



ON EAGLE'S WINGS

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

SEPTEMBER 2009

GREETINGS,

All across the country in parishes and congregations the question is being asked, "Where is your church now and where do you want the Anglican Church of Canada to be in 2019?"

This church - wide process of discernment is an exercise which is intended to involve as many people as possible, who live out their faith in Jesus Christ, within the context of the experience of the Anglican Church of Canada. The question may, at first glance, appear to be extremely simple, yet once we begin to reflect on the question, its complexity becomes evident.

How the community of faith, known as the Anglican Church of Canada, moves into the future, is as complex a concept as the dioceses who form it, and as diverse as the congregations who form those dioceses. Contrasting patterns of worship and a multitude of responses to the mission and ministry of the Church at home and abroad, mirror the lives of the communities across Canada who gather week by week, to express their love for their Lord.

Pause for a moment to reflect on how the life of this parish has changed over the past decade. A number of us who call St. John's our spiritual home now, lived elsewhere ten years ago. There are individuals and families who committed themselves to the mission of the church in 1999 who have either died or moved away. Others have taken their place, bringing a different energy and a different focus to our shared ministry in 2009.

What will the church look like...what will our Parish Family look like...ten years from now?

I invite you to join me for a conversation on September 19th at the Church as we offer a response to this question from our Parish Family. The details for the gathering appear elsewhere in this edition of OEW. The information gathered that morning will be collated and sent along to the office of General Synod and added to the responses from across the country. That information

will become part of the conversation at General Synod in Halifax, Nova Scotia next spring.

I look forward to engaging in that conversation with you. If you are unable to be present for the gathering on September 19th, please offer your thoughtful response to the question by writing to me at the Parish Office or by e-mailing me at rector@stjohn316.com.

As our Parish Family continues to, "Step out in Faith", I remind you that we do not journey alone. In our worship, fellowship and response to the mission and ministry to which we have been called this year, we trust that we are being guided by the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit. I pray we will continue to be open to that guidance.

Faithfully yours,
The Reverend Canon Christopher B.J. Pratt
Rector

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"One day, a man went to visit a Church. He got there early, parked his car, and got out. Another car pulled up near by and the driver got out and said, "I Always Park There!!! You Took My Place!!!" The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's My Seat!!! You Took My Place!!!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing. After Sunday School, the visitor went into the Sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's Where I Always Sit!!! You Took My place!!!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said nothing. Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What

Happened To You?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I Took Your Place."

Change in any form is hard for us as individuals to accept. We become so accustomed to our routines, our particular pews, our favourite coffee shops, that when the slightest blip in our routines causes our norm to be different; our world seems turned upside down; we are lost and yes, we sometimes get down right testy. We lose sight of the real purpose; we lose sight of the people around us; we lose hope.

I attended a seminar recently at UW entitled "Who Moved My Cheese?" It dealt with adapting, and embracing change. Coming away from that seminar I sought to put to good use its' words of wisdom and to take my first real vacation in over thirty-two years. In early July, I was invited to spend a week with my very good friends at the family cottage. It was different for me to share living space with seven other people, but the whole week was a blessing and a gift from both my friends and God for I was "forced" to surrender my blackberry and enjoy the peace, quiet, and of course God's wonderful creation. Change was very good!

During the past six months, since my ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, my primary role here at St John's has been to visit with our seniors, the shut-ins and those in hospital. I have been reminded through my many visits how people deal or not deal with change. I witness first hand how health issues and family concerns are weighing heavily on people's lives. Some have faced moves in their places of residence; some have had to make some tough choices about their futures and some have struggled and persevered back from serious illness or injury. I have heard how they are worried not only for their church but the state of the entire Anglican Church.

All the while these dear folk with whom I have visited and shared communion have reminded me of something that never changes in life. No matter how life seems to be so uncertain, so bleak, our God has not forsaken creation. God is walking right beside each and every one of us each day, holding us up when we can't hold ourselves up, rejoicing with us in happy times and supporting and comforting us in the dark times and giving us the courage to change and move ahead into the unknown.

I don't know what the future has in store for us or me for that matter, but I do know that in order to grow and live change needs to happen and each one of us needs to be willing to listen and to trust the author of change, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As a Priest friend of mine is known to say at the end of his homilies "something to think about....in Jesus Name. Amen"

Rev'd Grace E. Schaefer
Deacon Assistant

Update: Stepping out in Faith at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Kitchener

Over the past two and half years, the people of St. John's gathered many times as a community to look and listen together for signs of God's presence in our midst and to see and hear what God would have us be and do. As a community, we heard God saying, "This is what I see for you, Church of St. John the Evangelist."

You are called to be a vibrant presence in downtown Kitchener where diverse people are welcomed into a loving community that worships God, is growing in faith, and serves others in the name of your Lord Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In May and June 2009, Parish Council took stock of where we are at in moving from vision to reality in the five growth areas the congregation identified. Then Parish Council set priorities for the coming year in each of these goal areas.

1. Growing in Faith and Worship . . .

Priority One: Offer small groups for faith and ministry development

- see the article on page 3 for small group opportunities that will be offered this fall



Priority Two: Variety in Worship

- we are beginning to explore how to respond to the needs for an evening service and what shape that might take

2. Growing in Hospitality . . .

Priority One: Neighbourhood Outreach

- we are looking at another neighbourhood mailout



Priority Two: Signage and interacting outside the walls

- sandwich boards are being created and used for special events
- we are looking at some other creative possibilities, e.g, places for people in the community to leave prayer requests

Priority Three: Including New People

- our next step is improving our use of nametags in worship services and other events.

3. Growing in Inclusive Community . . .

Priority One: Revision existing activities

- our hope is that every group in the congregation will look for ways to reach out to and include a diversity of people in



its activities, e.g., the lectors and intercessors are holding a gathering in November to introduce new people to this ministry

Priority Two: Communication

- the website is a current priority as are articles such as this one

Priority Three: Pastoral Care

- ensuring that all ages of people have access to pastoral care

4. Growing in Ministry with Children and Youth . . .

Priority One: Congregation “owning” this ministry

- Children and Youth Ministry Support Team is working on this

Priority Two: Interaction with other youth

- e.g., through participation in the U2Charist at the Cathedral in October

5. Growing in Using our Building to Express our Faith . . .

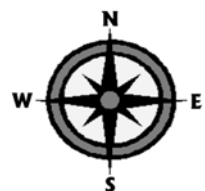
Priority One: Exploring Redevelopment Needs and Possibilities

- this in an ongoing conversation; one of our next steps is rescheduling a visit from our Suffragan Bishop to learn more from the experience of our Cathedral

Feedback? Questions? Want to become involved in one of the priority areas? Speak with a member of the Stepping out in Faith Implementation Team (Canon Christopher Pratt, Matt Kieswetter, or Marilyn Malton) or any member of Parish Council.

GROWING IN FAITH AND WORSHIP – FALL 2009

Small group gatherings for faith and ministry development were identified by our congregation as an important way for us to grow in faith at St. John’s. You are invited to join with others this fall to explore questions of faith and daily life. Choose a time and a topic that works for you!



Resuming in September: Journey in Faith (6 week sessions)

The St. John’s Journey in Faith group is for seekers, doubters, and seasoned Christians. We meet weekly to encourage each other to

grow in community, faith, and skills for ministry. The focus for these informal and lively gatherings this fall will be on Julian of Norwich, meditating on images, encouraging reflection, and more!

- Discussion group led by members of the clergy, staff, and congregation.

- Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 am at Lorraine Atkinson’s home (call 519-744-5495 for directions or more information).
- Fall session: September 16, 23 & 30 and October 7, 14 & 21.

In September: Vision 2019 (1 session)



This gathering creates an opportunity for members of our Parish Family to share in generating responses to the question being considered across Canada prior to next year’s meeting of General Synod, “Where is your church now and where do you want the Anglican Church of Canada to be in 2019?”

- Conversation led by Canon Christopher Pratt.
- Saturday morning from 10 am to noon at St. John’s.
- September 19.

Beginning In September: Confirmation Preparation (five weeks)



Confirmation is a time to stand and publically declare what your faith in Christ means to you. Over the course of five sessions, we will explore what the promises our parents and godparents’ made for us at our baptism mean to us today as we grow in Christ.

- Sessions led by The Rev’d Grace Schaefer.
- Saturday mornings.



Beginning in October: Living the Questions (6 weeks)

Living the Questions is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers and instead strives to

create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring what’s next for Christianity

- Small group discussion led by The Rev’d Paul Kett.
- Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm at St. John’s.
- October 13, 20 & 27, November 10, 17 & 24 and December 1.

In November: Gathering for Lectors and Intercessors (1 session)

Lunch, conversation and skill development for all current lectors and intercessors and those who are interested in getting involved in this ministry at St. John’s.

- Led by Canon Christopher Pratt and The Rev’d Paul Kett.
- Sunday afternoon from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at St. John’s.
- November 22.

Ongoing: Prayer Group

A time for quiet meditation and prayer with a focus on scripture (usually the gospel reading for the week). It includes prayer for our ministry and witness as people of God and for those who have requested prayers for healing and strength.

- Led by our parish nurse, Elsie Millerd.
- Tuesdays afternoons, 1 to 2 pm at St. John's in the north transept (St. Aidan's Chapel). Enter by the office door *before* 1 pm.

WARDENS' CORNER

Parish Council is working on a number of initiatives for the coming months. We are particularly pleased that Brian Smith has volunteered to undertake the role of webmaster for our parish website.

COFFEE HOUR

The Coffee Hour Team is in need of volunteers to host Coffee Hour once every few months. Please contact Anne Cloutier at (519) 743-9987 if you are able to help.

THE OAK FURNITURE

The stage is still full of the oak furniture that was moved there during our Stewardship clean-up. It includes pews, kneelers, screens and other lovely old woodwork that have for one reason or another, been removed over the past decades from our places of worship and have, in some cases, suffered water damage from leaks, and have accumulated a heavy coating of dust. The decision to move this material onto the stage was to (a) allow us to make an inventory of what we had, (b) assess it's condition, (c) remove it from places where it was liable to be damaged (d) begin to free-up spaces that were intended to be used for another purpose.

Al Coughlin and Alfred Durichen have made a detailed inventory of all this woodwork. If you'd like a copy just ask Doug Woodley for one. The plan now is to discuss with everyone interested the obvious question: "What shall we do with all this oak?" Would we ever again have use for these things? Should we keep all of it or some of it? If so, what should we keep and how do we determine that? If we do keep it, where is the appropriate place to do this? If we aren't going to keep it, where should it go? The answers to these questions are up to us. Currently, Doug Woodley is looking after this matter, but he could use (a) some advice and (b) some assistance. We can't leave the old oak where it is now for long. We have a cabaret planned for October 23 and the stage needs to be cleared for that. If you are interested in this project, please speak to either Doug Woodley or Al Coughlin.

REPORT TO PARISH CONCERNING PARISH FINANCES

At the August 10 meeting of the Parish Executive, it was decided that we should update the Congregation on the current state of the Parish finances.

To 31 July our weekly givings have totalled \$169,350, a decrease of \$5,625 from 2008. Total expenses have been \$231,864, an increase of almost \$15,000 from last year, of which the largest increase in spending is almost \$8,000 to maintain and operate our premises. Payment to date on our apportionment is the same as last year, at \$14,000.

The second quarter payment is not included in the above figures. It has now been paid and the third payment is due at the end of September.

Our current account Bank Loan was about \$45,000 at the end of August.

Due to the recently approved transfer of \$23,000 from the Capital Funds of the Parish to the Operating Account, we have not exceeded our line of credit limit. We must consider this as a short term solution however.

It should be apparent to all that we cannot continue to operate in this manner. The wardens are diligently searching for additional sources of income from renting out the Church facilities and are having some limited success in this regard as well as other initiatives. Expenses associated with all of our Parish programmes are also being carefully examined with a view to curtailing these.

Your Parish Executive will spend most of their next meeting exploring possible solutions to this challenge. Please pass on your ideas to any member of this group. If you have any questions concerning our financial situation, please feel to speak with me or phone me.

We urge your prayerful support.

Allan McKay, Treasurer

"Let the light shine forth in darkness ..." Illuminating our Upper Parish Hall for the 21st Century

By Pauline Finch



How many Anglicans does it take to change a lightbulb?

How about 36 lightbulbs?

How about 36 dim, dirty, energy-guzzling, incandescent lightbulbs, w-a-a-a-y high in the ceiling of the Upper Parish Hall?

Literally speaking, it took only two – one perched atop a three-storey scaffold and another safety-spotting from below. But a task that took little more than a day's work in the hall had many helping people behind it.

A major catalyst for the long-needed relighting of our hall was the move of the 50-piece Kitchener Musical Society Band to our facilities in late June. Although the existing lights were adequate to extend the natural illumination of long summer rehearsal evenings, musicians wondered if the hall would be bright enough for score-reading in fall and winter.

Parish Council quickly agreed that the band (whose members like everything else about their new quarters) had a very good point. Many other group activities, such as the Pudding Factory, would also benefit from a healthier level of light. They enlisted the help of Property Committee members Alfred Durichen and Ray Cloutier to research the cost of high-intensity fluorescent bulbs that would match the existing fixtures.

With quantity discounts, the total bill for 36 new bulbs came in at less than \$855. But the church's price break was even better when the Band executive made a much-appreciated donation toward half the cost.

The Band also contributed half the labour: Bruce Breen and Alan Sharlach (longtime brass players and active in many KMSB projects) assisted Alfred and Ray during the two work sessions it took to complete the massive bulb-switch. Special thanks also to our verger, Jose Parada, who helped dismantle the heavy scaffolding in addition to his regular duties.

What does this successful project mean for St. John's? First of all, we are using approximately 75% less energy to light the UPC (the old bulbs drew over 7200 watts; the new brighter ones draw under 1950 watts). This will make a noticeable impact on our next Huron Diocese evaluation for "green" initiatives.

Secondly, we have taken another major step toward making the UPC a more useful, cheerful and people-friendly place where a multitude of activities – both church and community – can take place without eyestrain.

And finally, we have completed an important facilities upgrade that was cost-effective and timely, due to the volunteer skills and co-operation of both church and non-church members.

So ... how many Anglicans does it take to change a lightbulb? In many and various ways, it took all of us *and* our musical friends in the community. What better way to say that St. John's is here to stay as a vibrant and "illuminated" place in the heart of downtown Kitchener?

NURSES NOTES

September provides a good time to begin new activities and pursue new interests. There are many opportunities available in our community to develop healthy living styles. I am outlining some of them here.

Fitness and leisure classes: The Kitchener recreation centres have a wide variety of activities to choose from including strength training, aqua fit, dance, art, basketball and zumba. Schedules for the fitness programs at Breithaupt Centre are available at the Health News bulletin board in the Upper Parish Hall. The full schedule of activities can be found in the Leisure guide online at www.kitchner.ca or at community centres. If you get involved in an activity, you are apt to meet up with some St. John's friends. You will find me at the Zumba class on Monday evenings at Breithaupt. It is a great way to get a workout while learning to dance to Latin American music.

Waterloo Region Self Help and Mood

Disorders Association: There are some new groups to note in this organization. The "**So, You Want to Stop Smoking Group?**" is starting in September and running every Tuesday from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. "**Excuses Be Gone**" is running every Monday from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm and is a group for those who wish to change their self-defeating thinking habits. If you're interested in learning more about recovery, join the **Basics of Recovery** group every other Wednesday in September from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm. Complete schedules of the self help activities are available on the Health News bulletin board.

Crisis and Trauma Resource Institute Inc.

has workshops planned for the fall regarding violence threat assessment, crisis response to violence, and self-injury in youth. Information about these workshops can be found on the Health News bulletin board in the upper parish hall.

Bridge over Troubled Waters: Coping with

Loss in our Lives: An eight week group for adults on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 – 9:00 pm, beginning October 6, 2009. For further details see the poster on the bulletin board in the parish hall or call Barbara guest at 519-886-9690 x 106.

Allies in Aging: A conference of the Alzheimer Society for professionals, family members and people with dementia is being held on Thursday, October 22 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. It promises a line up of very helpful sessions and is always a worthwhile day for anyone who is concerned about living with dementia. Brochures can be found on the Health News bulletin board in the Upper Parish Hall. Further information can be obtained from the Alzheimer Society at 519-742-1422.

Flu Prevention: Our health council is concerned that we do all we can to stay well during the H1N1 pandemic. We endorse the bishop's directions regarding safe practices during our services. We will also be providing a demonstration and activity regarding good hand washing practices at the coffee hour on Sunday, September 20th. I encourage you to participate in this activity.

Elsie Millerd – Parish Nurse

Upcoming Events

NEIGHBOURHOOD SUNDAY

Be sure and plan to attend coffee hour on Sunday September 20 in the Upper Parish Hall, following both the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services. We are holding our third annual Neighbourhood Sunday where members of our widely dispersed parish family, (as well as any Visitors), get the opportunity to talk with others who live in their geographic neighbourhood. Special goodies will be provided by the Membership/Newcomers Committee who host this event. So, memorize the first three digits of your postal code, come to church on Sunday September 20 and plan to participate in this very special coffee hour and time of fellowship.

Margaret Hendley
Chair, Membership/Newcomers Committee

FAMILY FISH FRY



Fish Fry, Wednesday, September 23, 5 to 7 pm. The fish will be prepared by the famed Howell's Fresh Fish. The rest of the meal will be prepared by our equally famous catering team. This will be a great fund raising and social event.

\$13 for a full dinner, including dessert and beverage; \$6 for a half dinner for ages 5 to 12; \$4 for a hot dog meal for ages 4 and under.

Tickets are available from members of the fish fry team: Andrew Beamish, John House, Maureen Lichti, Kerry Long, Frank Millerd, Doug Robertson, Gillian Westwood. All are welcome. Invite your relatives, neighbours, and friends. See Kerry Long for a block of tickets to sell.



The family of Dennis and Wilma Ewald invite you to an "open house" to honour the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. The celebration will be held on Sunday September 27th from 2:00-4:30 p.m. at The Church of St. John the Evangelist in the upper parish hall. All guests are asked to use the Duke Street entrance. Best wishes, cards and memories would be happily received.

LIVING THE QUESTIONS

Do you remember your confirmation classes? Is the information you learned (back) then still fresh and accessible? Have you continued to be involved in Christian education since Sunday School days?

Many of us might find it difficult to put into words what Christians believe in the early twenty-first century. Do the Scriptures and the Churches' creeds explain clearly what we believe? Where do we go for answers to life's questions?

People know that at its core, Christianity has something good to offer humanity. At the same time, many have a sense that they are alone in being a "thinking" Christian and that "salvaging" Christianity is a hopeless task. What is needed is a safe environment where people have permission to ask the questions they've always wanted to ask but have been afraid to voice for fear of being thought a heretic.

Living the Questions is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers and instead strives to create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity. It is a 21-session programme which uses video segments, printed resources, and small-group and plenary discussions to examine Christianity today. Twenty-one sessions may seem like a big commitment, but, divided into three 7-evening segments, it's perhaps more for an hour manageable.

The Reverend Paul Kett will facilitate this exciting and engaging programme through the fall of 2009 and into the winter of 2010. We will meet each week, beginning Tuesday evening October 13, and continuing for seven weeks, possibly taking a week off during Pudding Week. The group will be able to help negotiate the second and third segments of the programme. We will meet at 7 pm for an informal social time with light (healthy) refreshments. The actual programme will begin at 7:30 pm and conclude promptly at 8:30 pm each evening. There is no fee. Living the Questions is a source of curriculum and media for both seekers and "church alumni/ae" convinced that Christianity still has relevance in the 21st Century. Providing a variety of flexible resources, Living the Questions can help people explore the future of Christianity and what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world. Please consider this your personal invitation to take part.

For more information please speak to Paul, or email him at exuxrev@rogers.com.



Opportunities to grow in faith and worship at the Renison Institute of Ministry

All the events will be held at Renison University College, 240 Westmount Rd. N. in Waterloo from 10 am to 3 pm. For more information or to register contact Marilyn Malton at 519.884.4404 x 28628 or renrim@renison.uwaterloo.ca or check the webpage at www.renison.uwaterloo.ca/institute-ministry

OLD TESTAMENT (6 weeks)—26 Sept, 24 Oct, 21 Nov 2009 and 23 Jan, 27 Feb, 27 Mar 2010; Overview of the major themes of the Hebrew Scriptures and their value in Christianity; Led by Canon Bob Schroeder and The Rev'd Victor Krueger-Kishak.

ANGLICAN CHURCH HISTORY (6 weeks) —3, 17 & 31 Oct; 14 & 28 Nov; 12 Dec 2009; Will include participation in several historic Eucharists to illustrate the development of Anglicanism; Led by The Rev'd Dr. Terry deForest.

ENGAGING WITH SCRIPTURE (3 weeks)—17 Oct, 14 & 28 Nov 2009; Key concepts of the Bible for all ages; Led by The Rev'd Victor Krueger-Kishak.

FAITH AND DAILY LIFE (2 one-day sessions) — Scripture reflection and time for meditation; Led by The Rev'd Glenda Meakin.; **Balance** – 19 September;

Economics – 12 December

BAPTISM PREPARATION WORKSHOP—3 Oct 2009; Resources for preparing families of infants and children for baptism; Led by Members of the Huron Catechumenate Network.

WORSHIP WORKSHOPS—Engaging Liturgy—21 November 2009; What is the role of the “people in the pews” during worship? Led by Professor Ken Hull; **Liturgy and Sacred Space**—5 Dec 2009; What are the interactions between the shape and furnishings of our worship spaces and how we understand worship? Led by The Very Rev'd Peter Wall.

CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP—24 Oct 2009; Create engaging and informative newsletters, websites and more for your congregation; Led by The Rev'd Sue Malpus

OMAS SISKONA NEWS:

Last May we enjoyed a successful evening when many grandmothers and friends attended the final dress rehearsal of *The Wedding Singer* performed by the University Theatrical Players. We were able to send our share of the proceeds to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

After a quiet summer, our **first fall meeting** will be held at Christ Lutheran Church on the corner of Lexington and Davenport in Waterloo, on **Sept. 23** from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. We have a number of members from various churches and would enjoy seeing grandmothers and want-to-be's from St. Johns with us.

One of our Omas Siskona members will be the speaker at the **ACW meeting in October** so that we can all hear about our group, one of over 240 across Canada, and learn the purpose of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign and the Stephen Lewis Foundation. That will be a date to highlight on your calendar. Another important date is our 2nd **Words for Africa Scrabble Event on Sunday November 15** from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Parkminster United Church on Erb St.

We are aiming to exceed the great success of last year when we raised over \$15,000! Many who attended that first Scrabble event asked us to have a repeat so they could again not only have an enjoyable time but also be part of its great success. To learn more, ask me (Thea Parker) or request pledge forms from Penny Cressman (phone: 519 744 2984 or email: pccressman@sympatico.ca.).

Thea Parker

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S

Marlin's Music Calendar

- Sat. 12 Sept., 8 P.M.; Barry Snyder - Piano Recital
- Sun. 4 Oct., 4 P.M.; Bach Cantata
- Sat. 17 Oct., 7:30 P.M.; Waterloo Chamber Players
- Sun. 18 Oct., 2:30 P.M.; Gerry & Carol King Concert
- Fri. 23 Oct, 8:00 P.M; Stealing Dan Cabaret
- Sat 14 Nov., 8 P.M.; DaCapo Choir Concert
- Sun. 15 Nov., 3 P.M.; DaCapo Choir Concert
- Sun. 15 Nov. 7:00 P.M. Inshallah Choir (PWRDF 50th)
- Sun. 22 Nov., 4 P.M.; Bach Cantata
- Sat. 28 Nov., 8 P.M.; University of Waterloo Choir Concert
- Sun. 29 Nov., 3 P.M. University of Waterloo Chamber Choir
- Sat. 12 Dec., 8 P.M.; Renaissance Singers
- Sun. 20 Dec., 7 P.M. Lessons and Carols Service

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNITY WATERLOO CHAMBER PLAYERS

Benefit for St. John's Kitchen
Saturday October 17, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Church of St. John the Evangelist,
23 Water St. North, Kitchener
Tickets: \$15 adult, \$10 students and seniors
free for St. John's Kitchen patrons

The Waterloo Chamber Players is a small orchestra composed of skilled amateur and semi-professional musicians who have been playing and performing together since 1994. We are a self-run group, collectively making decisions and sharing organizational responsibilities. Members volunteer their time and talents as musicians and in administrative tasks.

Working together to "play good music well" (as one of our founding members expressed it) sharing responsibility for keeping the group going, being together for many seasons of each others' lives, has created strong bonds in the group that persist even as people come and go. We are more than an orchestra, we are a community of friends.

Until last year, our primary funding source was the income generated by accompanying local choirs for concerts and church services. With general cuts to funding for the arts, especially in difficult economic times, those sources of income no longer exist. Since we very much want the Waterloo Chamber Players to continue, a creative response is necessary. And so we are reaching out into the larger community as both givers and receivers.

Several members of the Waterloo Chamber Players volunteer at St. John's Kitchen. Just as the Waterloo Chamber Players is more than an orchestra, we see St. John's Kitchen as more than a place to get a free lunch. It is a place where everyone is valued and can have input, where everyone can be productive, whether or not they are in the workforce or have a home.

On Saturday, October 17, 2009, the Waterloo Chamber Players will perform a concert at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Kitchener. Proceeds from this fundraising concert are to be shared between the Waterloo Chamber Players and St. John's Kitchen. Tickets will be sold to the general public, but people who go through the lunch line at St. John's Kitchen will be offered concert vouchers and invited to attend as our guests.

We will rehearse and perform this concert without a conductor. Plans for the program so far include concertos by Bach and Mozart featuring members of the group. We will also draw from some of our favourite repertoire, choosing pieces that can be enjoyed by newcomers and seasoned concertgoers alike. Audience members can expect to hear some familiar tunes that will keep them humming once the concert is over.

Times of economic hardship evoke divergent responses: they can lead to despair, isolation and giving up, or they can inspire creativity, reaching out, and working together. The second is a counter to the first, for it is by connecting with others that we end isolation, and it is by working for the common good that we push back despair. St. John's Kitchen is an example of people joining together to meet basic human needs for food and connection; it is a light in the darkness. The Waterloo Chamber Players are choosing to offer what we do best and love to do most not only to benefit ourselves but in service to the larger community of which we are part

For more information you may call 519-885-5697 or 519-746-1374 or email WCP@rogers.com or afeuerwerker@hotmail.com
Waterloochamberplayers.com

STEALING DAN CABARET

This coming October 23, the popular group "Stealing Dan" is coming to our Upper Parish Hall to play in a cabaret style concert. This event is being organized as a fund raiser for our church, and is sure to be an evening of great entertainment. We'll be selling tickets for this by the end of the month, and you will be hearing more about it through various announcements and the media.

COME AND CELEBRATE

I'm always amazed at the majesty and glory of our God. You would think that I should have come to expect this majesty and glory but it still overwhelms me. Perhaps it is because of the exceptional beauty of God's creation and recreation; and, so it is when I look at the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

To think that God created something so magnificent from such a tragedy: death and grief and mourning; as was the situation in Springhill, in 1958 when the community and individuals faced the mining disaster. God took the hardship, sadness and grief of individuals and the whole community and turned it into something beautiful for those who suffered and for those who wanted to give.

Now, 50 years later, God's creation has recreated itself in many countries as well as our own. The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is loving God and loving our neighbours in: Asia-Pacific, Africa, Latin America-Caribbean as well as Canada.

Please come and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund on Sunday November 15, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., here at St. John's. The service is being offered by "Inshallah", the community choir from the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. Following the service there will be a reception in the Upper Parish Hall. Canon Greg Smith from PWRDF will be here to talk, and answer questions you have, about the work of the Fund.

If you would like to offer financial support to the PWRDF, coin boxes will be available on Sunday September 20, 2009, a free will offering will be accepted at the service on November 15th and a double music CD called "ONE VOICE", produced for the PWRDF, will be available for sale in September, at a cost of \$20.00.

Please feel free to invite your family, neighbours and friends to the service on Sunday November 15th, at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Dianne Gilchrist



A.C.W. CORNER

MILK BAGS

We were recently notified that the Canadian Food For Children has decided that the mats to be shipped for ground beds, will be cancelled. There are concerns about livestock and small babies eating the plastic. It is also flammable. We can perhaps help with their future needs. Thank you for your enthusiastic contributions of bags! I was told it would have taken 500 bags to make one adult mat.
Stephanie Airey.

ACW OUTREACH

Kenneth Nandala is a young Christian man who daily assisted Judy Shantz during her stay in Uganda in 2008. Financial help is needed to provide the education that this hard-working young man needs for a diploma in Public Health.

At the June meeting of St. John's ACW we were able to provide support towards Kenneth's first term fees. Following is an email that I received from him on behalf of the ACW. Judy is examining various avenues to further support his 2 year education. At least \$1500US is still required. If you are able to help please make cheques payable to St. John's ACW.

Dear Mrs. Jennifer,

My Name is Kenneth Nandala. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you and the Anglican Church Women of St. Johns church for the effort you have put towards making contributions for my school tuition. May the good LORD reward you abundantly.

I am starting my study in Public Health this August 2009 which is going to take a duration of 2 years and there after I will graduate in 2011 as a Health Inspector and in other related careers in the health field.

Thank you again for your continued support, please also be in prayer with me as I take on this course. I will keep in contact and I will be updating you how I will be doing in school.

*Sincerely,
Kenneth Nandala*

OUTREACH

Just to remind everyone that the A.C.W. will continue to collect foreign stamps for the Leprosy Mission. We are also still collecting **ZEHRS** tapes, These will be sent to Freeport Hospital. We have put another box on the shelf in the cloakroom next to the stamp box. You will also find a box labeled **GLASSES**. If you have any old prescription glasses you no longer need, we will collect them and they will be sent to help people in Third World countries. Thank You
Enid Emery.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

- October 11, 2009

The Altar Guild requests donations of fresh fruits and vegetables to be used in decorating the church. Please bring any produce that you wish to donate to the church by 9:30 a.m. Saturday October 10, 2009 - OR - you may make a cash donation to help us defray the cost of purchasing the produce needed. Envelopes for this purpose are available on the table in the Narthex. The deadline for cash donations is Sunday October 4, 2009

Susan Rollo

KNIT A SQUARE

And make an AIDS orphan warm

It's wonderful all the good things you can find on the internet! For all the bad things on the internet, it's just as much a communication device for the good that is happening in the world.

One such piece of good news is "Knit-a-Square" and the "Soweto Comfort Club". I found out about these organizations through an e-newsletter I receive from a yarn company. When I linked to the Knit-a-Square website I was absolutely amazed at the great work a few good people are doing to help abandoned children in South Africa. In the past 6 months, since I first read about this group, God has really grown their outreach.

Knit-a-Square was started by Sandy Zanny, who lives in Australia, but is originally from Zimbabwe, and her Aunt Ronda, who lives in Soweto, South Africa. Ronda's church set-up a group called the "Soweto Comfort Club" to help church communities in Soweto to serve abandoned children and AIDS orphans both affected by and infected with HIV AIDS.

Their initial (and ongoing) request was for donations of 8" knitted or crocheted squares made from wool yarn. The people of the Soweto Comfort Club sew these squares into warm blankets for the children, most of who live in huts, abandoned buildings or out in the open. It's important that the squares are made of wool, because it is warmer than synthetic and since most of the children sleep beside open fires, wool is flame resistant.

Since I've learned about this organization and read their e-newsletters, I've seen their work grow from providing knitted and crocheted blankets to include hats, simple clothing, and clothing and small blankets for premature babies. The latest e-newsletter talks about the needs of "The Jabulani Khakibos Kids" who are teenage boys, and about children living on their own in the woods who are afraid that the police will catch them and take them to an orphanage.

One of the greatest things is that people in Canada, US, UK, Australia and other countries are knitting and crocheting squares, clothes, things for premature babies and these gifts are arriving by the

hundreds. But the need is great! There are actually millions of children in South Africa in need.

If you would like to contribute squares or any of the simple garments, there are free patterns available on their website at www.knit-a-square.com If you aren't able to make squares but have oddments of wool, worsted weight yarn or baby yarn that you no longer need, I would be pleased to take it of your hands and do the knitting. For more information please contact Dianne Gilchrist at dgilchri@execulink.com or by phone at 519-579-3589.

ST. JOHNS' FAMILIES

Where are they now and what are they doing?

THE DULOVA FAMILY

The Dulova family arrived in Kitchener in September 2000 - Dragoslav and Luba and their two young sons Ivan and Goran. They were sponsored by St Johns and an anonymous sponsor and we had prepared a townhouse for them.

They settled in quickly and began to master the English language. Dragoslav and Luba found work though not in the professional line their education had prepared them for but it was work. The boys settled into school and the whole family became Canadian citizens. They bought a house and are renovating it to their liking and have made the backyard into a delightful place. They have planted fruit trees and flowers and have a nice patio for leisure times.

In June 2009 Ivan graduated from University of Waterloo and is presently pursuing a career in music. Goran will enter U of W in September and I think he plans to study medicine eventually. We are great friends and they help me in many ways, particularly with Dragoslav's expertise on the computer. Luba and the boys give me help too. St John's can be proud to know that we have helped this hard-working family who had the courage to leave their homeland and start anew. They left Serbia for Hungary to escape the troubles and struggled to get to Canada. Canada now has four more good citizens who have been able to adjust to our culture but still keep their culture alive. I am honoured to be their Canadian Grandma.

Beatrice Griffin

A NOTE FROM PAUL AND KATHLEEN KETT

As we begin our fourth year at St. John the Evangelist, Kitchener, we are thankful for all that the parish has meant to us. You welcomed us warmly, and made a place for us as we moved to a new community, and left some twenty-five years of Parish ministry. Your friendship means much to us as we continue to grow together in our faith and learn how to put that faith into action.

We have two sons, Matt and James, both of whom, interestingly, are employed by Habitat for

Humanity Toronto. Matt is an assistant site superintendent; James works in the Etobicoke ReStore.

We want to share with you our excitement about a venture that Matt is undertaking. In October of this year, he will be joining other volunteers from Canada as well as a contingent from Australia, to take part in a Habitat Global Village Build in Nepal. Together with Nepalese folk they will build houses for local citizens. This is the first time Habitat for Humanity Canada has participated in a build in Nepal.

Matt has been involved with the Anglican Church for most of his life. While living in Uxbridge, he was a Youth Delegate to Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, representing Oshawa Deanery. He was appointed to be a diocesan youth delegate to two General Synods, and during those six years, served on the Council of General Synod and the EcoJustice Committee of General Synod. He has sung in church and cathedral choirs. As parents, we are proud of his involvement and his commitment to serve others.

Matt needs to raise funds in excess of \$4000.00 to be a part of the global build in Nepal. Travel costs, insurance, medical travel inoculations, and contributions to Habitat International and Habitat Nepal comprise this amount. He has made a personal commitment of about \$1500 and hopes to raise the rest by donations made by family and friends. If any of St. John's parishioners would be moved to assist him, they can make a donation online or to Habitat Canada in Matt's name. The website is sponsored by Canada Helps and can be found at www.canadahelps.org/GivingPages/GivingPage.aspx?gpid=5033 or, you may contribute directly to Habitat for Humanity Canada, 40 Albert St., Waterloo, ON, N2L 3S2. Be sure to indicate that the donation is for Matt Kett and for the Nepal build, with Matt's name and trip code CA09304 printed on the back of the cheque. All donations will receive a receipt for income tax purposes. Thank you for considering a donation in Matt's name. Paul and Kathleen

OUR TREASURE DORIS MCCARTHY PAINTING

The Doris McCarthy painting in the Fireside Room was purchased by the A.C.W. as a memorial in recognition of the Ministry of the "A" Branch of the W.A, which was formed in 1889. Mrs. Elizabeth Eastman arranged for the purchase of the painting, and it has graced the wall of the Fireside Room for many years. Elizabeth Eastman and Doris McCarthy were friends and studied together at the Ontario College of Art.

Since we were unable to find the name of the painting, and its history, Eleanor wrote to Miss McCarthy and sent her a photo of the painting. She graciously responded and the following are excerpts from her reply to Eleanor

"On the seventh of July 1958 which incidentally was my forty-eighth birthday, I was overseas on a painting trip with my friend Florence Smedley. We were staying at a small hotel on one end of the bridge at Whitby, where the beds were as damp as the tidal water that ebbed and flowed beneath the bridge. I had eventually managed to get to sleep by wrapping myself in my slicker inside the bedclothes. The next morning we explained to our hostess as tactfully as we could that we were from a dry area of Ontario, unaccustomed to the sea air, and could she please see that our bedding was well "aired" (English for dried out) before evening. We spent a wonderful day in the sunshine in the seedy churchyard of the Whitby parish church. I was feeling reckless and adventurous with the result that you see in the painting.

"The history of the painting after that is as follows.....submitted to the Royal Canadian Academy open juried show in September 1958, rejected. Submitted to Hamilton open show January 1959-hung! Submitted to the Ontario Society of Artists open show, January 1960, hung and reproduced in the catalogue. Submitted to the Kitchener-Waterloo Gallery on approval for purchase, and at their request I painted an oil version in February 1969. I assume that it is the oil version that you have now. The water colour original was sold to the Firestone collection in Ottawa in 1974."

There was a full-page article in the December 6th 1992 edition of the Toronto Star about Doris McCarthy. As well a gallery showing of some of her works has been held in Gallery Stratford and in December 1992 through February 21st 1993 the show "Feast of Incarnation" had been at the McMichael Studio in Kleinburg. Eleanor visited with Doris at Kleinburg and was overwhelmed by her vibrant energy. Many of her former students were visiting with her while she was artist-in-residence at the McMichael. Her recent works have been inspired by her trips to the high Arctic where she had been painting a series of icebergs. Her paintings are included in many prominent collections such as the National Gallery, Ottawa, Art Gallery of Ontario, Government of Ontario Collection, High Court of Australia, Huron College, London and many, many others. The list of her exhibitions takes two pages. In 1983 she was the subject of a feature documentary and two volumes of her autobiography have been published. She was still continuing her trips to the Arctic at age 82, still painting and working on her autobiography. She was also a frequent member on a panel on C.B.C. Morningside with Peter Gzowski.

This article was originally written by Eleanor Scully for Easter On Eagles Wings of 1993. Eleanor concluded her contribution to On Eagles Wings by urging everyone to stop and have a look at Doris McCarthy's wonderful work of art. She felt that St. John's was very fortunate to have a painting of this quality here in our building. Bette Moore



Weddings

June 20, 2009

Kevin Mark Haslett, and Jane Mills Holding

July 11, 2009

Brian Douglas Smith and Jennifer Rachel Goodwin

August 8, 2009

David Lawrence Koe and Sarah Louise Sanfilippo



July 15, 2009 Enid and David Emery
48th Wedding Anniversary

Sept. 27, 2009 Dennis and Wilma Ewald,
50th Wedding Anniversary



Kay Mansell, Happy 90th, August 27, 2009



June 2, 2009, Grace Bowers

June 19, 2009, Doris Eleanor Scully

June 21, 2009, Stewart Beaton Kelland

August 25 2009, Elva Oates

August 29, 2009, John David Nairne McLean

Wow !!, Thanks Everyone for your submissions

DEADLINE

The next OEW Deadline is October 25/09

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2009</h1>						
		1 1:00pm Prayer Group 7:30pm Parish Executive	2 7:30am Holy Communion followed by breakfast	3	4	5
6 8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Holy Eucharist OEW Deadline	7 LABOUR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	8 1:00pm Prayer Group	9 7:30am Holy Communion followed by breakfast 7:00pm P.s.a.l.m.s. 7:30pm Parish Council	10 10:30 am Julian Gathering 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Health Council	11	12 8:00pm Piano Recital - Barry Schneider
13 8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Holy Eucharist	14 7:00 KMSB - UPH	15 1:00pm Prayer Group	16 7:30am Holy Communion followed by breakfast 7:00pm P.s.a.l.m.s.	17 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	18 Wedding Rehearsal	19 2:30 pm Johnston - Wedding
20 NEIGHBOURHOOD SUNDAY 8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Matins (?) 2:00 pm Concert	21 7:00 KMSB - UPH 7:30 p.m. ACW - Fireside	22 1:00pm Prayer Group	23 7:30am Holy Communion followed by breakfast 9:00am Fish Fry Prep Fish Fry 7:00pm P.s.a.l.m.s.	24 10:30 am Julian Gathering 7:00pm Altar Guild 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	25	26 1:00 pm Youth - LPH
27 8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Holy Eucharist: Preacher - Rev. P. Kett 11:30am UPH booked	28 7:00 KMSB - UPH 7:30pm Cantata Practice	29 1:00pm Prayer Group 7:30pm Cantata Practice	30 7:30am Holy Communion followed by breakfast 1:00 pm Pudding Factory Meeting 7:00pm P.s.a.l.m.s.			As of Aug. 11/09

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October 2009</h1>						
				1 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	2	3 Cantata Practice
4 8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Holy Eucharist - Preacher: Rev. G. Strack 1:30pm Cantata Practice 4:00pm Cantata	5 7:00 KMSB - UPH	6 1:00pm Prayer Group 7:30pm Parish Executive	7 7:30am Holy Communion followed by breakfast	8 10:30 am Julian Gathering 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Health Council	9	10
11 8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Holy Eucharist	12 THANKSGIVING DAY Church Office Closed	13 1:00pm Prayer Group 7:00pm Living the Question Study Group	14 7:30am Holy Communion followed by breakfast 7:30pm Parish Council Chamber Rehearsal	15 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17 Chamber Concert
18 8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Holy Eucharist - Preacher: Rev. P. Kett	19 7:00 KMSB - UPH 7:30 p.m. ACW - Fireside	20 1:00pm Prayer Group 7:00pm Living the Question Study Group	21 7:30am Holy Communion followed by breakfast	22 10:30 am Julian Gathering 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	23 Stealing Dan Concert - UPH	24 10:00am Youth Activity - LPH Renaissance Singers - Don Roberts 519-743-1084
25 8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Holy Eucharist Parish Requiem - Preacher: E. Millerd	26 7:00 KMSB - UPH	27 1:00pm Prayer Group 7:00pm Living the Question Study Group	28 7:30am Holy Communion followed by breakfast	29 7:00pm Altar Guild 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	30	31 10:00am Pudding Factory Set-up As of Aug. 11/09

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2009</h1>						
1 ALL SAINTS 8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Holy Eucharist - Preacher: Rev. S. Pearson	2 	3 1:00pm Prayer Group Pudding	4 7:30am Holy Communion followed by breakfast Factory	5 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal Pudding Pick-up	6 Pudding Pick-up	7 Pudding Pick-up
8 Remembrance Sunday 8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Matins (?)	9 7:00 KMSB - UPH	10 1:00pm Prayer Group 4:00pm Inshallah Choir Reh. 7:00pm Living the Question Study Group 7:30pm Parish Executive	11 7:30am Holy Communion followed by breakfast 7:30pm Parish Council	12 10:30 am Julian Gathering 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Health Council	13 DaCapo Rehearsal	14 DaCapo Concert
15 8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Holy Eucharist - Preacher: Rev. P. Kett 11:30am Pudding Pot-Luck 3:00pm DaCapo 7:00pm PWRDF 50 th Anniversary	16 7:00 KMSB - UPH 7:30pm ACW 7:30pm Cantata Practice	17 1:00pm Prayer Group 7:00pm Living the Question Study Group 7:30pm Cantata Practice	18 7:30am Holy Communion followed by breakfast	19 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	20	21 10:00am - noon Cantata Practice 1:00 Youth Activity
22 REIGN OF CHRIST 8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Holy Eucharist 1:30pm Cantata Practice 4:00pm Cantata	23 7:00 KMSB - UPH	24 1:00pm Prayer Group 7:00pm Living the Question Study Group	25 7:30am Holy Communion followed by breakfast	26 10:30 am Julian Gathering 7:00pm Altar Guild 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	27	28 Noon UW Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm UW Choir Concert
29 ADVENT I 8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Advent Lessons & Carols 2:00 pm University Chamber Choir Reh. 7:00 pm University Chamber Choir	30 7:00 KMSB - UPH					As of Aug. 11/09