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RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

The element of surprise was totally achieved. Many of you were in on the "plot" to celebrate the 40th anniversary of my ordination on Sunday, March 29th (I was ordained priest on March 25, 1969). Preparations were going on around me but I didn't "get it" until Darleen Knowlton walked up to the front of the church and opened the proceedings. I was delighted to be able to hear my daughter Pamela deliver her first public sermon. One of these days I hope to be attending her ordination! Probably not preaching though.

There are so many memories. I can honestly say that I have never regretted setting foot on the path to which I believe God has guided me. To be a priest is an honour and privilege. It has meant being part of peoples' lives in a way that just doesn't happen in many other professions.

Some fifteen years, about a quarter of that ministry, has been spent here at St. John's. During these years we have come to love this community. It is amazing to think that Lorna's family has a history in this area that extends back to 1913 when her mother moved here with her parents and siblings. They lived just down the road at what is now 292 Woodbine. A few years ago we went back to Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, the old family home, and found that one of Lorna's grandparents' homes was on Woodbine Avenue. Coincidence? I don't think so.

We especially appreciated the gift of a weekend in Niagara-on-the-Lake, which we will be taking advantage of on the Sunday after Easter. Father David Bowring has kindly agreed to preside and our student, Kevin Love, will preach. I'm only sorry that I will miss Kevin's last Sunday with us and I wish him well in his exams. I know that he

will make a good priest and I hope that when he looks back on 40 years of ministry he will remember his stay at St. John's and rate it as among his finest years.

Yours in Christ,

Brian

World Day of Prayer 2009: Thank you to everyone who donated time, treasure, and talent to make our events this year very successful. At our regular service 72 people attended, and 31 attended out youth service. With the two services combined, \$727.38 was donated to the Women's Inter-Church Council, which sponsors the World Day of Prayer in Canada and provides the resources to prepare the events.

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WARDENS' REPORT

This month we had some fun events.

First was the book, music, and video sale on March 21st which once again was a great success raising \$4,000, organised by Gordon Stock with back-breaking contributions from numerous other participants.

The next fun thing that happened this month was with the group of U of T students that presented us their candidate designs for the "green space" west of our North Entrance. In case you haven't heard, we are helping these students by giving them a real life green space problem to work on and in return we get to see what some bright young ideas can bring to the space with no cost or obligation to us. It was interesting to see all the work they had put in and then how they critiqued the pros and cons of each other's designs to arrive at one design. They still have to complete the final design and will let us know when they will present it for their marks.

And last and most fun of all was the surprise celebration of Fr. Brian's 40th anniversary of his ordination. He seemed genuinely surprised when presented with the weekend getaway gift certificate. The special service included a sermon by his daughter Pamela and was followed by a boisterous reception downstairs.

The rebuilding of the barn that burned last year is inching along. This month we had a presentation by a company that builds pre-engineered barns and garages. The company's methods of post and beam construction have the potential to save on the cost. This is helpful to us since our barn was underinsured. The choice of colours of the steel siding is nice too. With the drawings from this presentation we can begin the application to the city committee of adjustment for the first of many approvals we'll need to rebuild.

By the time you read this there will be 2 changes to the physical building either completed or in progress. The first is 2 additional handicapped spaces next to the existing one with signs to clearly mark them. Please remember that we have a number of parishioners who need to use these spaces. If you don't need the spot please leave it free for those who do.

The second is a new viewer and intercom system. The viewer will be installed in the main North Entrance door so that anyone working alone in the church can safely check who is at the door before opening it. Along with this will

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be an intercom system so they people calling at this same door can communicate with the office when the door is locked.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Roberts & Suzanne Coxon

FROM THE CHURCH CALENDAR

April 9
WILLIAM LAW
Priest and Spiritual Writer

William Law was born at King's Cliffe, Northamptonshire in 1688, and educated at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he was elected a fellow in 1711, the same year that he was ordained a priest in the Church of England. When Queen Anne died in 1714 he was among those who believed that the throne should have passed to the son of the deposed James II. His refusal to swear allegiance to King George I resulted in his dismissal from Cambridge University. Law turned to tutoring the sons of friends until his retirement to King's Cliffe in 1740. There he died in 1761. Law is best known for his mystical writings, particularly A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life, published in 1728. The simplicity of his teaching and the vigour of his style have made it a spiritual classic. It sets out the ideal of a Christian life realized through charity, fasting, and self-denial. To a generation that loved reason and mistrusted spirituality, Law spoke eloquently about the majesty of God and the mystery of life. His evangelical piety influenced many for whom the lifeless churches of the day had almost ceased to have any message.

Offertory Envelopes: Before placing envelopes in the offertory plate, please ensure that your name and/or envelope number are on the envelope.

In particular, if you are a direct debit contributor, you have been given special envelopes for other donations. Please ensure your name and/or envelope number appear on the envelope. The envelopes are not pre-printed, and the information needs to be added.

Help Needed: If you are able to help assemble parish mailings (about 1-2 hours per mailing), please call the office.

The Prayer Nook

A Morning of Prayer

by Lillian O'Brien Davis

On Saturday March 28th I had the pleasure of going to Bishop Yu's presentation, *Winter Fresh: a taste of prayer*. I learned a lot from Bishop Yu's Talk and I really enjoyed the time I spent there. We experimented with some kinds of meditation and I was quite intrigued when we had to pray in silence, and even with 50 people in the room you could hear a pin drop. I especially liked how Bishop Yu used journaling as a form of reflection, and when I got home that night I tried out his idea of journaling. I really liked it. After Bishop Yu had read us a reading from the scriptures we were welcome to move to separate parts of the church and pray in silence. The upstairs of the church was opened but I chose to go outside to the cemetery and walk in silence, for the 20 minutes before we were called back to continue our prayer experience. At the end of the day I felt really quite relaxed and I learned a lot from Bishop Yu's talk.

Thank you to the eight members of the congregation who attended. Attendees included members of the Bishop's Committee on Prayer.

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Bible Lore

Here is our final Bible quiz. Test your Bible knowledge with ten more questions!

Pastoral Letters, Catholic Letters, & Hebrews

1. What four things is scripture useful for? Hint - it's in 2 Timothy.
2. Who is the troublemaker and who is the "good guy" in 3 John?
3. Why did Martin Luther call the Letter of James "an epistle of straw?"
4. Which two letters are traditionally ascribed to brothers of Jesus?
5. Who is Melchizedek and what was his relationship with Abraham?
6. How does Hebrews define faith?

Revelation

1. Which of the seven churches is criticized for being only lukewarm?
2. Describe the "four living creatures."
3. Who is worthy to open the scroll and its seven seals?
4. Why will the city of God need the light of neither sun nor moon?

Answers to Last Month's Quiz

Gospels & Acts

1. Luke (Chapters 1 & 2)
2. The Gospel of John
3. Luke (e.g. 15.3-10 and 18.1-14)
4. Philip (Acts 8.1-25). He met Simon the Magician who tried to buy the Holy Spirit. This is where the term "simony" (the buying of ecclesiastical offices) comes from.
5. Two years (Acts 28.30)

Paul's Letters

1. 1 Corinthians (Chapter 13)
2. 1 Thessalonians (5.1-2)
3. Paul's co-workers (Colossians 1.7 & 4.12; Philippians 2.25 & 4.18)
4. Philemon the master and Onesimus the runaway slave
5. In 2 Corinthians 2.1-4

Deuteronomy: a series of ten Ecumenical Bible Study sessions, **Mondays to June 15, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist, Norway.** Sister Brenda Duncombe, D.M.J. leads the studies. Late registrants are welcome and the fee of \$25 covers all sessions. For more information and to register, telephone Jean at (416) 694-5989.

Help End Homelessness in Toronto – Mark **April 15th** on your calendar! This is the date of Toronto's second Street Needs Assessment, a survey of homeless people that helps to improve the services the City funds and delivers to this vulnerable group. It also estimates the number of people who are homeless on that night. Volunteers over 18 years of age are needed to go into shelters and neighbourhood streets across the city to help conduct a 10-question survey. Toronto's goal is to end street homelessness. This is your chance to take positive action on a big city issue. Get involved in the solution. Sign up online at www.toronto.ca/housing

You are invited to a
Daffodil Tea
 Saturday, April 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Please note correction!!



Tea Room ✧ Home-Baked Goods
 White Elephant Table
 Crafts ✧ Foods ✧ Raffle

Youth Earth Day Vigil
Tuesday, April 21 – 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Church of the Incarnation
15 Clairtrell Road (Bayview and Sheppard Avenues)
Details at www.ysymn.com

Celebrate Earth Sunday with us!

Sunday, April 26th
Preacher: The Rev. David Bowring

Earth Day, intended to inspire awareness of and appreciation for the earth's environment, is celebrated in many countries on April 22nd. We will be marking the day on the Sunday closest to this date to recall the biblical injunction to be stewards of "this fragile earth, our island home."



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ANGLICANS OPEN THEIR DOORS

Sunday, April 26th, 1-4 pm

Host Churches

Christ Church Deer Park	1570 Yonge Street, Toronto
St. Peter's, Carlton Street	188 Carleton Street, Toronto
St. Saviour	43 Kimberley Street, Toronto
St. Luke	904 Coxwell Avenue, Toronto
St. Timothy, Agincourt	4125 Sheppard Avenue, Scarborough
St. Michael & All Angels	611 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto
St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff	1512 Kingston Road, Toronto
St. John the Baptist, Norway	470 Woodbine Avenue, Toronto

Services of Worship – 4.30 pm

Christ Church Deer Park	Jazz Vespers & Tribute to Duke Ellington
St. Peter's, Carlton Street	Gregorian Evensong
St. Luke	Evening Prayer
St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff	Lively Hymn Sing & Prayer



York-Scarborough Area
 is celebrating its diversity and multicultural flavour, and you're invited!!
 Visit as many host churches in the afternoon as you can.
 For more information on activities at host churches please visit the website:
www.yorkscarborougharea.com

Passports available from any host church

More Upcoming Events →

Creative YouTheatre
Presents

Robin Hood

at St. John the Baptist, Norway

Thursday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets \$7.50 for adults
\$5.00 for children and seniors



Robin Hood is produced by
special arrangement with
Baker's Plays Boston, MA and
was written by Larry Blamire

Make Housing Happen – Join other Anglicans and community partners to explore what we can do to respond to housing needs in our community. **Saturday, May 2nd from 9 am to 3 pm.** Fee: \$20, free for students and the unemployed. Please register in advance at www.toronto.anglican.ca/sjac

Spring Cleaning?
Save your used treasures for our annual



on May 9 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Call the church office for pickup or drop off
Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Sunday, May 24th
The Ascension

Choral Evensong at 7 pm

An augmented choir will help
us celebrate this special time
when we mark the end of
Jesus's earthly ministry.

A date to mark in your
calendar!



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Monthly Chuckle

Here is a collection of hymns for various professions:

Dentist's Hymn

Crown Him with Many
Crowns

Contractor's Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

Baker's Hymn

I Need Thee Every Hour

Tailor's Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

Weather Forecaster's Hymn

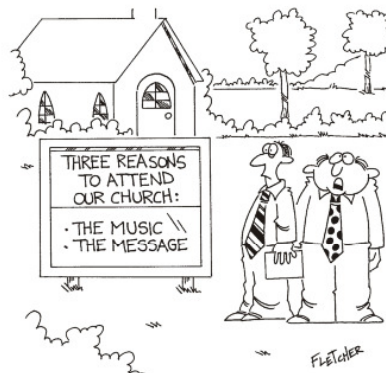
There Shall Be Showers of
Blessing

Optician's Hymn

Open My Eyes that I May
See

Shopper's Hymn

In the Sweet By and By



"Math has never been one of the
pastor's strong points."



IN MEMORIAM

March 18
March 20

Viva (Etta) Bachle
Pauline Burditt

Baptism



March 17, 2009
Joan Casci

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.

Deadline for the Next Courier is Sunday, May 4.

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

For the Food Cupboard

Donations of canned beans and fruit would be appreciated. Please leave in the yellow basket in the north aisle.

CALENDAR

**Weekly*

APRIL

Monday 13	9:30 a.m. – Ecumenical Bible Study* 8:30 p.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book Discussion Group *
Tuesday 14	11:00 a.m. – Beaches Fitness* 4:00 p.m. – Little Voices Dancing Feet 5:00 p.m. – Boy Choristers* 6:30 p.m. – Creative YouTheatre 6:30 p.m. – Brownies* 7:30 p.m. – Advisory Board
Wednesday 15	9:00 a.m. – MumNet* 6:30 p.m. – Beavers* 6:30 p.m. – Kuma Martial Arts 7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist*
Thursday 16	9:00 a.m. – MumNet* 1:00 p.m. – St. Anne's Group 4:00 p.m. – Little Voices Dancing Feet 7:30 p.m. – Adult Choristers*
Friday 17	9:00 a.m. – MumNet 8:00 p.m. – Silver Birch Alcoholics Anonymous*
Sunday 19	8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist* 9:00 a.m. – Girl Choristers* 10:30 a.m. – Choral Eucharist* 1:00 p.m. – Creative YouTheatre 7:30 p.m. – Venturers*

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Monday 20	9:00 a.m. – Little Voices Dancing Feet* 5:00 p.m. – Kuma Marital Arts* 7:00 p.m. – Guides*
Tuesday 21	4:00 p.m. – Little Voice Dancing Feet 6:30 p.m. – Creative YouTheatre 7:30 p.m. – Wardens' Meeting
Wednesday 22	6:30 a.m. – Kuma Martial Arts
Thursday 23	4:00 p.m. – Little Voices Dancing Feet 7:30 p.m. – Norway Group
Friday 24	9:00 a.m. – MumNet
Saturday 25	2:00 p.m. – Daffodil Tea
Sunday 26	1:00 p.m. – Anglicans Open Their Doors
Monday 27	4:00 p.m. – Creative YouTheatre
Tuesday 28	4:00 p.m. – Creative YouTheatre 7:30 p.m. – Amnesty International
Wednesday 29	4:00 p.m. – Creative YouTheatre
Thursday 30	1:00 p.m. – St. Anne's Group 4:00 p.m. – Creative YouTheatre 7:30 p.m. – <u>Robin Hood</u>

MAY

Friday 1	4:00 p.m. – Creative YouTheatre 7:30 p.m. – <u>Robin Hood</u>
Saturday 2	1:00 p.m. – Creative YouTheatre 5:30 p.m. – <u>Robin Hood</u>
Sunday 3	COURIER DEADLINE
Monday 4	7:30 p.m. – East End Refugee Committee
Tuesday 5	4:00 p.m. – Little Voices Dancing Feet 7:30 p.m. – Advisory Board
Wednesday 6	7:30 p.m. – Seton Area Forum
Thursday 7	4:00 p.m. – Little Voices Dancing Feet 7:30 p.m. – Rummage Sale Set up
Friday 8	9:00 a.m. – Rummage Sale Set up
Saturday 9	9:00 a.m. – Deanery Prayer Meeting 10:00 a.m. – Rummage Sale

Please inform the office of any errors or omissions. Thank you.

**The church office will be closed
until Tuesday, April 14 at 9:00 a.m.
The answering machine will be monitored.
Please leave a message and we will return
your call as soon as possible.**