

ST. JOHN'S



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The Rt. Rev. Terence E. Finlay
Bishop of Toronto

Mission: To worship God and proclaim Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and to embody - in word and action - God's reconciling love, justice, compassion and liberation - through which knowledge of God's reign is extended.

July 27, 1990

To: The Parish of St. John's, West Toronto

Dear Friends,

With the sudden announcement of Father Robert Hagler's resignation as Incumbent, I suspect that many of you are experiencing a great deal of sadness and perhaps even some anger at his departure. Such feelings are quite normal when a warm, trusting relationship has developed between priest and people. In a sense one experiences similar feelings with the death of a loved one. It may be important that you share your feelings with a trusted family member or friend in order that healing takes place. I understand completely what is happening.

I have asked the Reverend Bruce Alton, who is known to many of you as a caring pastor, to be Priest-in-Charge until the end of August when his own academic programme resumes. I shall be appointing a similar person to be responsible for ministry as the interim continues. I have asked the Parish Selection Committee to begin gathering information regarding your expectations of your future Incumbent and will meet with them in September to hear the results.

During the next few months as we move together towards the selection of a new Incumbent please be assured of my concern, together with the advice and counsel of my Regional Dean for Toronto West, the Reverend Neville Bishop. The loss of a trusted friend surfaces mixed feelings which are often bewildering and disturbing. Yet, as we work together in the days and months ahead, a new and exciting chapter in the life of St. John's will unfold. Under the guidance of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we journey together.

Every best wish.
Yours faithfully,

The Rt. Reverend Terence E. Finlay,
Bishop of Toronto

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WARDENS REPORT

Beginning this Spring we have had almost a complete turnover of our staff.

Maggie Muldoon Barr, Church School Coordinator moved to Calgary in May. Our new Church School Coordinator is Lyndon Hutchinson-Hounsell.

Sandi Nemenyi resigned as Choir Director. Sandi will remain a member of our Parish and we will continue to enjoy her singing.

Father Robert O.H.C., Priest-in-Charge, was appointed Novice Master and Prior of Mount Calvary Retreat House in Santa Barbara, California and left in July to take up his new post.

Brother William O.H.C., Administrator was elected Superior of the Order and he also moved to the United States in July.

The last member of our Staff to leave was Jennifer La Marche, our organist. She will be returning to school.

During this time of transition we will make every effort to carry on with the work of this parish.

We are very thankful for Bishop Findlay's direction and guidance.

Our parish is blessed with two members who were available to be Priest-in-Charge; Father Bruce Alton in July and August and Father Richard Johns during September to December.

For the month of September and until such time as a priest is appointed, our interim organist will be Robert Beaumont.

Our one remaining staff member Lynda Woolrich, Secretary has been working hard to have the activities of the parish carry on. We thank her for her industry and dedication.

We ask any individual, group or committee who needs assistance to contact us.

This time is a very challenging one for all members of St. John's. We feel confident that with the help of the Holy Spirit we will grow and carry on Gods work.

Your Wardens would like to thank you for your support and prayers.

Dennis Richardson
Rectors Warden

Evelyn Butler
Peoples Warden

A Little 'Gem'

A little boy offering his prayers was heard to say:
Dear God, please take care of Mom and Dad and look
after my sisters and brothers and me. And please, God,
take good care of yourself. If anything should happen
to you, we are all sunk."



Challenge Discovery Enrichment

INTRODUCING THE LOGOS SCHEDULE FOR FALL 1991

"I urge you to consider a LOGOS course for the fall 1990", Bishop Terry Finlay.

Our fall schedule features two new courses: **Christian Spirituality and Creation Study**. We have also revised and extended the course **Sexuality: Gift of God**. Check the list for the course nearest you, and take advantage of the early bird specials by registering early. Space is limited in several.

1 The Bible Speaks to Us

This seven week course provides a survey of the literature of the bible and approaches bible study by a combination of printed material, discussion and video tapes.

Sunday Oct. 14-Nov. 25

St. Francis of Assisi, Meadowdale, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Monday Oct. 15-Nov. 26

St. Michael and All Angels, Toronto, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Wednesday Oct. 17-Nov. 28

St. Bride, Clarkson, Mississauga, 8-10 p.m.

St. Joseph of Nazareth, Bramalea, 8-10 p.m. (following the Eucharist)

St. George, Utopia, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

St. Saviour, Toronto, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Thursday Oct. 18-Nov. 29

Harold and Grace Baker Centre, Toronto, 2-4 p.m.

2 The Beginning of the Good News

A seven week study of the Gospel according to Mark, this course begins with the reading of the entire gospel aloud. Christians "new" and "old" will be helped in their understanding and knowledge of Jesus, divine and human.

Monday Oct. 15 - Nov. 26

St. Barnabas, Peterborough, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Tuesday Oct. 16 - Nov. 27

St. Matthew the Apostle, Oroville, Willowdale, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Wednesday Oct. 17 - Nov. 28 (miss Halloween)

St. Paul, Inuvik, 8-10 p.m.

3 Anglican Thought and Worship

This course is designed for those who want to learn more about the Anglican church - through hymns, pictures, readings and discussions, you will learn about our history as a church and our character as a Christian people.

Monday Oct. 15 - Nov. 26

St. Philip-on-the-Hill, Unionville, 8-10 p.m.

Tuesday Oct. 9 - Nov. 20

St. Mary, Richmond Hill, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Tuesday Oct. 16 - Nov. 27

Trinity, Port Credit, Mississauga, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
St. Margaret, West Hill, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Wednesday Oct. 10 - Nov. 21

St. Mark and Calvary, Toronto, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Wednesday Oct. 17 - Nov. 28

St. Thomas, Huron Street, Toronto, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
St. Leonard, Toronto, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Christ Church, Scarborough, 8-10 p.m.

Thursday Oct. 18 - Nov. 29

St. Bartholomew, Toronto, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

4 Sexuality: Gift of God

Of all God's gifts, our sexuality is perhaps the least understood in light of scripture, church tradition, reason and experience. This six week course will examine God's gift of sexuality through worship, discussion, readings and audio tapes.

Sunday Oct. 14 - Nov. 18

St. Paul, Neumarket, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Wednesday Sept. 26 - Oct. 31

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Toronto, 8-10 p.m.

Wednesday Oct. 17 - Nov. 21

St. Jude, North Brantford, 8-10 p.m.

St. John, Whitby, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Wednesday Oct. 17 - Nov. 28 (miss Halloween)

All Souls, Willowdale, 8-10 p.m.

St. Mark, Midland, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

5 Will our children have Faith?

In his three part video series, Dr. John Westerhoff maintains that if your children are to have faith, you must live faithfully as a member of the Christian community. Learn with others how your life can help ensure that there will be another generation of Christians.

Sunday Oct. 14 - Nov. 4

All Saints, Collingwood, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Monday Oct. 15 - Nov. 5

St. Matthew, Islington, 7:45-9:45 p.m.

St. James, Caledon East, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Christ Church, Campbellford, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

St. Martin, Bay Ridge, Pickering, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Tuesday Oct. 16 - Nov. 6

Trinity Church, Bradford, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Wednesday Oct. 3 - Oct. 24

St. Gabriel, Richmond Hill, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Wednesday Oct. 10 - 31

St. Stephen-on-the-Fields, Toronto, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Trinity, Aurora, 7:30-9:30

Wednesday Oct. 17 - Nov. 14 (miss Halloween)

St. George-on-the-Hill, Islington, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Church of the Advent, Toronto, 7-9 p.m.

Church of the Redeemer, Downsview, 8-10 p.m.

Wednesday Oct. 17 - Nov. 7

Christ Church, Roche's Point, 8-10 p.m.

Wednesday Oct. 3 - Oct. 24

St. David, Toronto, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Thursday Oct. 4 - Oct. 25

St. Peter's Church, Maple Lake, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Thursday Oct. 11 - Nov. 1

Church of the Good Shepherd, Weybridge, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Thursday Oct. 18 - Nov. 8

St. Mark, Oshawa, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Thursday Oct. 18 - Nov. 15 (miss All Saints)

St. Jude, Wexford, Scarborough, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

6 Christian Spirituality: Conversations on the Journey

How can I grow in my personal spiritual journey? This new two day course provides participants with resources to develop and grow in their personal spiritual lives. You will learn about the Christian spiritual tradition, ways of praying, ways to keep a spiritual journal, ways to read scripture on a daily basis. You will be introduced to the thoughts and words of some of the great spiritual pilgrims of the Christian tradition. You will experience a Christian community with others who seek to live the faith in their day to day lives.

Two Saturdays Oct. 13 & Nov. 17

St. George, Willowdale, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Two Saturdays Oct. 20 & Nov. 17

St. Richard of Chichester, Etobicoke, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Two Saturdays Oct. 20 & Nov. 24

All Saints, Peterborough, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Two Saturdays Oct. 27 & Nov. 24

St. James, Orillia, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

7 Creation Study

Concerned about the environment? How does your faith relate to a world where we have not taken care of the earth God has given us? In preparation for the General Synod of 1992, meeting in Toronto, Anglican churches throughout Canada are encouraged to study biblical and theological themes about the environment.

Monday Oct. 15 - Nov. 19

St. George, Oshawa, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Tuesday Oct. 16 - Nov. 20

All Saints, Kingsway, Toronto, 7:30-9:30 p.m.



Registration Form

Use this reply coupon to register today.
Mail form and payment to The LOGOS Institute, 135 Adelaide St. East, Toronto, Ontario, M5C 1L8 or call toll-free 1-800-668-8932, in Toronto (416) 963-6021.

Make cheques payable to the
Diocese of Toronto: LOGOS
Do not send cash through the mail.

Course Fee:	\$47.00	Early Bird (before October 11):	\$42.00
Course 5 Fee:	\$42.00	Early Bird (before October 11):	\$37.00
Course 6 Fee:	\$37.00	Early Bird (before October 11):	\$32.00

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ME AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
BY
LYNDON HUTCHISON-HOUNSELL

I never know what to say about myself. Well, I was born in Brookfield, Newfoundland 26 years ago. I was brought to Ontario by my parents when I was 17 months old and we've lived here ever since. I don't remember much of the first four years, I do remember going to Sunday school in a grey wooden structure and that it smelled like a forest, a damp wooden smell. I grew up just west of here in Georgetown. It's a great little place that is getting bigger like all around southern Ontario. I grew up going to school and going to church.

When I was 17 years old I went to the Niagara Youth Conference. It was here that I discovered I was not the only 17 year old who still wanted to go to church. I learned what true trusting community was and I began thinking about making a living at this church stuff. In the next couple of years I got into acting and singing and dancing in musicals and I went off to retreats to explore my faith.

Then I went off to the University of Waterloo to pursue Civil Engineering since my highest marks were in math and science. I quickly discovered this was not what God was wanting me to do or so I interpreted my dislike of engineering. I switched to studying philosophy and mediaeval studies for the next three years while ministering to my fellow students and working with the university chaplains. From January to April of 1987 I studied for four months in Israel and the West Bank. This was a time of exploring the Bible from historical, cultural, geographical, archaeological, and religious points of view. It was great to become aware of the past as well as the present situation in this part of our world. Most of all it was great to meet the people.

After and during my time in Waterloo I spent time working in various jobs getting to know people with different lifestyles. During this time became a postulant for the diocese of Niagara and I am still so.

I have since completed two years of the M. Div. program at Trinity College and I am presently studying music for one year while I commune here at St. John's. I have spent a great deal of time studying community structure in academic and practical ways. Out of this I have grown to understand my calling to the ordained ministry as a call, a need and a desire to build community through pastoral relationship and worship together. I have been trying to combine these two by exploring pastoral liturgy. This is to mean that liturgy should fulfil some of our spiritual needs as well as challenge thus to fulfil the various needs of the rest of the world. I hope to develop this awareness as Christian Education Coordinator. I hope this year is a pastoral liturgical year aimed at building relationships and community with all of God's creation, including the lilies of the field and the birds of the air.

God be with us all as we start out with our new curriculum, "The Whole People of God", in the hope that we may learn to be a loving, just, and merciful people in this world that God has given us.

Peace in the name of Christ the Recreator,

Lyndon ✱

THE SPECIAL MOTHER - Erma Bombeck
Motherhood: The Second Oldest Profession

Most women become mothers by accident, some by choice, a few by social pressures and a couple by habit.

This year nearly 100,000 women will become mothers of handicapped children. Did you ever wonder how these mothers are chosen?

Somehow I visualize God hovering over Earth selecting his instruments for propagation with great care and deliberation. As He observes He instructs his angels to take notes in a giant ledger.

"Armstrong, Beth: son, Patron saint-Matthew.
Forest, Marjorie: daughter, Patron saint, Cecilia.
Rutledge, Carrie: twins, Patron saint - give her Gerard. He's used to profanity."

Finally, He passes a name to an angel and smiles, Give her a handicapped child."

The angel is curious. "Why this one, God? She's so happy."

"Exactly. Could I give a handicapped child a mother who doesn't know laughter? That would be cruel.

"But does she have patience?" asks the angel.

"I don't want her to have too much patience, or she'll drown in a sea of self-pity and despair. Once the shock and resentment wear off, she'll handle it. I watched her today. She has the sense of self and independence so rare and so necessary in a mother. You see, the child I'm going to give her has his own world. She has to make it live in her world, and that's not going to be easy."

"But Lord, I don't think she even believes in you."

God smiles, "No matter, I can fix that. This one is perfect. She has just enough selfishness."

The angel gasps, "Selfishness? Is that a virtue?"

God nods, "If she can't separate herself from the child occasionally, she'll never survive. Yes, here is a woman who I will bless with a child less than perfect. She doesn't realize it yet, but she is to be envied.

She will never take for granted a spoken word. She will never consider a step ordinary. When her child says "Momma" for the first time, she will be witness to a miracle and know it. When she describes a tree or a sunset to her blind child, she will see it as few people ever see my creations.

I will permit her to see clearly the things I see - ignorance, cruelty, prejudice - and allow her to rise above them. She will never be alone. I will be at her side every minute of every day of her life because she is doing my work as surely as she is here by my side."

"And what about her patron saint? asks the angel, his pen poised in mid air.

God smiles. "A mirror will suffice."

DON'T WALK
IN FRONT OF ME,
I MIGHT NOT FOLLOW:
DON'T WALK BEHIND ME,
I MIGHT NOT LEAD:
WALK BESIDE ME
AND BE MY FRIEND.



The Word is
living and effective;
as soon as he
entered in me,
he aroused my
slumbering soul.

St. Bernard

"Your ways are not my ways as far
as heaven is from earth, so far
are my ways from your ways"
(Is.56:8-9)

One of the great difficulties
most Christians face today is the
eroding of faith by the constant
influence of worldly ways. We are
bombarded with advertising, songs,
papers, magazines, books,
programmes on radio and television
containing and expounding ideas
that are a long way from Christ
and his teaching.

Since our life in the social community is so influenced
by secular input, how much nourishment does our faith
receive? If we are only nourished by our Sunday celebration,
we may be in danger of spiritual malnutrition. A person who
wants to be a strong, positive Christian needs to drink
everyday at the fountain of scripture and prayer. If as a
Christian community and as individuals we want to grow in
grace then we must strengthen our prayer by our meditation
and reading of scripture, especially the Gospels. Through
daily Bible reading we open our hearts to the Spirit and
become more ready to listen to his guidance, to think about
the things of God, and to let God's will and ways influence
ours.

Bible reading, however, must be approached in a somewhat
different way than other reading we might do. Most of our
reading is done for information or entertainment but,
Bible reading is for us, a form of communion with God.
Information is imparted to us as well, but we intend, rather,
through Scripture to love God more and to draw closer to
Jesus.

Since Bible reading is a different kind of reading, we
should begin with prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking him to
help us by opening our hearts and our lives to his action. A
short prayer might be: "Lord, open my heart; let your Spirit
speak to me as I read your word." We should read slowly and
carefully, not trying to rush through a great number of
pages. As we go along, we should pause often and talk to our
Lord Jesus: "Lord, help me to understand what you are
telling me in this story". Often he speaks directly to us in
his dialogue. Sometimes we can take the words of others and
make them our own: "Lord, I believe! Help thou, mine
unbelief." or, "Lord, be merciful to me a sinner."

As we read slowly and carefully, we ask him to help us
know his will for us and for our community. We make short
prayers of love, prayers of mercy, grace, forgiveness. We
may pray for the needs of others, for world leaders, for all,
because Jesus died to save them.

At the end of your prayerful reading (and the passage
should not be too long) we should pause and thank God for his
help, and ask his strength to live his way. Such a prayer
might be: "Father, I thank you for speaking to me today
through your holy word".



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!!

This is your golden opportunity to become one of the chosen. Like St. Matthew who collected money, you too can have a part in that time-honoured tradition of "fleecing the flock". It's very simple: just pick up the phone and call the chairperson of sidespeople, Richard Woolrich at 766-4959, or speak to him in the narthex before the Service on a Sunday morning. Hurry though, vacancies are filling up fast.



GOD'S GIFT

Free will is a magnificent gift
which gives us the possibility of love.
God's most precious gift to man.
Man should be reverent and gentle
before the will of another
for it is the fine point
which can turn
existing to living
serving to loving
suffering to joy
working to offering
making to creating
life to love.
Yet how often we coerce or force,
demand or oppress another,
in the name of good works.
God moves like a gentle breeze,
across man's will,
calling, respecting, asking, inviting, a
calling forth,
but never an overpowering.
He allows each man his own
moment of surrender.
What a great and loving God is our
God!!!

T. Marsey

TORONTO DIOCESAN ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

CHANCEL COMMITTEE
invites you to an
EVENSONG
ST. JAMES' CATHEDRAL
Sunday, October 28, 1990
4:30 p.m.

Preacher: The Right Rev. Terence Findlay
Bishop of Toronto
Presentation of the Sesquicentennial Cope



"Does our daily bread mean
crusts, too?"



TAKE A STROLL THROUGH TIME

Walk through the pages of history with
Joan Miles
as she shares anecdotes and snippets of information
on some of the former residents of West Toronto.

Delight in some of the natural highlights of our city with
Pleasance Crawford
as she points out areas of interest to nature lovers.

Joan Miles is President of the West Toronto Junction Historical Society.
Pleasance Crawford is Editor of *Landscape Architectural Review*.

Continuing the celebration of
Prospect Cemetery's 100th anniversary,
Joan and Pleasance will lead
a combined history/nature tour through the cemetery on

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1990
at 2:00 P.M.

Dress for the weather; wear comfortable shoes.

Refreshments will be served following the walk

For further information, please call:
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GUIDING AND SCOUTING AT ST. JOHN'S



The Scouting and Guiding groups at St. John's are preparing for another busy season. The following is a list of the groups, their meeting times and a person to contact for information.

SPARKS - girls age 5 - Tuesday, 6:30 to 7:30
Mrs. Nancy Weston 766-6663

BEAVERS - boys age 5-7 - Tuesday, 6:30 to 7:30
Mrs. Kathy Gower 769-8183

BROWNIES - girls age 6-8 - Thursday, 6:30 to 8:00
Mrs. Sharon Barnes 767-9629

CUBS - boys age 8-10 - Monday, 7:00 to 8:30
Mr. John Gower 769-8183

GUIDES - girls age 9-11 - Wednesday, 6:30 to 8:30
Miss Quita Webster 252-5644

PATHFINDERS - girls age 12-14 - Tuesday, 7:30 to 9:00
Mrs. Nancy Weston 766-6663

RANGERS - girls age 15+ - alternate Tuesdays, 7:00 to 9:00
Mrs. Heather Janke 760-0633



N.B. Adult help is desperately needed for Sparks, Beavers, Cubs and Pathfinders. It's rewarding and it's fun! Won't you join us?



FANTASY ISLAND'

Many will be shocked to find
When the day of judgement nears
That there's a special place in
heaven
Set aside for volunteers.
Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches and footstools,
Where there's no committee
chairmen,
No group leaders or car pools,
No eager team that needs a coach,
No bazaar and no bake sale.
There will be nothing to staple,
Telephone lists will be outlawed,
But a finger snap will bring
cool drinks and gourmet dinners,
and rare treats fit for a king.
You ask "Who'll serve these
privileged few and work for all
they are worth?"
Why all those who reaped the
benefits,
And NOT ONCE volunteered on earth.



KIDS' KORNER



The Bible is a very old book. It is not just any old book. It tells about God, and about Jesus, God's Son. The Bible is made up of many different books. In it there are

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Even though many different people wrote the books in the Bible, God showed them what to write. The Bible says that the Holy Spirit told them what to write, and that it was the message that came from God.

BIBLE QUIZ

1. How many books are there in the Bible?
2. What are the two parts of the Bible called?
3. What is the "Bible name" for a letter?
4. What books in the Bible tell about the life of Jesus?
5. What is the first story in the Bible?

(Answers below, but try not to peek)



The Bible tells of God's great plan
For people everywhere,
That all should learn to live in love
And in His kingdom share.

He sent His Son, Lord Jesus Christ,
To show His love for all,
And many people followed Christ
In answer to His call.

As God spoke then to men of old,
So still He speaks today,
We pray that we may learn His will
And follow in His way.

W.L.Jenkins

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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SEPTEMBER

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Labor Day

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Full Moon

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7⁰⁰ pm
Cubs begin

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Last Quarter

6³⁰ pm
Beavers begin

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Homecoming
Sunday
8³⁰ pm A.A.

17

7⁰⁰ pm Cubs
8⁰⁰ pm A.C.O.A.

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7³⁰ pm
Increasing Com.
Resolving Conflict

19

New Moon

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8³⁰ pm A.A.

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Wedding

23^{10³⁰ am}
Baptisms
8³⁰ pm A.A.

24

8⁰⁰ pm A.C.O.A.

25

7³⁰ pm
Inc. Communicatⁱⁿ
Res. Conflict

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First Quarter

28

8³⁰ pm A.A.

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