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ST. ANDREW ANGLICAN CHURCH

A MONASTIC SACRED FOOTPRINT IN THE HEART OF ALLISTON



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The journey continues ...

the seasons seem to come and go so quickly, don't they?

This past season in church, we have been listening to the stories of Genesis and Exodus. For many of us, they are stories we know well. They talk of a people created by God, for God, to live as models of a Holy people set apart.

But as centuries passed, they lost that sense of themselves and became as the culture around them. In their case, they lived as the Egyptians. The Israelites enjoyed the fruits of the world, even though they were enslaved by an oppressive government—the Egyptian Pharaoh and his people.

Moses was sent by God to free them from slavery, to lead them to the promised land. It was along that journey that God would reform, reshape and rebuild the relationship the Israelites had lost with God. Miracle after miracle occurred along the way. But it seemed the people trusted God only for as long as His last miracle. They began to grumble about what they had left behind. It had been a difficult life, an existence that was likely to bring them only certain death, but it was all they knew. They had forgotten what

true freedom felt like. Now, they were being asked to step into the unknown ... to a renewed life of faith.

Exodus speaks of the relationship that God builds with His people as they journey in faith into the unknown, through the wilderness, sometimes through difficult times — trusting in God to lead, to provide and to always be present so that their safety and wellbeing is assured. At times their faith wavered. Many more times, however, they were deeply blessed.

In this season of our life, we find ourselves being led by Jesus Christ, in His church to recall and reclaim our special call... to be a disciple of His. He came to show us the Way, and to live as community so that others will recognize we are His by the love we show for one another and for others.

We often look back through scripture and make judgements of the people we read about. Those Israelites wandering in the desert all those years, generations came and went ... before even one of them stepped onto the promised land. Why did it have to take them so long to learn? Why didn't they get it? Why couldn't they just trust God?

Some of us have felt 'lost', and through our own experiences we may understand a little of what they must have felt, and gone through.

When we put ourselves in the story, in God's story, we can't help but ask ... what others see when they look into our community.

Have you ever stopped to listen? Not just *to* them, but how you respond? How we respond is so important.

We too, are a part of God's story. St Andrew's has undergone a lot of change over these past 135 years. There is no question. Every day brings something new. That is life. Nothing ever stays the same—it can't—it's universal. Some days we struggle, some days we soar. What is comforting is that as we look around us, we can see God's fingerprints in our midst, just as the Israelites could, when they awoke each morning to fresh Manna. God's fingerprints come in many forms at St. Andrew—in the work accomplished, in the people with their beautiful servant hearts, in the love and compassion as we reach out and care for the other.

We have seen lives transformed through day-to-day ministry, spiritual care, retreats, prayers offered to God through our many healing services. Lives have been touched next door in our Retreat House through encounters with our members. I wish I had more space and time—the stories would make your hearts fill with hope and joy.

Christ is working through us, you and me and there is great joy in that. We have had many step forward to help out in the Retreat House hospitality, some not even parishioners, we welcome you and we thank you!

We are on an incredible journey with our Lord. I have one hope, and that is that we can always carry in our hearts ... it is not about us, you or me ... it is about God, it always was, and it always will be. This is our Lord's Church and Jesus was sent to show us the Way, and what a blessed Way that is!

God's Love & Blessing,
In His Service, Rev Kim+

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"EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD; ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD"

Farewell from Wayne Irschick



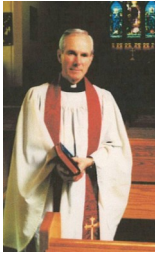
The last two years have been quite an adventure – emotional, intellectual, spiritual. The medium of music has permitted these deep running streams to course their way through our lives in a vital, integrated, and meaningful way. There were many co-explorers, seekers of the Kingdom: priests, those faithfully serving in committee meetings attending to the important things, equally the minutiae; a vibrant parish Christ Body with a memorable panoply of faces, voices...

I complete one contract but must honour another Contract. The adventure will continue, increasingly through the forests of unknown; the rapids of necessary, if painful, growth; the mountains of thrilling engagement; the meadows of serenity and thankfulness nestling the awareness that Life is a Gift.

I thank everyone from the Parish of St. Andrew for being a part of this adventure with me, allowing my voice – sometimes music, sometimes drama, sometimes the literary medium – to be heard. It is a comfort and a delight for me that Nanette Seaman will be assuming the role of Choir Director. Her gifts are many; she is loved by the choristers and parish family.

My warmest wishes to you all.
Wayne

New Bible Study Programme - The Rev. Earl Gerber - Wednesday Evenings



pulpit.

The material Rev Earl plans to use is published by Scripture Union Canada, under the title of "The E100 Challenge" It consists of :

- A paperback book entitled The Essential Bible Guide, and ..
- A four-sided fold-out card. The course embraces 100 passages of Scripture: 50 from the Old Testament, and 50 from the New.

You won't want to pass up this opportunity to learn from a Holy Man of God with 60 years experience teaching scripture from the

The time-frame is flexible, and the participants choose which time- frame suits their own needs best.

The small paperback is divided into chapters, with introductions and commentary on the passages.

The passages are grouped into clusters according to themes, with ten clusters from each Testament.

The fold-out card lists all the themes and readings, and provides a check-list to show the ones complete. The package of two items costs \$17.00.

My plan is to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30

p.m. beginning Sept. 21, and ending Dec. 14.

It will exclude Nov. 30, of course (Pot Luck supper and Evensong).

For those with existing Wed. Evening commitments, you can still get involved...on your own at home.

However, like Weight Watchers, and A.A. the biggest benefit comes from meeting and interacting with others, for both encouragement and challenge.

If you feel God wants you to engage in this opportunity, please contact me A.S.A.P. at 434-0467, so that I can order the materials in time for the first session. Thanks, and Blessings!
Rev. Earl

Back to Church Sunday - September 25th.

Did you know ...

- 82% of the unchurched are at least somewhat likely to attend church **if invited**
- Four percent of formerly churched adults are actively looking for a church to attend regularly (other than their previous church)
- 10% of first time visitors become regulars; 25% of second time visitors become regulars; 45% of third time visitors become regulars

So...who are you going to invite?

- a friend
- a colleague
- a neighbour
- a family member

Inviting our friends & neighbours to church is one of the simplest steps in evangelism. By participating

in Back to Church Sunday, Anglicans are discovering that it's possible to share our faith in a way that is both easy & natural. So partly, Back to Church Sunday is a growth opportunity for parishes, challenging us to stretch our faith muscle.

What would happen if everyone invited one person to church on September 25?

Let's use "Back to Church Sunday 2011" to double our attendance in the Diocese of Toronto.

What are some practical suggestions that will help me invite someone to church?

- prayerfully consider if there is someone God is preparing for you to invite to church
- pray for this person and your conversation, that God will

prepare them to receive the invitation

- practice what you want to say in extending the invitation make the invitation with confidence; use the cards provided by your parish church
- if they say yes, offer to pick them up and drive them to church on September 25th ; that way, you reduce their stress of visiting a new place
- sit with them during the service and help them find their way through it
- after the service introduce them to your friends over coffee and include them in the conversation
- talk to them about their experience on the ride home and invite them back.



Blessing of the Animals - October 1st, Saturday at 1:00pm

Come & Experience A Blessing of the Animals Service Saturday October 1st at 1pm in the church.

Each year commemorating the Saint Day of Francis of Assisi we annually invite God's precious creatures into God's House for a special blessing. God has brought these precious gifts into your life, and you into theirs.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come forward with your pet to thank God for that gift and to ask for a continued blessing upon it's life; and your life together.

It is amazing to behold a church full of animals who sit quietly in reverence. You don't expect that cats, dogs & rabbits will sit quietly in pews next to each other. But they do. As they wait for their blessing, they seem content 'to just be' in this sacred place. One by one they are blessed, prayers are said and a treat is given to take home. If you have a pet bring him/her. If you know someone who does, bring them. If you just want to come and experience this service and see the animals as they come for their blessing – well, all are welcome! We

would love to have you celebrate with us on this day.

A Little story

St. Francis Preaches to the Birds

Father Francis and his companions were making a trip through the Spoleto Valley near the town of Bevagna. Suddenly, Francis spotted a great number of birds of all varieties. There were doves, crows and all sorts of birds. Swept up in the moment, Francis left his friends in the road and ran after the birds, who patiently waited for him. He greeted them in his usual way, expecting them to scurry off into the air as he spoke. But they moved not. Filled with awe, he asked them if they would stay awhile and listen to the Word of God. He said to them: "My brother and sister birds, you should praise your Creator and always love him: He gave you feathers for clothes, wings to fly and all other things that you need. It is God who made you noble among all creatures, making your home in thin, pure air. Without sowing or reaping, you receive God's guidance and protection."

At this the birds began to spread their wings, stretch their necks

and gaze at Francis, rejoicing and praising God in a wonderful way according to their nature. Francis then walked right through the middle of them, turned around and came back, touching their heads and bodies with his tunic. Then he gave them his blessing, making the sign of the cross over them. At that they flew off and Francis, rejoicing and giving thanks to God, went on his way. Later, Francis wondered aloud to his companions why he had never preached to birds before. And from that day on, Francis made it his habit to solicitously invoke all birds, all animals and reptiles to praise and love their Creator. And many times during Francis' life there were remarkable events of Francis speaking to the animals. There was even a time when St. Francis quieted a flock of noisy birds that were interrupting a religious ceremony! Much to the wonder of all present, the birds remained quiet until Francis' sermon was complete.

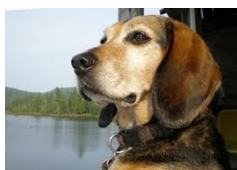


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TO BE OF SERVICE
TO THEM WHEREVER
THEY REQUIRE IT."
SAINT FRANCIS

A Poem by Parishioner, Robert McMullen

Old Hound Tootsie Returns

New fence, post hole dig
Flowerly porcelain shards
Gnawed soup bone placed, deep.



Tootsie belonged to my older brothers, but as time passed it became me who found her stoically laying in wait, upon my daily return home from public school. This simple gesture of pure dog love, wobbly carried forth on tired, shaky legs, seemed barely worth a passing pat on the head back then. Decades later, that tail-rudder devotion is held memory deep, within a shade lawn depression.

Robert McMullen,
Alliston, ON.



Welcome to The Rev. Rachael Parker

The Revd. Rachael Parker was ordained in the Diocese of Huron in 1999. She served as Rector of the Parish of St. Stephen's, Stratford with Trinity, Mitchell; Church of the Redeemer, London and St. Bartholomew's, Sarnia.

She also served as Interim Priest at St. Anne's, Byron (London) and as Chaplain to Huron Church Camp.

During her ministry within the Diocese of Huron she

also served as a Regional Dean; on several Diocesan Committees, including four terms on Diocesan Council, as a Postulancy Advisor and was both Chaplain to Youth Synod and Chaplain to Youth.

She was also involved with the creation of and leadership (first four years) of the National Youth Programme "Ask & Imagine."

In February of 2009, Rachael has been on "Leave with

Good Standing" from the Diocese of Huron as she moved to CFB Borden when her husband (Lt. (N) The Revd. Robert Parker) was posted to the Base as one of the Base Chaplains.

For the foreseeable future Rachael is pleased to volunteer some priestly ministry to the Parish of St. Andrew and is enjoying calling this Church her Anglican Parish "home."



Thanksgiving Sunday October 9, 2011

We can celebrate Thanksgiving by decorating the Church with the fruits of God's creation and the blessings of the Harvest. And we can celebrate Thanksgiving by sharing symbols of God's Harvest in our lives!

You are invited to bring a symbol of *your* harvest for our Thanksgiving celebration.

- Do you love to garden? Bring a flower...
- Do you write poetry? Bring a poem ...

- Do you take care of your grandchildren? Bring a work of "fridge" art ...
- Do you love to cook? Bring in a sauce pan ...

If you can't think of a symbol of *your* harvest, bring in a symbol of the interests God has given you.

- Love to read? Bring your favourite book ...
- Love to listen to music? Bring in a CD ...
- Love to kayak? Bring in a picture of your boat ...

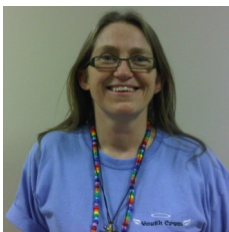
Remember, Thanksgiving isn't just about corn and wheat and the traditional harvest. It is also about the harvest God is bringing about in your life!

Don't forget your true harvest though ... bring a friend or relative to Church on Thanksgiving.

After all, that is what the Christian Harvest is. May God bless you and keep you.

The Revd. Rachael Parker

WE WILL REAP A HARVEST OF BLESSING AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.
GALATIANS 6:9



Welcoming Sandy McNeil - Youth Ministry Coordinator

Sandy has been very involved in her parish for many years within Music Ministry, but her love of ministering to people has brought her much joy in more recent years. Sandy has spent six years leading Christian Initiation and Sacramental preparation, which has been instrumental in her seeking more formal Theological training. She has been in full time studies at Regis College in the Toronto School of Theology for two years and will continue her studies on a part time basis working towards her Master of Divinity. Sandy has been the Youth Ministry Coordinator in her home parish, Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Orillia for three years and is thrilled in her new and more full time role with the Youth in the Anglican Churches: St. John's, Cookstown, St. Peter's, Churchill and St. Andrew's in Alliston. Sandy feels truly blessed with the Lords guiding presence in her life fulfilling the biblical words, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Jer 29:11

Compassion Sunday October 2nd, 11:30am

**Sunday October 2nd,
11:30 am
Coffee Hour Presentation
in Miller Hall
By Sheila Dickson and
Darlene Applegate**

At St Andrew we sponsor a teenage girl in Peru named Benilda Cisneros Gutierrez. We sponsor her through a Christian Organization called Compassion. Recently Shelia & Laura Dickson along with their good friend Darlene Applegate went to Brazil to meet a child sponsored by Laura's dear friend Amber, that we as a church, had been praying for, but who God

called home. It was a quest of Sheila, Laura & Darlene's to meet with the Compassion child that Amber had sponsored. They were able to do that this past summer. Come and hear about their experience.

During their presentation they plan to explain what Compassion Sunday represents, the role that Compassion plays in the lives of children and young people, the role of the sponsors and also what they witnessed at the project that they visited in Brazil. Sheila & Darlene have a couple of DVD's they would like

to share with the congregation. Through that, they hope we will get a feeling for the significance of this mission work and although it may seem like a small bit of outreach to us as sponsors, what a huge impact we make on the sponsor children.

To alot of them, we are their only hope.



"COMPASSION IS NOT RELIGIOUS BUSINESS, IT IS HUMAN BUSINESS, IT IS NOT LUXURY, IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR OUR OWN PEACE AND MENTAL STABILITY, IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR HUMAN SURVIVAL." THE DALAI LAMA

All Saints Day/Memorial Service Sunday, October 30th, 10am

"This is a special time to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones who have joined that "cloud of witnesses" of which the apostle Paul speaks in our New Testament scripture at the end of Hebrews chapter 11 and the beginning of chapter 12.

As part of the service, you will have the opportunity to light candles as the names of your loved ones are called out.

In order to have the names ahead of time, we are placing a "sign up" sheet at the back of the church by the prayer box.

You will be asked to list the names of your loved ones and your own name as the person making the request.

If you are unable to attend the service but would still like to have a candle lit for your loved one, that can be done by one of our lay readers.

If you have any additional questions regarding this service, please speak to Rev. Sonja Free"

Blessings,
Sonja



Naomi Bristol Concert Friday October 21st, 7 p.m.

Naomi Bristow ,



The Yodelin' Cowgirl From Beeton

With Fred Lewis, on Guitar

Light refreshments following concert.

Tickets \$15.00.

CD's available for sale.

Tickets available from the Church Office

705 435 9711,

M. Hague - 705 435 4568,

P. Dalton - 905 729 2848*,

* before October 1st, 2011

Remembrance Sunday - November 6th at 9:15am

"IN FLANDERS'
FIELDS THE
POPPIES BLOW
BETWEEN THE
CROSSES, ROW
ON ROW."



War from a child's perspective.

On September 2nd, 1939 the day that Hitler invaded Poland, Mary Hamilton came into the world weighing 6 lb 1 ounce.

Mary, the first born child of affluent farmers in Yugoslavia was born in the midst of dangerous and tumultuous times. Civil unrest was escalating with each new day.

Her father, like many other young men of this time was drawn into the fighting. The small world in which Mary lived soon would be ripped apart.

In the dead of night, Mary now five, her mother, Mary's younger brother and new

born sister would flee for safety in a covered wagon.

A grandmother and grandfather – one from each parental side – would accompany the young mother because it was too dangerous for her to set out on her own. *Everything* this family held dear, they had to leave behind.

For five years they travelled from place to place trying to stay head of the bombs and fighting. Eventually they ended up in a Refugee Camp and immigrated to Canada ... with only their shirts on their backs and an \$800 debt owed to relatives who sponsored them into the country. Back then, to immigrate meant one could not be a burden on the government. Speaking four languages already, Mary now had a new language to learn – English.

Come and listen to what it was like as a young child, skirting danger, seeing loss and grief all around her ... shifting from camp to camp ... and then finally to finding a new home in Canada.

Listen to how God was in the midst of all of this from Mary's point of view.

ACW Sunday - November 13th

One Sunday every year is set aside, and the sacrificial work of the Anglican Church Women is honoured. Women have been pivotal in supporting the ministries of the church going all the way back to Jesus Christ's time, and we read about their involvement often in the early church in Acts.

The women of this Parish have worked very hard, and make a tremendous contribution. On this particular Sunday you will see the women's involvement in the planning of the service. Guest preacher: The Rev Rachael Parker. Come and celebrate as we lift up and give thanks to God for the generous women of this Parish Church for all they do to support their Lord Jesus Christ.

Saint Day of Andrew—Wednesday November 30th Pot Luck Supper - 5:30pm & Evensong 7 pm

Every year on our Patronal Saint Day – St. Andrew the Apostle – November 30th, which this year happens to be a Wednesday we hold a 'parish family dinner'. This year is no exception. Everyone is invited to bring a pot luck contribution ... an appetizer, salad, meat, casserole, or dessert ... whatever your heart's desire is to bring.

Now, that the St Andrew cookbook is out, perhaps we will see some of those dishes too. On this very special night, we don't want to be caught up having to do dishes afterward ... so to make it fun, we bring our own dishes and utensils from home, and then we carry them home ... and wash them there.

On this night as well, we have something extra special planned. An old English Evensong ... complete with Cantor and choir. Evensong will begin at 7pm. Come one, come all. Invite a neighbour. Come out and have a good time with friends.

Welcome to Nanette Seaman - Director of Music



A recent import to the area (Fall 2007), Nanette is a graduate of the University of Toronto Faculty of Music, where she studied voice and choral conducting with Dr. Doreen Rao.

While there she was the manager and soloist of the University Women's Chorus with Ann Cooper-Gay and manager of the MacMillan Singers.

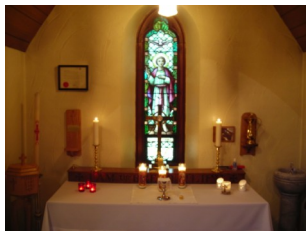
She has sung under the baton of many notable conductors such as Robert Shaw, Elmer Iseler, John Poole, Robert Cooper & John Rutter. She toured with the Ontario Youth Choir working with Jon Washburn, Wayne Strongman, and Lydia Adams and has sung with many other community and church choirs including the Amadeus Choir.

Most recently she was a soloist with the New Tecumseth Singers in their performance of Handel's Messiah and the Victoria Day celebrations at the Gibson Centre.

Since 2009 Nanette has been the Artistic Director and conductor of the South Simcoe Youth Choir.

"A GOOD HYMN SHOULD BE LIKE A GOOD PRAYER - SIMPLE, REAL, EARNEST, AND REVERENT"
WILLIAM WALSHAM
HOW, WRITER OF
"WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN"

Meditation & Healing Services - Wednesdays at 11:00am



On Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am there is a time set aside to be quiet and prayerful. This is a personal time to be in the presence of God.

It takes place in the sanctuary around St Peter's altar.

We turn the pews to create an intimate chapel-feeling with many candles lit on the altar to represent our prayers rising to God.

The lighting is dim which makes it a very sacred feeling, as one alone with God.

It takes the form of 45 minutes of guided meditation

which offers plenty of space and quiet to hear God's voice.

During your meditation you may be invited to an island to pray or to experience a river of life or to go on a journey and leave some excess baggage behind, or cross the lake with Jesus.

Imagine for a moment you are in a boat approaching the shore, it is early morning the colours of the sunrise are peach, pink and many shades of blue. You are exhausted from working all night, Jesus is on the shore and he is cooking breakfast for you, you can smell the barbecue. This is Christ who longs to nurture you.

What are the hungers in you that are crying out to be filled, what sort of food is Christ

longing to give you? Are you able to receive it?

As you can see in this example the meditation time is very quiet and personal; it will meet you where you are on your spiritual journey.

In our busy lives in 2011 we have to consciously make time to listen to God stirring our heart and giving us the answers that only He can give.

Following this meditation if you wish there is a Healing Service with anointing and Eucharist.

And of course, next door at the Retreat House await home-made soup and biscuits.

Come & Experience it!

"TURN YOUR FACE TOWARDS THE SUN AND THE SHADOWS WILL FALL BEHIND YOU."



Lessons & Carols - Sunday December 11th, 7pm



Music is what feelings sound like. ~Author Unknown



Blue Christmas Service - Friday December 16th, 7pm

Christmas can be a painful time for some. You or someone you know may have suffered a recent loss, or perhaps Christmas has always been difficult for you. The constant refrain in the media, shopping malls and churches is about the happiness of the season. This can make us feel even more isolated, or our pain more intense. The Blue Christmas Service allows us the space and time to acknowledge our sadness at this time of year. We will gather in the softly lit peace of our Sanctuary.

Together we will share in prayers, scripture and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for both those who mourn and those who struggle, and that God's work comes to shine into our darkness.

Everyone, whether you go to church, or not ... or whether you belong to another denomination ... everyone is welcome. Perhaps, you have a friend, a neighbour or relative that you could reach out to at this time of year and bring to this service.



Children's Christmas Pageant - Sunday December 18th, 10am

*What can I give Him, Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part.
Yet what can I give Him?
I give Him my heart.*



Christmas Eve Services - Saturday 7pm & 10:30pm

May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,
The gladness of Christmas give you hope,
The warmth of Christmas grant you love.



Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25th 9:15am



*Only in souls the Christ is brought to birth,
And there He lives and dies.
~Alfred Noyes*

Taize Services—1st Tuesday of every month 7 pm



Taize is a meditative form of prayer with quiet music and a candle-lit church.

It is a very quiet peace-filled service.

The usual Taizé service is based on the traditional Service of the Word, with some variations. Singing, silence, scripture, and prayer permeate morning, noon and evening prayers.

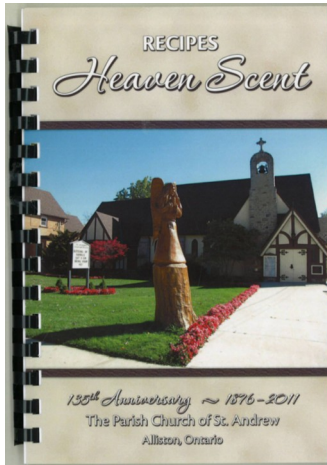
Daily worship draws from contemplative roots where silence and reflection are

central elements, and mantra-like music allows the participants to centre their thoughts on the adoration of God.

Join us: 1st Tuesday in every month, at 7:00pm.

You will come away feeling refreshed and renewed. Come and be a part of it.

St Andrew's Cookbook



Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Andrew's, by the Grace of God through Jesus Christ, are committed to being the Church in the world. As the body of Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit, we will use our God-given talents to worship, proclaim, learn, serve, reach out and welcome others as we journey together in faith.

This 135th Anniversary cookbook is dedicated to all past, present and future

members of the church. But, it is more than just a cookbook! It also contains a brief history of the Parish Church of St. Andrew, which serves as a testimony to our Mission Statement.

Within this book, you will find recipes, written from the heart that give insight into the love and fellowship which comes from sharing meals with family and friends. And finally, be sure to peruse the "Extra Special" section, for it is within this section that you will find some inspirational and amusing literary gems.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated their favourite recipes and helped in any way to make this cookbook a success. In particular, we would like to thank Gay Ann Hall,

co-editor of St. Andrew's 1979 and 1982 cookbooks. Your advise was invaluable. To Liz Hanna; thank you for editing the "Wee bit of History". We would also like to acknowledge Pam Alderson for the photograph of the Church and Robert McMullen for the title of the cookbook. A special thank you to Dixie Cleaners & Laundry Services, for the financial contribution towards the publication of this cookbook.

*Laura & Sheila Dickson
June 25, 2011*

Price: \$12.00
Available from the church office.

LATIN PROVERB
FERVET OLLA,
VIVIT AMICITIA:
WHILE THE POT
BOILS,
FRIENDSHIP
ENDURES.
(MEANING THE
MAN WHO GIVES
GOOD DINNERS
HAS PLENTY OF
FRIENDS).

Retreats - 2011 & 2012

**NOVEMBER 2011
Flame Conference Men's
Spiritual Retreat**

"My Grace is Sufficient for You"
2nd Cor 12:9

Nov 11th —13th Jackson's
Point Salvation Army
Conference Centre.

Come to Flame 2011, for
three exciting days of
fellowship and learning. The
57th Flame Conference
consists of a series of thought
-provoking, thematic talks
from Rev. Dr. John
Stephenson, a number of
small group discussions,
praise and worship gatherings,
plus some quite time; there's

a night of fun and fellowship
planned for Saturday evening
as well.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John
Stephenson.

John Stephenson is the
rector of St. Timothy's
Anglican Church in
Scarborough, ON. Ordained
in the Anglican Church in
2001, John came to the
priesthood after a long career
in Christian higher education.
He taught for 18 years and
was Chair of the Department
of Biblical and Theological
Studies at Eastern Pentecostal
Bible College in Peterborough
On. And also was adjunct
professor of Systematic

Theology in Tyndale
University College and
Seminary in Toronto. His
area of academic
specialization is the history of
Christian thought especially
the history and theology of
movements of revival and
renewal.

Registration Fee after
Sept 15th \$260

Registration for Single change
price \$305

**Special Introductory offer
\$135**

(all prices include two nights
accommodation and food)

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WHAT IS A
SPIRITUAL
RETREAT?

A TEMPORARY
WITHDRAWAL
FROM ORDINARY
DAILY LIVING TO
NOURISH ONES
INNER SPIRITUAL
LONGINGS.

OCTOBER 2011

- **St Francis of Assisi** -
Wendy Passmore
Sat, Oct 1st
9:30am - 3pm
\$45.00



- **Spirituality In Focus** -
The Rev. Mark Kinghan
Recognizing the sacred
through your camera lens"
Fri, Oct 21st, 2011
7 - 9pm
& Sat 22nd, 2011
9 - 5pm
\$80.00



JANUARY 2012

- **A Workshop on Christian
Meditation and the Jesus
Prayer** -
The Rev. Stephen Kirkegaard
"Seek first God's
kingdom ... and all these
things will be given
you." (Matthew 6:33)

A Weekend Workshop at
St. Andrew Retreat House

**Fri evening to Sun
afternoon**
January 13 - 15, 2012
Price: TBA





Results of Our Hope Our Faith campaign

WORSHIP, SERVE & GROW

The Spiritual fruit we bear for the Kingdom of God will be our proof.

OUR FAITH OUR HOPE—REIMAGINING CHURCH—THE ARCHBISHOP'S VISION

Archbishop Colin Johnson has inspired the churches to re-imagine what life in the church ought to be if we are truly following and being obedient to our Lord Jesus.

This campaign was designed to inspire and revitalize the church, and

it is working. The funds raised through this campaign will build a stronger and better equipped church — by renewing our heritage and equipping the church of tomorrow.

Our Diocesan-wide Goal is: \$50,000,000

St. Andrew's Share: \$160,000

Upon reaching our goal, a minimum of 40 percent of the funds we raise will be returned to us for our own needs.

Upon surpassing our goal, we will receive 75 percent of all funds raised!

We also have an

opportunity to apply for grants that become available through this campaign that would help in various aspects of our ministry.

Our Goal through this campaign is to become financially stable.

'Our Hope' is that we are able to take our eyes off the financial ledger and raise them instead to God in thanksgiving and wonder as one life after another is transformed and added to our numbers through 'Our Faith' and Life with Christ, walking and working with Him as vessels of God's Healing Grace.

OUR MISSION

STATEMENT

WE, THE FAMILY OF ST. ANDREW'S, BY THE GRACE OF GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, ARE COMMITTED TO BEING THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD.

AS THE BODY OF CHRIST EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE WILL USE OUR GOD-GIVEN TALENTS TO WORSHIP, PROCLAIM, LEARN, SERVE, REACH OUT AND WELCOME OTHERS AS WE JOURNEY TOGETHER IN FAITH.

How did St. Andrew Anglican Alliston do.....

We are nearing the last stretch to mark the finale of **Our Faith – Our Hope: Re-Imagine Church** at St. Andrew. The campaign at our parish has raised, thus far, just over \$200,000. Thank you all for your generous support and prayers for the campaign which helped make this effort truly successful at our parish.

I am especially thankful to the leadership team—Brian Armstrong, Loeland Parliament, Gloria Mullett, Barbara Burling, and Audrey Porter—who volunteered their time and talents on behalf of our parish and our Diocese. All of you have demonstrated what it means to be good stewards. May God bless us all as we continue to carry His message forward and do the work of the Church. Rev Kim+

Friday Night Euchre 7:15 pm

Please come Friday at 7:15pm to register. Play starts at 7:30pm with 4 to 6 tables. We play 10 to 12 games.

Prizes for top score, low score and last lone hand plus a draw for Euchre Pot and 50/50.

The youngest player is 12 years old and the oldest is 90; therefore it is truly intergenerational.

Come out and join the fun!!!

