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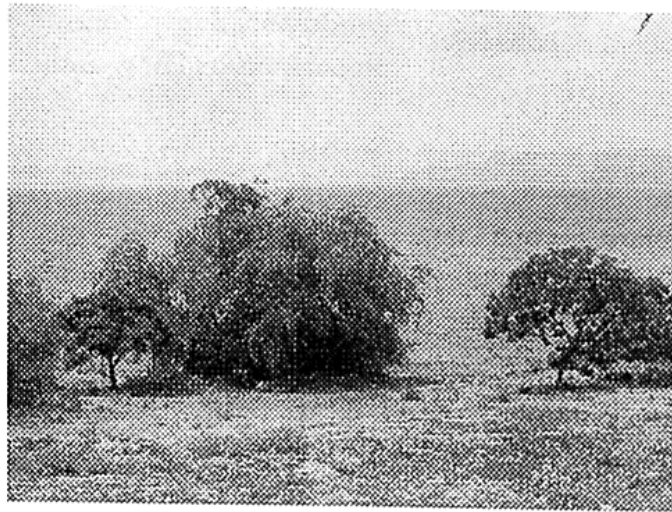
Sundays
9am Holy Communion
10:30am Main Service
(see calendar for details)

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

God is a shield to
those who take
refuge in him
Proverbs 30.5b

From the Rector's Desk...

This year I had one of the most exciting "Study Leaves" I have ever had. I went to Israel to attend the course "The Palestine of Jesus" at St. George's College Jerusalem. There were 19 people on this course, from Canada, Britain and the United States. We were a mixture of younger and older, ordained and lay, male and female. The one thing we all shared in common was that we were



pilgrims all longing to "walk where Jesus walked." And that we did. Over two weeks we were brought by bus (in more or less chronological order) to where Jesus had lived ie. Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, and Jerusalem. It was a fascinating first pilgrimage and greatly deepened my faith. Just to see with my own eyes the geography that Jesus himself saw was amazing. This autumn I look forward to sharing my pictures with you.

One of my favourite spots was on the shores of the Sea of Galilee (see

photo), where so much of Jesus' ministry took place. It was there he called his disciples, preached the Beatitudes, performed miracles, and appeared to his disciples after his resurrection. Now, as you know, Israel is in a desert climate, and one rule is simple: if there is water

nearby, anything will grow; if there is no water, nothing will grow. So it seemed natural to me that by the shores of this "Sea" so much ministry could happen and faith could take

hold and grow. I could almost hear anew Jesus saying, "Follow me and I will make you become fishers of people."

As we begin a new "season" at St. George's this September, how will you answer Jesus as He asks you to follow Him? Lots will be happening. As Christian education gets underway for young and old, we will have a big Conference with Bishop Peter Mason and his wife Carmen in October, our Visioning Teams will continue to try to fulfill God's will for us at St. George's.

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From the Rector's Desk...

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So I invite you all again to renew and deepen your faith, to become an ACTIVE part of the body of Christ at St. George's so that we can all together extend the Kingdom of God.

Blessings to you in this coming Autumn season.

Ralph+



Apple Picking September 25

Once again, this fall we will be going apple-picking in Rougemount. After the Parish Lunch we will be leaving for the apple orchard. After picking apples, there will be a short evensong at St Thomas' Church, Rougemount, followed by a supper. Please come and join us for all or part of the afternoon. Details are in the Calendar. Tickets can be purchased through the church office (514) 866-7113 during the week or on Sundays. The last Sunday to purchase tickets is Sunday, September 18, 2005.

Come and join us!

STAINED GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION UPDATE

by David Wigglesworth, Chair: Building and Grounds Committee

We have no comprehensive record of the care and upkeep of our stained glass windows. Nevertheless, we can deduce that most of the original installations were single glazed and consequently directly exposed to the extremes of our climate. The small glass components that make up the windows are set into lead channels to permit expansion and contraction and, without constant maintenance and care, stained glass windows have a limited life, probably around fifty years.

We first applied for window restoration funding from the Quebec Religious Heritage Foundation (QRHF) in 2002 and we give thanks for the recent confirmation by the provincial government of supporting funds in the amount of \$41,580 towards our total budget of \$57,000 for the first phase of a planned restoration project. It is reassuring that we now have access to the grant and that we have our own make-up funding in place, thanks to generous donations that we have received during the past three years.



Work is in progress and will continue into the fall. The narthex window, dedicated to the armed forces of the Second World War, will be totally restored and the adjacent nave window, dedicated to the memory of Archdeacon Gower Rees, will also be repaired and partially restored.

It must be emphasised that this first phase, as vital as it is, will only cover major concerns related to the preservation of our stained glass windows and we are already anticipating restoration of other windows in the future. The provincial government has yet to define any 2005 budget for assisted funding. However, we have already alerted the QRHF to the need for work on the masonry wall on the Stanley Street side in which we have discovered serious desiccation of the mortar and delamination of the facing stonework.

Editor's Note:

Thanks to Michel Gagnon, the Georgian View now has its own e-mail address:

georgianview@st-georges.org

All submissions by e-mail can now be made to this address.

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RETURN, REFRESHED!

by Barbara Hill-Bissonnette, Education Coordinator

Welcome back from vacations. I hope you had time to refresh and recharge your batteries.

Remember when we all tramped back to school each fall and the teacher's assignment was always the same: What I Did on My Summer Vacation?

Well I spent the month of August working with Kelly Thompson, the Education Coordinator at Tyndale St. Georges. We held a High School Preparation Program for at-

risk young people in Little Burgundy. It was an exhilarating and emotional month, and I'd be happy to tell you more about it the next time we meet.

Church School begins on Sunday, September 19, but please take the time to register your children on Sunday, September 12. I will be happy to go over the registration form with you in the parish hall, either between services or after the 10:30 Eucharist.

For all teachers and helpers, please meet briefly with me on Sept. 12 after the service. I will have teacher packs and we can set the teaching schedule.

We have a general outline for every Sunday from Sept. 19 through to Advent Sunday in November. I look forward to greeting you all as we return, refreshed!



TYNDALE/ST. GEORGE'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR

A new children's choir will be initiated this September. This exciting choral and musical education opportunity is aimed at children aged 7-11 and will cover a wide range of repertoire including gospel, popular, contemporary and traditional classical styles.

Led by acclaimed conductor and music education specialist, Marie-

Ève Arseneau, rehearsals will be geared towards performance training in a fun, enthusiastic and bilingual environment.

Rehearsals: Saturday mornings (9:30-10:30 am) at Tyndale/St. George's Community Centre, 870 Richmond Square.

Performances take place approximately once each month during the family service (Sunday 10:30-11:30 am) at St. George's Church, 1101 Stanley Street.

Community concerts throughout the year are also being considered.

Choir members must be registered in the Tyndale/St. George's Saturday program, but there will be no additional registration fee. As space will be limited, auditions will be held on Saturday, September 10 beginning at 9:30 am at Tyndale/St. George's Community Centre. It is not necessary to prepare anything specific for the audition. Feel free to sing a favourite or well-known song if you wish. Spread the word!

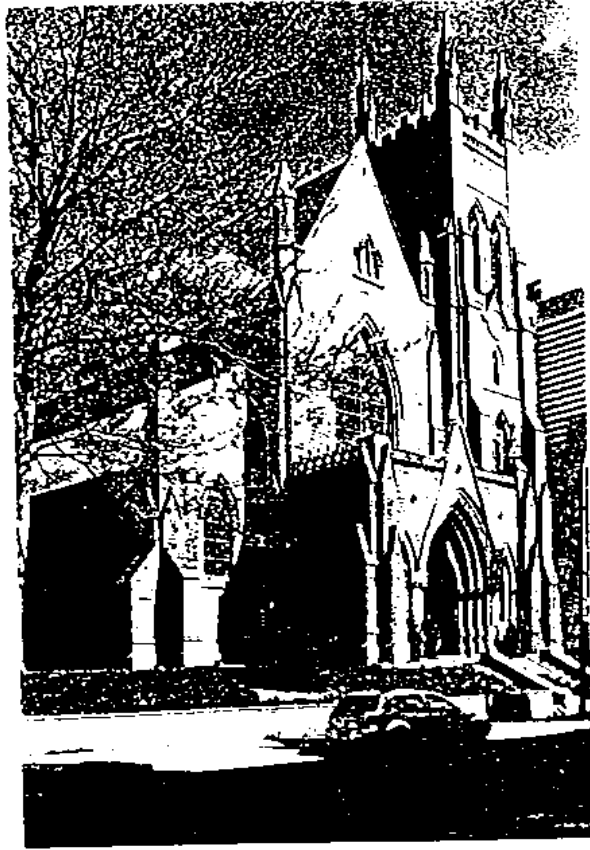
Please contact Tom Davidson at 697-6337 before September 5 for more information and to indicate your intention to attend the audition on September 10.

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OUR RESOLUTION LAST YEAR COULD HAVE BEEN "LESS FRUIT" BUT NO ... WE WENT WITH "TRUST SNAKES MORE"

*St. George's
Church,
Place du
Canada
&
The Diocesan
Evangelism
Committee*



presents

BEYOND OURSELVES.....

*..... a conference about evangelism for ordinary people
with guest speakers*

Bishop Peter & Carmen Mason

to be held on

Friday, October 14th to Sunday, October 16th 2005

at St. George's Church, Place du Canada

at the corner of Peel and de la Gauchetière

Bonaventure Métro station (Windsor station exit)

For information and registration

please call the church office at ... 514-866-7113