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## Special Inserts

This Month At St John's

Fall Christian Education

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### YOUR PARISH CHURCH ON THE INTERNET

Parish "renovations" of a unique sort have taken place this summer — not renovations to our church space, but in fact a move to a new home in cyberspace. Several years ago, St John's was one of the first Anglican churches in the country to have a website. back in the days when web space was expensive and rare, and information had to be hard-coded in pages of cryptic instructions in HTML (Hyper Text Markup Language). Over the years, our website has grown in size and in use-



fulness. Earlier this year, the decision was made to completely overhaul the website,

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### THE WELL TO RECEIVE \$505,400 FOR RENOVATIONS

An application to the City of Ottawa for capital funding for proposed renovations to The Well in the basement of St John's Church has been approved in the amount of \$505,400. The application was prepared by Hans Stenman and Gay Richardson of St John's ARC Committee in collaboration with Pat Connolly, Coordinator of The Well/La Source. The Well is a day program for women founded by the Diocese of Ottawa in 1984 and funded by both the Diocese and the City of Ottawa. It has been located in the basement of St John's since 1990.

The grant, which must be spent by March 2006, is made as part of a federal program administered by the city called the Na-

tional Homelessness Initiative (SCPI). St John's Church is also expected to contribute to this basement renovation. Current estimates made by ARC for the additional cost to the parish for the upgrading of plumbing, the electrical, heating, and ventilation systems, and excavating the crypt is about \$700,000. ARC hopes to do a technical study this fall to determine firm-costs for a plan worked out with The Well.

**SPECIAL VESTRY CALLED FOR OCTOBER 3rd.**

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## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

### TEN YEARS OF PLANNING

This fall, as a member of St John's, you are urged to participate in important parish decisions which will influence the life of this church for generations to come. I am, of course, referring to the proposed renovations to the church basement. Decisions about renovations to the nave and other main floor areas will be left until a future time. St John's has been working on a long-term vision for the church facilities for the last three years. In fact, the shaping of this vision did not begin only three years ago when it became apparent that some serious work was needed on facilities. The work began 10 years ago when the parish spent a great deal of time implementing a diocesan program called Transformation (ah yes, many of you will remember this!). Although the diocesan program was unfortunately abandoned, it was, I believe, of great benefit to St John's Church which took the program seriously.

Transformation involved many parishioners in a serious analysis of every aspect of the life of this parish. It gave us a clear sense of who we are as a parish, what is important to us, and the resources we have. In the long run of parish history I believe it will prove to be nothing less than a moment of grace and growth for St John's Church.

St John's is a parish with a wonderful cadre of people working together. We are a church boldly committed to our values and our neighbourhood. We have the capacity to enrich the lives of virtually everyone who enters these doors. This is no small achievement during a period when so many churches struggle just to keep their doors open. In 1954, 82% of Canadians attended church; in 2004 only 21% do. In spite of this radical shift, worship at St John's is well attended and we have more active ministries than ever before in the history of this parish.

I want you to see the vestry meeting this fall as the logical outcome of this decade long spiritual journey. Yes, the focus is upon our building but the focus is there because the building is such a key element in enabling us to do what we have identified as important. We do need to improve outdated facilities and we do need to find more space. To do this, within our budget, will be difficult to achieve and will inevitably involve compromise and trade-offs.

So you may feel as I do as September at St John's rolls around- a sense of excitement and anxiety. Excitement at the wonderful possibilities for the future and anxiety at all the work we yet have to do to realize our dream. Of such is the Kingdom of God.

Grace & Peace

*Garth*

## BOOKS WORTH READING

A book worth reading - *Journeys through the Century: Stories of a Family*, compiled and edited by Jocelyn Patten chronicles the life and ministry of the Reverend Paul Busing and his wife Erika Busing. As a young couple they fled Germany when the Nazi came to power with their punitive laws against Jews. Erika's grandmother was Jewish, so she and Paul left Germany for England and then on to Canada. In Canada Paul and Eric ministered in several parishes in the Diocese of Montreal before retiring to Ottawa where they both quickly became deeply involved with St John's Church. Paul died in 1994. Erika, at 92, is still at St John's. Congratulations to Jocelyn Patten, Erika's granddaughter

(Monica's daughter) for this compilation of letters and Erika's reminiscences. The rector has a copy which he is pleased to lend to parishioners upon request. Copies are available for purchase by contacting Erika.

*Always do right-it will gratify some people and astonish the others.*

Also worth reading is the biography of the late Archbishop Ted Scott, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada from 1971-1986. Former St John's rector Herbert O'Driscoll comments on the first page of this book, "I think of Ted Scott as the very embodiment of what Dag Hammarskjöld meant when he said, 'The road to holiness necessarily

passes through the world of action'. *Radical Compassion: The Life and Times of Archbishop Ted Scott* by Hugh McCullum (ABC Publishing, Toronto, 2004). The rector had his copy signed by Archbishop Scott just days before his accidental death. If you would like to borrow it please contact the rector.



and to move it to a new “location” on the internet.

Our new address is easy to remember: **stjohnsottawa.ca** Simply type that address into any web browser, and voilà — a picture of the church appears, along with a welcome message, and a navigation bar on the left-hand side of the screen. Using the navigation bar, you will find a wealth of information about the church.

Visitors often check out our website to learn about the “personality” of our parish, or to find out service times and get directions. There is a map of downtown Ottawa which shows the location of St John’s Church, and there is a list of service times. As well, a section entitled “Who We Are” gives background to the character of our parish and the various ministries in which we are involved. For those with an insatiable appetite for details, the entire 2003 Vestry Report may be read online.

Every week, the coming Sunday’s bulletin is posted to the website (usually Thursday afternoon). The web bulletin shows the readings and music for the coming Sunday, with links to the text of the Bible readings and background information and commentary. If you want to know how a particular hymn sounds, simply click on its title, and the music will play for you. The readings for the following Sunday are also included.

The Music section of the website includes descriptions of the various groups involved in music-making at St John’s. All the recordings of our choir are catalogued, with pictures of their covers and lists of the music on each CD. Sample recordings in MP3 format are linked to some of the pieces, so you can hear the choir sing. There is an extensive history of music at St John’s, with choir and organ photos dating back to the mid-nineteenth century.

Christian Education information is presented on colourful pages which describe the Church School, the Youth Group and the various adult studies. Here you will also find detailed information about the

visit of Tom Harpur on Friday, October 29.

The section entitled “Ministries” describes some of the other activities that happen in our parish. The Architectural Renewal Committee has a great deal of information available. A page describing our ministry with gays and lesbians includes links to sermons from past Pride Day celebrations as well as to pictures of this year’s Pride Parade.

One of the most popular parts of our website is the online sermons. Whenever possible, we post the text of a sermon after it has been preached. To the people responsible for the website, this makes a lot of sense: the person writing the sermon has often spent several hours of research, prayer, writing and re-writing to craft a cohesive, interesting sermon. For listeners, it’s impossible to plumb the depths of a sermon at first hearing. On the internet, you can re-visit a sermon that may have had a special impact on you, and read it again. If you miss a Sunday, you can take a look at the sermon for that day (heaven forbid you should miss one pearly word of wisdom).

The staff all have new e-mail addresses:

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General e-mail for the parish office should be sent to [office@stjohnsottawa.ca](mailto:office@stjohnsottawa.ca). This is also the address for bulletin notices. (Remember that the deadline for bulletin notices is Wednesday noon.)

Many people contributed content and ideas for the website, but special thanks are due to one person: our parish webmaster, David Bewley, who has devoted

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visionnez notre  
page web en  
français sur le site  
de St John’s*

### *Webpage Resources*

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- Renovations
- Sermons
- E-mail addresses
- Music Programme
- Sunday Bulletin
- News & Event
- Guest Book

## REFLECTIONS ON LEADERSHIP

by The Reverend Sharon Schollar

*(This article is based on a talk presented to parish council at its weekend retreat in March of this year. The rector and I were invited to address the topic of leadership in the church.)*

My thinking on leadership has been informed by diverse schools of thought and by my experience of leadership in a variety of settings. The following reflection is therefore a synthesis of meanings, derived from several unrelated and (perhaps) unlikely sources. I apologize to the authors cited for any misappropriation of ideas from one discipline to the next.

Concerning schools of thought, I believe my earliest influence was the work of an economist and city planner, named Jane Jacobs. Jacobs' thinking about cities inspired my thinking about churches, and – more particularly – about leadership in the church.

With the publication in 1961 of *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, Jacobs changed the way planners viewed cities. For Jacobs, cities are “problems of organized complexity” – living organisms, or systems, comprised of interrelated and interdependent networks of relationships. In Jacobs' view, it is impossible to plan cities, or to foster vibrant cities, without first understanding this web of relationships. Jacobs encourages planners to focus on the common, ordinary scenes of the city with uncommon, extraordinary regard. She encourages planners to “listen, linger and think” about cities, with a view to understanding “the intricate social and economic order under the seeming disorder of cities.”

For Jacobs, vibrant cities are characterized by vibrant relationships among a great diversity of people and functions. She describes “a most intricate and close-grained diversity of uses that *give each other constant mutual support.*” (emphasis added) A principal task of planners is to facilitate the emergence of such creative diversity;

indeed, to nurture and to celebrate it.

I have come to believe that parish communities are very similar to the cities that Jacobs envisions. That is, a parish community is a “problem of organized complexity.” It is (as Saint Paul suggests) a living organism, or system, comprised of interrelated and interdependent networks of relationships. Leadership, in such a setting, requires that one carefully attend to the ordinary scenes and events of parish life, with a view to discerning the relationships that sustain it. It requires that one “listen, linger and think” about what nourishes these relationships, and about what may deaden them. It is important also for leaders to nurture and to celebrate the creative diversity of a parish community. In my view, such diversity is as crucial to parish life as it is to Jacob's life in the city.

The question occurs: how does one maintain unity amidst such great diversity? In this regard, I believe the work of political scientist, Eric Voegelin, is helpful. In his text, *The New Science of Politics*, Voegelin suggests that human societies are “cosmions of meanings,” and that “shared meanings” constitute the identity of a particular group, or society.

I would posit that “shared meanings” – more particularly, shared values – are constitutive of the identity of a parish community. In particular, the “shared meanings,” or teachings, of Christian tradition – especially those concerning love for and sacrificial service to others – constitute us as a community of faith. They build us up: they knit us together. They unite us, as the seams of our memory quilt unite the individual quilt blocks, or “stories,” of parish members. Priesthood, it seems to me, concerns the proclamation of these meanings (teachings, or values) in Word and Sacrament, as well as in acts of daily living. I believe that the creative diversity, about which Jacobs speaks, can be sustained *harmoniously* only if the community is transpierced by such values.

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My ideas about parish leadership have been informed also by the insights of feminist thought. Feminist thinking advances a non-hierarchical model of human society. Like Jacobs, feminists view society as an organism, or system, comprised of interrelated and interdependent relationships. Each individual is of radically equal value in this scenario, and each makes a distinct and significant contribution to the (optimum) functioning of the whole. In feminist moral thinking – as set out, for example, in the work of Carol Gilligan – care and avoidance of harm are very significant values, as important as the values of justice and fairness. They are important because they serve to nourish and enhance the relationships that permit the whole to cohere.

The thinking of Jacobs, Voegelin and Gilligan resonates with several biblical texts. For example, in I Corinthians, Paul describes the Christian community as one body with many members – “Now you are the Body of Christ and individually members of it.” (12:27)

He describes an interrelated and interdependent community, in which “the eye can not say to the hand, I have no need for you.” (12:21)

He describes a diverse group of people – “Jews or Greeks, slaves or free.” (12:13)

He describes a community in which every member is of equal value – “the members of the body that seem to be weakest are indispensable, and those members that we think less honourable, we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect.” (12:22-23)

He describes a community in which *every* member makes an important contribution – “to *each* is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (12:7, emphasis added)

In 1 Corinthians, Paul also describes the various gifts bestowed on the community for ministry in the church. (see 1 Corinthians 12:4-11) I believe that an important task for parish leaders is to identify, name, nurture and promote the exercise of these gifts among the widest possible number of persons.

In my view, there are certain principles of leadership that may fairly be derived from the foregoing analysis. These axioms suggest a “servant model” of leadership, an essential aspect of which is the facilitation of the ministry of others. This kind of leadership is characterized by the following attributes: care for others, and the avoidance of harm to any person; the nurture of relationships; the nurture and celebration of diversity; the facilitation of ministry by all members of the community; and the proclamation of love and service in both word and deed.

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## THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

For over a year now St John's has been developing a project with a local developer, Teron Inc, to develop the parking lot east of the church. A high-rise affordable housing project is proposed. In February ARC sought vestry approval to enter into a contract whereby Teron Inc would purchase the parking lot for \$1 million in order to build “a church-related” affordable housing complex. The proposed condominium project would be affordable to families with salaries in the fortieth per-

centile (City of Ottawa definition of affordable). As well, the St John's Affordable Housing Committee, in collaboration with the Multifaith Housing Initiative, will endeavour to purchase several of these units for rental at below-market rent in order to deepen the affordability aspect of the project for persons not able to purchase units. Since the project was presented to the church last fall a number of issues have arisen which threaten the pre-

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John's continue to  
discuss the project  
with the City of  
Ottawa.”*

# GREETINGS FROM ETHIOPIA

By Rick Clippingdale

*Rick Clippingdale  
has been a member  
of St John's for  
over 30 years*

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I have written briefly on my Addis parish church home away from home previously, but I feel, as my two months' time of "development assistance" work in Ethiopia winds down, I should record at greater length my feelings about worshipping here, why I like the place so much, and how wonderfully inclusively internationally Anglican it is!

The current attractive stone construction, built in the 1950's, continues a parish originally based within the nearby British Embassy grounds and opened in the late nineteenth century. The present building is linked with a parish hall, a local reading library for Ethiopian and expatriate children and adults and a modest rectory, around a delightful garden complete with flowering trees and rose bushes. Marvelous ivy coats the rough stone walls. The pulpit was a personal gift from the late Emperor Haile Selassie.

Inside a fine stain glass window of traditional design – something like that at St. John's Elgin Street, Ottawa - stands above the altar. The chancel is tiny but attractive, and the Altar Guild is never short of delightful flowers which are placed just about everywhere there is space! There is a basic electric organ, a piano and a dedicated little group of vocalists, guitar players and violinists to lead us in the frequent hymns and "songs" we all are expected to belt out every few minutes! We have a printed Communion Service, a standard modern parish "family" liturgy that is very like the St. John's rite, and our leaflets for the 10:15 Eucharist give us all the verses for our singing, including during Communion.

The Vicar, Father Andrew Proud, a vigorous middle-aged Englishman late of a south London working-class parish, is the very popular leader of our flock, who has been making a wonderful success of St. Matthew's for some years now. The parish

family is mostly Ethiopian and refugee Sudanese, with a strong minority of expatriate Brits, Aussies, New Zealanders, Indians, Americans, South Africans (black and white), Polynesians, Canadians, Kenyans, Nigerians and others from wherever the old British Empire once existed and elsewhere. Not just traditional Anglicans, but lapsed Catholics and wandering Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Unitarians and Baptists can be found in comfortable alliance. A Baptist lady from Peace River, Alberta, who teaches at a "bible" elementary school, told me she had tried the massive American-affiliated Pentacostal "International Evangelical Church" once, but found it too impersonal and "worldly." She nervously tip-toed in our door one Sunday two years ago (the first time she ever had entered an Anglican church) and has been coming ever since – because, as she says, it is the "most friendly" congregation she has ever found!

There is something for just about every tradition. The liturgy, while simple and straightforwardly offered, is beautifully and reverently presented. The tone of the service overall is more evangelical than I have been used to, but the prayers are well chosen and beautifully read, by both the clergy and laity alike. Our Prayers of the People are strikingly appropriate for a poor African country, and the Exchange of the Peace is even more robustly "touchy-feely" than at St. John's! We do not have a grand choir and musicians for anthems and special touches; indeed, we really do not have a choir at all! Our little group of "singers" and musicians just try to keep us in key – but a powerful evangelical African-style congregational singing tradition kicks in when we begin to give voice. Clapping and "Amen's" are constant! Some of our hymns and songs are very traditional: "Rock of Ages," "O Jesus, I have Promised to Serve Thee to the End," "Crown Him with many Crowns," and "Amazing Grace" have been rendered enthusiastically. But other tunes and

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words I have never heard before, both in English and Amharic (we have a phonetic English text to help the non-Ethiopians) also have abounded. One that impressed me mightily was “Abba Father, let me be Yours and Yours alone.” The first verse of another, with refrain, reads:

“When we walk with the Lord  
in the light of His word,  
what a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will,  
He abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey,  
for there’s no other way  
to be happy in Jesus  
but to trust and obey.”

The Wardens, singers and Lay Readers are mostly Ethiopians. When our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Mouneer Han Anis, Bishop of Egypt, North Africa and the Horn of Africa, visited in May, he gave a stem-winding sermon about Faith and Idealism in an environment of poverty and international discord that was memorable. He also confirmed several Ethiopian teenagers and one English youngster and then commissioned two Ethiopian Lay Readers in a touching ceremony. One of them preached his first sermon three weeks later and did it very well. That Sunday the church was jammed and at least 80% of the congregation was black. In addition to Ethiopians, we have numerous Sudanese refugees who have fled from the violence in southern Sudan. They also have an 11:30 special Sudanese service most Sundays.

This is a very “engaged” congregation, with much debate on its directions and practices a constant. The role of women and young people in the parish is strong, and participation of children in the Eucharist welcomed – even while there is recognition of the continuing importance to many in the congregation of the Confirmation tradition. Apparently, there was some kind of recent parish “dust-up” on

the whole issue which produced this conclusion, as described by the Vicar in a special leaflet as follows: “We all get along remarkably well” in this “wonderfully diverse congregation, made up of Christians from many lands and different denominations....After lengthy debate, the Church Council has...decided that we shall continue to encourage all Baptised Christians, whether adults or children, to come to Communion and to seek Confirmation of their faith in Christ by the Bishop when and if they so wish. However, in either case, we do expect children wishing to receive Communion and any one seeking Confirmation, to explore their faith in Christ with Church leaders....Every child who would like to receive Communion is required to attend Communion classes with their parents. As part of that process, I would like every child who wishes to receive Communion to write me saying what it means to them and why they wish to do so. Finally, we respect the wishes of all those, children or young people, who wish to wait until they are older before they receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.”

There is something very moving in participating, even briefly and mostly vicariously, in the life of St. Matthews. I had been told I would feel this way by Rev. David Macdonald who regularly attended here when he was Canadian Ambassador in the early 1980s, during the dark days of the Derge, the Marxist military dictatorship of that time. He said the church was a “place of hope” in those days. It still is, in better times, although this country still has many terrible problems to overcome before its people can dream of anything like our much more favourable circumstances. But if faith can do the trick, the future will indeed be better. I think it just might when I stand in the midst of a group of young Sudanese refugees, with their Ethiopian friends, and they whisper a perfectly memorized Anglican “We do not presume...” general confessional prayer, then sweep me up in a resonant clapping-accompanied African hymn to joy and peace. As we sway, hug, clap and sing to-

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Annual AIDS Walk  
7pm Saturday,  
September 18.  
Register as a walker  
with other St John’s  
people. Forms  
available in church  
office.

## PEOPLE AND EVENTS

*You are invited to  
the marriage of  
Sarah Bonneville  
& Patrick  
Dagenais*

*Thank You to those who  
assisted with the summer  
programme for children.*

*Mike Scrim*

*Barbara & Eva Dransch*

*Paula MacPherson*

*Georges Turgeon*

*Graham Smith*

*Wanda Dillabough*

*Gillian and Iain Wallace*

*Caitlin Beck*

*April & Kelly Dickson*

*Cynara Desbarats*

*Dorothy Berg*

*Cathy Hannah*

*Grace Howland*

*Ian Myles*

*Michelle Smulders*

*Nathan Dillabough*

As in 2003 so again in 2004 on the Sunday of Harvest Thanksgiving (October 10) you are all invited to witness a bilingual marriage during the 10:15 Sunday service. Choir member Sarah Bonneville (of Regina) will wed Patrick Dagenais (of Montreal) before all of their fellow Christians here at St John's. You will recall that the parish celebrated the marriage of Chris Bodnar and Paige Dampier in the same way last year. Both Sarah and Patrick have been active parish members for the past 3 years. Sarah is a teacher in Gatineau and Patrick is a public servant with the Official Languages Commission. Congratulations!

*One small boy to another- "Of course I know the facts of life; eat your vegetables and wash your hands!"*

This seems to be a year of unprecedented departures from St John's of persons moving elsewhere: Murray Hunter has assumed a new position with the National Research Council in London, Ontario, Mark Perry, posted at the US Embassy for the past five years and faithful choir tenor, has been re-assigned to Washington, D.C. Chris Bodnar and Paige Dampier have left for Vancouver, Gillian and Ian Wallace hosted a farewell party for them in mid-July. We thank them all for their contribution to our parish over the years.

*The most effective way to cope with change is to help create it.*

Thank you to the team which gathered to prepare the May issue of In Lumine: Meoldie Conlon, Pat Love, Jeanne Pearen, Bayne Pearen, Peggy Ketching, James Landry, Joan Nicolleand Graham Smith - and of course our compliments to Tracy Baxter for doing such a fine formatting job on her first issue.

*When you ship finally comes in, you will usually find relatives waiting at the dock.*

Several parishioners observe birthdays in the 90's this fall. Turning 90 is Edna West,

Henry Sims, Thomas Beard and Gertrude Hunter. Turning 92 is Erika Busing. Isabella B, and Jim Hutchin 99. Congratulations to you. If we have missed anyone please let us know.

Vicki Robinson found this sign posted outside an Anglican Church in London, England:

### ***Beware***

Here we practise the inclusive Gospel of Jesus Christ

This means you may be mixing with tax-collectors, sinners, adulterers, hypocrites, Greeks, Jews, women as well as men, female and male priests, homosexuals, lesbians, the disabled, dying, thieves and other sinners; even black people, Asians and other ethnic minorities, Muslims, Bishops, Bigots, peoples of other faiths, strangers from Rome and Nigeria, heretics, etc, etc- even you, dear guest are most welcome in fact anyone like those who Jesus mixed with.

So beware, this is not a private club.

### ***Stewardship***

A Poem by Ann Weems (Westminster/John Knox, Louisville, 1992 p. 41)

The pew preached to the pulpit, all the while clutching its checkbook. The pulpit hung its head, and tried to quiet its conscience with these considerations:

If the greatest givers are offended,  
mission will go unfunded.  
If the boat is rocked,  
it is the poor who will be drowned.  
The consciences spoke back:

Answer me this one:

Do we owe our soul to the Company Church?

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# ST JOHN'S PRAYER MINISTRIES

**Hearing Prayer Service** Held on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the chapel. This service offers the opportunity to continue with the Eucharist with the Sacrament of Laying on of Hands and Anointing with oil for healing. This service is not only for those in need of physical healing, but for anyone in need of any healing, whether emotional, spiritual or relational.

**Bible Study** Held Every Sunday morning from 9:00 am to 10:00 am for those interested in reviewing the readings for the morning service. This time a study is provided to encourage a greater awareness of the scriptures and provide an opportunity to share how the readings apply in our life experience.

**Prayer Walkers** This important ministry continues to meet weekly at 12:30 pm following the 10:15 am Sunday morning service for the fifth year. This special ministry consists of three teams that take turns reading a prayer book within our community. On the fourth week, all teams come together for potluck lunch and to focus on a mission or ministry in our community in need of care support and partnership.

**Intercessory Prayer Group** Held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the chapel. This ministry is for everyone. People with prayer requests submit their request to either Karen Mattioli or the church office to be put on the list. The prayer list is updated every month, recording praise reports, new prayer requests and long-term needs. We would encourage everyone to consider this very important ministry, you don't have to be an expert, just a person who cares and is willing to let God use them. If you have a prayer request, we would also encourage you to not just call it in, but rather, come and join us.

**Soaking Prayer** On the third Tuesday of every month from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm all

are invited to come and soak in the presence of God through music, scripture and silence. This hour of resting allows for a time of deeper reflection amidst our all too busy world.

**Prayer Chain** Our emergency prayer network of intercessors who have given their names for contact for urgent prayer needs. We have three teams of intercessors that agree to pray for a period of two weeks for each request. These requests are delivered by phone and are kept confidential. At the end of two weeks if further prayer is needed, the prayer request is referred to the intercessory prayer group for long-term prayer support.

**Special Events** Throughout the church year there will be a number of quiet days, days of celebration etc., to be announced.

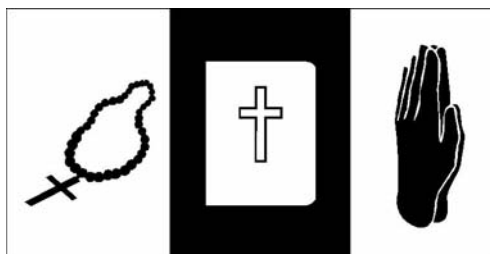
For more information or to join any of these groups please contact Karen Mattioli at (613)-733-5434.

*My house shall be called a house of prayer.*

*Pray continually without ceasing.*

*With prayer and supplications present all your requests to God.*

*For we all are called to pray for one another.*



## Weekly Services

### Sunday

8:00am a quiet start to the day

10:15am our main worship service

7pm AIDS service (Last Sunday of the Month)

9pm Office of Compline - Gregorian Chant (2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month)

### Most Tuesdays

(Please Check Before You Come)

5:30pm A simple supper and Communion

### Wednesday

7:15am Communion and Breakfast

### Thursday

10:00am Communion

## SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING

*“ARC proposes that the overall renovation plan be considered in phases.”*

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A special vestry meeting of the congregation of St John’s Church is called for Sunday, October 3, following the 10:15 service. The congregation will be asked to approve a further step in the overall vision for the renovation of the church. In view of the grant from the city and the need to access this funding within the prescribed time, ARC proposes that the overall renovation plan be considered in phases. Phase One would be the renovation of the basement and excavation of the crypt. (if the technical report recommends it). Future phases would involve the upstairs ministry areas and worship area and would be the subject of extensive discussion. Thus, the plan for work beyond Phase One, as pre-

sented in June, will be modified as a result of these discussions. In preparation for Phase One, Vestry will be asked to approve the funding of a technical study of the excavation of the crypt. This excavation will go a long way toward providing the extra space needed by both St John’s and The Well. An information and discussion meeting for the congregation is scheduled for Sunday, September 19 following the 10:15 service to explain the technical study and the advantages of a fall fundraising feasibility study. The feasibility study would ascertain whether the required money for Phase One can be raised amongst members of St John’s and supporters of The Well.

## SUMMER PICNIC FOR REFUGEES

Despite a high winds and cool weather about sixty newcomers to Canada and friends enjoyed an afternoon in the country on Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> at Willowbank Farm, Plantaganet. Willowbank Farm is owned by Dr. Carolyn Miller, a member of the parish of Ascension Refugee Committee

Twenty three of the newcomers to Canada were former refugees and their families from St John’s and about twenty more newcomers to Canada came from the Drop In Centre for Immigrants run by Haig McCarrell of Church of the Ascension, Echo Drive. The friends were members of parish of Ascension Refugee Group and members of the Pastoral Response to Newcomers to Canada Team (PRNCT)) of St John’s.

The highlight of the day for many of the newcomers was riding Carol’s horses in the training barn. Horse walkers, horses and instructors were surely exhausted by the end of the afternoon, but the glowing faces of about 30 kids and adults made it all worthwhile! The swimming pool was the other main attraction, in spite of the

cool weather. The Barbeque had to be moved to a sheltered spot out of the wind, and the picnic took place in the viewing room next to the training barn instead of outdoors because of the weather, but everyone seemed content. For some newcomers to Canada, this was the first time they had ever been out of the city, and they were very appreciative.

PRNCT is very grateful to Carol for allowing her farm to be invaded for the afternoon! We already have plans to do this again next year, perhaps around the appropriate time of World Refugee Day, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Carol and the other trainers on her farm teach therapeutic riding, specializing in teaching children who are physically handicapped (autistic and other) The websites for Willowbank Farm are [www.bbcanada.com/willowbank](http://www.bbcanada.com/willowbank) or [www.attcanada.ca/~willowb/equinatur.html](http://www.attcanada.ca/~willowb/equinatur.html) She welcomes volunteers of all kinds for a multitude of jobs around the farm, but you must have your own transportation!

## PASTORAL RESPONSE TO REFUGEES AND NEWCOMERS TO CANADA

A busy summer period!

Mary Okan and her family completed their first year in Canada in May. Many thanks to the many who helped them, financially with furniture and with hands on support. We have since helped them move apartments and will continue to provide assistance as needed. Mary is now volunteering in The Well, her English improving slowly. Mary's older daughter, Teresa Chol, and her baby son remain in Cairo, awaiting final approval from the Canadian Embassy to come to Canada. This prolonged separation is very stressful for the family, please keep them in your prayers.

In May two sponsored families arrived after long periods of waiting. The Neak family of seven from Afghanistan had spent several years in Pakistan, and have settled in Montreal where they are being supported by other family members. Antoinette Bukuru and her sister Dahlie, from Burundi, arrived after three years of precarious living in Nairobi, and are living with family in Ottawa.

Two sponsorships remain outstanding, for an Ethiopian Orthodox Deacon presently in Spain, and for an Ethiopian woman in Cairo.

In addition to sponsorships, PRNC has been active in helping several government sponsored refugees who have become associated with the parish and two single parent refugee claimant families.

A first and hopefully annual picnic for newcomers was held in collaboration with Church of the Ascension. Many old and new St Johnians enjoyed a windy but sunny Saturday afternoon in June at Willowbank Farm near Alfred, swimming, riding horses and simply enjoying the countryside.

PRNC relies on the support of the parish, which always seems to be there, whatever is asked for. Thank you! We meet on the second Monday of each month at 7.30 pm. If you would like to be more actively involved please come along and join us.

## CANADIAN CHURCH LEADERS URGE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND BALLISTIC MISSILE CONTROL

**Canadian church leaders urge nuclear disarmament and ballistic missile control signed by Acting Primate and 19 other national church leaders.**

Excerpts 15 March, 2004

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

We write to urge you to guide Canada toward an intensified commitment to nuclear disarmament and binding controls for ballistic missiles as the most effective and practical means of working for the safety and protection of Canadians. Strategic ballistic missile defense systems, we believe, can never satisfy the deep human yearning for immunity from nuclear terror. The weaponization of space and related

BMD developments are hollow attempts at technical solutions that only intensified the nuclear threat. Prime Minister, the responsibility to protect Canadians and all humankind from the threat of nuclear terror is a grave and urgent imperative, and we urge you to re-emphasize the historic position of successful Canadian governments that "the only sustainable strategy for the future is the elimination of nuclear weapons entirely. The only realistic objective for the international community is progressive reduction of the existing number of nuclear weapons leading to their elimination. (Nuclear Disarmament and Non-proliferation: Advancing Canadian Objectives, Government Statement. Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, April 19, 1999)

*St John's new  
refugee sponsorship  
applications: 2  
Ethiopians*

*Johnians have  
contributed about  
\$8000 for refugee  
sponsorship in past  
year.*

*Johnians have  
contributed \$11,000  
this year toward the  
Residential School  
Settlement Fund.  
Parish target  
\$16,400*

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### Mark Your Calendar

**Don't Miss the Tom Harpur  
lecture on October 29.**

Two book study opportunities  
of *The Pagan Christ* are offered  
Thursdays 10:45am–  
12:00pm September 16, 30  
and October 15. Wednesdays  
7:00pm–8:00pm September  
15, 22, 29.

### COSA Training

Wednesday evening Septem-  
ber 22nd training for Circles of  
Support and Accountability a  
ministry to released prisoners.

### ConneXions

ConneXions Training Session  
September 11th 9am-4pm.  
ConneXions in a ministry to  
persons with HIV/AIDS

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countless hours to this project. David and his wife Beverlee are long-time parishioners of St John's. David is a priest of the Diocese of Ottawa, and was formerly rector of St Luke's Church (Somerset Street at Bell). Now retired, David was the diocesan webmaster for many years. David and Beverlee are active members of Integrity, an international movement supporting gays and lesbians in the Anglican church. Their daughter, Bonnie, and her partner Michelle are the proud parents of five-year old Tiana. David and Bev attend the 8:00 a.m. service, where they both serve as readers. Bev is also the coordinator of the Altar Guild.

Come pay a visit to the new cyber-home of St John's Church — and don't forget to sign the guestbook!

(Continued from page 7) **Greetings from Ethiopia**

gether I wonder if I shall ever again experience a worship so moving! But then it also reminds me of our St. John the Evangelist family in Ottawa and how it tries so hard to be inclusive and welcoming. Both truly are places of "the open door."

(Continued from page 5) **Affordable Housing**

sent project. The cost of steel has unexpectedly increased and the City of Ottawa has re-imposed development charges on all building projects (this alone could add as much as \$8000 to the price of each unit) and the city has advanced significant and costly design changes to the proposed plan for 150 Somerset Street. Teron Inc and St Johns continue to discuss the project with the City of Ottawa. These developments have delayed the signing of the agreement between St John's and Teron Inc as approved by a special vestry meeting last February.

(Continued from page 8) **People and Events**

After many years as coordinators of Art Credo, Harvie and Kitty Cocks have resigned from the leadership of this important annual exhibition, which has been running for more than 25 years now and exhibited and sold a record number of artefacts this year.