



THE ANGELUS

Your Neighbourhood Parish Newsletter

Tuesday, December 21

7:30 pm *One Christmas Night*
Pageant for all ages

Wednesday, December 22

Thursday, December 23
6:00 pm-7:00 pm Confessions
or other times by appointment

Friday, December 24

10:30 pm Corelli Christmas
Concerto & Carols
11:00 pm Procession &
Solemn Mass
followed by Réveillon

Saturday, December 25

8:00 am Said Mass
10:00 am Folk Mass

Sunday, December 26 Christmas 1

Masses at usual times

Friday, December 31 New Year's Eve

10:00 am Mass

Thursday 6 January

6:00 pm Procession &
Solemn Mass
followed by Pot Luck Supper

All Welcome

DAILY WORSHIP

SUNDAY

8:00 am Said Mass
9:30 am Modern Language Rite
11:00 am Solemn Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 6:00 pm
TUESDAY 7:15 am
WEDNESDAY 10:00 am
*followed by coffee hour
& study group*
THURSDAY 7:15 am &
10:00 (in Italian)
FRIDAY 6:00 pm
SATURDAY 10:00 am

ADVANCE NOTICE

SUNDAY, FEB 27, 2011
8:00 am Said Mass
→ 10:00 am Solemn Mass
*followed by
Annual Vestry Meeting*

A Celebration of New Ministry

The Rev'd David Harrison's Induction took place on Sunday September 19 with a welcome crowd of invited guests, and parishioners old and new. It was a musical feast with every resident musical ensemble playing a role.

As the congregation assembled, our instrumental ensembles, Les Yeux Brass and the Consort of Viols preceded the appropriately chosen hymn, *When in Our Music, God is Glorified* for the entry procession. Stephanie Martin composed a new refrain for the congregation as they participated in singing Psalm 84. The wardens and their fellow members of the selection committee performed their last united act in presenting the new incumbent to Bishop Philip Poole and both the priest and people of the parish committed to lead and share in the ministry of the parish.

The Eucharist followed with the Orff Ensemble providing accompaniment during the intercessions, the Gallery Choir offering Willan's famed motet, *Behold the Tabernacle of God*, and the *Agnus Dei* from Palestrina's *Missa Papae Marcelli*, the 9:30 choir leading in John Foley's *One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All* and the Ritual Choir providing the Gregorian chant for which SMM is so famous.

The new incumbent thanked Bishop Poole as presiding celebrant, deacon, Canon Maylanne Maybee, Sub-Deacon, Stephen Finlay as well as Regional Dean, the Rev'd Jeffrey Kennedy, homilist The Rev'd Kevin Robertson, Master of Ceremonies and Bishop's Liturgical Officer for York-Credit Valley, The Rev'd Steven Mackison and Assistant MC, Eileen Morrison. He then invited all to take part in a continuing celebration in Hiscocks Hall and the rectory garden.



From the Rector

It has become almost a cliché to think of the month of December as a kind of “silly season”, a time overstuffed with parties and other social events, a time to be endured as much as enjoyed. And, for some, this is undoubtedly true. And yet for many others, December can be the time of the year, above all others, when the absence of busyness, the absence of invitations and obligations, can loom very large. (Indeed, some parishes, including our own Cathedral, hold annual “Blue Christmas” services for those who find this time of year particularly difficult.)

Thank God we can be grounded in the liturgical season of Advent, a season which keeps us watching and waiting, whether our social calendar is overwhelming full or overwhelmingly empty. A season which grounds us in holy hope and expectation of the celebration of the incarnation of God's Word. A season which grounds in holy hope and expectation of the coming of God's kingdom in its full height and width and depth. At no other time of the year is the counter-cultural reality of

the Christian Way more apparent than during Advent. It is a stubborn season which allows the darkness to deepen, which tenaciously clings to its theme of hope, its prophetic call to “stay awake”, and its majestic vision of the kingdom of God. And, all the while, the world around us (which is also the world in which we live much of our lives) ramps itself into a frenzy of over-consumption, debt and exhaustion.

I spoke on the First Sunday of Advent about the difference between *chronos* and *kairos*. The ancient Greeks used these two different words for time: *chronos*, meaning everyday time, and *kairos*, meaning the right, or opportune, or supreme moment. In the New Testament, the word *kairos* is appropriated to mean the appointed time – the time when God acts. In a very real way, during the season of Advent we are reminded that although we live our lives largely under the regimen of *chronos*, our life of faith is lived under the grace of *kairos*, of God's time. We are preparing for the celebration of the incarnation of Jesus Christ, an event whose timing, shape and nature no one could ever have been predicated. And we are preparing for the time of Christ's second coming

and the completion of all things in Christ, an event (the gospels remind us) whose timing, shape and nature we cannot predict.

Chronos causes us to strive – to show up promptly, to get still more done, to meet deadlines and to meet expectations. None of us is immune from the demands of *chronos* (not least, it must be said, a priest adjusting to life and expectations in a new parish). But *kairos* reminds us to stop, to watch, to wait, and to let God be God. Evelyn Underhill, who did much to restore interest in the spiritual life through her writings in the first half of the last century, offers this insight in her writings about this season of Advent: *There should always be more waiting than striving in a Christian's prayer – an absolute dependence on the self-giving charity of God.*

May each one of us have a hopeful Advent, a deeply hopeful Advent. May we find space this Advent to set aside the relenting demands of the clock, of *chronos*, and live deeply and hopefully undergirded by God's *kairos*, God's time, God's moment, God's opportune time, God's wisdom, God's Word, who has come, and who will come again.

Fr. David

A Successful Launch

The official release party for the Gallery Choir's new CD, “Alleluia” took place at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010. Host Larry Beckwith introduced the Gallery Choir, which performed several selections from the CD, as well as the Schola Magdalena, who performed the title track. Composer Stephanie Martin, just returned from a month's trip in Europe, was on hand to thank everyone

involved in the production. Following a break for excellent refreshments, the crowd returned to the church for the first public screening of the Paulus Productions' video of “Alleluia”, which will start airing on the Bravo! channel within the next month. The three minute video took for 8:00 am to 1:00 am to shoot but the result is a beautiful portrayal of the SMM interior combined with beautiful outdoor settings of Northern Ontario. This is the second SMM video produced by parishioner Paul Russell.

The latest edition of The Whole Note had good things to say about the composition, recording and the parish.

Reviewer Dianne Wells notes: “The latest musician to occupy the Director of Music chair once again offers a repertoire uniquely suited to this most excellent sanctuary of faith, inspiration and artistry. Indeed, suiting the history of this church, much of Stephanie Martin's music is reminiscent of her predecessor (Healey Willan) in style and colour, with its free-flowing textures and atmospheric harmonization combined with liberal measures of plainchant. The reviewer concludes, “Listening to this recording will inspire many to attend a live service at St. Mary Magdalene, while providing an excellent glimpse for those who may never have the opportunity”.



Bruce Hill
conducts the
Gallery Choir

A Lively Season

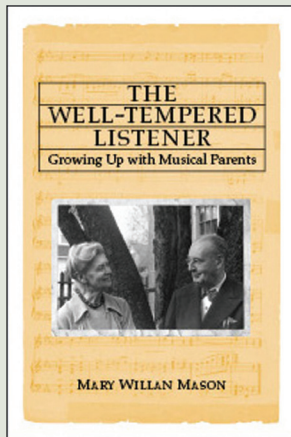
As well as all the normal daily and weekly masses, pot-luck suppers, choir practices and other continuing activities, SMM has seen a wealth of new activities and initiatives.

Nine parishioners and the incumbent participated in a five week course called **Mission Shaped Intro**. Focusing on new forms of Church for a changing world, the course explored "Fresh Expressions", new ways of "doing church" in ways that relate more closely to the culture. We were intrigued to hear about some of these projects, which included a coffee shop called "Taste and See" and a skate boarding arena! At its conclusion, the group convened to share impressions, since we were often in different table groups or discussions during the course itself. We enjoyed the videos, thought the experience of the Fresh Expressions in England was stimulating and particularly appreciated the new forms of prayer offered by the theological student participants. We would have liked even more interaction and discussion.

So this experience allowed us to consider what might take place at SMM. We heard about a meeting to explore a new form of outreach to those who are seeking spirituality that is not necessarily connected with traditional institutional worship. And we pondered the opportunity of meeting families who regularly use the small park east of the church. One meeting wasn't enough and we looked forward to another one closer to Christmas.

The **Wednesday Bible Study Group** also took a new direction. We began a discussion of Brian MacLaren's book: *A Generous Orthodoxy*. This exploration and convergence of "emerging" Christian belief provokes many an intense debate. Some of us took advantage of hearing Brian MacLaren's lecture at St. James Cathedral in November where we were joined by several other members of the parish.

Advisory Board had an active life this fall. *Fresh Start* is a programme that helps parishes and clergy with the



Willan Family Life

SMM parishioners may be interested to learn that Healey Willan's daughter, Mary Willan Mason, has written a memoir called "The Well-Tempered Listener: Growing up with Musical Parents". The book is published by Words Indeed Publishing Inc. Toronto (wordsindeed@rogers.com) and is currently available at Book City.

transition from the outgoing to incoming priest. John Stevens, the leader of the *Fresh Start* (FS) process at SMM, led a discussion of the parish's habits, norms and expectations. One conclusion was that broad and diffuse shared leadership is essential to healthy parishes. Fr. Harrison endorsed this view, as compatible with his own commitment to leading a balanced life and his belief in a pattern of shared leadership. *Fresh Start* discussions will continue.

The Diocesan Capital Campaign will begin in the spring of 2011 and aims to raise 50 million dollars over five years. Every parish is being assigned its own goal: SMM's goal is \$365,000 over five years. Parishes will keep 40% of raised funds, in our case, \$146,000 if we raise the full amount. As the parish has just completed its own campaign and has an outstanding loan, SMM may join the campaign effort during the last phase, August to November 2011. Further discussion of the presentation, organization and precise goal of this fundraising is needed.

The \$1500 from open offerings at the Induction Mass is assigned to outreach initiatives. The parish's own financial situation is much improved and the wardens will work on ensuring that regular financial statements are provided.

Reports were received on ongoing matters: the city must install bike posts before fences are removed on Manning and Ulster; a committee was struck to consider the gallery window

project: a hard copy parish "Face book" directory is being created. A Hospitality Committee, to provide a roster of helpers with all such events is under way. Detailed minutes of the Advisory Board Meetings will now be posted in the Round Room.

Outreach is a parish priority. We have been active throughout the summer participating, for the first time, in a program known as *Out of the Heat* – by taking our turn each month in providing high protein sandwiches, fresh fruit and vegetables to a group of 80-100 guests. Now we are back to our regular monthly winter program, *Out of the Cold*, where 28 of us contributed food and hosting, while still others made financial contributions to this community dinner operating out of St. Thomas's Parish Hall. The collection from the September Induction contributed \$1,500 to the purchase of warm mitts and socks, now that winter is here.

Eighteen parishioners gathered in early November to meet with diocesan consultant, Elin Goulden, and explore new ways in which we could reach out to those beyond our doors. The primary message was to take a more active role in advocacy, especially in the areas of poverty and housing as identified by the diocese. Parishioners Brian Clarke and Allison Goodwin have already represented the parish in visits to social housing in our immediate area. Those present agreed that they would like to explore further and plan to meet in the new year. (continued on back page)

Remembering Reverend June Greig

The Reverend June Greig, a long-time member of the parish, died on November 5, 2010.

June arrived at SMM in the mid-1940s, just before Father Ted Brain. Her background was more low church than high, but she was impressed by the spirit of devotion that she found at SMM. Besides, as an independent-minded young woman, she must have felt it was time to start going somewhere other than her parents' church, which was Saint Mary the Virgin.

Around that same time, June took a job teaching at Grace Street Public School. Bill, her future husband, began teaching there in 1955. She brought Bill to SMM for the Good Friday Tenebrae service in 1957, and Bill, raised a Presbyterian, has been a parishioner ever since.

Soon after their marriage, June left teaching to raise a family. SMM remained an important part of her social as well as her spiritual life. June liked to say she was an introvert, but if so she was the most people-minded introvert that ever lived. After Sunday service she would socialize at length while Bill waited patiently and the three boys, along with other young people in the parish, played variations on tag and hide and seek in the church basement.

No one is quite sure when June first thought of becoming a priest. However, not long after the first ordinations of women in the Anglican Church of Canada in 1976, she took up the role of lay visitor at the Toronto Western Hospital. While she was training and then working as a hospital visitor, the idea of entering the priesthood really took shape.

In 1981, June returned to school to complete her M.Div at Trinity College. She loved the new friends she was making, and she loved the



intellectual excitement of being back in school. At dinner time, the family table was lively with debate and friendly (sometimes loud) argument, at least when some of the boys could be present, for they were also in university.

June was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Fricker in 1985. Once Bill retired, she was free to take up the parish of Bridgenorth-Emily, a three point parish on which the town of Peterborough is encroaching. She served in Bridgenorth-Emily until her own retirement in 1990, with Bill driving her round the country roads.

Retirement allowed June to rejoin SMM and occasionally to preach or celebrate. Unfortunately, Alzheimer's disease began its relentless advance. June didn't like people to see her in her declining condition, so after a while she stopped coming to church. Her family told her not to mind, but this was an argument we were destined not to win.

Eventually, June went to live at the Westbury Long Term Care Centre in Etobicoke. Bill faithfully attended her every day, and June would smile brightly when her family came to visit. But the day came when she could no longer smile or acknowledge her visitors, and we knew the end was close.

On June's behalf as well as our own, Bill and the family would like to thank you, the people of SMM, for the love and care you have extended to us over many years.

A Lively Season (continued from inside)

The Parkdale Deanery Development Group has embarked on a Lenten project for 2011. They will publish a small book of reflections on scripture readings. While there are many such resources available, this will be the first time we will be able to find one written by those in our midst. Several parishioners have agreed to be contributors.

Even more people – 30 in all – turned up on November 5 to hear about Canon John Whittall's proposal to offer a **Centre for Christian Faith** based at SMM. He noted that he and other professionals have recognized a need to provide a safe and caring place for the exploration of spirituality. There is a plan to offer several conversations in 2011. We need to reach out to those who have little idea of Christianity, other than that which they may have gleaned from newspaper reports and televangelists. The group's response was positive and participants offered several comments and helpful suggestions.

And last but not least, a Christmas pageant, **One Christmas Night**, is coming on December 21st. This is an interactive, musical play, telling the Christmas story.

Both parish adults and children are in the cast. The evening will appeal to all ages and provide an opportunity to sing some carols as well!



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