



Saint George's Church Mouse Early Fall Edition 2006

The Power of Prayer

Nobody knows what a prayer can do,
When somebody, somewhere, prays for you.
Burdens are lifted and doors unbarred.
Nothing seems quite so bad or hard.

Nobody knows how God intervenes,
Working His wonder behind the scenes,
Turning the evil away from us,
In a way that is most marvellous.

Clearing a path through the tangled track,
Easing the strain on the breaking back.
When hope fades away and is lost to view,
Nobody knows what a prayer can do,

From the Priest-in-Charge

As I write this, it is still sunny and hot. It has certainly been a wonderful summer for those on holidays and at cottages, and for gardeners. As I drive around Barrie, I admire how green everything is, and how beautiful the flowers. This is certainly a time of year to admire God's glory in our part of the world. As you read this, though, fall will soon be upon us, with cooler nights and stunning colours as the leaves change. It is one of my favourite times of the year.

Fall is also exciting because people return to church after a re-creating summer time away, and activities begin again. It is good to see each other, to catch up on the last few months, and to plan for what is to come. This year the “church season” will begin on September 10th, with one service of Eucharist, Sunday School registration, a barbecue, and the annual Vestry meeting. Weather permitting, the Eucharist will be held outdoors, with the congregation gathered around the table. I will be doing this as an “instructed” Eucharist, providing commentary about how all of the parts of the service fit together, and why we as Anglicans do what we do. If the weather does not cooperate, the same will be done in Dyer Hall, again with the table in the middle. This will allow everyone, including the children, to partake in the service. The sermon will be shortened to accommodate the other activities of the day.

I am looking forward to welcoming you all at this time. I am still getting to know some of you, but I have now been here long enough to consider St. George’s as my church family. It will be good to be with you on the 10th.

Please continue to keep Father David, Cynthia, and their family in your prayer. He is currently undergoing intensive treatment for melanoma. It is hoped that he will be able to return to work in December.

Yours in the peace of Christ.

Susan +

Sunday, October 1st – Harvest Home Services and ...
at the 10:30 a.m. service October 1st we will have the annual
Installation of Officers

Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday, October 1, at 2:00 p.m., St. George’s will have a service of Blessing of the Animals. The service is normally held on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Francis, which is October 4th.

St. Francis was a thirteenth century Italian who founded the Franciscan Order of Lesser Brethren, men who were committed to poverty and the spread of the Gospel of Christ. He also was known for his love of animals and his ability to communicate with them.

The blessing service in his name will take place in the back field, weather permitting. If the weather is poor, the service will be held in Dyer Hall. All are invited to come and bring their animals, whether live or stuffed. If animals are too

big, too scared, or too sick to be brought to the church, the Reverend Susan will make house calls to do a blessing.

Hospital Visiting

From time to time you, a friend or relative may find yourself as a patient in the Royal Victoria Hospital. I am always willing to make visits there, but you or a family member will need to contact me directly to let me know of your admission. Although the hospital staff will ask if you want your priest contacted, due to privacy regulations they will, in fact, not make that call to me. So please let me know if you are a patient and wish a visit, and I will gladly come to see you. I can also bring communion if you wish.

Yours in the peace of Christ,

Susan +

The More You Give....

The more you give, the more you get
The more you do unselfishly
The more you live abundantly
The more of everything you share,
The more you laugh, the less you fret.
The more you'll always have to spare.
The more you love, the more you'll find
That life is good and friends are kind.

For only what you give away,
Enriches us from day to day.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir Practice – New Members Welcome.

Family and friends of MARJORIE and ALFRED BOYD helped them celebrate their **60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** on Saturday, September 16th 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. It was a wonderful “COME and GO” TEA at St. George’s Parish Hall. We wish them both many more blessed years together.

MARRIAGES

Steven Palmer and Melanie Page - June 9, 2006

Robert Paul Armstrong and heather Elaine Hardacre - June 10, 2006

Andrew Clarence Bridge and Tiffany Dawn Brill - July 29, 2006

BURIALS

Elizabeth Anne Sanders - June 5, 2006

Jean Rosa Elsie Hodgins - June 10, 2006

Nora Elisabeth Bayliss - June 30, 2006

Ariel Kenneth Little - July 5, 2006

George Albert Irvine - July 13, 2006

News from St. George's Millennium Memorial Garden...

A 4th Memorial Tablet in remembrance of loved ones has started. The cost is \$250.00 with a tax receipt of \$200.00. Forms are available in the church office to fill out the names of loved ones to be remembered. Two Memorial benches have been purchased. One donated by the Hayter family and the other by family members and friends of the late Elizabeth A. Sanders.

Outreach Report:

The summer program is going very well. Thank you all.

On September 17th we will be holding a 'coffee break' to raise money for the Alzheimer society. This means you will make a cash donation for your coffee. Last year we raised over \$100.00. I have also ordered some cardboard coffee mugs which you can put your name on and we will put them on the wall. These will cost \$2.00 each and hopefully will raise more money.

Sunday, October 29th we will have a soup lunch to raise money for youth haven. Last year was very successful so i hope this one will be even better.

The casserole program for youth haven was very well received. Apparently the kids enjoyed getting them. I thought when we started up again at the end of September i would like to get 16 people to commit to this. It would then mean we could work in two teams of 8 and would only have to supply a casserole every other month. Please let me know if you want to help, either at church or call me at 436-2157. By the way these do not have to be home made casseroles - you can purchase a frozen lasagna - shepherds pie - pizza - chilli or whatever you chose.

Thank you for all your support.

Joan Rothon