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The Parish Newsletter for St. Peter's Anglican Church, Cabbagetown, Toronto

"I am the vine, you are the branches"

John 15:5

Note from the Publisher

As everyone who writes for the newsletter knows, I do the assembly and design work: but the real magic (corralling the stories, meeting the deadlines) is done by my "managing editor" the incomparable Peggy Needham.

When assembling the paper, I get all our stories to fit (by the way, do read Audrey's article, and Pamela's and John's... you know what, they're all great!) and then I do a little note for whatever project I'm working on. But in this case, Peggy asked me to write the very last article. And she does such an amazing job, I'll give up my editorial space.

We are having our **Annual Vestry Meeting on Sunday February 26, after service**. This will be the only vestry meeting this year. We will be discussing elections, committee reports and finances.

This has been a very busy year for our church, so I encourage you to attend for a full update on where we are.

There we go Peggy... I got it in! Ooh... and a quarter-inch to spare for my project! The St. Peter's Players are doing another original Mystery-Play this Palm Sunday! Please speak to me if you'd like to participate, or if you'd like an advance copy of the script.

Richard Birt, Publisher.

St. Peter's Carlton Website

www.stpetercarlton.ca

We are continually updating our website. We recently added pictures from the Christmas pageant. Also there is a new guestbook, which you are invited to sign.

We are always looking for materials for the website. If you have any news, upcoming events, articles, or pictures that you think might be good for the website, please tell the website manager, Geoffrey Warne (webmaster@stpetercarlton.ca).

Coming Soon: User Sign-on and Registration Contest! Stay Tuned!

Please check the website at www.stpetercarlton.ca and add it to your bookmarks.

Submitted by Geoffrey Warne



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Our **Mission Statement**, which guides our decision making and priorities at St. Peter's says:

We are an inclusive Christian community:

- ❖ Welcoming people from different paths;
- ❖ Learning together;
- ❖ Caring for each other;
- ❖ Reaching out to our neighbours, in the service and love of God

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Message from Janet

*I find you, Lord, in all Things and in all
I find you lord, in all Things and in all
my fellow creatures, pulsing with your life; as a tiny
seed you sleep in what is small
and in the vast you vastly yield yourself.
The wondrous game that power plays with Things
Is to move in such submission through the world:
Groping in roots and growing thick in trunks
and in treetops like a rising from the dead.*
(From THE BOOK OF HOURS by Rainer Maria Rilke)

The New Year is a time for resolutions and attempts at self-improvement projects.

The above poem inspires me and I wish it to be true for me. However, I often forget or am unable to recognize God in 'all things and in all my fellow creatures'.

To 'affirm' something, by definition, means that you are declaring it to be true. An affirmation is usually a sentence or phrase that you repeat regularly to make a formal declaration to yourself and to the universe of your intention for it to be the truth.

In order to foster such recognition I am embarking on a spiritual self- help program of affirmation.

In theory it works like this. When you say an affirmation over and over a couple of things are supposed to occur.

First the repetition of the affirmation sends a message to your subconscious that what you are saying is important to you. When this happens you start to notice ways to make this positive affirmation a reality. You begin to 'find God in fellow creatures and in all things.'

A second way affirmations work is that they create a dynamic tension in our beings. If what I am saying is at a higher vibration than what I perceive to be true, the tension becomes uncomfortable. There are two ways of removing the discomfort. One is to stop making the affirmation; the other is to make the reality and the affirmation match.

The motivation for my spiritual self-improvement program can best be summed up with a quote from Holy Scripture.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Roman 12.2)

Submitted by Janet Sidey

How about a Cup of Coffee?

Each Sunday a group of volunteers sets up for coffee hour, and provide milk, cookies or other goodies, at their own expense. Money for coffee, tea, sugar, and paper products, and the huge birthday cake has to come from elsewhere.

We ask for donations to help defray the costs. The red money box averages \$6 dollars each week – barely enough for coffee! Everyone has loose change in their pockets – so how about putting some of your loose change in the money box?

Let us keep coffee hour going! It is a great time for fellowship!

A big thanks to the volunteers who have taken on this job as their outreach and have done this without fanfare for many years!

Marjorie Philip, Parish Life Committee

Sanctuary of Meditation and Prayer

We are pleased to continue to offer this time of peaceful space to the neighbourhood. As this is being written another woman has just left a message of thanks for being able to come in and pray for her parent who recently died. We give thanks for those who offer their time for this service: Pat Arnold, Paul Mitchell, Elaine Knee-Chong, Fran Brown. We ask that you think of volunteering any afternoon from 1-3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. The following is a sanctuary prayer found by Rev.Sidey on her travels in England.

God, our Heavenly Father, make, we pray, the door of this church wide enough to welcome all who need human love and fellowship and a Father's care; but narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and lack of love. Here may the tempted find help, the sorrowing receive comfort, and the penitent be assured of your mercy; and here may all your children renew their strength and go their way in hope and joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1684-1711)

Submitted by Fran Brown

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The First Rector of St. Peter's Church

Samuel Johnson Boddy was born in Hampshire, England in 1826. He graduated from Cambridge University in 1850 with a B.A. and in 1853 with an M.A. He was a priest in England until 1858 when he came to Canada.

He served for five years as Assistant minister of St. James' Cathedral under Dean Grasset. In 1863, he was selected to organize a new parish. The new congregation found a temporary place of worship in the cemetery chapel (St. James-the-Less) located near Parliament and Wellesley Streets until, in 1866, the Anglican parish of St. Peter's was duly constituted.

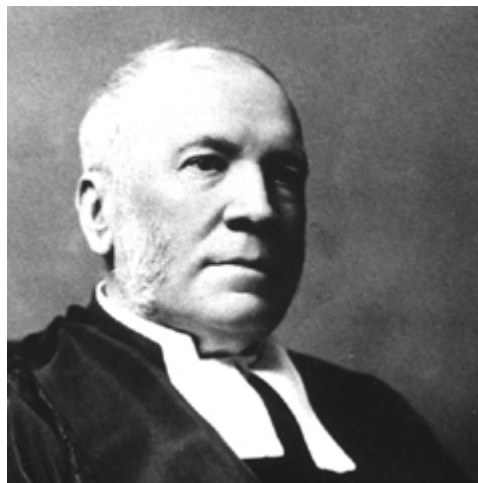
Mr. Boddy's rectorship of 39 years was marked by great prosperity. The influential congregation was reputed for many years to be the wealthiest in the city, and it was noted for harmony and the efficiency of all its parochial organizations.

In 1881, Mr. Boddy was appointed Rural Dean of Toronto, and in the next year, Archdeacon of York. Rev. Boddy was an evangelical churchman of the Islington School, sound in theology, versed in the Scriptures and moderate in temper. As a preacher he was much valued by his congregation; his sermons which were largely expository in character, were models of thoughtful, lucid statement, and scholarly diction; in them he was eminently the teacher.

His home at 21 Winchester St. served as the Rectory for St. Peter's during his tenure. Reverend Boddy fought for the participation of lay members in important offices in the Church and Synod and was also responsible for getting the streets paved, sending a representative to Chicago to study their paving methods.

In 1901, advancing age made it evident that the Archdeacon should be relieved of his duties as rector of St. Peter's. He died in 1905.

Submitted by Isobel Allen



Picture of Rev. S.J. Boddy

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150 Years of St. Peter's

Our sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary) is coming around soon.

That anniversary may seem a long way away, but the celebrations will be kicking off next June, just five months from now.

The present plans are for a full year of events, coming up to a culminating celebration in June, 2013.

St. Peter's has a glorious history, and so much to celebrate.

Let's raise our voices throughout the Cabbagetown community, and show what we have to offer to both church and unchurched throughout the City and Diocese!

A Committee has been struck to help guide the celebrations, with John Varley as chair, and Isobel Allen, and Richard Birt as members.

Our plans are ambitious and we are looking to parishioners at this early date for your initial help. The present Committee welcomes others to join us as Committee members, providing their time and talent. Please speak to us in coffee hour. We look forward to working with you!

Submitted by John, Isobel and Richard

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Pastoral Care Training

Members of St Peter's Church and Rev. Janet Sidey attended a lay pastor visitor's training over the course of four consecutive Sundays. The course based on biblical studies, offers Christians and lay pastors, given the proper training to witness the love, power, and caring of listening inspired by Christ. The group learned, and listened to the experiences of each other. Many members found the course to be very interesting and informative, particularly learning about the experiences of visiting teams in various situations.

The books "The Ministry of Listening" by author Donald Peel, and "A Lay Pastoral Visiting Training Manual" were recommended by Dr Anne Day. Four to five chapters were assigned weekly as homework, which was followed up with in-class discussions and videos. Creative listening was emphasized as one of the basic principles expected from all lay pastors. Some of the topics covered included the facts and myths of aging, Alzheimer's disease, elder abuse, listening skills, praying, and dealing with death. A relevant prayer and scripture lesson was used to begin and close each session.

The elderly, vulnerable, sick, dying, and grieving people need whatever the church can offer them spiritually. As Christians, lay pastors are expected to offer their love, respect, patience, and understanding to those in need. It is a special calling to the ministry of pastoral care, a theme often repeated during the journey of the course. It encourages the lay pastors to work in Christ's path and visit the elderly, and ill. "I was sick and you visited me" – Matthew 25:26

Submitted by Audrey Hughes



Report on Toronto Diocesan Synod, November 2011

This was the first "Green Synod," designated as such by Archbishop Colin Johnston, and was a response to the Anglican Church of Canada's General Synod 2010 Resolution on Climate Change. This Resolution A-180 encouraged "Dioceses and parishes to incorporate concerns about the care of creation" more fully into the life of our Church – in worship, in education, and "in pressing our Government of Canada to adopt a comprehensive climate action plan with firm targets for greenhouse gas emissions reductions".

As a member of the Diocesan Environment Working Group, I was invited to present a workshop on "Advocacy." We looked together at the issue of the climate crisis and the way in which we need to take action here to respond both within our own country, as Canadians, while at the same time responding to our brothers and sisters in the Anglican Communion, particularly in the global South. Church leaders in Africa and south Asia have spoken strongly to our northern, industrialized societies and churches to come to their aid in pressing our governments to take clear steps to stop the buildup of greenhouse gases.

We discussed how this is a global issue, since the environment is a global resource. Increasingly, international development organizations like the Primates Fund, World Vision, and Doctors Without Borders, have begun to document in their reports the catastrophic ways in which climate change contributes to poverty and famine and floods in the developing world.

As Anglicans, the "Fifth Mark of Mission" calls us to "strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth." By advocating for more significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, by building and re-developing "greener" buildings, by offering prayers and incorporating creation themes into our worship, and by examining our own ways of living through the lens of caring for creation, we are being responsive to God's call in a time of environmental crisis.

Submitted by Diane Marshall

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Roger Gibbs

Roger Gibbs performed at St. Peter's on February... in honour of Black History Month

Roger Gibbs is a Barbadian-born singer/guitarist and recording artist who composes, arranges and performs Caribbean Acoustic and Calypso. He was lead singer for the **Sandpebbles**, a popular 70's dance band in the Caribbean. Roger has performed across Canada and the Caribbean and since 1995 has been a member of the performing company **COBA** (Collective of Black Artists). He has released two CD's: *Spirit of Calypso* and *Calypso Classics on Guitar* – Vol. 1 and currently preparing a new CD of his band *Shak-Shak*. Roger was the Mus. Director for Theatre Archipelago's productions of 'I Marcus Garvey' (2010 and 2011) and a featured singer in the 2011 Calypso Tents Music Series. Roger teaches Caribbean Drumming and guitar in Toronto.

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Submitted by Betty Scantlebury

Constance Kendall

Constance Kendall will be preaching at St. Peter's this February to help us celebrate Black History Month.

Constance Kendall was born in Guyana, South America. After immigrating to Toronto as a young adult in the mid eighties, she found her first Anglican Church home at St. Stephen's, Downsview where she served as the Youth Minister. That began a continuous commitment to ministry in the Anglican Diocese of Toronto. Constance also served as the Lay Associate at All Saint's Kingsway, and at St. David's Lawrence Avenue where she currently serves.

Constance has been a key organizer of the Diocesan Black History service since its inception seventeen years ago and has coordinated and preached at churches throughout the Diocese, in the United States and the Caribbean. Her message which is tied in with the scripture readings of the day also highlights the experiences of slaves in the Caribbean and how blacks remained steadfast in their faith through slavery to freedom.

World Day of Prayer!

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together once a year to share a common day of prayer. This year this day is on FRIDAY, MARCH 2nd.

The women of Malaysia ask us to share in their customs, hopes and dreams for their culture and have provided the service for us under the heading Let Justice Prevail. Churches in our area are invited to attend the service at St. Anne's Presbyterian Church. This is always a powerful message for those who participate and to know that women all over the world are praying at the same time. Directions and times will be posted in the bulletin soon. A representative from our church is needed to attend 2 pre- service meetings. Please let Fran know if you can be our representative

Submitted by Fran Brown

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Do you have a favourite hymn?

STAND UP! - STAND UP FOR JESUS

I regard myself as very fortunate having been given the opportunity to study for my undergraduate theological degree at Westminster College in Oxford. This was a very traditional Methodist college which emphasised not only the importance of hymn singing but also encouraged its students to understand the theology and story behind our hymns. I want to share with you one of my favourites...

STAND UP! - STAND UP FOR JESUS

This rousing hymn by George Duffield (1818-88) comes with an amazing story which came out of a tragedy that might stand as a warning to clergy on the dangers of their vestments.

It was inspired by the dying words of a leading nineteenth-century American evangelist, Dudley Atkins Tyng. In the summer of 1858 he carried out a particularly successful summer mission in Philadelphia which drew thousands of young people and secured many conversions. Following a meeting at which he had preached to a crowd of more than 5000, Tyng was walking alone through the fields of his farm. He stretched out his arm to pat a mule which was working a machine stripping corn from the cob. One of the long sleeves of his preaching gown was caught in a cog and he was drawn into the mill where his arm was torn off. It was some time before he was found by his servants and by then he was bleeding to death. He was carried into his house, and his friends and associates in the mission gathered to witness his agonizing end.

George Duffield, a Presbyterian minister who was a helper in Tyng's mission, was one of those who supported him at the end. Moments before he died, Tyng took Duffield's hand and gave his last instruction for the continuance of the mission to the YMCA. 'Tell them,' he whispered, 'to stand up for Jesus.' Deeply moved, and with the words ringing in his ears, Duffield went home and wrote his hymn. The following Sunday he preached on a text from Ephesians 6:14. 'Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.' He concluded the sermon by reading out his hymn.



George Duffield

George Duffield was born at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and educated at Yale and Union Seminary, New York. He was a minister in New York, New Jersey, Michigan and Illinois. He died in Detroit.

The tune Morning Light, or Stand Up, which gives Duffield's hymn so much of its thrilling punch and urgency, was composed in 1837 by George James Webb (1803-87) for a parlour ballad, 'Tis dawn, the lark is singing.'

STAND UP! - STAND UP FOR JESUS

I encourage you to explore the theology and story of your favourite hymns. There are many internet sites dedicated to this subject and books such as the Penguin Book of Hymns edited by Ian Bradley, where I first learned of this story.

Submitted by Rev'd Pamela Lucas

Dreams

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.
Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.

Langston Hughes (1902-1967) was an African-American poet, novelist, playwright, and newspaper columnist.

Submitted by David Lougheed

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Parish Life: Upcoming Events!

- February 19 **Pancake and Sausage Lunch**
Tickets are \$6.00 each and available each Sunday during coffee hour
- February 22 **Ash Wednesday Service**
12:30 & 7:30 p.m. services
- February 26 **Vestry Meeting**
After 10:30 service
- March 31 **3rd Annual Euchre Tournament**
(1 p.m. - 4 p.m.) \$20 per person includes light lunch. Cash prizes, 50/50 draw and sale of homemade products
Call Paul Mitchell 416-269-8952 to register
- April 1 **Palm Sunday**
Original Passion Play presented by St. Peter's Players during worship.
- April 5 **Maundy Thursday**
Simple Supper at 6 p.m. and the Eucharist at 7 p.m. Dinner is \$4.00 per person. Sign up sheet for the Simple Supper will be located on the table in the breezeway
- April 6 **Good Friday**
B.A.S. Service at 10:30 a.m.
- April 22 Celebration of January - April birthdays during coffee hour
- May 17 **Ascension Day Pot Luck and Eucharist**
Dinner at 6 p.m. and Eucharist at 7 p.m. Sign up sheet for Pot Luck located on the table in the breezeway
- May 27 **Pentecost**
BBQ, Birthday cake, and Holy Spirit!

49 parishioners attended our Patronal Feast turkey dinner on January 22. A good time was had by all. Thank you to all who volunteered over the weekend for this event.

Submitted by Paul Mitchell

Facebook News

Thank You St. Peter's for sending me your News letter. In case you do not know me, I was your commissioned out reach worker for many years while I was working at Sanctuary. I just want to say thank you for all your support over the many years we partnered together. I am living in the Yukon now where I am Pastoring two Anglican Churches. May God Bless You All.

Rev. Stephen "Steve" Martin

Dear Steve,

Thank you for posting a message to St. Peter's Facebook. It is very exciting to know where you are now--very far away in miles, but close because we can communicate so easily. I remember when you were our outreach worker. I remember a wonderful sermon that you preached about your work.

God bless you, Steve, and God help you in your present work.

Peggy

A Non Judgmental Presence

(text excerpt taken from Bread for the Journey by Henri J.M Nouwen.)

To the degree that we accept that through Christ we ourselves have been reconciled with God we can be messengers of reconciliation for others. Essential to the work of reconciliation is a nonjudgmental presence. We are not sent to the world to judge, to condemn,

to evaluate, to classify, or to label. When we walk around as if we have to make up our mind about people and tell them what is wrong with them and how they should change, we will only create more division. Jesus says it clearly: "Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge; ... do not condemn; ... forgive" (Luke 6: 36-37.)

In a world that constantly asks us to make up our minds about other people, a nonjudgmental presence seems nearly impossible. But it is one of the most beautiful fruits of a deep spiritual life and will be easily recognized by those who long for reconciliation.

Submitted by Diane Marshall

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From the Wardens' Desk

Happy New Year and our best wishes for God's Blessings of Peace, Prosperity and Joy to you all this year.

We are happy to welcome David Lougheed as interim Rector's Warden and Richard Birt as Deputy People's Warden. They bring many skills from the business world as well as their strong faith and dedication to St. Peter's and we thank them for volunteering at this very active and crucial time in the life of our church.

It is always a joyful experience to be part of the worship and fellowship as our congregation converge for the many extra activities and opportunities to learn and to share in prayer, discussion, and of course fun and food! We give special thanks to our many committees who give tirelessly of their time to make sure all this continues to happen!

We ask that everyone consider their special talents and time as our groups reaffirm their commitment at the Vestry meeting on February 26th. Perhaps you have been holding back and waiting to see if you are needed. Well -Jump in! because YES!! you are needed and wanted on every committee. Please read the list of present needs. If you are not able to volunteer at this time we all accept your prayers and friendship as a major and very evident contribution to St. Peter's.

We struggle to pay for the continuing repairs to the everyday needs of the building and are grateful when we get money from a movie shoot or rental. We will be renting the house on Bleecker Street as soon as possible as the tenants have moved out as of January 31st. If you know of anyone interested in a monthly rental based on the possibility of a year's stay please let us know.

(from the Wardens' Desk, cont.)

We have a crack in the window in the baptismal chapel which needs immediate attention, as well as the crumbling woodwork near the piano. Our outdoor lights need continuous replacement due to neighbourhood vandals and our doorbell is replaced by a wireless one for now. So far the plumbing and the boiler are working but need lots of prayers! We are grateful to Gary Levine and Ken Oakley for their continued maintenance of our property as community minded members of a concerned Cabbagetown.

The ARK redevelopment committee will be meeting to discuss the delay, and the upcoming visit of Rev. Janet and 2 members to the Archbishop on February 7th.

We give thanks to our faithful, core congregation for their continued support. We welcome newcomers and old friends alike to worship and join in fellowship at St. Peter's. We give our thanks also for the guidance, encouragement and energy given to us through Rev. Janet Sidey and Rev. Pamela Lucas in the spirit and love of God.

Submitted by Fran Brown for the Wardens