese of Toronto are celebrating the 20th anniversary of their incorporation with a special service on the above date.

Archbishop Lewis Garnsworthy has given his blessing and it is hoped a Corporate Communion in each parish in the Diocese will acknowledge and give thanks for the work and continuing ministry of women in the church.

Diocesan ACW is preparing a Form of Service which will be helpful as you plan this day with your women.

We hope it will be a happy and spiritually rewarding event for all members of your parish.

It is hoped that representatives from the parish ACW and the Liturgy and Adult Education Committee can get together to plan an appropriate liturgy for this day.



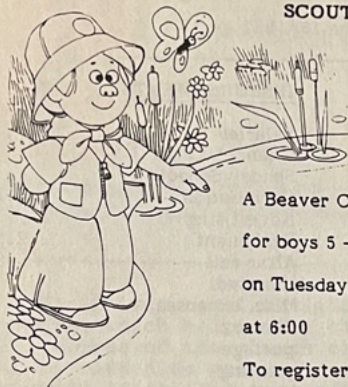
PRAYER CHAIN TO SPONSOR BIBLE STUDY

At the May meeting of the Prayer Chain, members voted to include a Bible Study in the monthly meetings. This new Bible Study will begin in September, with the day and time to be determined by convenience to the majority.

If you are interested, please contact us and let us know what day and time is best for you.

You do not have to be a member of the prayer chain to join the Bible Study, everyone is welcome.

L. Mitchell



SCOUTING'S YOUNGEST BROTHERS

COME
TO
ST. JOHN'S

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

The Scouting season has come to an end after another successful year (80 continuous years at St. John's) The highlights of the program were:

Investing of Robert as our Chaplin
Cuboree - 13 cubpacks enjoyed a day of field-day-carnival activities
Cub-Camp A week-end of special programs at the African Lion Safari
Beaverie An Area event with attractions of interest to the junior group.
A metre-square cake and helium balloons.
Venturers held a great dance that Brother William lost sleep over.

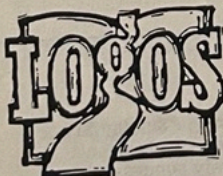
The over all growth of St. John's is evident in the Scouting Group. Although our Bagherra, Peter, Anne (a Brownie Leader) and Noah added to the Girl Guide population with the birth of their daughter Joy Kastanis. In turn Sharon and Kevin Barnes (Sharon is a Brownie Leader) added to Scouting with the birth of Stephen.

Besides learning about baby production, the Brownies had a well round year with emphasis on nature; a bird walk; nature crafts; badge work including a group project on the Jesters Badge; and a trip to the Art Gallery.

The Guides went on several outings and a camp. They had a group activity to earn their Basket Makers Badge. Two girls earned their All-round Cord.

The Pathfinders, though small, run a very active program. They visited the Planetarium and Pioneer Village. They participated in a home nursing course.

Guiding ended the season with a very successful, although WET Mother and Daughter Banquet. I understand that the Guiding Representative requested a meeting with the Chairman of the Property and Maintenance Committee.



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TOPIC:
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FAITH
ISSUES"

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CHANCEL GUILD
NEEDS MEMBERS
AND FLOWERS

Contact:

Joan
Devitt



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WEST TORONTO

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

January 1 - June 15, 1987

RECEIPTS

Church envelopes	\$25,490.32
Open collections	1,455.97
Easter	1,059.06
	28,005.35
ACW	1,300.00
Chancel	211.52
York Rectory Fund	1,666.68
Rentals	3,575.00
Interest-House Sales	5,942.00
Pennies	80.50
Outreach	797.81
Donations & Int.	650.03

Bal. on Hand
Jan 1/87 8,636.41

\$50,865.30

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$25,505.68
Chancel, Choir	
Sunday School,	
Christian Ed.	803.06
Advertising	576.28
Equipment	2,806.12
Altar rail	850.00
(donated)	
Misc. expenses,	
flowers	
postage	
printing	
stationary	2,386.98
Spiritual Program	564.80
Fuel	4,367.58
Utilities & Maint.	2,810.62
Assessment	5,304.00
Outreach	1,446.00
Stop 103	190.00

\$50,748.10

Bank Bal.
June 15, 1987 117.20

\$50,865.30

The above financial statement will give you a rough idea of where we are financially at this point. If there are any questions regarding amounts and categories, please, ask Irene Munro and she can give you specifics. At the present time we are holding a little over \$3,000.00 in invoices which will be paid from the June offerings and from reserves and interest. Summer always presents us with a "cash flow" problem and it is important that members take their parish pledges and givings as seriously in the summer as in the fall and winter.



A couple of years ago Garnet Devitt estimated that to meet our expenses we need to average \$1600.00 a Sunday in offerings and donations. That figure is still a good guide, though Sundays in the summer seldom come up to par.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It has been a most rewarding year for everyone who has been involved in the Sunday School. Our enrollment has grown steadily both in terms of children and teachers. A children's focus was added at the beginning of the service which has been extremely successful. With the arrival of summer our Sunday School program will continue, focussing mainly on music and crafts. A nursery will be provided which means we will continue to need volunteers! Please speak to Kathy Gower if you can help out.

Church school and nursery continue through summer.

Christian Education and Worship

The following are excerpts from the letter sent to parents of the children in our Church School and show the philosophy behind our teaching and its importance to our Parish life:

Our primary goal in Sunday School at St. John's is to create an atmosphere which helps each child to realize that they are an important member of the church community. To the extent that we succeed, we have also gone a long way in teaching the fundamentals of the Christian faith. The most effective way for Christians of all ages to appreciate the importance of a loving Christian community, the rhythms of the church year and the fundamentals of our faith, is to participate as fully as possible in the weekly liturgy of the church. Young children are especially open to the visual and musical elements of the liturgy. Our experience at St. John's during the past few years has taught us that even the pre-school child, while frequently appearing inattentive and distracted, absorbs a great deal that is meaningful to them during the service. As well, despite what almost all parents feel about how the behaviour of their own offspring must be distracting to others, the presence of the children in the service has added energy and richness to our services that most of our older members appreciate.

With this in mind, we encourage children to participate in the liturgy on a weekly basis by coming into the service during the offertory and remaining for the consecration and communion, so that all baptized Christians, regardless of age, can receive the spiritual nourishment of the Body and Blood of Christ. Children are welcome to receive Communion if they have been baptized and their parents wish them to participate in this manner.

Approximately once a month children are welcome to participate in the entire service and Sunday school classes are not offered on these Sundays. If parents feel that participation of their child upstairs is not warranted due to age or behaviour problems, a nursery is provided at all times.

We feel that by encouraging children to participate in the liturgy, they are more likely to grow in the Christian faith and become committed Christians in their adult life.

Our class divisions and teachers are as follows:

<u>AGE</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TEACHERS</u>
0-2 1/2 years.	Nursery	Kathy Gower (with help of of various volunteers who sign up in advance.)
2 1/2-5 years.		
5-7 years.		
7-and older		

Our Nursery stories and crafts. The Pre-school but the lesson usual the lection used ups retold using craft a

continuing through Sunday, October 18, our first lesson at an ongoing narrative from the books of Exodus, Deuteronomy relate the escape of the Hebrews from Egypt; their trials and patient presence of the Lord; and their entrance into

understanding of both Judaism and of Christianity. All four base their theological interpretation of redemption in Jesus the Church on the Exodus/Passover event. To use the words by Thomas Crammer as the basis for Anglican Eucharistic is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast."

The Primary lesson is geared to beginning attempts to familiarise the children with the different Bible. Again, the lesson usually focuses on the scriptures for that Sunday.

The Intermediate lesson is similar but more the children can generally read and write at this age.

All of the programmes attempt to create a warm atmosphere, in which the elements of our faith can be presented to the children at a level appropriate to their age.

\$25,505.68

As you can see, the Sunday School at St. John's is a co-operative effort. We need the support of the entire congregation and especially you parents. If you have any suggestions for improvement, please feel free to write them on the attached sheet and in addition feel free to speak to any of the teachers, or Brother Brian, our superintendent.



Have a wonderful summer & in your prayers remember:

Mrs. McGuire	Theresa Nichols
Mrs. Ruckelshay	Mrs. Buckle
Misty Woodcock	Robert Bitts
Ethel Perry	Bessie Jackson
Elvin Saunders	Ed. McMillan
Wilma Lane	Hert Hickson
Jack Brittain	Bill and Doris
	Switzler

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LITTLE PEOPLE'S PAPER



MOSES IN THE BULRUSHES
Exodus 2, 1-10

Instructions:

Parents prepare by finding a good children's adaptation of the Old Testament (call Jean Garnsworthy at the children's section ABC - 924-9292) and read Exodus 1 and 2. Tell the story and then colour or paint the picture. "Let My People Go" is a good song to accompany the exercise:

When Isreal was in Egypt's land,
Let my people go.
Oppressed so hard they could not stand,
Let my people go.

Go down Moses,
Way down to Egypt's land.
Tell Old Pharoah
Let my people go.

FOR GROWNUPS:

Beginning Sunday, July 5 and continuing through Sunday, October 18, our first lesson at the Sunday Eucharist will be an ongoing narrative from the books of Exodus, Deuteronomy and Numbers. These accounts relate the escape of the Hebrews from Egypt; their trials in the wilderness; the abiding and patient presence of the Lord; and their entrance into the promised land.

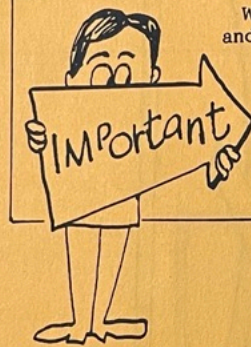
This material is basic to an understanding of both Judaism and of Christianity. All four evangelists, as well as St. Paul base their theological interpretation of redemption in Jesus Christ and the founding of the Church on the Exodus/Passover event. To use the words of St. Paul, selected and used by Thomas Crammer as the basis for Anglican Eucharistic thought:

"Christ our passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast."

Robert, William and Brian will attend the Annual Chapter Meeting of the Order at Holy Cross Monastery, West Park, New York from June 25 through July 4. During the Chapter a new Superior will be elected for the Order.

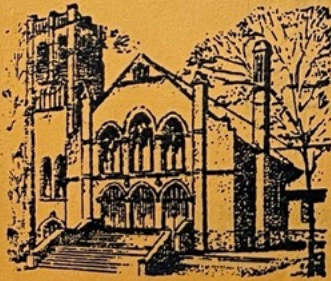
Robert and William will be on vacation during July camping in the Maritimes. Brian will visit his parents in Alberta from August 5th to 18th.

Sandi Nemenyi, our Choir Director, will be on vacation during August, Kevin Docherty will be away 3 weeks, June 29, July 5 and 11. Also, members of the choir will be away at various times.



While Robert and William are away questions and business should be referred to Brother Brian, or the Church Wardens
John Bateman will maintain regular hours in the Church office.

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