



Saint John Baptist

The last and greatest herald of Heaven's King
 Girt with tough skins, flies to the deserts wild,
 Among that savage brutish woods forth bring,
 Which he more harmless found than man, and mild,
 His food was locusts, and what there doth spring,
 With honey that from virgin flocks distill'd;
 Parch'd body, hollow eyes, some uncouth thing
 Made him appear, long since from earth exiled.
 There burst he forth, all ye whose hopes rely
 On God, with me amidst these deserts mourn,
 Repent, repent, and from old evils turn!
 —Who listen'd to his voice, obey'd his cry?
 Only the echoes, which he made relent,
 Rung from their flinty caves, Repent! Repent!

—William Drummond
 (1585-1649)



"I Am Not The Christ"

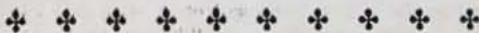
IN THE ADVENT Gospels, St John the Baptizer makes a confession— not a denial, but a confession: "I am not the Christ." In creation, the Creator made relationships clear by saying, in essence, "I'm God and you're not." This is a rough translation of what Adam and Eve learned when they sought knowledge which was beyond them.

John's confession must have been a relief. He could be himself and what he was called to be. He didn't have to be someone he wasn't. So much of Christianity implies that we are to be like Jesus. If by that is meant that we are to live our lives as consistently with our call as Jesus did with his, I agree. If this implies my being perfect, I not only disagree, I am led to preposterous conclusions. If I could be perfect I would not need the Christ.

What a sense of Advent peace: John can be John, eccentric as that call was to be; and you and I can listen and obey our call, even if as yet the beat is from a distant drummer. Perfection is that to which we are called, not a requirement for the journey. If only the perfect were called, Jesus would be the Christ for no one I know.

Advent ponders what an adventure it is to be called to a vocation that comes from a crib. And to ponder the peace of knowing that John and Jesus have prepared the way— each in his own way.

—The Very Rev J. Pittman McGhee
 Christ Church Cathedral, Houston, Texas



*"Leave tomorrow's troubles
 to tomorrow's strength,
 tomorrow's work
 to tomorrow's time,
 tomorrow's trial to
 tomorrow's grace and
 to tomorrow's God."*

—Copied.

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist

The liturgy of the Church undergoes constant revision, development and change. The last century has seen a major revival of Eucharistic worship in all churches. In the last 20 years a similar revitalization of Baptism and confirmation has begun. I have asked the Liturgy Committee to begin a process towards a better understanding and practise of Baptism at St Johns. But I confidently expect that everyone will involve themselves in this process just as we have done with the Eucharist. A good place to begin is reading the Rubrics on Baptism in the BAS Page 146-150. But since many of you do not own a copy of the BAS let me quote a few passages to encourage your further reading

Baptism is the sign of new life in Christ. Baptism unites Christ with his people. That union is both individual and corporate, Christians are, it is true, baptized one by one, but to be a Christian is to be part of a new creation which rises from the dark waters of Christ's death into the dawn of his risen life. Christians are not just baptized individuals, they are a new humanity. BAS 146

In the early Church becoming a Christian had as much to do with learning to live a new life style within the Christian community as it did with specific beliefs. When the day of baptism arrived the event took place within the context of the Sunday Eucharist, when the whole community was gathered and where the newly baptized received communion for the first time. BAS 146

QUESTION: What implications does this have for the baptism of infants in families who are not members of this community, or show the any intention of becoming so?

In the celebration of baptism the symbolic aspects of water should be emphasized, not minimized. There should be water in quantity, enough for members of the congregation to see and hear when it is poured. An act of immersion would vividly express the Christian's participation in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. BAS 148

NOTE The Book of Common Prayer (pg 537) says "the Priest shall take each person.... and then shall dip him in the Water, or pour water upon him saying..."

QUESTION: Is the tendency to reduce the water at Baptism to a mere token, the same as the tendency to de-emphasize eating at the Eucharist - which led to seeing the non communicating High Mass as the height of liturgical correctness?

Confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation are various modes of response to baptism. Whether they involve making promises on one's own behalf, seeking membership with a particular branch of the Church, or reaffirming promises made long ago, each is directly related to the covenant made in baptism. The liturgy of baptism is consequently the primary context in which these renewals of the baptismal covenant take place. BAS 149

QUESTION: What is the role of Confirmation, reception and reaffirmation in the life of St John's ?

Cheston



Concerning the Liturgy

In the courts of Great Kings the courtiers assembled to watch the King feast. They did not themselves eat, but acted as servants, handing him dishes and so on. To be invited to participate in such an event was considered a very High Honor. One wonders, other than its snob value, how much pleasure there could have been in it. But we have the same sort of entertainment ourselves. Great crowds assemble to watch other people (like the Jays) play games, or make music or even - on TV - make love. And there is in all that a measure of benefit, pleasure, maybe even learning.

But for my part, I find I get much greater benefit out of riding my rather decrepit bicycle around High Park than from any number of hours watching the tour de France. I would rather dance myself than watch the Ballet, sing off key than listen to the Opera. I don't mean that I don't enjoy the Opera and the Ballet - and attend when I can manage it, but for me I would rather eat leftovers with my friends than watch the most exotic banquet being consumed by some-one else.

So my idea of liturgy is something one does oneself. I can understand the idea of the professional singer and game player, and I can find enjoyment in that. But for REALITY I need to participate, and for me Religion is more about reality than fantasy.

And THAT is why I so strongly support the idea of Full Participatory Liturgy. Because it is so much more rewarding in my experience to do it oneself than to watch other people doing it for you. We may not be able to sing as well as the choir, and occasionally I enjoy listening to great singers - but I like to sing my own songs, say my own prayers, and weep my own tears.

The liturgical team system is all designed to give everybody the maximum chance to have hands on liturgical experience. As each team serves only about 6 weeks it means no one is stuck in a job too long. Planning a liturgy increases my understanding of it. I want everyone to have a chance to share in that experience. Having an active part in liturgy, increases my ability to join in. But I also don't like doing the whole thing all by myself. I like listening to preachers as well as preaching, hearing the reader as well as reading. So I want everyone to have a chance NOT to have to perform.

The idea is not to force anyone to do anything, but to offer everyone the fullest opportunity to participate at all levels. At the Eucharist EVERYONE is celebrant, It is bad liturgy when anyone has the feeling of being merely passive audience watching a performance. It is like watching the King eat. Jesus calls us ALL to eat at His table.

Here is how the system works. For each unit of the Whole People of God series a new team forms. The team members working with the Rector design the details of the liturgies for that period. From among themselves, or from others who volunteer the various duties are assigned. The team is responsible for the entire Sunday liturgical event, from the greeters at the door to the Coffee makers and dishwashers after. It is all one Event. You are free to specify what sort of participation you would feel comfortable with. There are enough different jobs that everyone can find a role. Why not give it a try?

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A NOTE FROM THE ADVENT LITURGY PLANNING TEAM

Dear Friends In Christ,

Advent Sunday begins a new year in the Church, an opportunity for **A NEW BEGINNING**. It also begins a new unit in our curriculum, and a new liturgy planning team.

In response to the expressed need for adult Christian education, Fr. Christian will lead a one hour Bible study from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the four Sundays of Advent. Coffee, tea, juice, and muffins will be available for sustenance. This will also provide the 8:30 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m. congregations an opportunity to share the study and fellowship together. A special invitation is extended to the youth and to parents in the parish. Provision will be made for the care of children if you notify Lynda Woolrich no later than Wednesday 27 November.

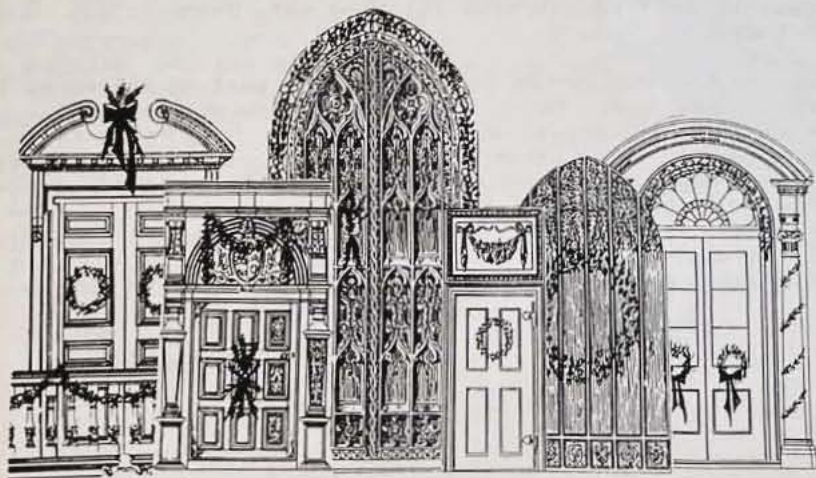
Our worship this Advent will be enriched by the addition of blue vestments and altar frontal. These handmade gifts of Mabel-Anne Waters include some of the symbols pertinent to the Advent season and the themes of the Sunday lections.

As usual, we shall have an Advent Wreath this year. As the old year ends and a new year begins, the circle of the wreath is a reminder that all our beginnings and endings are held together in one by God who is without beginning and without end, and that the cycle of our life in Him continues unbroken. The four candles are lit one by one Sunday by Sunday, as the daylight wanes, in the joyful hope of "the true light, that enlightens everyone, coming into the world."

In the Proclamation of the Word, we shall have periods of silent reflection, as suggested in the rubrics, after the first and second lessons.

It is our sincere hope that these features will help us to prepare ourselves spiritually as we eagerly anticipate God's great gift of redemption to us in the birth of Jesus.

Yours in Christ,
Mabel-Anne Waters, and
Lynda and Richard Woolrich
Feast of Christ the King,
1991



LOOK, I AM STANDING AT THE DOOR, KNOCKING. IF ONE OF YOU HEARS ME CALLING AND OPENS THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN TO SHARE HIS MEAL, SIDE BY SIDE WITH HIM.

REV. 3:20

New and familiar faces as sidespersons, readers, servers, hosts, greeters, and coffee and tea 'overseers'.....chaos and questions, faith and hope, trust that the Lord will help us find the paths that lead to inclusion of all those who find their way to the doors of St Johns.

Specifically, a Youth Group that has a new sense of importance and their own plans of ministry to each other and to the parish; an Advisory Committee committed to the need for fund raising for the parish in 1992; a Liturgy Committee exploring future plans for liturgical education for those in the parish who want to learn "more"; an Outreach Committee that is arranging interesting and challenging forums and putting together a hand-book for the parish; a Choir (a committee in itself!) is making plans for Christmas, and a gathering for tea and evensong in the new year; a Christian Education Committee that has taken over the church school functions without outside direction, as in the past, and new, as well as familiar faces teaching the children; a Finance Committee that has gently, but persistently, kept before us the need for fund-raising in 1992; Wardens together with the Rector exploring new and exciting directions to be initiated over the next seven years.

We are all invited to share in all of this, and to experience God's grace, as we find our own particular ministry, and use our own particular gifts in the life of St. Johns and in the world.

Thanks be to God!

Yvonne Johns, Rectors Warden



LITURGY COMMITTEE



In June of this year the Liturgy Committee decided to take a new approach to planning the services. Co-ordinating teams would arrange the 10:30 Sunday Liturgy. As there is no perfect liturgy, this approach would allow us to try different ways.

Many of you realize there have been negatives and positives. For those who prefer the predictable, it has been a trying time, but for those who like change it has been stimulating.

The greatest joy to come out of this chaos is the interest and commitment of so many members of St. John's to participate in the Liturgy.

The co-ordinating team for the second unit (October/November) telephoned members of the parish to ask if they would like to participate in the Liturgy. Here is your reply:

43 would be Hosts - bring bread and wine, set up book, light candles, lead the Creed, set the table, bring up bread and wine from back, administer chalice, say dismissal

22 would lead the children's focus

60 would read the Old Testament, Epistle or Gospel lessons and/or lead the prayers of the people

60 would be greeters/sidespersons

36 would be responsible for coffee hour - bring coffee, tea and juice, set up and clean up

The lists of names have been placed in the Narthex. If, for some reason, we missed you, please speak to one of the team (Yvonne Johns, Evelyn Butler, Jim Crummey) or add your name to any of the lists. Also, if you have changed your mind, please feel free to remove your name from any of the lists.

Evelyn Butler, Chairman

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

DO YOU HAVE A SECRET PAL?

We are just getting our Secret Pal program underway and we anticipate that it will generate great enthusiasm among all the participants. The children of the congregation have been anonymously paired with adult Pals. Under their chosen code names, the secret pals will write to each other every few weeks. A mail box will be located at the back of the church and the "Postmistress" will deliver the letters. At the end of the year, identities will be revealed to the surprise and delight of all.

The letters are intended to be brief. Children will probably write a short note and perhaps include some art-work. Participants are encouraged to share small details (joys and sorrows) of their daily lives, a favourite poem, hymn or Bible passage, a joke or whatever strikes their fancy.

If anyone has any questions about the project or would like to sign up please speak to me.

CHRISTMAS PLANS

The children are busy getting ready for Christmas and will be presenting a play on December 22nd, as part of the 10:30 service. Prologues to the play will appear in each service during Advent, beginning on December 1st. Anne Puta has written a wonderful "child's-eye view" of the first Christmas in which all the children will be able to participate. The children have already received song sheets and we would encourage all parents to sing these carols with their children, in order to help the children to learn them.

Although much of the Sunday School class time will be devoted to preparation for the play, there will still be some class work going on and we are very much in need of teachers for this unit. Please come and enjoy the "downstairs" for a change!

Family Circus



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"In church, who's watching to see
if we're good — Santa or God?"

Mara Nickerson, Chairman



"I can't move my arms . . . I think mom
left the coat hanger in my jacket . . .!"

BAPTISMS

Jocelyn Leigh Barr, daughter of Marion Barker and Dwayne Barr and sister of Christopher Barr baptized Sunday, September 29.

Samuel Nicholas Remus Ochotta, son of Darlene Remus and Peter Ochotta baptized Sunday, September 8.

FUNERAL

Iva Clarke of 4045 Finch Ave., Monday September 23.

In a world that seems not only to be changing, but even to be dissolving, there are some tens of millions of us who want Christmas to be the same
with the same old greeting "Merry Christmas" and no other

We long for the abiding love among men of good will which the season brings
believing in this ancient miracle of Christmas with its softening, sweetening influence to tug at our heart strings once again.

We want to hold on to the old customs and traditions because they strengthen our family ties,
bind us to our friends,
make us one with all mankind
for whom the Child was born,
and bring us back again to the God Who gave His only begotten Son, that "whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

So we will not "spend" Christmas . . .
nor "observe" Christmas.
We will "keep" Christmas—keep it as it is . . .
in all the loveliness of its ancient traditions.

May we keep it in our hearts,
that we may be kept in its hope.

—Peter Marshall
(1902–1949)



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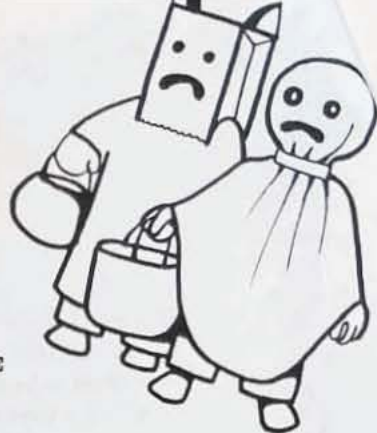


AMEN

Slowly and softly from on high
Drifting down through a twilight sky
The snowflakes say
Farewell to day
And cover up all trace of woe
With God's amen in soft, soft snow.

—Louise B. Clarke





YOUTH GROUP: A LETTER HOME

November 24, 1991

Dear St. John's Parishioners;

With so much going on, it's sometimes hard to chat to everyone, so we thought we'd write to you all to let you know both how we're doing and what we're doing these days. Here goes with our "Letter Home"!

As you know, we decided to focus our Group's activities on doing some things for ourselves, doing some things for others, and earning some money for our Group too.

For ourselves, we had a prize pizza and popular pop party, a sleepless sleep-over, and a highly educational evening seeing "City Slickers"!

For ourselves and others, we challenged the Arte Shoppe in interior design for the Haunted House at Hallowe'en, and we are also practising for the Christmas drama production, which will be incorporated into a service. (This is fun for us, and very good for the leader, who won't have to lead a focus that day!)

What we've found is that all three of our objectives can often be met in one event - like the time a very trusting family in the parish asked us to rake up several tons of leaves! (Why one member of that family flew over the Rockies that week, we'll never understand: the mountains in the back garden were equally as impressive!!) We had great fun doing this, with delicious hot chocolate and marshmallows to fortify us, and were then presented with a very generous cheque. Equally as satisfying, we were told we did a good job - so if you want a great squad to do some jobs for you, we have references!

On the basis of the cheque, and the money earned delivering flyers for the Day Care Centre, we are opening our own bank account, and have decided to make donations to charity. Our discussions on possible recipients are in progress, so we'll let you know the results later... it's not as if there's a shortage of possibilities! However, one definite recipient will be the boiler fund here at St. John's.

We have several ideas for future activities - all we need is to find times that we can all be together. This is a bit of a problem, even though there are not many of us! For example, we very much want to participate in serving, reading the Gospel and so on, but there are some logistics problems. (We are somewhat limited by other commitments, parental schedules, etc.) So, if you want us, our names and phone numbers are below: please call us and we'll do what we can.

Lynda Woolrich has volunteered to co-ordinate our remaining pre-

BRIDGEHEAD PRODUCTS

It developed from a question, "What can we do as a parish to give meaning to "giving" this Christmas?" The Outreach Committee gave thought to this question and decided to have a forum to get some parish feedback.

As people began to share during the forum, we discovered that there are many ways in which many of our parishioners individually and corporately "give". We give food and monies to Stop 103; Ann Ruta has inspired us to use our talents and fill a "Mitten Tree" in past years; several families and individuals give of their time and help to feed the ever increasing homeless of our city. Was there anything else that we could do? Bruce Alton happened to have a Bridgehead catalogue with him that Sunday.

Gerry Helleiner once put forth the thought that if we thought globally and acted locally, we could make a difference. It seems to me that this is one of the examples of Christ - the witness of one man who lived his life so that others could see that a difference was possible. For me, I could see that it was possible to make a difference in something as basic as the way I shopped. For example, I drink coffee and tea; if I buy Bridgehead products, I still get to drink my coffee and tea, but I also help contribute to fair wages for the plantation workers in countries like Mexico, Nicaragua, and India and indirectly I help to give the message that I support the worker in not being exploited for his cheap labour.

Yes, it is a little more costly - but this I put to you - what price do you pay for justice and what price do you think our Lord paid - he who came, incarnate in human form, to be called "Wonderful Counsellor", "Mighty God," "Eternal Father," "Prince of Peace." - of who it was said "He will rule as King David's successor, basing his power on right and justice, from now until the end of time. The Lord Almighty is determined to do all this." (Is.9:6-7, Good News Bible). I ask you to think about this and I encourage you to make a difference this Christmas and throughout the year by giving Bridgehead products. **YOU** can make a difference and you can pass this idea on through the gifts that you give.

It is said that Bridgehead gifts are gifts that give twice - here at St. John's, they give thrice. One, to the person who is the lucky recipient of such a beautiful gift. Two, to the worker who is more justly supported through our purchases. Three, the Church gets a percentage for selling the products.

After the Holly Tea, items will be available in Lynda's office to the end of the year. Layaway and installment payments possible.

Lynda Woolrich



A BIG THANK YOU

to the following donors who made our childrens' raffle such a success:

Bridgehead - ball and cup game
Kids at Play - base ball cards and book
Zellers - "Glowie" bear

and to the following donors who gave us special surprises for the adults' raffle:

Emily's Esthetique - manicure
Hillebrand Wines - bottle of wine
Marilyn Brooks - tote bag and "bucks"
Shakey's Bar and Grill - dinner for two
The Cheese Tray - gift certificate
Private Donations - Crystal napkin holder
- Writing Paper

MARTIN'S - plant

Also, a big thanks to Anne Marie Mohler, Anne Ruta, and Lynda Woolrich who generously gave of their time and effort to obtain these gifts.



Christmas activity - wrapping presents. There'll be more about this. Basically, we plan to help you cope with Christmas by wrapping your gifts for you on Saturday, December 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will do this for a nominal fee, using recyclable cloth and paper we supply, or using materials which you bring. If you have any extra wrapping paper or cloth, we'd be very grateful to receive it! Details to be announced...

Before we sign off, we want to say special a "thank you" to those who have helped us get this Group active so much since September. Thanks to you all!

Well, it's time to end this now, to meet the postal deadline.

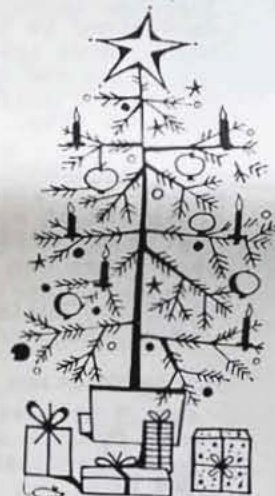
We'll write again soon. Till then, here's hoping you are all keeping well and happy.

Peace and Love to all,

The Youth Group.

MEMBERSHIP LIST 1991-1992
(alphabetical order)

Mira Addis	763-3640
Philip Addis	
Edward Crummey	762-9224
Taras Krywiak	763-1353
Colin Mohler	763-0870
Catherine Pawson	763-2266
Heather Stoddart	766-5360
Andrew Waters	537-5308
Megan Waters	



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Donald Selby - Judy Wolever's brother - has received word from Ecuador that our donation of clothing and toys has been received and has been distributed through the Canadian International Development Agency.

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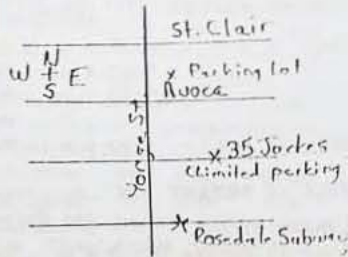
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GATHERING CIRCLE



Christmas Craft Event

December 3, 1991
 11:30 am - 7:30 pm.
 Frontier College
 35 Jackes Ave.
 Toronto.



A variety of unique crafts
 & jewellery will be for sale.



Refreshments Available



The Gathering Circle is an informal collection of people with diverse talents and interests who value the spirit of welcome, and gather to nurture and celebrate that spirit. In the past we have participated in and created several events supporting the gifts and talents of individuals with a handicap. Our current is on creating an inclusive space where people can gather, grow and share the gifts of hand, heart and hospitality which we believe is the essence of the gathering circle.

For further information, see Georgia Helleiner.



CALENDAR OF SERVICES FOR DECEMBER



WEEK OF ADVENT I Expectant Waiting

- Sun. 1 Dec. - 8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (Traditional)
9:00 a.m. - Bible Study
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (Contemporary)
Blessing of Advent Wreaths
- Wed. 4 Dec. - 7:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Contemporary)
- Sat. 7 Dec. - 10:00 a.m. - Advent Quiet Day

WEEK OF ADVENT II Preparing the Way

- Sun. 8 Dec. - 8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (Traditional)
9:00 a.m. - Bible Study
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (Contemporary)
dramatic presentation "Prepare"
- Wed. 11 Dec. - 7:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Contemporary)

WEEK OF ADVENT III Receiving and Giving
the Gifts of Christmas

[White Gift]

- Sun. 15 Dec. - 8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (Traditional)
9:00 a.m. - Bible Study
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (Contemporary)
with offering of White Gifts
- Wed. 18 Dec. - 7:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Contemporary)

WEEK OF ADVENT IV Sharing the Glads and Sads of Christmas

- Sun. 22 Dec. - 8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (Traditional)
9:00 a.m. - Bible Study
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (Contemporary)
with pageant
- 12:00 noon - Lunch followed by carol sing
1:00 p.m. - Decoration of church

CHRISTMAS

- Tue. 24 Dec. - 10:30 p.m. - Carol sing
11:00 p.m. - Midnight Mass
- Wed. 25 Dec. - 10:30 a.m. - Family Eucharist
- Sun. 29 Dec. - 8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (Traditional)
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (Contemporary)



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* EVENSONG AND TEA *
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* Date - Sunday, February 9, 1992 *
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* Time - 3 p.m. *
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* Tea at the Priory - 4 p.m. *
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* If you would like to attend, and need *
* transportation, please call the Church office *
* at 763-2393 *
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The Liturgy of the Church celebrates but one mystery; the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Each Sunday is a weekly commemoration of that Mystery. Supplementing that is a celebration of salvation history, through the church year. This year does not follow a strictly chronological pattern, but centers around certain great events, principally the Birth of the Messiah and his self-showing to the world (Christmas and Epiphany) and His Death and Resurrection (Easter). The aim is not the presentation of historical facts but the revelation of the faith. Not that we may know history, but that through history we may know GOD.

The church year starts at Advent 1, where the days theme is the end of all things in the final coming of Christ. Not his first coming in humility, (birth) but his final coming in glory. In Advent 2 and 3 the figure of John the Baptist moves center stage in preparation for the celebration of the birth. John the Baptist calls our attention to the total ministry of Christ, for John is the fore-runner not that Jesus will be born, but that the one to be born is the long promised Messiah in whom all things will have their meaning and fulfillment.

Advent 4 centers on the Blessed Virgin as the immediate preparation for the birth of Christ. But although Christ's birth in humility is the primary focus the awareness of the second coming, of which the first is the preliminary, is never absent. The two comings must always be considered together.

Advent is then a season rich in meanings on many levels and challenges us to see in the ordinary events of life, first in the events in Bethlehem 2000 years ago, and then equally in the events of our own day, the working out of Gods Eternal purpose. Advent makes Christmas a contemporary event, rather than an historical remembrance. I pray we all have a good Advent.

Christmas is the harvest time of love. Souls are drawn to other souls. All that we have read and thought and hoped comes to fruition at this happy time. Our spirits are astir. We feel within us a strong desire to serve, a strange subtle force, a new kindness. No longer are we content to relieve pain, to sweeten sorrow, to give the crust of charity. We dare to give friendship, service, the equal loaf of bread and love.

—Helen Keller.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER: For the happiness of our earthly life; for peaceful homes and healthful days; for our powers of mind and body; for faithful friends; for the joy of loving and being loved; above all, for the gift of thy dear Son, we thank thee, O Lord.



A HAPPY NEW YEAR

New mercies, new blessings,
 New light on thy way;
 New courage, new hope,
 And new strength for each day;
 New notes of thanksgiving,
 New chords of delight,
 New praise in the morning,
 New songs in the night;
 New wine in thy chalice,
 New altars to raise;
 New fruits for thy Master,
 New garments of praise;
 New gifts from His treasure,
 New smiles from His face;
 New streams from the Fountain
 Of infinite grace;
 New stars for thy crown,
 And new tokens of love;
 New gleams of the glory
 That waits thee above;
 New light of His countenance,
 Full and unpriced;
 All this be the joy
 Of thy new life in Christ!

—F. R. Havergal

KIDS KORNER

People learn about Jesus

Find eight people who came to listen to John. Color each face.



Luke 2:16,
TEV

The sky was dark again. All was quiet. Just as it was before the angel had come. The shepherds looked at each other. Had they been dreaming? No, it could not have been a dream, because they all knew about it. They jumped to their feet.

'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, that the Lord has told us', they said. They left their sheep on the hillside, and hurried off to look for the baby Jesus. They found Mary and Joseph, and saw the baby lying in the manger. When the shepherds saw Him they told them what the angel had said about this child.

Pretend that you are one of the shepherds. Write down what you would have said to Mary and Joseph.

We were sitting
when suddenly an
He told us
that we would find a
lying in a manger. And
everything has
happened just as



A Prayer Idea—Many people in the world do not know that Jesus is God's Son. Say a prayer today for all ministers and missionaries and teachers who are telling people about Jesus. Ask God to help people to know who Jesus is.

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