

ST. JOHN'S



CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER - 1989



THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY TRINITY

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made...

With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.

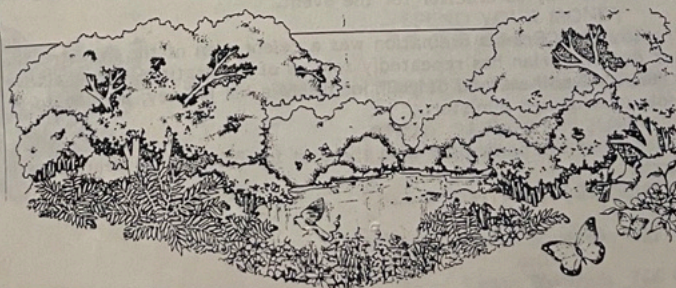
These words from the Confession of Nicea and Constantinople are foundational to orthodox Christianity and point to the uniqueness of the Christian faith amongst the religious traditions of the world. With rare exception, they are recited at every Sunday eucharist and major days of the Church calendar. What do they mean to us today? More and more, as we move into and make our home in the pluralistic world of the Canadian mosaic, the questions of uniqueness become as important as those of unity.

The doctrine of the Trinity has a vital significance for Christians today. The eternity of the Son and Spirit reminds us that there never was a time when God did not have another to love. There never is a time when God is alone.

Made in the image of God, we enter the eternal love at God's behest, through the invitation of creation, salvation and sanctification. For us that invitation is offered daily as we journey through life and as we make the offering of self through the risen and glorified humanity of Jesus. As the doxology of the second eucharistic prayer, based on the second century prayer of the early Christian community in Rome states:

All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and forever.

Fr. Robert Hagler, O.H.C.





## AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTRY AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday by Sunday, men, women, and children gather as a Community at St. John's to hear the Word, greet one another, share in the Eucharistic Meal, and to be sent out in ministry. The ministry of place: Day Care; Special Needs People; A.A.; Guides; Brownies; Cubs; as well as Runnymede Hospital, Glendonwynne House, and Care-Ring, are a part of our servant ministry beyond the congregation. Each individual member of the parish has his or her ministry in the home, the workplace, and in the larger community.

We proclaim the Evangel, the Good News, by what we do as well as by what we say. I believe that each of us in our ministries has many opportunities to bring others, individuals and families, into this congregation of the People of Good. People need to be personally invited to the Church Community with open arms and ministered to, even as we minister to one another.

This summer provides an excellent opportunity for Evangelism. If each individual or family would invite one outside person or family to a Wednesday Night home Eucharist, to the Parish Picnic, or to a Sunday Service, we would see a significant change in the life of the parish. Many people are looking for something meaningful in their lives, but often they are not sure what they're looking for or where to begin the process. It can begin by a simple invitation.

This is one way to build up the Body of Christ by our actions as well as words.

William, O.H.C.



BROTHER BRIAN IS ORDAINED



A wonderful event took place at St. George's-on-the-Hill on Tuesday evening, May 16. Brian Youngward was ordained priest in Christ's Holy Church. The ordination was attended by many St. John's parishioners and Stephen (Dennis) Mitchell led the way as crucifer for the event.

In many ways Brian's ordination was a celebration of the ministry that goes on in our parish. Brian has repeatedly told us of his gratitude for the love and support he received here and of your inclusion in his journey, helping to form him in the role of ordained minister.

On behalf of the parish, we wish the best for Brian in his years of service in the Church.





#### FAITH IN ACTION UPDATE

The Faith in Action financial thermometer in the narthex of the church is rising steadily toward our goal of \$55,800. At the time of writing, about 40 of the 100 active families in the parish have pledged over \$42,000 toward our dual goals of handicapped access and a day care centre. On their Faith in Action project, our parish children raised over \$325 for a wheel chair. They more than doubled their goal. If you have not already done so, please complete a pledge card (available in the narthex) and leave it in the offering plate. Let us match our children's faith in action.



#### WARDENS' REPORT

Since Vestry the highlights have been the kick off of the Faith-in-Action Program; the Testimonial Dinner and the actual start of construction of the Day Care and Handicapped Access, which are our Faith-in-Action projects.

As construction continues through the spring we will be working to coordinate the business of the Day Care and Church to assure a smooth evolvement.

We also watch with interest and enthusiasm the development of the Trust for Special Needs Families.

The roof repairs continue through their stages. The tower floor is next to be worked on, eavestroughs having been completed.

We congratulated Maggie, the Sunday School Teachers, Dennis and the children on their Faith-in-Action commitment to purchase a wheelchair through working for pledges.

Kathy Gower and Joan Devitt

YOU ARE INVITED!

COME ONE, COME ALL!  
HAVE SOME FUN!

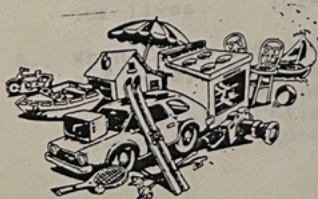
SPEND YOUR MONEY  
AT OUR GARAGE SALE!

WHERE: FRONT LAWN, HOLY CROSS PRIORY

WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 10  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

ALL DONATIONS WELCOME!

CONTACT: Karen Maskiew 531 7948  
or  
Lynda Woolrich 766 4959







### Daycare Dirt

The dirt on the daycare is the good honest dirt of construction in progress. As is obvious to all, construction has commenced and is proceeding smoothly toward a July completion. Sorry for all the inconvenience caused to our many basement users, but I'm sure it will be well worth it in the long run (actually, make that the short run).

The business of constructing the physical plant is not the only construction going on with the Daycare! We are busily underway hiring staff, organizing funding, setting budgets, screening applications, etc., etc., etc. Much remains to be done in a very short period of time. Fortunately we have a very able, independent group on the Daycare committee, and I'm sure everything will continue to fall into place on schedule.

This is a very special and exciting time at St. John's. At times I get the feeling that the whole congregation is having..... I hope its not too un-Anglican..... FUN!

Thanks for all your support. Let's keep it rolling.

Jim Crummey  
Chairman



we  
want  
you



URGENTLY NEEDED: YOUTH LEADERS

QUALIFICATIONS: enthusiasm

love of children

sense of humour



Girl Guides  
of Canada  
Guides  
du Canada

In September there will be several vacancies in the leadership of the Scouting and Guiding groups at St. John's. Help is needed with:

Peavers (boys 5-7)

Prownies (girls 6-8)

Cubs (boys 8-11)

Guides (girls 9-12)

If you can help with this worthwhile work, please call:

John and Kathy Cower - 769-3183

Nan Weston - 766-6663

Sharon Barnes - 767-0620





### Integration - What It Is!

After three years of appeals with our local school board Colin and Craig will be attending their neighborhood school in September 1989. This completes another part of the circle in which the family will be truly integrated into their community. We have won this victory with much determination, courage and support of friends and professionals who believed in the vision that "each child belongs".

The process of bringing all children, able and disabled, together to learn, love and grow, is called integration. Integration takes place in our schools, and in our community. It is not controversial. It is a reality. Integration becomes controversial when we try to make it what it is not. Integration does not mean all children learn the same thing at the same time, in the same way. It does not mean that ten year olds are grouped with six year olds. Integration is not an undue burden on the school, teacher or community.

Integration means we have models. Integration means learning from each other. It means having our academic, spiritual, physical and emotional needs met according to our level of achievement at the moment and our socialization needs met with our age group. Integration means we learn to rejoice in our uniqueness as we recognize the uniqueness of others. It means we value our ability and accept our limits, we value the ability of others and help them overcome their limitations. Integration is a joy for teachers, fellow students and community members.

Recently teachers and classmates at Colin and Craig's present school expressed their feelings to the new school in hope of helping them understand that each one belongs. Listen to their words:

1. They teach us to be understanding and loving, to take each one as an individual and to overlook what they can't do and focus on what they can do. They help us grow and we help them grow; a nice arrangement.
2. We think Craig is funny. He laughs a lot and loves the sunshine as well as piggy back rides. When he sits down we help him get up. We help him make the sign of the cross during prayers and open his hymn book during religion.
3. I have gained socially, spiritually and emotionally from Colin's presence. Colin is among the truly gifted because he retains the gifts of innocence, trust and pure happiness, which many of us perhaps have lost or are still searching.
4. I have learned that disabled children are the most loving, giving and beautiful people God ever created. I am grateful for this important lesson from our very "special" people.
5. The Gospel of Matthew tells us that Jesus is present where, "the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear". I believe Jesus is present in Colin and Craig and they make Jesus and integration present in our school and in our lives.
6. When Colin and Craig get upset and sad we can try to help and accept that is their right to be that way.

We will miss Colin and Craig for they have touched our lives and expanded our vision.

Anne Marie Mohler (Mom)



### ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

"Women in Step with Christ" was the theme of the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women held in Peterborough this year. The theme speaker was the Right Rev. Terence Finlay, Bishop of Toronto.

The annual report showed that we met our commitment of \$70,000 once again towards the Diocesan Outreach Program and made our annual donation to the Church Army. We are pleased to say that eight women have received grants from the Bursary Fund. Our Special Projects were: Wives of the Arthur Turner Training School (Diocese of The Arctic), the Angus Street Ministry and Street Outreach Services.

In answer to Special Appeals, financial assistance was given to:

Low Income Families Together  
Rosa Gabay for work in Jamaica  
National Native Convocation  
Camp Couchiching  
Muskrat Dam/Kingfisher Lake  
Transportation to Arthur Turner  
Training School (for Tony)  
Women 4 Change  
Interval House  
416 - Shopping Bag Ladies  
All Saints Women's Shelter

Income from Parish A.C.W.'s in 1988 totalled \$98,996.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

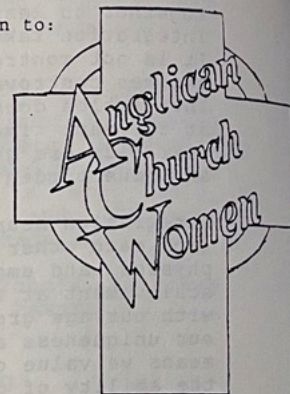
- Saturday, October 21, 1989 - Rummage and Bake Sale. Save your good used clothing and household articles for us!!
- Saturday, November 18, 1989 - Holly Tea and Bake Sale. The summer is a good time to start knitting and making craft items for our sale.

### CAPTAIN RAY TAYLOR

Our congratulations and best wishes go to Captain Ray Taylor on his retirement as Director of The Church Army in Canada. He and his wife, Dorothy, are former members of St. John's and you will find in the Church plaques placed in their honour when they commenced their life work in the home "mission field".

To quote from a recent letter: "Ray Taylor has served in the Church Army for 41 years and has been Director for 37 of these years. During his 41-year career, Ray has given dedicated and outstanding leadership and is today widely known and loved throughout the Anglican Church of Canada and beyond. Dorothy Taylor has worked with, and supported Ray, and together they have given unstintingly of themselves to God's work under the Church Army banner."

We wish them every blessing and good health in their retirement.





## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT



### Children's "Faith in Action" Wheelchair Project.

The children's Lenten project was a huge success. The goal was for the children to earn money by contracting for services with members of the parish, friends and neighbors, and with the money to purchase a wheelchair for the handicapped access project for the church. The children earned \$325.00, well over the \$200.00 required to purchase a used wheelchair. The additional money will be kept as "seed money" toward another project.

One of the highlights of the work project was when seven children spent the morning at the Priory polishing shoes and silver. Apparently there was no problem using the wrong polish on the wrong object!

### Holy Week and Easter Activities

The children fully participated in Holy Week activities. It is encouraging to hear how many of them have a very good understanding of the events of Holy Week and Easter, a reflection on their past participation in events such as the Seder on Maundy Thursday. On Good Friday a children's version of the Stations of the Cross provided them with a journey through all the week's activities, from Palm Sunday through Easter. On Easter Sunday, balloons and an Easter Egg Hunt were additions to their usual participation.

### Youth Group

The Youth Group is in its early stages of formation, having now met four times. It has been very successful in drawing out the young teenagers in the parish, as well as several from outside the parish. The focus of the group is on providing a setting for these kids to play and work together so that the sense of belonging to the parish, which St. John's has worked so hard to develop in the younger children, can be sustained into the teen years.

Adults who are interested in assisting with this group, by organizing and leading activities, providing transportation, or just joining in the fun, are invited to become involved. Contact Maggie at 466-9005, or discuss it with her at the coffee hour. We have a great group of kids already, and have great hopes for this group, and can use some adult help.

### Upcoming Events:

June 4 Sunday School Convocation at the 10:30 Service.

June 11 All Parish Picnic at High Park, 11:00AM, Picnic Area 14.







#### New to the Parish

Laura Wallace and Alexander  
Richard and Lynda Woolrich  
Brian and Penelope Yott

The sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered to,  
and we received into Christ's Holy Church:

Edward Vincent Walker,  
son of Bill Walker and Philipa McKen

and

Andrea Leigh Pember,  
daughter of Fredrick and Elizabeth Pember



On the 15th of April,  
the sacrament of holy Marriage was solemnized between:

Robert Weldon McColm and Dawn Michelle Hamilton

#### Funerals

Alberta Hannington - R.I.P. 7th April, 1989  
Herbert Wickenden - R.I.P. 19th April, 1989  
Robert Charles Clayton - R.I.P. 30th April, 1989

So may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth  
into your kingdom.



#### SUMMER HOME EUCHARISTS

Wednesdays - 7:30 P.M.



#### July

5	Dennis & Jennie Richardson	41 Gilmour Avenue	766-4074
12	Alan & Mabel-Anne Waters	426 Gladstone Avenue	537-5308
19	Bruce & Carol Alton	102 Durie Street	762-8664
26	Marilyn Shortt	380 Willard Avenue	769-8574

#### August

2	Cy & Nancy Weston	19 Hillsvie Avenue	766-6663
9	Garnet & Joan Devitt	197 Oakmount Road	766-3062
16	John & Kathy Gower	2 Althea Road	769-8183
23	John & Anne-Marie Mohler	318 Quebec Avenue	763-0870
30	Dean & Laura Samaras	37 Birchview Cres.	763-5288



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COME ONE - COME ALL!

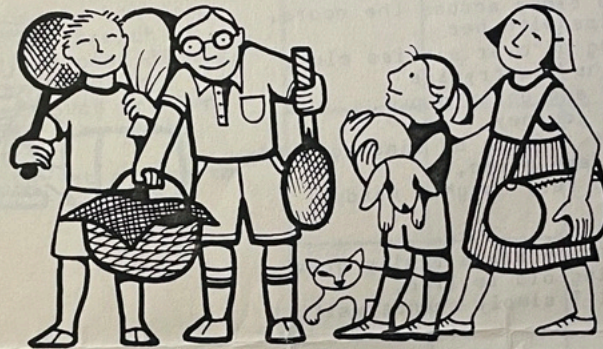
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PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY JUNE 11, 1989  
11 A.M.

HIGH PARK - SITE 14

Maps will be available in the  
Narthex the week before



P R A Y E R

Lord God,

Make me an instrument of Your Healing  
When I am weak and in pain help me to rest;  
When I am anxious, help me to wait;  
When I am fearful, help me to trust;  
When I am lonely, help me to love;  
When I place You apart from me;  
Help me to know You are near:

Healing God, grant me not so much to demand  
everything from myself as to let others help me;  
Nor to expect others to cure me as to do my  
own part toward getting better  
Grant me not so much to seek escape as to face  
myself and learn the depths of Your love

For it is in being uncertain and not in control,  
that we find true faith, in knowing the limits  
of mind and body that we find wholeness of Spirit,  
and in passing through death that we find life  
that lasts forever.





## MODERN GRANNIES

- Barbara Purcell

I have a little Granny,  
she's really very old,  
But also unconventional,  
in a most unusual mould.  
She doesn't wear her spectacles  
perched upon her nose,  
She wears contact lenses,  
and varnishes her toes.  
Unlike some other grannies,  
who are home before it's dark,  
She's dressed up in a track suit,  
jig jogging in the park.  
And when I wish she'd sometimes stay,  
and tuck me up in bed,  
She's off to study yoga,  
and standing on her head.

Some grannies sit in rocking chairs  
and crochet shawls, indoors,  
But by Granny jumps upon a horse  
and rides across the moors.  
She goes on day trips with her  
gang of over sixties club,  
They racket round the countryside  
and end up in a pub.  
And on the homeward journey,  
like a flock of singing birds,  
They harmonise old favourites,  
with very naughty words.

I love my little Granny,  
I think she's really great,  
If that's what growing old is like,  
well I simply cannot wait.



# Vacation Church School

For Ages 4 to 12 • July 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> • 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
at

**ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS ANGLICAN CHURCH**

151 GLENLAKE AVENUE AT INDIAN GROVE

One block north of the Keele Street Subway Station.

Sponsored by St. John's, West Toronto, and St. Martin-in-the-Fields.  
A Programme of the Toronto West Deanery.

**"Come to the Living Water"**

STORYTELLING \* GAMES

CRAFTS \* SINGING

INSTRUCTION BY BROTHER MICHAEL, O.H.C.

Bring brown bag lunch and a beverage.

Wear playclothes.

**SPACE IS LIMITED • REGISTER EARLY**



Five dollar registration fee (non-refundable) for each child.  
For more information, please telephone St. John's, West Toronto, at 763-2393





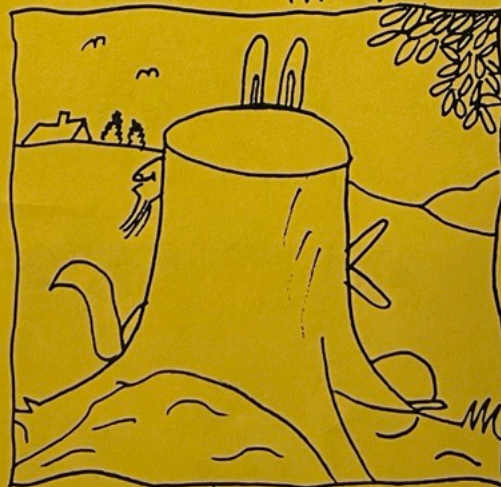
# KIDS' KORNER

## PICNIC FOR FIVE THOUSAND

Five thousand people had been listening to Jesus preach on a hillside. It was past dinner-time and they were hungry. With only five loaves and two fishes, Jesus fed the whole crowd. Change one letter at a time to change the word 'five' to 'feed'.



What do you see behind the tree stump?



ANSWERS  
1. RABBIT 2. GOAT 3. DUCK  
4. TURTLE 5. TREE

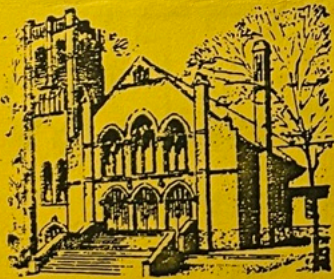




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