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RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

"God did not go on vacation and leave you in charge." As I write, this is what it says on the notice board outside the church [thanks, incidentally to Barbara Saloranta and Kimara Allard for keeping it up-to-date]. Unfortunately, many of us seem to think he has, and church-going doesn't rank very high in our summer plans. Yet I think the contrary is true – God works overtime in the summer. At this time of year nature is bursting with energy and growth, the days are long and beautiful, we have a chance to get together with family and friends, travel to interesting places, or just kick back and relax.

Don't you think these are things we should be giving thanks for? When we travel Lorna and I often enjoy visiting other churches. Of course for me it's a real treat to attend a service which I am not responsible for leading. But for any of us it's a chance to see how things are done elsewhere and an opportunity to thank God for the many blessings we enjoy during the summer. If you do visit another church, please introduce yourselves and tell them you're from St. John's, Norway, in Toronto. Perhaps you'll be at the cottage or camping. A minute or two reading the Bible or praying can be a great way to start your Sunday (or any other day for that matter).

Of course, if you are at home we'd love to see you at St. John's. The service is a little shorter, you are welcome to wear casual clothes, and we'll serve you a cool drink afterward before you head on your way. For the younger set, Brian Fairbrother is offering "Indiana Jonah's Kingdom of the Christian Story" – a Sunday morning adventure series.

See you in church!

Brian

Moorelands Camp

Since 1912 Moorelands has been working with youth and families affected by poverty in Toronto. One of the mainstays of the program is the Wilderness Camp that Moorelands has operated for over 90 years. Each summer 600 children are given an opportunity to build self-confidence and develop leadership skills. Activities such as swimming and the low-ropes course encourage teamwork and provide positive reinforcement. Sixty-eight of Moorelands families have incomes of \$20 thousand or less. Parents pay what they can but this usually covers only a fraction of the \$786 it currently costs to send a child to camp. You can help provide a brighter future for the children they serve. Your donation, directly or through the parish, would be greatly appreciated.

If you'd like to learn more about Moorelands camp or know someone who would like to attend, you are invited to speak to the rector or check out their website at www.moorelands.ca

We are collecting donations until Sunday, June 22.

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WARDENS' REPORT

May activities at our Church began with the Creative YouTheatre presentation of Following the Yellow Brick Road, an adaptation of the Wizard of Oz. It was staged at 7:30 p.m., May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd to enthusiastic audiences. The acting and singing was really good with great costuming and sets which effectively utilised the Church setting.

On Sunday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. a Choral Evensong for Ascensiontide took place at St John's Norway, the second since Ted Reid returned as our Organist & Director of Music. Ted assembled a top notch group of songsters including our own Choir and members of Sursum Corda, resulting in a very enjoyable evening.

The Anglican Church Women (ACW) had their Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 10th, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Huge supplies of rummage donations were received which were sorted and sold by many volunteers to raise \$2000 for our Church.

The Norway Group on May 22nd at 7:30 p.m. had a work session to clean up the gardens around the Church. Help is required over the summer to maintain the Church gardens through watering and weeding. Accordingly the Norway Group is looking for three families per week for these tasks. To volunteer, please use the sign up sheet on the bulletin board or call the Church office at (416) 691-4560.

The Sidespersons' Breakfast took place on Sunday, May 25th at 9:15 a.m. for Sidespersons and those interested in learning more about this ministry. Allan Stokell made another great breakfast this year, a German breakfast which is more of a lunch.

When you are writing a will or revising a will you may be considering bequests to your favourite charities, and if so please consider St. John's Norway as well. Such bequests enable your Church to build a solid funding base, which will support its ministry far into the future. Your estate would be entitled to a donation receipt for the full value of the bequest, providing a significant tax credit on your final tax return.

Two events of note in June are the St. John's Whisky Challenge at The Feathers on Monday, June 16th and the Patronal Festival, which is a celebration of the parish's birthday, on the weekend of June 21st and 22nd. Tickets

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for the Whisky Challenge are available from our Rector or Kathryn Kern at \$75 each to a maximum of thirty people.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Cameron and Suzanne Coxon

FROM THE CHURCH CALENDAR

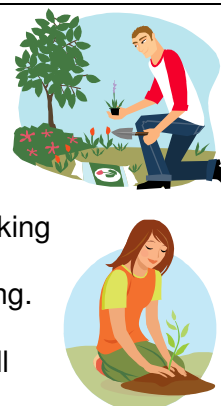
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THE MARTYRS OF LYONS – Martyrs in Gaul

About the year 177 the Christians of Gaul wrote to their fellow-believers in Asia and Phrygia. Their letter, which was preserved by the historian Eusebius, gives a harrowing account of the martyrdom of 48 Christians at Lyons and Vienne in modern-day France during a persecution under the emperor Marcus Aurelius. Not one of age, sex, or social status was respected. The victims included the bishop Maturus and the deacon Sanctus; Attalus, "a man of repute;" a slave girl named Blandina; and a 15 year-old-boy named Ponticus. A mob was inflamed against them by charges of vicious crimes. Torture was used and some victims were denounced by their own servants. Many died in prison as a result of their mistreatment. Roman citizens were beheaded while the rest were killed by wild beasts in the arena for the entertainment of the crowd. We can conclude from this letter that the pattern of persecution was not uniform across the Empire. In some cases Christians were allowed to meet and worship without hindrance, while others experienced swift and terrible punishment. Whatever their motives the persecutors in Lyons were disappointed, for the church emerged from its time of trial even stronger.

Our Grounds:

Help is required to water and weed over the summer to maintain the church gardens to keep them looking beautiful and inviting. Watering can and hose are provided. We are looking for three families per week to coordinate watering and weeding. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen or call the office.



Mission Trip to Belize

Some of you supported the mission trip by Father Stanley Isherwood to Belize two years ago. Now the Rev. Bob Hartley, whom some of you will remember as the leader of our Parish Weekend a few years back, is going on a mission trip to Belize in November. He is trying to raise funds for the trip to Holy Cross Primary School on Amergris Caye. Holy Cross was founded in 1966 by Francis Wilson and her husband Vernon, missionaries from the Episcopal Church (the name of the Anglican Church in the United States). On a slender budget and with much prayer, the school provides education for some 80 children.

The mission team is going down for 8 days to build a library and paint, lead worship, and do classroom work with the children. Bob Hartley will be leading a clergy conference following the mission trip. The catch is that they have to raise their own funds and are appealing for help. If you would like to get involved, speak to the rector or send your cheque to:

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Bible Lore

Over the past few months we have been looking at the books of the New Testament. This month we consider the last book of the Bible, the Book of Revelation – not Revelations as some people mistakenly call it. The official name of the book is the "Revelation to John." In Greek the word translated "Revelation" is Apocalypse, which means "the lifting of the veil." It takes the form of a vision which a follower of Christ named John had while imprisoned on the Island of Patmos, off the coast of modern-day Turkey. Tradition identifies this John as the son of Zebedee, one of the twelve disciples, although from the earliest times, some have doubted this identification. The book falls into three sections: [1] a letter to seven Christian communities in Asia Minor (chapters 1-3), [2] a series of visions in which God's judgement is brought to bear on a sinful world (chapters 4-20), and [3] a idyllic description of the "new heaven and the new earth" which God will give to those who stand fast during the tribulations to come (chapters 21-22). The weird images in chapters 4-20 are thought by some to be a kind of code, symbolising the Roman Empire which, at that time, was persecuting the Church. The book has been a "happy hunting ground" for cranks, but many of its canticles have found their way into the liturgy, while the passages about the new heaven and the new earth have brought comfort to many at funerals. A careful reading of Revelation can be rewarding. Just make sure you have a commentary on hand to explain the puzzling bits! One of the best is the classic two-volume commentary by William Barclay in the Daily Study Bible series. It is written in clear, easy-to-understand language.

Sunday Flowers

If you would like flowers placed in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved-one, please forward request and payment (suggested donation of \$50) to the office one week in advance.

First Quarter Statements

If you did not pick them up they will be mailed at the beginning of June. Please check your statement carefully. Please call the office to let us know about any errors or omissions.

Monthly Chuckle

How to Stay Married

A man and a woman had been married for more than sixty years. They had shared everything. They had talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other except that the little old woman had a shoebox in the top of her closet about which she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her.

For all of these years he had never thought about the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover.

In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoebox and took it to his wife's bedside. She agreed that it was time he should know what was in the box.

When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totalling \$95,000. He asked her about the contents.

"When we were to be married," she said, "my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was never to argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll."

The little old man was moved; he had to fight back tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with happiness.

"Honey," he said, "that explains the dolls, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?"

"Oh," she said, "that's the money I made from selling the dolls."



In a small Texas town, a new tavern wanted to set up business. The local church started a campaign with petitions and prayers to block the tavern from opening. Work progressed, however, right up to a week before opening, when lightning struck the tavern and burned it to the ground. The church folks felt rather smug until the bar owner sued the church on the grounds that it was ultimately responsible for the demise of his building. In court, the church vehemently denied any responsibility for

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the lightning strike or the subsequent fire. After the presiding judge looked over the paperwork he commented, "I don't know how I'm going to decide this, but it appears that we have here a bar owner who believes in the power of prayer, and an entire church congregation that doesn't!"



Baptism

May 11, 2007
Roxanne Constance
Pamela Deans



WEDDING

May 10 Richard Snyder & Juliet Sallai



IN MEMORIAM

2007	November 27	Randy Nielsen
2008	January 2	Howard (Scott) McKague
	January 30	Reginald Harding
	April 27	Beverley Jardine
	April 29	James Carter
	April 30	Wallace Baker
	May 2	Audrey McGeachy
	May 14	Kathleen Knowles
	May 16	Howard Speers
	May 21	Elsie Kapos

Deadline for the Next Courier is Sunday, September 7.

**Please send submissions to
admin@stjohnsnorway.org or place them
in the mail rack outside the office.**



**Want to Learn
More About Prayer?
Come to a Prayer Study
A New Series**

Friday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Attacking Anxiety & Depression:

A self-help, self-awareness programme
for stress, anxiety, and depression

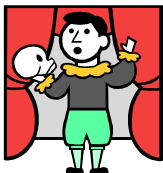


Saturday, June 7, 2008
10:00 – 11:45 a.m.

St. John the Baptist, Norway
470 Woodbine Avenue

Led by Mike Glugosh, B.Th.
*Canadian Coordinator for
The Midwest Center for Stress and Anxiety Inc.*

This introductory workshop is being offered free of charge
but we do need to know how many are coming.
Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or call
the church office at (416) 691-4560.



Shakespeare's Twelfth Night
at Kew Beach Park Bandshell
in the park, east of Lee Avenue,
south of Queen Street

Tuesday, June 10 to Saturday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15 at 2:00 p.m.

Patronal Festival



Choral Eucharist for
St. John the Baptist
Sunday, June 22nd at 10.30 am

This Sunday we wrap up our Stewardship Campaign.
Come and help us celebrate our anniversary!

Watch for announcements of other activities
planned for the weekend.

158 years old and still going strong!

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The Wednesday Night Services

Will be Cancelled During the Summer

The last service will be June 25
The service will resume September 3

Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 9, 1:00 p.m. at
Cedarhurst Golf Club, Beaverton



\$50 for 18 holes
non-golfers come to
cottage on Lake
Simcoe for
afternoon

POTLUCK dinner after golf

see details and sign up on
downstairs church bulletin board

Please Mark Your Calendar
for

The Biennial Diocesan Prayer Conference
Sponsored by the Bishop's Committee on Prayer



Friday, October 17
Saturday, October 18
at the Church of St. John,
York Mills

More information will be available in September

The Anglican Journal

All members of the Anglican Church of Canada are
entitled to receive a copy of this informative
magazine. If you would like to receive a paper copy
please write a note to the church secretary or visit
anglicanjournal.com The publication is also available
on the website.

The Prayer Nook

Prayer in the Bible – Part 2



Last month's edition featured a quiz of 6 Bible passages. Were you able to identify the speaker of each prayer? Did you know where to

find the passages in the Bible, and the context of each prayer? Here are the answers, in the order that the passages appeared last month.

John 11:42

Jesus prays before raising Lazarus from the dead

I Samuel 2:2

Hannah praises God after the birth of Samuel

Ephesians 3:20-21

Paul asks God to strengthen His People

Susanna 42-43

Susanna pleads for justice after being condemned to death

Job 42:2-6

Job talks to God after He speaks to Job

I Kings 3:8-9

Solomon's request after God asks what he wanted from God

St. Anne's A.C.W.

We have had a very busy and profitable Spring. Thank you to everyone who helped us with the Palm Sunday Brunch, the Daffodil Tea, and the Rummage Sale. We could not have done it without your help. Also, many thanks to everyone who donated articles to the Rummage Sale. We had lots and lots of stuff.

We were able to raise \$300 for the Brunch, \$1,300 for the Daffodil Tea, and \$2,000 for the Rummage Sale – the best ever! We will disperse the money to the church and the outreach programmes we support.

In the Fall we will be selling tickets for a beautiful handmade quilt donated to us from a parishioner.

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CALENDAR

*Weekly

Monday 2	9:00 a.m. – Little Voices Dancing Feet 5:00 p.m. – Kuma Marital Arts*
Tuesday 3	7:30 p.m. – East End Refugee Committee 4:00 p.m. – Little Voices Dancing Feet 7:30 p.m. – Advisory Board
Wednesday 4	9:00 a.m. – MumNet 6:00 p.m. – Boy Choristers 6:15 p.m. – Sparks 7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist*
Thursday 5	7:30 p.m. – Adult Choristers
Friday 6	9:00 a.m. – MumNet 7:30 p.m. – Prayer Study
Saturday 7	9:00 a.m. – Attacking Anxiety and Depression 6:00 p.m. – Piano Recital
Sunday 8	8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist* 9:00 a.m. – Girl Choristers 10:30 a.m. – Choral Eucharist 2:00 p.m. – Memorial Service Reception
Monday 9	9:00 a.m. – Little Voices Dancing Feet 6:30 p.m. – Condominium Association Meeting
Wednesday 11	6:00 p.m. – Boy Choristers
Thursday 12	7:00 p.m. – Wedding Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. – Adult Choristers
Friday 13	9:00 a.m. – MumNet 5:30 p.m. – Youth Group
Saturday 14	10:00 a.m. – Wedding
Sunday 15	9:00 a.m. – Girl Choristers 10:30 a.m. – Choral Eucharist
Tuesday 17	7:30 p.m. – Wardens' Meeting
Wednesday 18	6:00 p.m. – Boy Choristers 7:45 p.m. – Seton Area Forum
Thursday 19	7:30 p.m. – Adult Choristers 7:30 p.m. – Wedding Rehearsal
Friday 20	Music Sale Set up
Saturday 21	8:30 a.m. – Music Sale 9:00 a.m. – Deanery Prayer Meeting 3:00 p.m. – Wedding 5:00 p.m. – Piano Recital
Sunday 22	9:00 a.m. – Girl Choristers 10:30 a.m. – Patronal Festival – Holy Baptism & Choral Eucharist
Monday 23	7:30 p.m. – Scout Group Meeting
Tuesday 24	7:30 p.m. – Amnesty International
Friday 27	5:30 p.m. – Youth Group
Sunday 29	10:30 a.m. – Choral Eucharist

Please inform the office of any errors or omissions.

Indiana Jones

KINGDOM OF THE CHRISTIAN STORY

"ENTERTAINING"

- B. T. BEAUFREERE THE HOME REPORTER

"A MUST SEE"

- BRIAN'S MOM

Children are welcome to journey each Sunday, during the 10:30 service, with Indiana Jonah on an adventure though the Holy Land.

Grab your passports and each week Indy will guide you to another exciting Bible location!

Together we will explore the land that formed our Faith - though crafts, stories and of course...

Adventure!

TWENTY FIRST CENTURY CAMEL PRESENTS A BELFAIR GROUP PRODUCTION
STARRING YOU CO-STARRING BRIAN THOMAS FAIRBROTHER AS INDIANA JONAH
BASED ON THE HOLY BIBLE WRITTEN AND INSPIRED BY GOD

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