



Dear Friends,

Make new friends, enjoy the fun and join us this Sunday for worship and the baptism of Madeleine James!

Worship with us this Sunday, November 25: 8:30 Early Eucharist: ±0:30 Holy Eucharist and Baptism of Madeleine James, Sermon, Bob Shantz, Celebrant, Bob Sharitz, Musician: Arme Lederman, Sunday School and Nursery during the 10:数) service: refreshments following:

Anng your coffee downstairs for Sunday School Check-in!



This Saturday, November 24, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm, church will be open for all

Holly Tea

the people of the neighbourhood as we serve tea, coffee, refreshments and home baked goods. We want to get to know our neighbours and you have a chance to get to know the fabulous people of St. John's. During Holly Tea home baked goods will be available for sale - support the ministry of St. John's by purchasing your Christmas goodies from usl Buy your tickets from Joan Devitt. Announcements & Events

Great Upcoming Music

Upcoming Baptism Madeleine James, November 25.

Sundays at 10:30 sharp - November 25: Anne Lederman, Celtic Fiddle; December 2: David Jones, organ and piano; December 9: Barry Short, organ.

Midweek Worship Services

Thursday November 22, 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, with scripture discussion followed by home baked refreshments; Tuesday, November 27, 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, with Anglican Rosary and silent meditation.

Christmas Caroling in Bloor West Village

7:30 pm. Speak with Tom Gehrels for more information . Advent Wreath making On Sunday December 2, we will make wreathes for home celebration in the parish

hall from 9:15 to 10:15am, between the two services. Be sure and sign-up at the

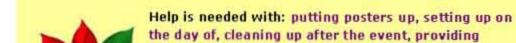
Join us for an old fashioned carol sing in Bloor West Village, Friday, December 14,

action desk so that sufficient materials may be ordered. The cost is \$10 for renewables: greens, candles, ribbons. Please remember to bring your wreath form, centre piece and tray. The costs is \$16 for a new advent wreath form, centre piece and all the other materials. Please bring your money with you on this day if you are participating. Leadership Team Meetings Next meeting: Monday November 26, 7:30 p.m. All meetings at the church.

"A Christmas Carol" still needs your help!

This CBC-sponsored event on Saturday Dec. 1 featuring: Mayor David Miller, Bob Rae, Arlene Perly Rae, TVO Host Steve Paikin, Soulpepper Artistic Director Albert

Schultz, Archbishop Terence Finlay, Actress Anita La Selva and Soprano Mary Lou Fallis. Tickets are \$25 or \$15 and are available from Sheila Crummey, Sally Ritchie



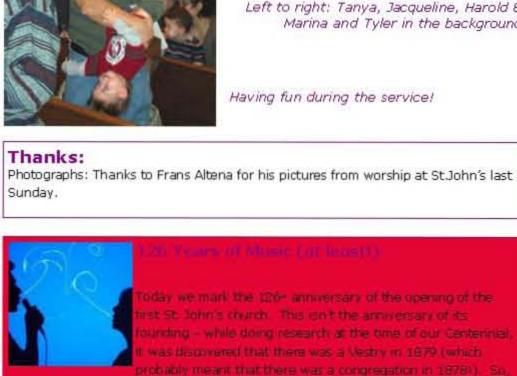


or Lynda Ward.

Please call Sally at 416-767-9533 if you can help or sign up at the action desk.

poinsettias (it's easy!); and donating special items for the silent auction. We also need boxes for the food donations; please bring them to church this Sunday.

Having fun during the service!





Left to right: Tanya, Jacqueline, Harold & Marina and Tyler in the background

November, it was decided that what we would calebrate would be the opening of

the first church in 1881.

Singing was a part of people's lives in 1881. It was not reserved to professionals or special choirs or groups, but was part of people's spoal lives; families spent time.

together singing, couples courted at singing 'schools', and stion. Accompaniment, when there was any, would have been simple: a piano or button-accordion, perhaps a fiddle, maybe a pump-organ in a wealthier home. These instruments would also have been common in church. St. John's was never a pioneer church, but I doubt that the first church would have had an organ when it opened. In selecting the music for today, I wanted to get some sense of hymns that our founders would have known and sung. I found it interesting that many of the

hymns that we now consider 'golden oldies' would not have been known by our founders, or they would have been their day's newest thing. The writer of the tune for 'O Jesus, I have promised' for instance, was born in 1874; the writer of the alternate tune would have been 22 in 1881. The composer of God who gives to life.

its goodress" was born in 1936, and the composer of the music in 1977. The

composer of the music to founde me, 0 thou great Jehovahi was born in 1873. The history of the final hymn. We would be building is a little different. There was antil 25 ar so years ago a social group at St. John's, the Married Couples' Club (in its final years called the Circle of Priends). After dinner and a programme, the group closed its meetings with this hymn, which was very possibly written by one of the members of the group - I have been told that the words were definitely written

by a panishioner. Gary has dubbed it the Panish Hymni. Let us give thanks, today, for all the people who have worshipped here, and who have sung here:

Sunday, November 25, 2007, Wramiah 23 1-6, Ps. 46; Colessians 1-11-20; Luke

would prefer not to receive news from St. John's in this way, please also let me

P.S. I hope you find it helpful to get an update like this from St. John's Church, West Toronto. If you would like something listed in the announcements, or if you know someone who would appreciate receiving this, please contact me. If you

Best wishes, Gary+

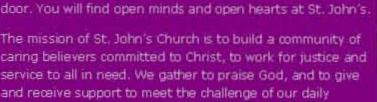
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We are not a Building!

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know.

We are an accessible, accepting, diverse community. We are young and old, able-bodied, and disabled, employed and unemployed. We are married, single, divorced, straight and gay. We are from all over the world, yet we could live next door. You will find open minds and open hearts at St. John's.



ministries. We call on all who will to come and join us.

