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Joy, relief and a sense of accomplishment filled Snell Hall at St. James Cathedral, Toronto, on Sept. 23 as bishops, clergy and lay leaders celebrated the end of the parish phase of the diocese’s Our Faith-Our Hope campaign, the largest fundraising endeavour in the history of the Anglican Church of Canada.

“I’m very, very proud to be an Anglican,” said Archbishop Colin Johnson before announcing that $40 million has been pledged toward the goal of $50 million. “It’s a remarkable amount of money, and it only happened because of your commitment, your faithfulness and your prayers. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you’ve done to make this such a wonderful, successful time. May God bless you and strengthen the life of the church so that we can proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.”

With the last four parishes just starting their campaigns, and with large individual donations still being considered, Archbishop Johnson said, “I think we really do have a chance to raise $50 million.”

The campaign has lasted 21 months and has involved 210 parishes. Here are some of the highlights:

• 798 families or individuals have pledged $10,000 or more.
• Nearly 200 donors gave more than $25,000.
• 78 parishes met or exceeded their fundraising goal.
• San Lorenzo Ruiz, Toronto, raised 316 per cent of its goal, the highest of any parish.
• Grace Church on-the-Hill, Toronto, pledged $1.06 million, the highest of any parish, followed by St. John, York Mills, at $1 million and Christ Church, Deer Park, at $846,000.
• Archbishop Johnson has asked 17 major donors, who have pledged $6.3 million, with another $11 million being considered.
• Five clergy—the Rev. Canon Stephen Fields, the Rev. Claire Goodrich Dyer, the Rev. Kevin Robertson, the Rev. Victor Li and the Rev. Gary van der Meer—have run two campaigns because they have moved to another parish during the campaign.

Archbishop Colin Johnson said funds from the campaign will be used to strengthen ministry across the diocese. “Not only will the funds allow parishes to invest in some serious capital upgrades, they will allow parishes to dream about new possibilities for ministry that they never thought possible.”

About $3.5 million has already been sent back to the parishes, with more on the way over the next five years as pledges are fulfilled. If the campaign raises $50 million, parishes will receive a total of $17 million.

Archbishop Colin Johnson hugs his granddaughter during the party to celebrate the end of the parish phase of the Our Faith-Our Hope campaign.

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Church open after school
Program includes ‘God talk’

BY CAROLYN PURDEN

St. John the Baptist, Lakefield, is hosting an ecumenical after-school program that is the only one of its kind in the community. The program provides tutoring, games and crafts for children in elementary and junior high school. It also offers them a time to talk about the Christian faith and how it can impact their lives.

The Rev. Munroe Scott says the program grew out of a concern that there were no after-school activities for younger children in Lakefield. “We want to be the place where people say we’re making a difference,” he says. Even though it’s at St. John the Baptist, we’re welcoming people from all different denominations to be part of it. We just want to be a Christian presence in the community and in the lives of children. We might come from or where they might end up.”

Mr. Scott explains that Lakefield has a reputation as an affluent retirement community, but in fact there is a growing population that is younger and less well off. The under-16 population exceeds the over-65. The under-18 population exceeds the over-65. The under-18 population exceeds the over-65.

St. John has formed a relationship with local schools and also with Lakefield Youth Unlimited (LYU), a branch of Youth for Christ. In 2010, the LYU leaders told Mr. Scott that they saw a need for an after-school program that is younger and less well off. The local high school has some after-school activities, but until St. John’s started its program, there were none for children in elementary school. In 2008, the church started a popular four-week program called Come Cook With Us. Advertised in schools, it invites 15 children from grades 2 to 6 to prepare a meal with volunteers once a week and serve it to their families. There is no spiritual content.

Out of that, St. John’s has formed a relationship with local schools and also with Lakefield Youth Unlimited (LYU), a branch of Youth for Christ. In 2010, the LYU leaders told Mr. Scott that they saw a need for an after-school program with a spiritual component, but this could not be advertised in the schools. However, word of mouth spread through the cooking program. The parish decided to act.

The program is proving successful, says Mr. Scott, with some children expressing faith. “This is a very good opportunity to get children when they’re young enough not to have solidified their approach to the world, and to be engaged with their families who see we are and what we represent.”

Now two years old, the after-school program takes in about 20 children from grades 2 to 8 one day a week, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Volunteers collect them from the school and their parents pick them up from the parish. The program includes meeting individually with volunteers for tutoring or working on homework, and a “God Talk.” The talk is built around principles of character and behavior, says Mr. Scott. “There’s an opportunity to express faith issues and allow children to respond to those and to ask questions about all kinds of things in a very safe environment.” Some of the children have no church connection.

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The Rev. Munroe Scott tests the math skills of a student during tutoring time. At right, students share stories during a party at Lakefield Youth Unlimited’s Hug House.
Clergy invite passers-by

New faces on Sunday

BY STUART MANN

It was a small touch, but it meant a lot to the pedestrians who were hurrying off to work and school in the morning rush-hour on Sept. 27. As they received an invitation to church from the Rev. Kevin Robertson and the Rev. Julie Meakin, they also got a small granola bar.

“It was a gesture of goodwill,” says Mr. Robertson, the incumbent of Christ Church, Deer Park. “We would do that again, for sure.”

Mr. Robertson and Ms. Meakin, the assistant curate, handed out about 175 invitations outside the church on the Thursday before Back to Church Sunday, held on Sept. 30. The church is located on Yonge Street, just north of St. Clair Avenue and one block away from a subway station.

Mr. Robertson said the invitations and granola bars were well received. “There was a lot of engagement. People asked about what we do here, the building, the music—everything.”

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Tots, parents introduced to Gospel

BY HENRIETA PAUKOV

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On Friday mornings, the base-ment of Trinity, Streetsville, rings with little voices. A curious visitor will find a group of toddlers and their parents and caregivers in a circle, singing songs like Go Around. “They are all teaching songs, really,” says Julie Wormald, director of children’s ministry. “The kids are learning different words and they are doing the actions at the same time. And within every set of songs, we’ll do a few songs about God.”

The program is called, is a fun way to introduce kids and their parents to the Gospel, as well as an opportunity for the kids to play and the adults to socialize. Ms. Wormald has made a point of inviting community members who are not churchgoers, putting up fliers in the Christian households, the hockey rink, Starbucks, and advertising in The Mississauga News. People also learn about it from friends. “I had one mom from the church who invited all her friends,” says Ms. Wormald.

“One of the things that surprised me was how many people in their 30s and 40s were in the community. But it was also sobering. We have a number of young professionals in our church, but we saw a lot on Thursday who are not with us. It’s exciting that there’s this untapped potential, but we’ve got some work to do.”

It was the first year that the church got involved in Back to Church Sunday. The young people in the church’s Sunday school invited their friends and neighbours, as did some of the adults. As a result, there were new faces in the congregation on Sunday, says Mr. Robertson.

Back to Church Sunday is a worldwide initiative for Christians to invite their friends and family members back to church. This was the fourth year that it has been held in the diocese. In the past three years, about 6,000 people have come to church in the diocese as a result of an invitation, and about 900 have stayed. The results for this year will be published when they are available.

The diocese hopes Anglicans can develop the skill and habit of inviting people to church throughout the year. It is launching a pilot project with six parishes this fall called Seasons of Invitation. Parishioners will be encouraged to invite people for six occasions during the fall, Advent, Christmas and into the new year.

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Occupy garden plowed under

The Occupy garden at Queen’s Park was uprooted on Sept. 27 by City of Toronto workers and all the plants were destroyed, apparently as the result of a complaint about the illegality of the garden from a member of the public. The vegetable patch has been covered over with soil. An article and a photograph about the garden were published in last month’s issue.

Bishop’s dinner has new date, location

The Bishop’s Company Dinner in Trent-Durham, originally scheduled for Oct. 17 at the Peterborough Golf & Country Club, has been postponed to Nov. 19 at St. Paul, Lindsay, beginning at 6 p.m. Funds raised by the dinner support the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund, which is used to come to the aid of clergy and their families in emergencies. In addition, the fund has assisted with travel emergencies, bursaries for religious scholarships, curacy training for the newly ordained, native ministry and emergency medical expenses. Tickets are $65 each or $480 for a table of eight. The evening features a presentation by noted area playwright and author Dan Needles. For more information, see the diocese’s website, www.toronto.anglican.ca.

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A great and humble man

At the end of December, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, will step down from his position and assume a prestigious academic post at King's College, London. His decade-long tenure as the leader of the Church of England and the Anglican Communion has been remarkable not only for the controversies that have marked the period but also for the man himself, with whom many of the most widely travelled of the archbishops, he has been to Toronto several times, most recently to receive this honor. His rare double convention of Wyckiffe and Trinitarian colleges, and to lead a retreat for the Canadian House of Bishops. The most prominent legacies of his life are his ability to find vision in your parish. I hope you will invite them to share their insights in your parish.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is now being chosen. A Crown Nomination Committee meets to consider possible candidates. Two will be nominated to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, who will send the names to the Queen, in order of preference, for her selection. In accordance with ancient but arcane custom, Her Majesty issues a decree to the Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral, who formally elects her nominee. The man so chosen (and for now, it will be a man) will then be installed as the 105th Archbishop of Canterbury sometime in the New Year.

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By Bishop Linda Nicholls

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Called to public spaces

BY THE REV. MAGGIE HELWIG

O n a summer night, a circle of people sat on the grass and the flat rock beside a skateboard park, just down the lane from a garden, in one of Toronto’s poorest areas, or, on the other hand, I think the people who inhabit this place have a spirit that is different. As St. Paul wrote, we know what we ought to be doing, but we keep finding ourselves behaving in exactly the opposite way at times.

Let me share with you a story I heard from a friend. I have a great appreciation for people who are able to “let go and let God” in their daily lives, and yet in the day-to-day of many of us, we are functionally atheists, living according to the ways of the world, to compete for space and resources. It means giving up much of what we understand as safety. We must learn to share space—the beauty within us—differently than we have done opening doors, taking risks. But we are already being present, to be vulnerable, least defended, public spaces—our streets and parks; to come into them in peace and humility and mutual human weakness, to share our time, food, music and words.

The smaller parishes of Parkdale Deanery have begun to organize occasional joint services, working to develop closer relationships with each other. When the chaplain of Trinity College and I proposed that such service might be a Lammas Day celebration in Alexandra Park, we knew that it would be about food and community and the possibilities of sharing, both Lammas Day, an ancient feast celebrating the early harvest, has been little observed since the Reformation, although the Church of England has recently seen it revived. With climate change and impending food shortages threatening, it seemed like a good opportunity to reflect on our relationship to growth and harvest and the natural world, and how these things connect to our faith.

But the gathering was also, I think, a deeper experience of public space than we had anticipated. In one of his essays, Archbishop Rowan Williams talks about the work of the church as preserving “a space where humanity as such is welcome—(a space which is) not defens- ed against anyone; it exists because of the defencesness of God in the crucified Jesus. Those who occupy it are not charged with marking it out as a territory sharply defined over against territory that is the property of others; they are to sustain it as a welcoming place.”

To become a people who can do this, who can live in a space of defencesness, means changing ourselves deeply, for our society trains us to guard our ‘ter- ritory’ to compete for space and resources. It means giving up much of what we understand as safety. We must learn to share space—the beauty within us—inhabit—that differently than we have done opening doors, taking risks. But we are already being present, to be vulnerable, least defended, public spaces—our streets and parks; to come into them in peace and humility and mutual human weakness, to share our time, food, music and words.

On the drive home, I thought about something I had heard at a conference a couple of years ago and had been turning over in my mind ever since. Bishop Steven Croft, the key speaker, had been talking about motivating the church for evan- gelism and growing new communities of faith. The church, he said, needs to “catch again a fresh vision of Jesus Christ. We need ourselves to be re-evangelized, and then we will be ready to hear God’s call (and to respond).”

I always wondered what he meant by that. And how we could do it. Maybe, like my son, it was a matter of putting aside the fishing pole and tackle box for a mo- ment and arranging something completely new. By doing this radical act, he had changed everything—himself, me, the fish. He hadn’t caught anything. Can we do that? Can we see through the eyes of a child and respond in a playful way? Can we respond to things in a different way than we have been doing? Can we be led by the Spirit?
This read is a marathon

BY RYAN PAULSEN

Back in April, I wrote a column reflecting on the first steps of a year-long journey to read the whole Bible, cover to cover, each day. The idea was (and is) that I would follow a canonical program, which splits up the whole book into 365 portions, one to tackle every day. By the time a year is up, you’ve read the Bible, cover to cover.

At the time, back in the heady days of the narrative excitement that is Genesis and Exodus, it felt like it would be a walk in the park. Looking back now, more than two-thirds through the days of the narrative excitement would follow a canonical program, a year-long journey to read the Bible does have its own internal flow and continuity. It’s also extremely rewarding to be able to go deep into books that almost all of the time exist only as a name in a verse reference. Numbers, for instance, is vastly more interesting than its name implies. Very cool book—will read again.

On the other hand, Leviticus and Deuteronomy (and to an only slightly lesser extent, Chronicles) prove, upon closer examination, to fully merit their, shall we say, insomnia-creating reputations.

Doing a program like this is very much an exercise in endurance, and it’s difficult. Even though each day’s reading is only a 10-15 minute time commitment, it’s shockingly easy to fall behind, and for every day you fall behind, it’s even more daunting to pick it up again, which just continues the cycle. So, to recap briefly, we’ve got moments of brilliant exhilaration and new discovery, periods of wear, familiarity, droughts of the mundane and tedious, and times when you’re just tired and would rather play video games or watch Seinfeld reruns than devote the energy to the matter at hand.

“Where that’s where, I think the whole exercise becomes a marathon. The Bible does have its own internal flow and continuity. That’s something that I have actually tried it; and B) are the only ones that give serious thought to what you believe about God, the world and yourself.”

Ryan Paulsen studied theology at Wycliffe College, Toronto, and currently works as a multimedia journalist at a daily newspaper in Pembroke, Ont. His mother, the Rev. Jean, is the incumbent of Christ Church, Oshawa. Ryan’s blog is at http://ayearofbible.blogspot.com.

Stewardship elicits strong feelings

I first became interested in the concept of stewardship in 1988, when I was a curate at St. John the Evangelist in Kitchener, one of my first ministry assignments was a workshop run by the Diocese of Huron’s stewardship officer at the time, the Rev. John Dugan. I am not sure what aspect of stewardship caught my imagination, but from the “point on I was hooked. What intrigued me most was that it gave me an avenue to work on my own feelings about money and possessions, and the ways in which I used my time and talents.

Over the years, I have both attended and led many presentations on church stewardship, planned giving and capital campaigns. It never ceases to get old for me. There have been times when it would have been much easier to become involved in a more popular ministry endeavor, but I have stuck with it, or perhaps it has stuck with me. I have learned a lot from the journey and I hope to learn even more in the future.

Stewardship is important in the life of the church. We can’t do God’s ministry in our various parishes and communities without money, people and all the resources that we have been given. Yet stewardship elicits both strong positive and negative feelings in people.

Not many are neutral on the subject. I think this is, in part, because examining the use of our time, talent and treasure is a task we readily embrace. It is a deeply personal thing. We don’t necessarily like someone telling us how to spend our treasure or use our time or talents. Yet doing so is a vital part of the Christian heritage as it pertains to what we have been given. God does want us to develop a worldview which translates on the one hand, the creation, the cultivation of generosity and the practice of hospitality. What is more important than this?

I watched a humorous video about a few years ago a person dressed as a clown is walking into the front of the church and reaches the offering plate. Since it is a silent video, the clown puts her hand to her ear, points at herself and then puts in a dollar bill. She then attempts to proceed into the church. She stops, cups her ear, points at herself and then puts in a larger dollar. She attempts to go in again. This scene plays itself out twice more. In the final scene, she cups her ear, points at herself and then climbs into the plate. By now, you know the meaning of the illustration. God does want our financial resources; God wants us to give. To me, this is a far scarier prospect than writing a check. In many ways, writing a check is far easier than committing my whole life to God. Being a steward is covenantal in scope. I am reminded of the vow two people recite in the marriage ceremony when they each give and receive a ring: “I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow. With all that I am and all that I have, I honour you in the name of God” (BAS p.545). Further, this is what I hold dear to God and others as a steward. There is no half way. Living as a steward has been hard work. I have made many mistakes along the way. But this is a far scarier prospect than writing a check. In many ways, writing a check is far easier than committing my whole life to God. Being a steward is covenantal in scope. I am reminded of the vow two people recite in the marriage ceremony when they each give and receive a ring: “I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow. With all that I am and all that I have, I honour you in the name of God” (BAS p.545).

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Group turns church into housing units

Project clears final hurdle

BY STUART MANN

A small but determined group of church members and community activists in a west Toronto neighbourhood have seen their dream come true—the opening of Monaco Place, a 20-unit affordable housing complex built inside a former United Church.

“It seems almost like a miracle,” says the Rev. Canon Kate Merriman, an Anglican priest who led the fundraising drive. “When I look back, I really appreciate how much widespread support we received.”

Ms. Merriman and her colleagues first met a decade ago to discuss how they could increase affordable housing in the St. Clair West area. They weren’t making much progress until a member of the group, the Rev. Irene Ty, learned about a small United Church on Ossington Avenue, just north of Dupont Street, that was available.

When no other United Church congregation expressed interest in the building, the group sought out and received seed money from numerous sources, then hired a project manager and an architect. They pitched their plans to the Presbytery of West Toronto and the Toronto Conference of the United Church, which had been holding the funds from the sale of another church that had been earmarked for affordable housing. They also received grants from the provincial and federal governments.

Eventually, they reached the goal of their capital campaign—$330,000—and construction began. Along the way, they transferred ownership and management of the property to St. Clare’s Multifaith Housing Society, a non-profit organization that develops and operates transitional, supportive and affordable housing.

The residents moved in at the end of 2011 and the official opening was held on Sept. 27, with Canon Merriman and members of the original group in attendance. The building may be the only one of its kind in Toronto, with the housing units built right inside the former church’s chancel and sanctuary. The building’s footprint and exterior have also remained the same, preserving the church’s history in the neighbourhood.

Ms. Merriman says it was a thrilling but daunting moment. “We started with faith, vision, community—and no money,” she says. That soon began to change, however, as donations started to come in from churches, individuals, foundations and the episcopal area of York-Credit Valley. They received a transformational gift of $150,000 from Fairlawn United Church, which had been holding the funds from the sale of another church that had been earmarked for affordable housing. They also received grants from the provincial and federal governments.

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The Rev. Canon Kate Merriman, centre, stands with architect Ellen Vera Allen and James Smith in front of Monaco Place. At right, Miguel Ruiz relaxes in his new apartment. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

Of the 20 units, five will be set aside for use by victims of domestic violence and two are fully accessible to disabled people. All of the units are energy efficient. The units are for people on low to modest incomes.

Canon Merriman, who was the incumbent of nearby St. Mark and Calvary, which closed last year, said the opening of Monaco Place is a resurrection story. “St. Mark and Calvary and the United Church (St. Paul-Pietro Valdo United Church) closed and Monaco Place took off. There’s life after death.”

Café gives parents a break from routine

Grant helps spread word

BY CAROLYN PURDEN

ST. JOHN, Bowmanville, is offering a program on Monday mornings that allows young parents to take a break from their home routines and socialize in a welcoming environment. It also provides an opportunity for young children to interact with each other.

“What we really wanted to do was not only provide a place for our own parents, but to invite parents from the community to come into our church as well,” says Kimberley Gaspar, the church’s secretary and one of the people who started the program, called Chat and Play Café.

The café grew out of Messy Church, a weekly gathering at St. John’s for families. Held on Saturday afternoon and evening, Messy Church includes crafts and dinner, as well as worship.

The mothers attending Messy Church were looking for a faith-based program for younger children but none existed in downtown Bowmanville. At the same time, St. John’s was looking for ways to reach out into the small but fast-growing community.

Leadership of the group is provided by the parents, while St. John’s provides the facilities and facilitates the discussions. “We’re trying to allow the parents to make it their own ministry,” says Mrs. Gaspar.

The café also offers learning opportunities. Last spring, a parishioner who teaches parenting led a practical parenting course for six weeks that examined challenging topics such as bedtime routines. Plans for the fall are still being developed in consultation with the parents and caregivers, says Mrs. Gaspar. “We’ve discussed having a faith-based topic of discussion every week, and Kinder-musik has approached us to do a free program with the parents.”

The café recently received a $1,200 Reach grant from the diocese. Some of the money will be used to purchase toys, chairs and an activity table, as well as free coffee for the parents, but much of it will go toward promotion to expand the number of attendees.

While most have been from the congregation, St. John’s is anxious to reach more people in the community.

To promote the café, the church has delivered flyers to suburban areas of Bowmanville, and has created a Facebook page with topics and tips for parents. Mrs. Gaspar is not particularly concerned if the group remains small, provided parents get what they need.

“I think having inspirational messages available for open discussion is really important,” she says. “It allows parents to share what’s in their minds and hearts without any judgment.”
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church.org or call 416-485-6646.

NOV. 3 – Shop and eat at the fall 
fair organized by St. Andrew, 
Japanese congregation in Toron- 
to. Shops will sell antique and 
Daise sale (arts & crafts), have refreshments 
(hot dogs, sushi) and have fun 
(dance, music) 11:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at St. David, 
Dunduns, 20 Dunduns Ave. (near 
Carlaw), Toronto, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more infor- 
mation, phone 416-401-8390.

NOV. 3 – St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff, 
invites all to its Christmas 
Bazaar, from 12 until 5 p.m. Shop 
for crafts and Christmas decora- 
tions, lavender and lace, baked 
items, candles and preserves, 
bottles, attic treasures and much 
more. Call 416-691-4040 or visit 

NOV. 3 – Christmas Bazaar at 
Church of Our Saviour, 1 Lauren- 
teen Drive, Markham, 9 a.m. un- 
til 1 p.m. Baking, jams, preserves, 
soups, knitted items and crafts, 
ingredients, gingerbread house raffle, and hostess baskets raffle. For 
more information, call 416-385-1805 (church office).

NOV. 3 – St. John, Bowmanville, 11 
Temple Street, will hold its an- 
ual Silent Auction from 10 a.m. un- 
til 2 p.m. Baked goods, attic 
treasures, knitted goods and 
crafts, jewelry, glass, pottery, 
books, silence, and silent auc- tion, and the fa- 
mous Martha’s Lunch Room from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more 
information, call 905-622-2460.

NOV. 3 – All Saints, Whitby, 300 
Dundas St. W., will hold their an- 
nual bazaar from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Great Hall. Keynote 
addresses will be given by Glenda 
Hastie, Roncevaux House for 
Refugees, and Linda Nicholls. After 
the bazaar, a light lunch will be 
served. Call 905-294-3184.

NOV. 10 – Christ Church, Bramp- 
ton, will hold its Christmas Tree 
Bazaar from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Join them for a little shopping and 
a light lunch at 4 Elizabeth St. N. in 
downtown Brampton. For more 
information, call the parish office at 
905-466-4069 or email christchurch 
brampton.net.

NOV. 10 – Trinity Church, Camp- 
bell’s, the oldest Church in 
Caledonia, will hold its Annual 
Bazaar & Silent Auction from 9 
am. until 2 p.m. Baking, sewing, 
knitting, candy, Christmas books, 
treasure table. For more in- 
formation, call 519-334-5490.

NOV. 10 – St. James the Apostle, 
Brampton, 3 Cathedral Rd., will 
hold its annual Holly Bazaar from 
9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Lunch room, 
featuring home-made soups and 
sandwiches, a silent auction, can- 
dy house raffle, pottery auction, 
vendors, candy table, surprise pack- 
es for children, and the famous 
Monsignor’s Lunch Room. For more 
information, call 905-451-7711.

NOV. 10 – St. Culibert, Leaside, 
965 Bridgeland Ave., Toronto, 
11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Christmas 
crafts and gifts, knitting, sewing 
and quill raffle, silent auction, home 
 baking, pudding live, candy, cheese, kitchen items, jew- 
elry, books, coloring books, gift 
baskets, church calendars and 
paperback books, Ted’s art gallery, toys and the infamous odds and 
ends. For more information, call 
416-485-6230 or visit www.stculibert- leaside.org.

NOV. 10 – “A Faire to Remem- 
ber,” a unique craft sale and 
ров on St. Ben. Erin, 134 Dundas 
St. W., Mississauga, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Get a head start on 
your Christmas shopping: knitting 
and sewn goods, baking, pre- 
serves, jewellery, woodwork, you- 
ning crafts and decorations, “Grandma’s Attic” finer things 
and collectibles, a silent auction, 
fresh cookies and more. For more 
information, call 905-828-2005.

NOV. 10 – Grace Church, Mark- 
ton, 160 Parkway Ave., will hold its 
annual Gingerbread Bazaar & 
Lunchroom from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 
Antiques & collector items, baking, 
toffee, crafts, knitting, new 
& nearly new, plants, preserves, 
selling, surprise packages and 
grab bags will be featured. Lunch 
will be served. Call 905-294-1184.

NOV. 10 – Holy Family, Heart 
Lake, 1044 Kennedy Rd., 
Brampton, will hold its Annual 
Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m. un- 
til 2 p.m. Crafts, bake table, lunch room, 
treasures table and a silent auction. 
Call 905-846-2447.

NOV. 10 – Christmas Bazaar at 
Christ Church, Scarborough Vil- 
lage, 153 Markham Rd., from 9:30 
am. until 1 p.m. Bake table, crafts, 
crafts, preserves, silent auction, 
Granny’s Attic, vintage jewellery, 
books and lunchroom. Everyone 
welcome. Call 416-261-4169.

NOV. 10 – Christmas Market at St. 
Martin, Bay Ridge, 1203 St. Martin’s Dr., 
Pickering, presents its Annual Holly Bazaar 
from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bake table. 
Granny’s Attic, antiques and gifts 
boutique, crafts, preserves, jew- 
ellery, beaded designs, bottle 
toy. Enjoy a hot lunch in our 
Cafe by the Bay tea room. Visit 
www.stmartinsanglican.ca.

NOV. 10 – Christmas Treasures 
Bazaar at St. Andrew, Scarborough, 
2353 Victoria Park Ave., S.E. 
corner of Victoria Park and High- 
way 401. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Crafts, 
knitting, jams, gourmet gift bas- 
ket, shortsbread, collectables, gifts 
for shut-ins and handicapped, jew- 
ellery, international food, silent 
 auction, tea room and much more. For more information, 
call 416-447-1481.

NOV. 10 – Holly Berry Bazaar at St. 
Martin-in-the-Fields, 135 Markham 
Rd., Scarborough, from 9 a.m. to 
2 p.m. Vendors, crafts, bake tables, 
raffles, lunch room, Santa Claus 
and much more. For more informa- 
tion, call 416-283-1844.

NOV. 10 – Nutcracker Fair at St. 
Martin-in-the-Fields, 135 Markham 
Rd., Scarborough, from 9 a.m. to 
2 p.m. Silent auction, bake table with 
cranberry pies and preserves, 
silent auction, jello, cream puffs, 
knits, crafts and much more. Start 
your day with a meal of bacon brunch from the 
barbeque and stay for the 
Lunchtime Cafe serving home- 
made soups and sandwiches.
Iconic cathedral opens, bringing tears

Nearly seven years after an arsonist destroyed St. Jude’s Cathedral, Iglulik, the new, iconic building with the white dome was officially opened again with a dedication service on June 3. “This is a wonderful and glorious moment for all of us,” said the Rt. Rev. Andrew Atagotauluk, Bishop of the Diocese of the Arctic. The new building will cost about $8 million, of which $5.5 million has been raised. The igloo-shaped roof is made of fire-resistant steel beams and metal cladding. The church seats about 350 people, twice the capacity of the original structure. Many of those taking part in the service on June 3 could not contain their joy. When Bishop Atagotauluk used his shepherd’s staff to knock three times on the cathedral’s door to open the cathedral, some members of his procession backed off in tears.

Churches hold meeting on proposed pipeline

A group of Anglican and Lutheran churches hosted a public discussion in North Vancouver in July on the issue of oil pipelines and oil tankers and their impact on British Columbia’s wildness and coastline. In May, the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster passed a motion opposing the Northern Gateway pipeline project. More than 80 people attended the public discussion and heard from a number of speakers. Presentations focused on the risks of the proposed new pipeline. They were followed by a spirited question and answer session with views expressed on both sides of the issue.

Car maintenance part of outreach

Christ Church, Fernie, located in the Diocese of Kootenay, held a series of workshops in May and June on car and home maintenance, personal finances and tax preparation, planning and other life skills, taught by members of the congregation and local experts. “If you want to learn these things, it’s hard to find someone who can teach you, so our idea was to give the community a chance to spend time with people who are knowledgeable,” says the Rev. Trevor Freeman, incumbent. About 10 people attended each workshop, with the most popular being on gardening and composting. The church planned to offer workshops in the fall.

Edmonton Anglicans travel to Burundi

The Anglican Church of Canada is one of a number of churches that have worked in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in support of those affected by the civil war. The church’s response has focused on providing education and support for people who have been displaced, and on assisting those who have returned to rebuild their homes and communities. The church’s efforts have included the construction of new housing, the provision of food and water, and the distribution of medical supplies.

LOOKING AHEAD

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DEC. 8 – Christmas Bazaar and Art/Music/Theatre: 175 Yonge St. (Yonge & Centre St.), will hold its Festival of Christ – 140 Brooke St. (Yonge St. & Centre St.), will hold its Festival of Christ – Car maintenance part of outreach – An Out of the Cold fundraiser.

KITCHEN FOR RENT

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Church’s film festival draws large crowd
St. Hilary, Cooksville, in Mississauga, literally rolled out the red carpet for guests at the first St. Hilary’s Film Festival on Sept. 21. As visitors got out of their cars and walked down the red carpet, they could have their pictures taken by two members of the parish, acting as paparazzi. They could also receive a bag of popcorn and a bottle of water on the way in.

“There was a real buzz to the place,” says the Rev. Paul Walker, incumbent. About 110 people, including many who do not attend the church, turned out for the event.

Two films were screened, with a question-and-answer session after each. The first film, *Parent-Teacher Night*, is a comedy made by the husband and wife team of Steve Roscoe and Lucy Filippone, members of the church. The movie is a satirical look at an elementary school parent-teacher interview.

The second film, *Saving Face*, is an Academy-award winning documentary about two women in Pakistan who are on a journey of reconciliation and healing after having acid thrown on their faces by their husbands.

The film night was put on by St. Hilary’s Amnesty Action Circle, a group in the church that builds awareness of human rights issues. The group held a write-a-thon last Christmas when parishioners wrote a brief note of solidarity with people who are in prison.

Mr. Walker says the film festival was a great way of engaging the community on timely and important subjects. “We've got to be out there addressing issues that are pertinent to people’s lives,” he says. “This is one small creative way of doing it. People love stories, and films are a great way to tell them.”

Beth Berton-Hunter, a member of the Amnesty group, says other churches can put on similar movie nights. “You just need a team of people with some expertise to set up the equipment, like the screen and the projector,” she says. “Find a film you want and ask the producer for permission. With the Internet, it’s very simple to do.”

The St. Hilary’s film festival raised $700 for FaithWorks. With the McCain matching grant, the total given to FaithWorks was $1,400.

Choirmaster revitalizes music program
Choirmaster Melva Graham began a new ministry at St. John the Baptist, Norway, last September, after 25 years as music director at Grace Church on-the-Hill. She has conducted the Dalhousie Chamber Choir in Halifax, the Hart House Singers at the University of Toronto, and the Toronto Camerata Chamber Choir. During her year at St. John’s, she has expanded the adult choir and is now developing a choir group for children seven to nine years old. If your child is interested in singing with the group, call 416-691-4560.

PLAY TIME
Parents and kids gather around the toys at the Tuesday Play Group at Christ Memorial Church in Oshawa. "While the group includes three young parents who are connected to Christ Church, the majority of parents and kids previously had no connection here," writes the Rev. Judy Paulsen, the incumbent. The Tuesday Play Group has received a Reach Grant from the diocese.

ALL TOGETHER
Kids and youth leaders from the Vacation Bible School at St. Peter, Churchhill, gather for a picture. The program ran July 9-13 under the leadership of youth leader Sandy MacNeill.

CONFIRMED
Young people and adults from all three congregations of the Parish of Minden-Kinmount—St. Paul, Minden; St. James, Kinmount; and St. Peter, Maple Lake—gather for a photo with Bishop Linda Nicholls (back row, right) after being confirmed at St. Paul, Minden, on Sept. 9.

The young people of St. George on Yonge in Toronto gather around a mural they created out of pieces of coloured glass, including glass from the windows of the church's former sanctuary.
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3. Lakefield College School
4. Trinity College School
5. Officers of the Diocese of Toronto
6. Navrocel College
7. Kingways College School
8. Royal St. George’s College

IN MOTION
Appointments
The Rev. Steven Smith, Region-Warden, York-South, (York-Scarborough) November 2012

Vacant Incumbencies
Clergy from outside the diocese with the permission of their bishop may apply through the Ven. Peter Fenty.

First Phase - Parish Selection Committee in Formation (not yet meeting names):
All Saints, Peterborough
Epiphany St. Mark, Parkdale
St. Luke, Dixie South, Mississauga
Parish of Erinmore
St. Thomas, Maple
Parish of Roche’s Point
Parish of St. Leonard, Richmond Hill

Second Phase - Parish Selection Committee Receiving Names (via Area Bishop):
Church of the Advent, Toronto (York-Credit Valley)
St. Simon the Apostle, Toronto (York-Scarborough)
St. Martin, Bay Ridges (Trent-Durham)
St. Barnabas, Chester (York-Scarborough)

Third Phase - Parish Selection Committee Intervening (not receiving names):
All Saints, Whitby

Conclusion
The Rev. Stephen Shaw has announced his resignation from St. George-on-Yonge, Toronto. His last Sunday in the parish will be Dec. 30.

Retirement
The Rev. John Cotman announced his retirement in July. His last Sunday in the Parish of Roche’s Point was Aug. 26.

Milestones
The Rev. Stan Whitehouse will mark the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood at a celebration organized by his family and friends on

Correction
The Diamond Jubilee Medal commemorates the 60th year of Her Majesty’s reign as Queen of Canada, which began on Feb. 6, 1952 in the death of King George VI. Inaccurate information appeared in last month’s issue.

J O S E P H ’ S S T O R Y M A G N I F I C E N T

Last month we read about the marriage of Jacob to the sisters of Rahab. He produced 12 sons and one daughter with these two wires and their handmaidens, Bathsheba and Joheb. These sons would become the fathers of the 12 tribes of Israel. Once again, the older sons were favored. They were very much weeping and some fear that he may try to take his revenge. This famine forced Jacob and his Egyptian leaders to move to Egypt to try to buy their dreams in which there was no food on the table. You will find Joseph’s saga in Genesis 37-50.

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“That’s how you speak about your faith and how you utilize it daily,” explains Mr. Sheppard.

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Since then, the church has been working on a programmatic response to the findings and is considering a new motto. Just Share It. The church scored highest in “holistic small groups,” so it plans to help small group leaders learn and articulate their own spiritual journey to their groups. The hope is that everyone in the small groups will begin to feel comfortable and confident in sharing their faith with others.

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The Rev. Gordon Sheppard speaks at The Forum, a Christian education class for adults at St. Paul, Newmarket. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

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“We decided that the best course of action was to staff for growth, so we started thinking about expanding our quota of clergy here,” he says. “It gave us the courage to tackle that issue: case of strength and weakness, and to use their stronger characteristics to address their areas of weakness.

N CD is cyclical—that is, it provides a way of checking about seven evenings worth of results of the surveys. Parishioners pondered the realization that they weren’t living out their motto: “The penny dropped in the room when somebody said, ‘That’s our motto but we’re not doing it’,” says Mr. Kern. “The motto had been over the heads of the congregation but not owned and actualized.”

Since then, the church has been working on a programmatic response to the findings and is considering a new motto. Just Share It. The church scored highest in “holistic small groups,” so it plans to help small group leaders learn and articulate their own spiritual journey to their groups. The hope is that everyone in the small groups will begin to feel comfortable and confident in sharing their faith with others.

Mr. Kern says that NCD is not an onerous undertaking. “I was concerned about the workload this would bring to me—a new incumbent with a huge learning curve. But there’s been only about seven evenings worth of work.”

He says the time has been well spent. “I would certainly recommend it. I don’t know of any tool that gives such a comprehensive inventory of congregational health as this. It gave us a reality check about where we really were and, more importantly, where was the way forward.”

How NCD works

Natural Church Development (NCD) focuses on eight characteristics or “marks” of healthy, growing churches: empowering leadership, gift-based ministry, passionate spirituality, effective structures, inspiring worship service, holistic small groups, need-oriented evangelism, and strong orations health and viability.

In the Diocese of Toronto, there are 16 trained volunteers and one staff member who guide parishes through the NCD process. To运行 NCD in your parish, contact Dave Robinson, the diocese’s director of Congregational Development at drobinson@toronto.anglican.ca. More information is also available at www.ncdcanada.com.