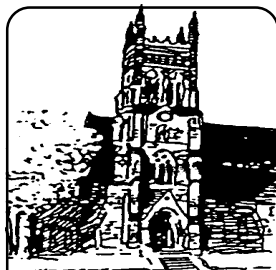


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Epiphany 2009



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10:30am Main Service

(see calendar for details)

Wednesdays

12:15pm Holy Communion

5:30pm Holy Communion

**For we have seen his
star in the east, and we
are come to adore him.**

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VIEW

From the Rector's Desk...

First of all, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very healthy and spirit-filled 2009. As we celebrate the season of Epiphany, we recall the visit of the wise men who came with their gifts for Jesus. Often, when we reflect on this event, we think of the voyage the wise men made, of the gifts they offered Jesus, or perhaps the reaction of Joseph and Mary who must have been shocked at kings coming to pay homage to their son. All of this is good, but what of the wise men after they visited Jesus and they returned home? Do you think that their life continued to be the same? I really doubt it. First of all, I believe that when each wise man saw Jesus and gave him his gift, each of them also received a gift from Jesus. They were, to put it simply, given an epiphany. God, in Jesus, revealed himself to them in a way that the wise men had never experienced before. They came to know God at a much deeper level. And I am sure that as each one of them returned to their kingdoms, as they had been changed by Jesus, now so were their kingdoms changed. They, no doubt, served the Lord in new and exciting ways.

I hope that, as we begin 2009 together at St. George's, that each one of us will also have an epiphany; that the light of Christ will shine brightly upon us, transform us, and encourage us in our faith and service. I pray that, as a congregation, more people will attend our worship services, and in doing so, will find how God is calling us all to build up his kingdom here on earth. There are so many ways to serve Him.

At St. George's, we will soon be having our Annual Vestry meeting where we elect the leaders of our Parish. Do you wish to serve on the Council, or Corporation or as a Synod delegate? If so, please put your name forward to the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Mr. David Wigglesworth. We need new members of the Prayer Team. We always need people to help with the maintenance of our building. We need some more help in the Boutique on Thursdays. How are you willing to serve in 2009? Please let me know.

There are also many opportunities to serve on Diocesan Committees. The three Standing Committees of the Diocese are Administration and Finance, Outreach and Mission, and Resources for Ministry. Which area is God calling you to serve in? Are you interested in Pastoral Visiting, Aging, Spiritual Direction, Youth, or being a Lay Reader? Are you interested in helping refugees, the environment, multiculturalism, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, working in a Mission, or Tyndale St. George's? If you are, speak to me and I can put your name forward to serve. All these committees are helping to fulfill the Mission of the Diocese.

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LIGHT

JESUS says “I am the light of the world – the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life”. (John 8:12)

Certainly in this dark world that we live in I desire to follow Paul’s exhortation to walk as a child of light. (Ephesians 5:8)

How do I walk this walk? Psalm 119:105 promises that “GOD’S WORD is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” I therefore understand that the more I know of GOD’S WORD, the clearer my way will become. I need to read GOD’S word, believe what it says, store it in my heart and begin to act on it. This is a lifetime process. There are often times when I know what GOD says but my unbelief stops me from carrying it out. At times like this I pray “LORD I believe, help Thou my unbelief”. (Mark 9:24)

I constantly seek new light on GOD’s word (HIS revelation knowledge) so that I may be enabled to act according to HIS will. My prayer is not only that I might receive HIS light but that HE will cause HIS light to shine through me, that others will come to know that HE lives in me, and in seeing that they too may desire to have HIS light, the light of life, living in them.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wigglesworth

Editors’ Note;

An example of **revelation knowledge** is when you are reading the Bible and a verse leaps off the page, hits you between the eyes, and God says, “This is for you right now.” The truths and insights permeate your spirit and soul and lead you to understand how you are to adjust your life.

Fun(D) Raising – First Three Months of 2009

Focusing on the first three months of 2009, I am pleased to report that we have the following “FUN” raisers planned:

1. Wine and Cheese on Saturday, Jan. 17th 2009, graciously hosted by Sheila Brehn. It will be a time to have a sip (or several) of wine and snack on some tasty tidbits while we socialize and get to know each other a little better. Sheila has estimated that her place has the capacity to hold about 30 people so I would act quickly if you are planning to attend. The cost per person is \$20.00.
2. Concert on Feb 27th 2009 - Songs and Stories of the Underground Railroad.
3. Our last Hymn sing with Gordon White was so successful that it was decided to have another one after the Family service on March 22nd. It will be a similar format as the first one held in 2008.

Concerning the Songs and Stories of the Underground Railroad concert mentioned above, I am thinking that you ought to be there, especially after reading a proposed “Press Release” written by Robert Bergner, and which has left me in a state of wild anticipation which could see the Church filled to capacity. (**Press release on Page 3.**)

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GET ON BOARD

Songs and Stories of the Underground Railroad

In this captivating one man show, the Reverend Robert Bergner plays the Reverend John Newton - former slave ship captain, former anti-slavery activist, author of the celebrated hymn Amazing Grace- as Newton recounts the extraordinary stories, sings the extraordinary songs, and brings to life the extraordinary characters of the Underground Railroad, that invisible line which carried slaves from bondage in the southern United States, through the hidden dangers of the northern states, into freedom in the British territory of Canada.

Come learn the coded meanings of well-loved spiritual songs such as Swing Low Sweet Chariot and Deep River. Come hear the stories of Underground Railroad conductors such as Harriet Tubman and Calvin Fairbanks. Hear, also, of the somber, violent, often tragic ways of plantation life. Come rejoice as the Gospel Train rolls inexorably northward towards the promised land of milk and honey and freedom -- Campground, Canaan...Canada!

Brothers and sisters, you really 'oughta' be there!

Get On Board!!!

7:30PM, Friday, February 27, 2009

Contribution \$20.00 (students \$15.00)

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Bio:

Federal prison and community chaplain, and Deacon at St. George's Anglican Church, Place du Canada. Robert Bergner is also a valued member of Montreal's performing arts community. As a producer, musician, dancer and actor he has worked with many internationally recognized artists, including Jose Navas, Lin Snelling, Paul Matteson, Andrew Harwood, Benoit Lachambre and Pamela Newell, and has seen his works performed throughout North America and Asia. Mr. Bergner's liturgical music, dance and theater creations have been presented at churches in Washington, D.C. and in Montreal and Quebec City, Quebec. He is the founder of Montreal's Revelation Choir and has performed as bass soloist with several Montreal choral ensembles.

I am hoping that each one of you will attend this concert and invite a friend because I am sure it will be good.

Blessings and my thanks to everyone who contributed time, treasures and other God given resources to the FUN raising campaign for 2008. The extent of our successes in 2008 will be reported by Tom Burpee our very hard working Treasurer.

Tony Hadley

From the Rector's Desk... (continued from Page 1)

May you have your own personal epiphany as we start 2009, and as Christ reveals himself to you, may your faith deepen, your worship be enriched, and may your service in God's kingdom increase.

Blessings,

Ralph+

Prayer at St. George's

Prayer is an important part of Christian life. We, at St. George's, take prayer seriously and offer various forums and environments to help you improve your prayer life.

Intercessory Prayer Group

Sundays, 10:10–10:20 a.m. (between both services)

A small group of parishioners interested in praying together for the upcoming Worship service meet each Sunday in the Lay Assistant's Office. Those taking part in leading worship in any way are required to attend, but it is open to all.

Small Groups in Homes

These groups, designed for fellowship, learning and support, meet in parishioner's homes in different areas of the city. For further information on these groups, please contact David Wigglesworth through the office (514 866-7113).

Prayer Chain

This faithful group of people receives prayer requests from parishioners and other people, and commits itself to pray until there is no further serious need. Confidentiality is maintained. To relay a request or to join the Prayer Chain, please contact Ellerward Mason through the office (514 866-7113).

Prayer for Healing and Confession

Obedying Christ's command to go out in his name to heal the sick, St. George's offers opportunity for this through our regular intercessions in worship, and through the laying-on-of-hands and anointing with oil, when requested. In some instances this must take place in home or hospital, but ideally it is given when the church is assembled for worship. The primary opportunity for this is on Sunday in the Advent Chapel after the 10:30 am. service. Those seeking confession should speak to the Rector.

Pastoral / Shut-in Visitors

Mission begins at home by reaching out to those of our Parish unable to attend Church regularly due to illness or disability. Those interested in serving these folk through visiting or phoning are asked to contact the Rector. Visiting or phoning courses are available in the city to help train volunteers. Drivers are also needed to help people get to church services, please contact the office (514 866-7113) if interested.

Open Church Ministry

Our church building is open year-round, Tuesday to Sunday, for visitation. Paul Hachey coordinates this ministry. People are needed as part-time workers and volunteers to serve as greeters and guides, especially in the summer. Those interested in this exciting outreach please contact Paul Hachey at the office (514 866-7113).