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Our Services

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Morning Prayer
on 3rd and 5th Sundays
Bilingual Church School

Wednesday

- 12:15 p.m. Bread for the Body
Food for the Soul
Soup and Reflective Readings

Thursday

- 5:30 p.m. Christian Education
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Living in the Balance

Recently a parishioner commented to me that there were so many activities being offered here at St. James that it would be difficult to choose which one to participate in. On the one hand I suppose that is good news. On the other hand it is important to note that the purpose of offering these opportunities for health and growth is not to make life busier, but to help us realize the importance of living a well-balanced life.

You will see in this issue of *The Latest* that along with our worship times, and our two weekly Christian Education programs, (DOXA and Bread for the Body/Food for the Soul) we are also offering classes that focus on mental and physical well being. We all *know* the importance of a holistic approach to life, but it is in the *practice* that we so often fall short. We find ourselves limping along in a 'lopsided' kind of way.

With the fall season upon us and the busyness of life settling in after a summer of respite we find ourselves filling the pages of our agendas with classes, meetings, appointments etc. The days become overwhelming and we wonder how on earth we are going to do it all. And yet, if we ignore those areas of our lives that are calling for attention, we will no longer be lopsided, we will find ourselves spinning off and toppling over. Whether student, volunteer, employed or retired we are all called to nurture and care for this gift of life that we have been given.

Worship, study and work without times for exercise and times for celebration leave us incomplete. Just as those who focus on work and/or exercise but leave out worship, education or celebration put themselves in a very precarious position. We become less than what God intended us to be.

It is sad to say that in the one place where we should be practising this balanced way of living, namely the church, we are often greatly lacking. And yet, throughout his ministry, Jesus lived his life in the fullness of all that God intended for each one of us. He taught and ministered, he served those in need, he ate, drank and had fellowship with the people around him; he celebrated life's special occasions, walked miles daily, and still found time to worship, pray and practice mindful meditation. He lived a life of balance.

Life is a gift, one to be opened and celebrated in all of its fullness. I pray that as we move into this next season, as colours change and leaves begin to fall, we remember that we too are only here for a season. A season to be lived in the balance of God's love.

With a thankful heart for all that we have been given,

Canon Linda



Our Sanctuary Guild

by Honor Barrett

If you have ever admired the beautiful embroidered silk brocades used for covering the Communion vessels and the altar frontals, not to mention the exquisite Gothic Revival Chalice, have you ever wondered who looks after them, prepares for the service, and takes care of all the brass that gleams each and every Sunday? Well it's us – your Sanctuary Guild!

Some churches call it the Altar Guild, but Saint James the Apostle has always called it the Sanctuary Guild. Most of our members have been on the guild for a decade or more and we feel comfortable with that name. After all it is the Sanctuary (the area behind the altar rail) that is our domain, and we care for a lot more than just the altar. We see that everything is clean and gleaming each week, prepare the Communion vessels for services and clear them away afterwards.

We are fortunate to have members with special gifts whether it be laundering the pristine altar cloths and small linens, decorating for festivals, repairing the silks and linens or excelling in putting a special shine on the brass: we complement each other.

As with most other areas of volunteer work, our numbers are not growing much, some of our members are seniors and have been doing this ministry for years. Some of us even remember when the altar was against the reredos and the clergy celebrated the Eucharist with their back to the congregation.

If you like working with beautiful things why not come and join us? We work in pairs spending two hours on a Saturday morning (or Friday if you wish) polishing brass and generally seeing that all is clean and shining ready for Sunday. On Sunday we come in and prepare the altar for Communion and clear it away afterwards. We leave things ready for the Wednesday service and there are other dedicated members who are on duty for the midweek services.

Some lasting friendships have been made over the years; one can really get to know someone while polishing brass: it is fun! If we had more members, our duty weekend would come around less often; it is not a lot to ask in the way of commitment. We are a friendly easy group; if one of us finds that we are not free on a weekend we have been assigned to, we simply ask another member if they could swap with us. Men are welcome: we have had two male members, and have one who comes to support and help his wife.

Some of us think that this is a very worthwhile way of serving God with the talents he has given us. If you are interested come and try us. Talk to me or any of our members.



You won't see this red frontal too often as it is only used on a few occasions such as Palm Sunday, Pentecost and some feasts of Apostles.



Looking Forward

October – November 2009

Sunday Services are

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist or Morning Prayer, as indicated
Bilingual Church School

Sundays after Pentecost

- October 4th **18th Sunday after Pentecost**
Sung Eucharist
- October 11th **Harvest Thanksgiving Service**
Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Linda Borden Taylor
- October 18th **20th Sunday after Pentecost**
Sung Eucharist and Holy Baptism
Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Linda Borden Taylor
- October 25th **21st Sunday after Pentecost**
Morning Prayer
Guest Preacher: The Rev'd Hugh Pettingell
Former Comptroller of the World Council of Churches, Geneva
- November 1st **All Saints Day**
Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Ven. Peter D. Hannen
- November 8th **Remembrance Day Service**
Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Linda Borden Taylor
- November 15th **24th Sunday after Pentecost**
Morning Prayer
Guest Preacher: The Rev'd Andrés Díaz Dorta
Deacon of the Diocese of Cuba
- November 22th **The Reign of Christ**
Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Linda Borden Taylor

Advent

- November 29th **First Sunday of Advent**
Holy Communion – Golden Jubilee (see page 5)
The Ven. Peter Hannen celebrates 50 years to the Priesthood
Guest Preacher: Canon J. A. Winters
Rector-emeritus of St. Barnabas Church, Ottawa

The Shoppe

Wednesday
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

For information, contact Evelyn Rodriguez

Conference Synod of the Diocese of Montréal

Thursday – Saturday
November 12–14

For information,
speak to our Rector
or visit: montreal.anglican.ca/synod

Christian Education

Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m.

**Bread for the Body,
Food for the Soul**

Thursdays

September 17 – October 22

**DOXA, a Three-Part
Course in Christian
Discipleship (part III)**

5:30 p.m. Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Supper

7:00 p.m. Teaching

(see page 6)

Fellowship

Wed. Sept. 30th, 6:30 p.m.

Potluck

New Members' Dinner

R.S.V.P. by Sept. 25th

at 514 849-7577

Advisory Board Meetings

Tuesday Oct. 20th, 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday Nov. 10th, 5:45 p.m.

Corporation Meetings

Thursday Oct. 8th, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday Nov. 19th, 10:30 a.m.

Event for both Advisory Board and Corporation

Wednesday Dec. 16th, 6:00 p.m.
at the Rectory

Have you met Mark McDonald, our new Assistant Organist?

by Scott Bradford

Mark McDonald is currently pursuing graduate studies at the Schulich School of Music at McGill University in Montréal where he studies organ performance with Dr. John Grew. He is a recent graduate of Queen's University having completed his undergraduate degree in music studying with Dr. David Cameron as the Assistant Organist at Chalmers United Church in Kingston, Ontario.

Mark is an active accompanist of soloists and choirs on both piano and organ. His most recent engagements have included performances with the Queen's

University Choral Ensemble in Toronto and New York City and with the Melos Choral Ensemble in Kingston. He is also a former member of the Queen's Symphony Orchestra and accompanied the orchestra on organ for their 2006 performance of Elgar's *Enigma Variations*.

Mark has performed a number of solo recitals across Ontario in recent years including performances in Toronto and in his hometown of Burlington. He was a featured performer at the 11th and 12th Annual International Summer Schools at Mount Royal College Conservatory Organ Academy in Calgary, Alberta on the prestigious organs at Jack Singer Concert Hall at the EPCOR Centre and Wyatt Hall at Mount Royal College.

In addition to his work as a performer and accompanist, Mark studied composition with celebrated composers Marjan Mozetich and Alfred Fisher at Queen's where he has had a number of compositions premiered to great success in Faculty Concerts. *Surely He Hath Borne Our Griets*, an anthem for unaccompanied choir, was premiered in 2008 by the mass choirs of Chalmers Church and his chamber arrangement of Joseph Jongen's *Symphonie Concertante* for organ and orchestra was premiered by students and faculty of the Queen's School of Music in April 2009.

Mark's other interests include biking on the trails of Wolfe Island near Kingston and playing his "other" instrument, the french horn. He also has a keen interest in radio and hosted a weekly classical music program on CFRC Queen's Campus and Community Radio during his free time away from the organ loft and hopes to get involved soon with a local station in his new home city of Montréal!



Our new assistant organist, Mark McDonald.

On November 29th, we celebrate

Archdeacon Peter Hannen's 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood

Incense and Bells: the whys and wherefores

As Canon Linda has kindly given me a free hand in planning the liturgy for my 50th anniversary, it may be helpful to have a background to a couple of things which will be unfamiliar to St James' people, especially incense and bells.

Incense is a very ancient adjunct of worship in both the Jewish and the Christian tradition – e.g., Psalm 141:2, Malachi 1:11, Revelation 8:4. In Roman secular tradition, it was a mark of honour carried before persons of dignity. Some claim incense was used simply to cover the malodours of a less hygienic age, but as those biblical citations make clear, its rising smoke was taken as a powerful symbol of our prayers and praises rising to God.

Incense is also a reminder that we worship God as entire human beings, with all our senses – our sense of smell as well as of sight, touch, hearing, and so on.

The use of **bells** dates from a time when much of the liturgy was inaudible, incomprehensible or possibly even invisible to the congregation; bells were used to call their attention to the heart of the liturgy, namely the Sanctus and the climax of the Eucharistic Prayer.

I hope you will enjoy the liturgy on November 29th.

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**Archdeacon Peter Hannen,
then Vicar General of the
Diocese.**



On November 30th, St Andrew's Day, one of our honorary assistants, Archdeacon Peter Hannen, will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Peter trained for the ministry at Bishop's University and at King's College London, and was ordained deacon in St Paul's Cathedral on May 24, 1959, and priest in the Cathedral in Hamilton on November 30th of the same year. Apart from a curacy in Thorold, Ontario (Diocese of Niagara), he has served his entire ministry in this diocese: at St. James, Stanbridge East, at St. Aidan's, Ville-Émard; and at St. Columba's, NDG. He became Archdeacon of Montréal in 1991, and was Vicar-general of the Diocese from 1998 until his retirement in 2006, when he joined us here at St. James the Apostle.

The main celebration of Peter's Golden Jubilee will take place at the **11:00 a.m. Eucharist on November 29th**, the First Sunday of Advent. I have allowed him a free hand in organizing the liturgy, so there will be incense and bells (see following article for an explanation), and we will be assisted in the liturgy by servers from Archdeacon Hannen's former parish of St Columba. As this year is also the 200th anniversary of the death of Franz Josef Haydn, a Haydn Mass will be the setting for the Eucharist. You are warmly invited to be present.

(Canon) Linda Borden Taylor, Rector

Christian Education

Thursday Night Series in Christian Education



DOXA

Part III of a three part study in Christian Discipleship

This programme reflects the conviction that the glory of God is encountered in the ordinary experiences of life. DOXA focuses upon the Eucharist because it is the heart of our Sunday worship. It is not about teaching the liturgy so much as disclosing up to God's transforming grace.

The Liturgy of the Sacraments The Eucharist

1. Sept. 17th Thanksgiving
2. Sept. 24rd Memory and Meals
3. October 1st Community and Creation

Sending Forth

4. October 8th Mission and the Holy Spirit
5. October 15th Mission and the Good News
6. October 22nd Mission and Service

Come and join us for Part III of this study!

If you have been to the first parts, you know how interesting it is and you won't want to miss it. And best of all, it is **free!**

If you haven't joined us yet, it is not too late to participate in the last segment of these teachings!

Interested? Please contact St. James the Apostle Anglican Church
514-849-7577 or stjamestheapostle@bellnet.ca



Annual Christmas Bake Sale in celebration of St. Nicholas Day

The Annual Christmas Bake Sale and Luncheon will be held on

**Saturday, December 5th
from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Lunch will be served from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Any help in the form of home baking, setting up, serving lunch, working on the bake table or cleaning up would be greatly appreciated.

For further information, please contact either
Sheilah Turner (514 937-2714) or Lorna Titterton (514 485-7951).

The Latest

is St. James the Apostle's newsletter.

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We welcome your comments
and contributions

Contributions

Please send them by e-mail
at mgagnon@mgagnon.net
or see us on Sunday at coffee hour.

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November 10th

Our Team

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Our Parish in Pictures



On August 2nd Canon Linda celebrated her 5th Anniversary as Rector here at St. James. On September 11th she celebrated her birthday. To commemorate both dates, Canon Linda was presented with a card and 5 dozen roses after Sunday worship on September 13th. She happily distributed many of the flowers to those in attendance including Lloyd Bernard who was celebrating his birthday that day.



Circle of Life



Baptisms

Lily Graham Martire
Alan Stark Gordon
Francesca Elizabeth
Gruodis



Marriages

Frederick Merrel
and
Barbara Shanks

George Hwngi Karanja
and
Tanya Marie Tessier

Aaron MacDevitt
and
Elizabeth Collyer

We remember



Armand Beaulieu
 who passed away this Summer.
 May he rest in peace
 and rise in glory.

St. James the Apostle Outreach Programme

On behalf of St. James the Apostle Church and The Shoppe, we have taken on as an outreach Programme to supply non-perishable goods to Mile-End Mission. Yearly, they provide 8,000 meals, 15,000 food bags, 350 Christmas gifts, 130 Christmas baskets and Christmas Dinner for 300 people.



Join us and reach out to all people who suffer the effects of poverty.

There is a box at the back of the church to drop off your donations.

We hope to donate a full box monthly. Monetary donations also accepted. Anything donated would be greatly appreciated. Take this opportunity to become a part of something worthwhile. You can make a difference.

For more information please see Nat Green, Evelyn Rodrigues, or Glenda in the office. (514 849-7577)

Jazz Concert Series

Coming in November, a free Jazz concert series will begin here at St. James the Apostle, in collaboration with the city of Montréal. Check the bulletins for further information

Adrian Vedady in concert

Saturday November 28th, 8:00 p.m.

"Adrian Vedady should be considered as one of Montréal's best double bassists. The quality of his rhythmic accompaniment, the fluidity of his phrasing, the clarity and roundness of his lines makes him one of the most important contributors at the heart of the local scene."

Alain Brunet, La Presse, June 2009



Your Mind, Body and Spirit

Coming this Fall are these new activities to invigorate you. All these offerings are accessible to everyone. Challenge yourself. And watch for future offerings too.

Tai Chi - Chi Kung

Tai Chi reduces stress and helps you to keep fit, provides mental acuity and emotional balance. This activity is appropriate for all ages. Reference handouts will be made available.

With instructor Andrew Dearlove of the Innerwave Tai Chi Tao Academy

Mondays 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. starting October 5th

Cost: \$60 for 10 sessions

For information, call Andrew Dearlove at 514 482-6661

To register, call Glenda Pietrantonio at 514 849-7577

Stretch & Strength

A strong body functions better and invigorates the mind. Muscles help build bone, are essential for balance, act as cushioning and increase one's metabolism. We will coax your body to move more freely as it strengthens. Come dressed for comfort and movement with running shoes.

With Kersti Biro, a YMCA-Certified fitness instructor

Wednesdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. starting October 7th

Cost: \$50 for 10 sessions or \$8 for drop-ins

For information, call Kersti Biro at 514 481-1109

To register, call Glenda Pietrantonio at 514 849-7577

Mindfulness Meditation

It is all about being present for your own life, rather than worrying about the past or future and missing the precious moment you are living now.

We cover the benefits of Mindfulness meditation, how to do it; we will have handouts, recommend readings, etc.

Wednesdays 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. starting October 7th

Cost: \$50 for 10 sessions or \$8 for drop-ins

For information, call Kersti Biro at 514 481-1109

To register, call Glenda Pietrantonio at 514 849-7577

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