

The Church of St. Andrew, Scarborough

THE NETWORK

Advent/Christmas Edition - December 2010

A Word from Heather

Last year, during the second-last week of November, my daughter said to me, "I can't wait for Advent!"

OK, yeah, I know, preacher's kid and all that. What normal nine-year-old looks forward to ADVENT?!? What about Christmas?! And I know that our daughter is probably more exposed to the seasons of the church than many children (although I maintain that we don't do anything with her that any other family couldn't if they wanted to). Yet I'm with her: I love Advent, too.

Sure, Christmas is great, Christmas is wonderful. The pageantry and the pomp, the generosity it awakens in the hearts of so many.

Yet Advent, for me, seems often to be the holier season.

That may be because I am fairly intentional about not starting Christmas too early. The outside decorations at our house (a plywood nativity scene and a lighted star) do go up sooner than later. But the tree doesn't go up until just two or three days before, and the only decorations in the house before

that are the Advent Wreath, the Jesse Tree and the string of Christmas cards others have sent to us (the first one, from my (Muslim) dentist, arrived on November 17th!).

It does make for a rather hectic couple of days before Christmas. But it also makes for an incredibly holy Advent. We use one of the devotional booklets from the church each year, and every night at supper time we read from it together. We light the Advent Candles. We put a decoration on the Jesse Tree each night, a bare branch that holds symbols of the stories from the Old Testament that lead up to the birth of Christ, one for each day. We prepare the way of the Lord.

And there is something about that anticipation. It truly feels magical, peaceful, a deepening of relationship. Like the courtship before the big wedding day, perhaps; the quiet and simplicity so many people seem to seek at Christmas to me, is more readily available in Advent.

So happy Advent. Take a look through this issue of "The Network" for information about the different ways and time we'll be gathering as a church family; I hope to see you all during this holy season.

Hello All,

You have been seeing a new face serving at the altar these last few weeks so I thought I would tell you a little bit about myself and what I am doing there. Rev. Heather did introduce me as the student and my name appears on the bulletin as providing student assistance. It is an honour to serve but right now it is more for my benefit, so first I would like to thank Rev. Heather for giving me this opportunity to worship, fellowship, and partake with you.

So why am I here with you? Well I am in the Divinity Program at Wycliffe College. It is the program used by the diocese for those seeking ordination to the Priesthood in the Anglican Church. Anyone can enter the program and obtain a masters degree in divinity from the Toronto School of Theology which is part of the University of Toronto. But if you want to be in the ordination stream in the Diocese of Toronto, you are expected to work closely with the Anglican organization.

So once I discerned that I would like to try for the priesthood, I talked to my priest and to the Bishop and started taking courses. The program lasts three years, (if you go full time), and a strong church connection is recommended. I served for the first year in my home parish (St. Michael the Archangel) as a lay reader which included opportunities to read the gospel, preach, and help with the chalice among other things. I also worked with an advisory group which oversaw what I was doing, gave feedback and made suggestions on improvements.

I started my studies part time and was urged to move to full time as soon as possible. The degree does require two full time terms for the ordination stream. It is part of the formation process of working with other like students and taking part in discussions, preaching and other activities at the college's chapel.

You are required also to do a summer internship at a church which is not your parish. Last summer I completed this at St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church at Leaside. Although I returned to St. Michael's briefly, it was recommended that I should continue

my practical training at another church where I could operate in a totally new setting. I was fortunate to be given St. Andrew's to work within a great community learning the craft and formation to the priesthood (hopefully).

Currently I am required to get a minimum of ten hours of practice each week. The past seven weeks have been great. The training ends on April 10, 2011, but I am looking forward to a long relationship at St. Andrew's.

On a personal level I am married to Yvette and we have three grown-up children. Once again my grateful thanks to all of you for welcoming me into your community and allowing me the opportunity to share my call with you.

Many blessings,
Glen Matthew.



Pot-luck
dinner, worship
& movie night!

Tuesday, December 28th, come on out with your leftover turkey, a heated up frozen lasagna or whatever you can bring for a relaxing celebration of Christmas together.

We'll begin gathering at 5:30 with dinner at 6, informal worship from the ALT.Worship team at 6:45 and the movie "The Nativity Story" to follow at 7:30.

Come for the whole evening, or just those portions you would enjoy most.



Our Youth at St. Andrew's

*"Building families, and communities in Christ
"To love and worship God as one family in Jesus
Christ; to extend this love into Christian action in
the community."*

I would think that this is a good time to provide some evaluation and feedback on some of the plans we had spoken about from our article in the last issue of the Network.

- **Junior Youth Group and High School Group**

There has been mixed results in my effort with the high schoolers. We have had new youth coming from this effort, which included the attendance and participation of one member in the recent Outreach Networking Conference held on Saturday October 16.

- **Communications** - We now have established a *facebook* page for the youth group members. We have included on the page membership for the clergy and churchwardens. So far we have not been using it as aggressively but over time we expect that to change.
- **The Church Hall for Meetings** - We are indeed overjoyed to report that we are now meeting in the church hall regularly. This is consistent with our view that it is a more appropriate meeting place for the youth group.
- **Linking with other Youth Groups** - We realised our intention to connect with other youth groups and made a visit to the Church of the Nativity for their evangelism evening on Friday, October 22 and had sixteen (16) of our members turning out for this event.
- **Partnership with Outreach Committee** - We are in the process of trying to realise a partnership with the Outreach Committee to host an evening at Flemington Park Ministry. We are still awaiting confirmation of a suitable date from the Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft, Director of Flemington Park Ministry.

Past Program for Youth Group

2010 September

- September 17 - Social and Games Evening
- September 18 - Community Barbecue
- September 24 - Movie Night
- September 26 - Back-To-Church Sunday

2010 October

- Friday October 1 - Games Outdoors
- Friday October 8 - Thanksgiving Meeting
- Friday October 15 - Started Planning for All Ages Service
- Friday October 22 - The Church of The Nativity
- Friday October 29 - All Hallows' Celebration

2010 November

- Friday November 5 - All-Ages Service Rehearsal
- Friday & Saturday November 12 & 13 - Sleep Over Night
- Friday November 19 - Rehearsal for All Ages Service
- Sunday November 21 - All-Ages Service
- Friday November 26 - Preparation for Bazaar
- Saturday November 27 - Christmas Treasures Bazaar

2010 December meetings (plans)

- Friday December 3 - Games Evening
- Friday December 10 - Pageant Rehearsal
- Saturday December 11 - Advent Day for Kids
- Friday December 17 - Closing Event - Dinner at restaurant

Next Steps

- **Deanery Youth Leadership Initiative** - The intention of this project is to work with the other churches in the deanery to have the youth leaders within Scarborough deanery gather for a seminar presented by the diocese youth committee and to look on the expectations of the diocese. It will also take time to consider how it can be reflected in the various youth ministries within the diocese. It would also have as some of its main objectives the following:
 - Networking and support;
 - Transmission and sharing of information;
 - A forum to develop and implement joint projects.

- Winter Event - Snowball 2011 - One of the plans of the Youth Group, God's willing is to spend a weekend up north as part of other winter activities. The cost for this event is looking like it will be one of our most expensive. It is our intention however not to leave any youth behind who would want to come. Further details will be provided on this event in a couple weeks.

The Children and young people have been reflecting an active and vibrant part of our present life together as a community. Within the youth group we attempt to value and love them for who they are, not just for who they will become. We recognise that our young people and children require adult advocates in the church and so as leaders we have sought to meet these needs. The life of the community is important for the young people and with affirmation and guidance we attempt to introduce them to the church as we seeking to do mutual ministry. The relationships in the youth group have deepened and are a reflection of the strong bonds being formed with their leaders, and friends.

We as always wish to thank you, the congregation and leaders, for your support and encouragement. Please continue to keep the youth, leaders and the church in your prayers.

The Rev. Vernal S. Savage

(ed: this looks wonderful – strikes me I would like to be a ‘youth’ again! Thanks to Vernal and the Youth leaders and the youth!)



From the Wardens

Throughout the year we have strived to balance our management of church resources so that everyone is positively impacted by the activities that we undertake. To date we have completed all the outstanding property related issues in the church. We have completed the following:-

- Fixed the front doors, (both South and West) so that they can open and close properly and the replaced the latching mechanisms on the North doors.
- Fixed the Roof, the chimney, the eavestrough and completed all repairs to the men's choir room.
- Painted portions of the church that really needed touching up.
- As we move into Advent and Christmas, most of the electrical (lighting) issues have been resolved.

We have also been working with different Ministry leaders to complete projects within their specific area of responsibility, these include:-

- Signing the Contract for work to be completed on the Church Organ by Easter. This work will not be disruptive to any services in the church. The technicians will have access to the church during this period.
- Met with the leadership of the Korean Church to discuss the terms of the new lease and introduce ourselves to the new priest.
- Continuing to work on the completion of a comprehensive list of church assets, for insurance purposes

We will continue to monitor and manage our finances as we strive to meet the growing needs of the church community.

Yours respectfully,

Joe Kurantsin-Mills, Hugo McIntosh
Richard Moriah, Randy McCarnen

Carol Party & Pageant

Join us for this annual celebration of the season. Talented amateur musicians perform the songs of the season. Our Sunday School children share with us the story of the first Christmas. We all join in singing the carols.



Then, we get a visit from the jolly old elf from the North Pole, and share in some amazingly yummy Christmas goodies.



Sunday,
December
12th,
6:30 pm
Everyone is
welcome!

Understanding a puzzling text Matthew 5:17 & 18

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to destroy them but to complete them. In truth I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one small letter or part of a letter shall pass from the Law till all is fulfilled."

Do we believe that Jesus said those words?

Before answering this question, let us look at the rest of the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:21-48. Here there is a sharp contrast between the Law and what Jesus says. This takes the form: *"You have heard that it was said but I say to you...."*, the contrast is most clearly seen in the statement of Jesus on the question of divorce (Matthew 5 : 31 f), more so in Matthew 5 : 38,39 *"you have heard, that it was said an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."*

"But I tell you, not to resist evil." (evil person or evil act.)

In those texts Jesus puts the Law aside and announces what in fact is a revolutionary antithesis. He is the authority and not the Law. *Jesus here breaks the law.* Then we have in Luke 16 : 16,17, another version of the text in Matthew; Luke says that *"until the time of John there were the Law and the Prophets; since then, the Good News of the Kingdom of God is preached and every one tries to force his way in; it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one part of a letter in the Law to be dropped."* Here the ministry of John the Baptist is the dividing line; at this point the Law is superseded and the Kingdom of God takes over.

The text as given in Matthew is that the Law is eternal as the Rabbis taught In Luke the Law is not eternal.

Some commentators suggest that the original form of the saying refers to the obstinate conservatism of the Scribes, who will never allow any tampering with even a part of a letter in the Law. Therefore, this puzzling text should read, *"It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for the Scribes to give up a small part of a letter in the Law."*

Moreover, it is important to have a further clarification from the book of Acts and the Epistle to the Galatians. Paul who was a solid Rabbi, before his conversion, had to oppose Peter to his face, for being a hypocrite; for he used to eat with the gentiles, but when Jewish Christians from the party of the Apostle James, came to Galatia, to tell gentiles, that they should be circumcised according to the Law, Peter drew back and would not eat with the gentiles. This hypocritical attitude drew the anger of Paul, who said that a man is not made right with God by keeping the Law, but only through faith in Jesus Christ. (Galatians 2: 16). The Apostles agreed with Paul. (Acts 15).

Matthew, when writing his Gospel, was under pressure to accommodate to Jewish Christians, who wanted to keep the Law; yet Matthew tried to release himself from that pressure, by writing for example " No one puts a piece of un-shrunken cloth

on an old garment, and the tear becomes worse. And people do not put new wine into old wine – skins; if they do, the wine skins burst, the wine runs out and the skins are destroyed, but they put new wine into fresh wine-skins, and both are preserved. (Matthew 9: 16,17)

Note: the “*old-skins*” refer to the Lay, and the “*new wine-skins*” refer to the *Good New of Jesus*.

Rafiq Farah
(Arch D. Em.)
Honorary Assistant Priest
Church of St. Andrew, Scarborough

From The Organist and Choirmaster

In October the choir held an open rehearsal for anyone interested in discovering what happens during Thursday night practices. A small and enthusiastic group joined us in singing, and experienced the preparation for the musical worship for a typical Sunday morning, with all the challenges and considerations this entails each week.

We addressed and discussed the following points: using 'international vowels' when singing, how to choose the speed of a hymn, when to breathe and when not to breathe in hymns and psalms. The text dictates the phrasing of the music, nor vice-versa. The guests were asked to think about the difference between spoken England and sung English.

Discoveries noted were these: "Alleluia" is treated as a Latin word, so we don't sing "Alley-loo-ya" (as in a bowling-alley), but "Ah-lay-loo-jah"; a misplaced "s" can result in the creation of a word which is not in the text, for example "it is not" should not be heard as "iti snot"; the difference between "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry" (no they're not weeping) and what is actually written: "On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry announces...", which is an entirely different message, referring to the figure of St. John the Baptist and his news! We re-discovered that the pronunciation of the word 'the' changes to 'thee', when the next word begins with one of the five (5) vowels.

Together, we noted that at the Preface of the Communion Service, the contemporary translation at page 193 says, "We lift them to the Lord", whereas the Elizabethan translation on page 241 reads, "We lift them UP UNTO the Lord". Attempting to sing both at the same time results in confusion.

Christmas music is fraught with linguistic traps. Plurals and singulars can catch us unaware. For example, how many angels are mentioned in the carol "Hark! The herald..."? How many angels are mentioned in "The First Nowell"? How many virgins are referred to in hymn #119? In verse two of "Silent Night", does the text say "glory streams", or "glories stream"? What is a 'glory'?

Carols for all seasons began as folk-dances, the oldest of them anything but sentimental or lugubrious. The Christmas carol tradition dates only from the England of the 1870s, although "Silent Night" is a German carol (1818), and was intended to be accompanied by two guitars. "Deck the Hall" refers to a baronial hall in a castle or manor house. That is why 'hall' is in the singular. The repetition of "Fa, la la la la" in this carol may indeed replace long-forgotten words, as carols in this style were learned by rote centuries ago.

When in doubt, choral groups sing the printed rhythms and texts from their copies, regardless of 'tonal or textual memory', whose reliability is suspect in all choirs, everywhere.

If you were unable to attend our open rehearsal in October, please join us in the new year when we will again invite any member of the congregation to come and sing with us on a Thursday night.

Those who attended in October had a wonderful time interacting with the choir. We always enjoy our music-making. It was remarked by several people that the choir and the altar guild are the only church organizations which meet weekly. Such is the commitment needed to achieve a good standard of musical presentation.

Many thanks to those who joined us in October, and to the many others who took a great interest in our

display in the hall in the weeks before the rehearsal, especially to those who asked about our rehearsals and repertoire.

Edward Moroney
Organist and Choirmaster

(Ed: this requires some careful reading and re-reading – for example, the text “iti snot” is not a typo! – having a Hymn Book handy helps too! – great article!)

Advent and Christmas Services at St. Andrew's

Sunday, December 12, 10 am

Advent Festival of Readings & Carols

Tells the story of God's work through history, through dramatic readings, dance, music, song, silence and reflections.

Friday, December 24, 6:30 pm

Family Christmas Eve Celebration

Aimed at children and their families, this service tells the story through simple stories, familiar carols and the celebration of holy Communion.

10:00 pm Carol Sing, 10:30 Midnight Mass

Traditional carols, candlelight and communion as we mark the birth of the Christ Child.

Saturday, December 25, 10:00 am

Christmas Day Communion with Carols

Saturday, January 1, 10:00 am

The Naming of Christ

Ring in the new year with a said celebration of Holy Communion.

An Evening with the Senior Choir

Recently, the Senior Choir posted an Open House Choir Practice invitation to the congregation, so with much curiosity, I went. It took place on Thursday, October 21 and ran from 8-10 pm. Each Thursday the choir practices every from 8-10 pm, and on Sunday mornings from 9-9:30.

I was wondering whether I could sit through two hours of practice, since I had been through a very long day, but surprise, surprise, I felt inspired at the end of it!

First of all, guests were not merely observers, but were invited to sit beside choir members and sing with them. In addition, I was totally engaged with the style of the Organist & Choirmaster - Mr. Edward Moroney, imparting knowledge and entertaining at the same time. No wonder I didn't feel tired at the end of the evening!

So what did I learn? I learned that

- There is a Service Music List (the music, psalms, anthem and hymns). It is made up several weeks in advance. Each guest was given a copy.
- The music and hymns on any Sunday relate to the Feast Day or other celebration of the Church. For instance, on Thursday, October 21 the choir was practicing hymns and psalms appropriate for the Choral Eucharist on Sunday, October 24, the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost.

This Advent and Christmas we will be looking forward to the beautiful music by Ted, the organist, and songs by the senior choir. Let us be very thankful for this privilege and consider St. Andrew's truly blessed.

Joy Kurantsin-Mills

Communications Team

As we near the end of 2010, I would like to re-cap what the communications team has been doing.

Early in the year we started planning for our Community BBQ – which took place in September, and was reported on here in the last issue. This event was attended by close to 400 people, some from our parish but many from the community. A full report on this event, including photographs, was prepared and submitted to the Diocese since they had provided partial funding for the event. It is our hope that this event can be repeated in the fall of 2011.

We also kicked off the next Parish Photo Book – I think I have about 6 of them filed in my bookshelves, and they are a great reference as well as a way to look back on past years in our parish. We hope to finish the photographs by mid-December, and get things off to the publisher early in 2011. Thanks to the team that organized and ran this, and a special thanks to Dennis Fiedler who brought experience from two past photo books.

Easter outdoor decorations were again put out, thanks to Leo Barkhouse and Dennis Fiedler, and Christmas outdoor decorations are scheduled for the first Saturday in December.

Joy, our chairperson, has kept our two notice boards regularly updated – we hope that these will remain as a constant reminder of things that are happening at St. Andrew's.

As a member of the Communications Team for the last three years, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Joy Kurantsin-Mills for the work she has done in scheduling and running our monthly meetings and for encouraging us in all of our endeavors. Joy has indicated her desire to retire as chairperson at the end of this year, and if she does so, she will leave an array of ongoing ventures for the incoming team.

Dennis Smith
Communications Team

Christmas Treasures Bazaar

It is the excitement and anticipation of favourite holiday traditions that help make Christmas the most joyful time of the year. Even a small child senses something wonderful is about to happen when the dark recesses of closets are explored and the search begins for holiday decorations that have been hibernating since last year. Our homes take on a distinctive fragrance as the halls are decked with fresh greenery and kitchens yield themselves to enthusiastic efforts and friendly disorder. Refrains from familiar carols fill the air with joy to the world as families are reunited and old friends embraced. Hope is renewed for peace on earth as we remember a baby born two thousand years ago.

At St. Andrews a favourite holiday tradition and the beginning of the Advent season is our Christmas Treasures Bazaar. Here you found wonderful Christmas decorations, the delectable Christmas baking from many kitchens and friends, both old and new, to embrace. Many hours were spent by many people to prepare our bazaar. It was a time of shared fellowship, a chance to greet old friends and an opportunity to make many new friends. We welcomed our families, our friends and our community into our building. We shared our joy and our anticipation of the coming Christmas season.

Set up of the bazaar began at 9:30 on Thursday morning with a group of men moving tables, chairs, sofas, etc. and clean up ended about 4:30 on Saturday afternoon as the counters gave the money to a Warden for deposit and the last of the boxes were carried out of the church. Between Thursday morning and Saturday afternoon over one hundred people worked furiously bringing in goods for sale, setting up displays, making sandwiches, decorating the areas, selling and packing up again. Our youth were a great help in many areas and the Scouts and Venturers were indispensable.

Joy always comes as a result of giving: giving gifts, giving help, giving hope, giving a second chance, giving encouragement and giving of ourselves. Our building was full of joy during our bazaar. We shared this joy with everyone who came through

our doors. We had a very successful bazaar - a bazaar that gave many people the opportunity to share in fellowship and community building and a bazaar that was very successful financially.

Respectfully submitted by
Loraine Wilson, Bazaar Convenor





**St. Andrew's
Family
Skating
Party**

What: a skating party for anyone at St. Andrew's
When: Sunday, January 2, 2:30-4:30
Where: weather permitting, the Scarborough Civic Centre outdoor rink; otherwise, the Pleasantview Community Centre Rink (Van Horne east of Victoria Park)
Cost: free!

Our Favourite Bazaar

It seems that *our* favourite bazaar is also a favourite among many people in our community. While stationed at the front door (actually to operate the lift), I heard a number of people arriving and commenting that they had been watching with bated-breath for the St. Andrew's Bazaar sign to go up – that this was the best bazaar going. The only thing I could do of course was to *agree*.

As a side note, two people thanked St. Andrew's for the lift, saying how good it was to be able to get around the multiple floors with ease.

Back to the bazaar though – looking at the tables just before the crowds descended left me in awe. The jams and jellies table was stacked high and long with 100's? of jars. So far I have eight, I am waiting for the remainder to go on sale at coffee hour!! I only saw the bake table after it had been ravaged, and it was still full of things and I still found a banana bread to buy!

I cannot name everything, those were the first two I saw. We had blessed angels, jewellery, plants, collectables, food, decorations, knitted articles and did I mention food? Multiple kinds? What did I forget – someone will remind me I'm sure! Oh yes, the silent auction (I wonder what is going to happen to the pool table?)

Someone asked “where do the materials and ingredients for things sold at the bazaar come from?”. Well, from the Church's point of view, they arrive by magic in the days leading up to the bazaar. But actually they are pretty much all donated, usually by those who bring the items – jars of jam and jelly, plants, decorations, knitted articles, collectables and so on.

I spent an interesting couple of hours taking photographs, and I have included a few below – but before we get there, I must pass on a very large thank-you to Loraine Wilson. I have *no idea* how many hours Loraine spends preparing for the bazaar, but I am told that preparation begins just days after the previous bazaar, and carries on all year. Hundreds of hours? at least. So from everyone at St. Andrew's and also from our wider community, a round of applause for Loraine and her family.

The bazaar is *not* just about the money it brings in – although that is one way we measure. Listening to people the Sunday morning after told just how important the bazaar is to us as a *church family*!

Dennis Smith
Editor



We invite you to worship at St. Andrew's during this Advent season of hope and expectation, and celebrate with joy, the Nativity of the Lord.



The Rev. Heather McCance, Incumbent
The Rev. Vernal Savage, Assistant Curate
The Ven. Rafiq Farah, Honorary Assistant
The Rev. Canon Prue Chambers, Honorary Assistant
Mr. Glen Matthew, Student Assistant



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2010

- December 5 The Second Sunday of Advent**
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist, Nursery and Church School
7:30 p.m. Christmas Memorial Service
(Remembrance for those who have lost loved ones.)
- December 12 The Third Sunday of Advent**
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Advent Festival of Lessons, Carols, and Anthems
Nursery and Church School
6:30 p.m. Christmas Carol Party and Children's Pageant
- December 19 The Fourth Sunday of Advent**
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist, Nursery and Church School
- December 24 Christmas Eve (Friday)**
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m. The Blessing of the Crib and Parish Family Eucharist
(especially for children and their families), followed by refreshments.
10:00 p.m. Choral Music and Congregational Carol Singing
10:30 p.m. Procession and Choral Eucharist
- December 25 Christmas Day (Saturday)**
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Carols
- December 26 The First Sunday after Christmas**
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist and Nursery. There will be no Church School. The children are invited to worship with their families in church.
- December 28 Pot-Luck Dinner, Alternative Worship Service, and Movie**
5:30 p.m. Dinner; Contemporary Worship encountering God in a new way.
- January 1 New Year's Day (Saturday) - The Naming of Jesus**
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- January 2 The Epiphany of the Lord (Transferred)**
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist, Nursery and Church School

Wednesday Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.: Each Wednesday in December and January, including the Wednesdays in the Christmas holidays.

From the Church Records

Newcomers

We welcome to our St. Andrew's Family:

Sherrie Barker
Vangela Bryan
Collette Crawford
Tanneh Doe
Glen Matthew
Jeannie McCourt
Carol Mendes
Kennedy & Melody Murape
Anthony Nathaniel
Oma Ozelowo
Charmaine Tomlinson

Marriages

"Those whom God has joined together, let no man put asunder."

Nathan Kumpf and Sarah Doutsas

Funerals

*"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them."*

Merle Jennifer Thomas

Baptisms

*"Let your light shine before others that they may see your
good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*

Vangela Venice Bryan (adult)
Emily Susan Constance Lotus Petal Nolan (adult)

"You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the world."

Today, November 30, as I write this, it is the day we honour, Andrew, our Patron Saint, the first missionary.

The first work of a Christian is prayer. This is where we open our hearts to be welcoming and inclusive to the needs of the people of our parish, of our community, the peoples of the world, for ourselves - to love and to care for the people to whom we are sent - to be examples of that great Love, as Andrew and all other saints, martyrs, and missionaries, who have been instruments of God's love before us.

In prayer and in scripture, we discover our Lord's invitation to us to become disciples, opening our hearts to the Good News of the gospel of Jesus, to His love for our redemption and salvation.

The Five Marks of Mission as "Taddled" by the Diocese of Durham, UK

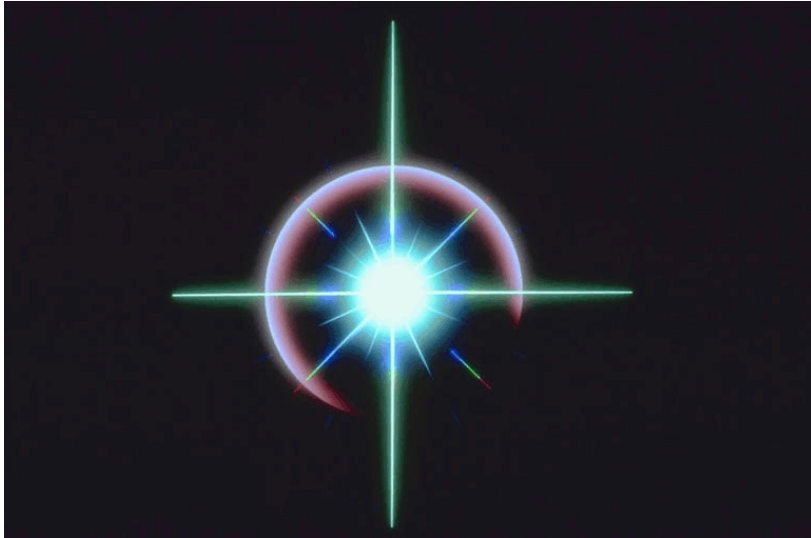
- a. Proclaim the good news of the Kingdom.
- b. Teach, baptize and nurture new believers.
- c. Respond to human need by loving service.
- d. Seek to transform the unjust structures of society.
- e. Safeguard the integrity of creation sustaining and renewing the earth.

God in Christ, comes to us in our preparation throughout Advent for the coming of the Christ Child, a time when we celebrate together the Incarnation of our Lord. May we all be blessed with love, joy, peace, and a renewed sense of God's great love for us, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Marjorie Fawcett.



The Secret to a Glorious Life



To walk hand in hand with the Saviour,

To talk with Him often each day,

To give Him your life

because He gave you His,

And simply — to trust and obey.

The Network

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St. Andrew's Mission Statement

To love and worship God as one family in Jesus Christ; to extend this love into Christian action in the community.