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Services

Sundays
9am Holy Communion
10:30am Main Service
(see calendar for details)

Wednesdays
12:15pm Holy Communion
5:30 pm Holy Communion

To come to the
pleasure you know not,
you must go by a way in
which you enjoy not.

From the Rector's Desk...

This last Sunday the Gospel reading was about Jesus on the road to Emmaus, and it told us of how the disciples only recognized Jesus when he broke the bread with them at the table. The scripture says; "Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him."

On my recent trip I was very pleased to have seen an exhibit called "The Final Years" of the Italian artist Caravaggio (1571-1610). In the first room there were two paintings of the very moment that the disciples come to recognize Jesus as he broke the bread at Emmaus.

Caravaggio was renowned for his skill of making paintings seem three dimensional, and indeed the figures in these paintings seemed to jump off the canvas. Yet more interesting was the contrast between the two paintings. They were painted some 5 years apart, and reflected the artist's changing perspective of life and faith. The first showed a very youthful Jesus, clean-shaven, truly resurrected to new life. The second showed a more traditional Jesus with a beard, more pensive and intimate.

Irrespective of either of these two figures of Jesus, the people around him

were still astounded to recognize him. These paintings were truly masterpieces and a joy to see and contemplate on.

They made me think of this question, "How astounded are you when you recognize Jesus?" When is it that you

come to recognize Jesus in your everyday life? Just as for the disciples at Emmaus, Jesus can turn up in the most amazing places if we allow him to. When is the "breaking of the bread" moment for you?

As we continue to celebrate the Risen Christ in this Easter season, and move towards the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, may the Lord open your eyes so that you may recognize him always.

Blessings to you.
Ralph+



Print of first painting by Caravaggio of
The Supper at Emmaus

HELP WANTED

Is there anyone who would be able to spare a couple of hours a week to help with the bulletin? Or come in for a day 7 times a year to help with the Georgian View? Please contact either Susan or Carol at 866-7113

Please Note:

Submissions to the next Georgian View should be made to Ron O'Connell.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by Barbara Hill-Bissonette, Education Coordinator

Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia! Our wonderful Lenten journey, which culminated in our reverent and educational "Walk with Jesus" on Good Friday morning, was a terrific way to prepare for Easter. Thank you to Father Ralph for all his encouragement during the Lenten season, and to Mark Dzacun for lending various items for our symbols tables.

Then, on Easter Sunday, we let our Alleluias out with great joy. We looked into everyone's face to see the risen Lord. And we began our Eastertide unit in Church School, studying and discussing the ways the disciples came to recognize the risen Jesus. Please ask your children about what they are learning in Church School: it has been a wonderful education for the Sunday School teachers as well.

Our Eastertide continues until Pentecost on May 8. Please join us for brunch after the service, prepared and served by the Youth Group, Michele Hakel and Barbara Hill.

On April 20 we began a bible study, for a 6-week period, reading and discussing the books of Ruth and Esther. If there is enough interest, we will meet again in the fall with a view to studying the first 5 books of the Old Testament.

Juliette and Ernestina Oppong and Philipa and Decosta Atta, four young members of our congregation, went to Youth Synod on April 8th and 9th. (Bishop Barry was there for the entire weekend!) We had more representation at Youth Synod than ever before! Please ask these young people about resolutions and motions passed at synod.

Don't forget! Our annual Blessing of the Pets service is on May 22, out on the lawn (weather permitting). Bring a fluffy friend!

June 5th is Education Sunday, with many different continuing education groups represented. Come and find out how to further your Christian education.

June 19th is the closing of Sunday School, with certificates given and a "Graduation Ceremony" for Emma Hanchett, Devon Hakel, Corey Steele-MacDonald, Steven Montaque, Emmanuel Oppong and Claire Lafleur. They will all be moving up and forming a very active youth group in September.

Whew! What a year!

Twoonie Campaign...

Thank you to all who participated in our lenten project. To date we have raised \$1,434.00 for the Window Restoration Project. If you have not returned your twoonie roll yet, please finish it and put it on the collection plate.

ALTAR GUILD & FLOWERS

by Bill Raso

We wish to thank all those who contributed to the Easter Lily fund this year. Easter flowers were brought to a number of our sick and shut-ins by our rector and others. We hope the floral gifts helped to brighten the season and remind our brothers and sisters that they are in the thoughts and prayers of their parish family. Our thanks go to Marleen O'Connell, Kay Cane and Caroline O'Connor for helping with the decorating of the church for this most important festival.

Thank you so much to David Wigglesworth who is designing a new storage cabinet for the Advent Chapel altar frontals. The Altar Guild will be covering the cost of the construction and would be grateful for any tax deductible donations to help defray the expense.

If you have any interest in volunteering for Altar Guild and or flower arranging duties please speak with our President, William Raso.



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Vestry Members vs. Proprietors: Anomalies of the St. George's Constitution

by Victoria Netten

Vestry Members:

Eligibility: Vestry members must:

1. be 16 years of age or older
AND
2. have been coming to church regularly for six months or more. (It doesn't matter whether or not you take communion.)

Maintaining membership:

To remain a vestry member, you must continue coming to church regularly. Exceptions are made for those who are shut-in due to age, illness, or other valid reasons. People who move away can remain vestry members if they continue to support the ministry of the church in a tangible way and express a desire to stay a vestry member.

Powers:

Vestry members are allowed to attend and to vote at the Annual General Meeting of the Vestry and at Special Meetings of Vestry. Each vestry member has one vote. At Annual General Meetings, votes are taken by a show of hands or by ballot, if requested. At Special Meetings, voting is permitted in person, or by proxy. A Form of Proxy will be provided in the notice of meeting in these cases.

Joke Corner

Father O'Malley answers the phone:
"Hello, is this Father O'Malley?"

"It is."

"This is Revenue Canada. Can you help us?"

"I can."

"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"

"I do."

"Is he a member of your Parish?"

"He is."

"Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?"

"He will!"

Proprietors

Eligibility: Proprietors must

1. be a vestry member
AND
2. be an identified giver (by using envelopes, personalized cheques or a credit card)
AND
3. donate the minimum amount each year, currently \$55.00, towards the operating expenses of the parish.

Anyone who meets the requirements will be appointed a proprietor for the following calendar year and remain a proprietor until the next Vestry Meeting. For example, if you are a Vestry member and give a minimum of \$55.00 in 2005, which can be identified as coming from you, then you will be a proprietor for 2006.

Maintaining proprietorship:

To remain a proprietor, you must continue giving the minimum amount each calendar year. This amount can change as it is decided by a motion each year at the Annual General Meeting of the Vestry. If the minimum amount is not given, the person will not be a proprietor for the following calendar year.

Reinstating proprietorship:

Vestry members who have lost their proprietorship can restore their position by donating the minimum amount. Proprietorship will be re-established in the year following the return of the minimum donation. For example, if you did not donate \$55.00 in 2005, you would not be a proprietor for 2006. If you donated the minimum amount in 2006, you would be re-instated as a proprietor in 2007.

Special Provisions:

Married Couples: Donations given by married couple, who are both Vestry

members, will be considered as a joint contribution, unless otherwise stated. If only the minimum amount is given between them, then only one of them may act as a proprietor. In order for husband and wife to each be a proprietor in their own right, they must give twice the minimum amount. For example, if Petunia and Peter give \$55.00 between them in 2005, only one of them can be a proprietor in 2006. If Petunia and Peter give \$110.00 between them in 2005, then both Peter and Petunia can be proprietors in 2006.

Family Members: Family members must be proprietors in their own right.

Pew Holders: Those proprietors that still hold pew sittings must pay their pew sitting amount in addition to the minimum amount required to be a proprietor.

Powers: Each proprietor has one vote at Special Meetings of the proprietors. A proxy may be given only to another proprietor and is valid only for that meeting.

Proprietors have the right to vote on the following issues:

- members of the selection committee for a new rector
- selling, mortgaging, leasing, demolishing, major altering of any real property or buildings owned by the church
- money to be spent on the property over 20% of the current operating budget
- St. George's Church Foundation, in the event of the closure or reconstitution of the parish.

Basically: Proprietors are vestry members identified as giving the minimum amount. All proprietors are vestry members, not all vestry members are proprietors.

Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths

January 2004 - April 2005

Baptisms

"Grant that being baptized into your death that they may partake of your resurrection."

Liam Trenton Phillips-Denson
Zakary George Roy Sheppard
James Douglas Lenz
Xander Childebert Lenz
Kitana Laëticia Ruth Sabadin
Dwayne Steve Ragain
Liam Andrew Wilson
Charles Thomas Henri Noseworthy
Cameron Rhys Nemeth
Taylor Lauren Thompson

Marriages

"Those whom God has joined together let no one rend asunder."

Carolyn Elizabeth Roth
and Anthony Christopher Castillo
Mylene Wasfy
and Michael Lawrence Vincent
Gilda Marcela Lebron
and Thomas Andrew Davis
(Eleanor) Ruth Chaytor
and James Claude Parkyn
Amanda Jane Kingston Stevens and
Brian Matthew Patenaude
Jennifer Leigh Black
and Robert Duncan Kemp

Deaths

"Let light perpetual shine upon them."

Sarah Ann Meade
Liam Andrew Wilson
Madeleine Lyng-McKerness
Gary William Silcott
Wilfred George Hamson

Stewardship Minute

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

Paul tells us to walk in love with Jesus, as Jesus loves us. Jesus died on the cross, because he loves us that much. Our offerings are given in love, a tangible way to respond to the love of Jesus for us.

GUILD TIDINGS

by Bill Raso

At the Annual Meeting of the Guild of St. George's the following were elected as officers for the year 2005: Mrs. Shelia Brehn, President; Mrs. Ruth Stevenson, Vice President; Mr. William Raso, Treasurer; Mrs. Margot Kaye, Secretary; Past President, Mrs. Thea Drummond.

In the annual financial report it was noted that the Guild contributed \$46,000 to the parish for the year 2004. This amount included a \$10,000 contribution towards the parish operating budget and \$10,000 towards the stained glass window restoration fund. In addition, an amount of \$9,000 was contributed to local and international charities.

Members voted to contribute a further \$2,500 towards the window restoration fund. It was agreed to send \$500 to help the re-building of hurricane-damaged St. George's Church, Grenada. The Guild also voted to purchase a new clothes dryer for the church and make some needed alterations to the kitchen.

by Carol Johansen

IN MEMORIAM

We were very saddened to hear of the unexpected death of David Hendra on Easter Day. David had been a volunteer here, at St. George's, for a number of years. He came faithfully each week, whatever the weather, to collate, fold and staple the bulletins for us. He also, with Robert's help, would prepare the Georgian View and Calendar for mailing.

David had been a long time member of St. George's and, until a few years ago, a regular attendee at the 9:00 a.m. service. About four years

ago he felt led to start attending St. Patrick's Basilica and was accepted into the Roman Catholic Church. David was anxious to keep his involvement with St. George's, so he talked about this with the priest who was assisting him with his acceptance into the Catholic church and was actively encouraged to continue.

At our General Meeting in March Ms. Michelle Hackel, deputy warden, gave an informative talk on estate planning and pitfalls to avoid. Members had many questions for our knowledgeable speaker and came away with useful suggestions for planning a will.

Plans are underway for the second annual visit to the Leavitt's cottage this coming June after our rector extended a very gracious invitation. Boutique St. George continues to operate every Thursday until the middle of June. Please visit us between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. in the lower hall. If you have items you wish to donate and require pickup please contact Mrs. Thea Drummond or Mrs. Sheila Brehn.

Inquiries about the Guild's work and how you can become involved are always welcome. Please speak with a Guild officer.

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