



# THE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MICHAELMAS 2003

An occasional Newsletter for Parishioners and Friends of Saint Thomas's Church, Toronto

## Michael Rowland Resigns as Deputy Warden

### A Notice from Corporation

Michael Rowland has informed us that in order to spend more time with his family while juggling a busy work schedule, he must resign as Deputy People's Warden and as chair of various committees at St. Thomas's. Michael will continue to be an interested and supportive member of the parish and hopes to resume a more active volunteer role at some point in the future. While we all regret losing Michael's valuable contributions, we certainly understand the reasons behind his decision. He has put an enormous amount of time and energy into our parish since assuming the office of Deputy Warden. We shall miss his wise counsel but we have all given him our blessing for this move.

A Special Vestry meeting will be held on Sunday, October 26th at 1:00 pm to elect a new Deputy People's Warden. Members of the parish who are interested in the position must be nominated at that meeting. We will use the same meeting to finalize the appointment of the auditor, an issue that was deferred at the annual Vestry meeting last February.

If parishioners would like clarification on responsibilities or procedures during  
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## FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK...



*Chris Harper, a Wycliffe College student and postulant of the Diocese of Saskatchewan attached to St Thomas's for the academic year, with his wife Tracy.*

### ST THOMAS'S TO WELCOME SASKATCHEWAN POSTULANT VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR SUPPORT TEAM

At the request of Bishop Tony Burton, an good friend of the Parish, St T's is to welcome this year a postulant from the Diocese of Saskatchewan, *Chris Harper*, whom many parishioners will know as he and his wife *Tracy* were regularly attenders during his first year as a student at Wycliffe College.

Wycliffe requires Chris spend ten hours per week undertaking parish work, including Sunday services. In establishing his learning goals, Chris has identified as his primary interest a study of the history, styles and traditions of Anglo-Catholic worship. The Parish will foster this aim through instruction, through the acolyte training process and through using Chris' talents to develop a series of pamphlets which he will develop and which will be available on the tract rack,  
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## MICHAELMAS CELEBRATION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th

6:15 pm – Solemn High Mass

7:15 pm – Dinner in the Parish Hall followed by

Lecture by Dr Eleanor Hill, Trinity College:

FROM RITE TO RITUAL  
*The Return of Ceremonial into the English Rite – A Legacy of the Oxford Movement*

ADMISSION TO DINNER & LECTURE: \$10.00

Tickets available in Parish Hall after Sunday services or via the Office

*Dinner and Lecture sponsored by the Acolytes' Guild to host an Out-of-the-Cold Thanksgiving Dinner at St Thomas's*

## Rowland...

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this transition, please feel free to contact a member of Corporation.

### FROM THE OTHER WARDENS...

There is an old adage that, if you have a job that really needs to get done, then give it to someone busy. *Michael Rowland* certainly proved the point during his term as Deputy People's Warden. Considering that he is a husband and father of a nine-year-old daughter, a partner in a management consulting company, and that he has other volunteer commitments which include singing in the Exultate Chamber Singers, it is astounding how Michael found so much time to give to St. Thomas's. Having accomplished more in his six months as a warden as most of us do over our entire terms, Michael announced in late August that, to his great regret, he felt that he should step down in order to re-balance the



*Michael Rowland*

many demands on his time and energy and spend more time with his family.

Michael has made a tremendous contribution as a warden. Active on the Finance Committee and the Property Committee, not only at meetings, but also as someone who genuinely gets things done between meetings. He brought a fresh focus to the lease and licence arrangements between the parish and the various groups that use our property, and conducted a valuable market survey that will help us to identify when we are not getting fair value for rental of our premises. Michael was also active in the planning for a giving campaign at St. Thomas's and for financial seminars to be offered to our parishioners.

All of us on Corporation appreciate the organizational skills that Michael brought to bear in helping to set meeting agenda and in keeping our discussions on track. His input has always been logical, thoughtful, and empathetic.

So we too regret that Michael needs

to step down as Warden, although we respect and understand the decision. We wish to thank him for all that he has done. Michael is helping us with a smooth transition, and has assured us that he will, as a parishioner, continue to contribute to St. Thomas's in many ways.

## Rector...

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covering subjects which may range from a Brief History of St Thomas's to a Guide to our Liturgy at Solemn Mass, or a Tour of the Church.

Another expectation is that the Parish will offer lay support: Chris will expect feedback and assistance throughout the year. On a purely practical level, feeding him and Tracy a hot dinner or including them in a family meal would be one important aspect of such support. Don't hesitate to invite Chris and Tracy to your home!

*Sean Devlin*, an acolyte who is a Theology student at Trinity College, may also be assigned to the Parish this year.

### SARS COMMUNION PRACTICES FINISH: INTINCTION ENDS

With the end of the SARS emergency, the Archbishop has lifted the restriction on the faithful receiving the Wine at the Holy Communion. However, it has been decided that the practice of Intinction (that is, dipping the host into the wine rather than sipping it from the chalice) is to be discontinued. Medical advice suggests this is much riskier than receiving the Wine from a chalice which is carefully wiped after each communicant has received. Those who were accustomed to Intinction, or who may have health concerns, are reminded that it has been the teaching of Holy Church from time immemorial that in making one's Communion under one species, one is fully receiving both Christ's Body and Blood.

## Parish Newsletter Appeal

*A Note from the Editor*

Thank you to those parishioners who, as of September 15, had kindly contributed some \$1500 towards the cost of the revived Parish Newsletter, for which there is no provision in the church budget. *This represents the cost of designing, printing and mailing over one-and-one-half issues!* Because we suspect that the Newsletter Appeal may have slipped many readers' minds during the summer, we are again enclosing an envelope for your gift. If everyone on the Parish rolls gave \$15, the anticipated quarterly production costs of the Newsletter would be entirely covered. *We appreciate your generous support!*

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## St. Thomas's Church – Operating Fund

Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison	January to August		\$ Change	Budget
	2003	2002	02 – 03	2003
<b>INCOME</b>				
Congregational Givings . . . . .	149,831	137,927	11,904	254,000
Rental Income . . . . .	19,591	44,827	(25,236)	29,875
Donations / Memorials / Bequests . . . . .	6,790	6,001	790	8,989
Parish Committees and Events . . . . .	4,326	1,808	2,518	5,050
Investment & Miscellaneous . . . . .	2,763	2,297	467	2,210
Income before transfers: . . . . .	183,302	192,859	(9,557)	300,124
Transfers from Trust & Endowment . . . . .	49,980	41,000	8,980	55,780
<b>Total Income:</b> . . . . .	<b>233,282</b>	<b>233,859</b>	<b>(577)</b>	<b>355,904</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
Operations . . . . .	21,327	18,837	2,491	24,944
Outreach . . . . .	53,899	54,015	(117)	87,113
Property . . . . .	43,398	45,415	(2,017)	57,460
Staffing (Employees & Contract) . . . . .	143,167	100,091	43,076	217,929
<b>Total Expense</b> . . . . .	<b>261,791</b>	<b>218,358</b>	<b>43,433</b>	<b>387,446</b>
<b>Net Income</b> . . . . .	<b>(28,509)</b>	<b>15,502</b>	<b>(44,010)</b>	<b>(31,542)</b>

This is a transition year where we have had the increased expenses of a full time rector and a reduction in rental income from the rectory. The overall givings of the congregation are up by 9% over this time last year and traditionally, many people give more later in the year. The cash surplus at the end of 2002 continues to support this year's deficit. As we start to budget and plan for next year, we will have to be mindful of the need to continue to improve our income through additional congregational givings and increased rental opportunities and rates.

## CHOIR NOTES: Fall Music at Saint Thomas's

by John Tuttle

We begin the new "choir season" with several new faces. Having Lost *Brenda Enns* and *Will Johnson* to their other pursuits, we welcome *Mark Rainey*, tenor and *Rachel Harwood-Jones*, soprano (yes, the sister of *Ariel Harwood-Jones*, who also has left the Evensong Choir to study interior decorating). *Meghan Roberts*, the Cantoris Soprano Section-Leader, graduated last Spring from Uof T, and is in Belleville for most of this season. She has been succeeded by *Suzanne Brooks*, who sings at both 11 am and 7 pm

During the Fall, there is wonderful music to be heard at many services. Several of my favourites include:

**Sunday, 28 September at 7 pm:** *The First Evensong of St. Michael and All Angels:* Canticles by Richard Lloyd written for Salisbury Cathedral, and *Faire is the Heaven*, an anthem for double choir by William H. Harris.

**Monday, 29 September at 6.15 pm:** *Procession & Solemn Eucharist (St. Michael and All Angels):* *The Missa Aedis Christi* by the great Welsh composer William Mathias, and *Factum est silentium* by Richard Dering.

**Sunday, October 5 at 11 am:** *Procession &*

*Solemn Eucharist (Feast of the Dedication):* *Missa Brevis* by Zoltan Kodaly and *Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with men*, by Healey Willan. The same evening's *Solemn Evensong, Procession & Devotions* features Herbert Howells' evening canticles, composed for Gloucester Cathedral.

**Sunday, October 12 at 11 am:** (*Harvest/Thanksgiving*): The setting at the Solemn Eucharist will be *Mass of Saint Thomas*, written by one of the finest of Canadian composers, Derek Holman, while the anthem will be his curious take on the Deuteronomy text, *Blessed be the Lord for his land*.

**Sunday, November 2 at 11 am:** (*The Feast of All Saints*): Mass in E Flat for double choir by the 19th century German composer Josef Rheinberger. Devotions of the Blessed Sacrament at Solemn Evensong (7 pm) will be preceded by Benjamin Britten's *Festival Te Deum*.

**Monday, November 3rd,** we commemorate *All Souls Day* with the *Requiem for six voices (Officium Defunctorum)* by Victoria.

We are indeed fortunate to enjoy this great music as an ongoing part of our liturgical life in St. Thomas's Church. One has only to visit a few other parishes, as I occasionally get to do, to realize that

we are unique; and for that I am very grateful.



Fellow choir members applaud after the wedding of David Tuttle, son of St Thomas's Organist & Choirmaster John Tuttle, to Kelly Chant, which took place on July 19th

# OUTREACH COMMITTEE FRIDAY SUPPERS CONTINUE

by Andrea Budgey

The Outreach Committee's main project over the summer has been the Friday evening sandwich programme. A group of dedicated volunteers has provided sandwiches, fruit, cookies and other homemade goodies – as well as the essential bottled water – to 15-25 guests every Friday evening from 6:00 to about 7:15, following the 5:30 Mass. Some of our regular visitors live on the street, or in parks, while others are in rental housing which exhausts their income, leaving little or nothing for food. The weather has been very kind to us (it rained only once), and several of the guests have made the Friday supper a real social gathering, sharing experiences and stories with the volunteers and each other. We're planning to continue the programme until the Friday dinners at St Stephen-in-the-Fields begin again during winter. Anyone interested in contributing supplies (sandwiches, fruit, baked goods, water, sandwich bags, or plastic grocery bags), or in spending an hour with us



Volunteers and clients gather at a Friday evening supper served by members of the Outreach Committee

some Fridaybefore a play, film, concert, or dinner, please contact Andrea Budgey, 416-638-9445, or [abudgey@national.anglican.ca](mailto:abudgey@national.anglican.ca). We're also planning a dinner for our guests on Thanksgiving Monday, in the parish hall – many thanks to the Acolytes Guild for undertaking fund-rais-

ing for this event. Once again, volunteers welcome! In other Outreach news, we're exploring ways of welcoming university students to the parish, and discussing some new initiatives with the Social Committee and the Chaplain at Trinity College – details later in the fall.

## Busy Summer for Property Committee

by Gene Stewart

The Property Committee has had a fairly active summer thanks to our volunteers. Parishioners may have noticed the new Garden Shed that is located in the back walkway. Hopefully it is out of the view of most visitors as it doesn't quite match the elegance or colour of the Church. However it is quite functional. The shed was erected with the help of Vince Mead, Robin Lable and Gene Stewart in early July.

A good start was made by Marion Dorosh and Marilyn Ramsingh on cleaning up the Upper Room and the meeting room beside the kitchen. However, much work on all our storage areas is still to be carried out this fall and more volunteers will be called on by Marion for this effort. A new front deck on the Rectory was constructed by Robin and Gene. We guarantee that it is now capable of supporting almost any special event, and even Molly's afternoon naps.

Contracts were awarded this summer to Charles Murray Company to carry out the cleaning of the eaves troughs and drainage pipes, and to Oak Bay Painters

for the exterior painting of the Church, Parish Hall and Rectory. Both of these projects will start in mid to late September. A contract also has been awarded to remove the dead tree at the rear of the church and to trim back the tree overhanging the Sacristy. This will be done in

September. This fall, we are looking forward to further clean-up work of our various storage areas. And in addition, after the drainage work has been completed, we will be carrying out the much-needed repair work on the ceilings of the north aisle inside the Church.

### Keeping Up Appearances

You may have noticed that several areas of the church property, both inside and outside, are now clean and tidy. The work started with a major cleanup of the gardens and walkways on Benedictine Day in May. The effort continued as Gene Stewart and his volunteers erected a shed to store garden equipment and garbage in the courtyard outside the parish hall, and then repaired the floor of the rector's front porch. Marion Dorosh and some helpers did a thorough tidying up of the parish hall, the area beside the kitchen, and the Upper Room. The cleanup and removal of items that are beyond repair and/or no longer used are continuing. Crews of volunteers will be busy through the next several months, clearing and reorganizing every meeting and storage area on the property.

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If you are using any part of the church or parish hall, please tidy up after yourself. Put things back where you found them. And please take your material and equipment with you. Cleanup committees will assume that items left behind are no longer needed or wanted and they may be thrown out. Let's work together to keep the church buildings and property attractive and inviting.

# ST THOMAS POETRY SERIES RESUMES OCTOBER 10

## Second Launch Slated for November 14

Mark your calendars for 7:00 pm on October 10, when *The St. Thomas Poetry Series* publications will resume with the launch of two new collections of poetry: Suzanne Collins, *Wonders at the Corner* (ISBN 0-9685339-8-1) and Leif E. Vaage, *Schooled in Salt* (ISBN 0-9685339-9-X).

Our new books will be physically larger than the books in the 1996-2000 series, and will average 80 pages in length. As before, however, they will be produced with the usual quality and care at our distinguished neighbours, Coach House Press. Nancy Ruth Jackson of New Jersey will continue to design the covers as well as other features, and she will again be working with Stan Bevington of Coach House to achieve a cohesive series design.

Special thanks to Pat Kennedy, Cynthia Messenger, and Margo Swiss, who are acting as advisory editors to the publications, and to such loyal parishioners as Walter Hardacre and Mary Barnett who have given their unstinting support to the series over so many years. I am also grateful to Barbara Obrai who has helped me so much in advertising poetry events to the parish.

Please note that there will be a second launch held on November 14 for John Terpstra's *Disarmament*, his new book of poetry from Gaspereau Press in Nova Scotia. DK

### **The St. Thomas Poetry Series: A Retrospective**

by David Kent, General Editor  
and publisher,  
*The St. Thomas Poetry Series*

Since readings began at St. Thomas's in 1988, we have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to hear dozens of poets, including established figures such as Robert Finch, James Reaney, and Douglas Lochhead, as well as more recently recognized writers like Joy Kogawa, Tim Lilburn, and Pier Giorgio di Cicco.

Readings have attracted a wide variety of people from within the parish and beyond. It is no exaggeration to say that St. Thomas's Church has now become firmly identified with the practice of religious poetry in Canada. Parishioners will also be interested to know that Bill Martin taped many of the readings during the first ten years, and those sound recordings will form a unique archive when gathered together. Our former sexton, Harold Jones, even constructed a small lectern especially for the readings.

In 1996 we launched the first three of fifteen shorter books of poetry, and subsequently followed these with two anthologies (listed below). I say "we" because in the first years of the series Hugh Anson-Cartwright's experience as a publisher and his acute sense of design got things off to an excellent beginning, and I continue to have the benefit of Pat Kennedy's enormous editorial wisdom. The critical reception of the series has been positive and encouraging. To take but one example, a recent review of Susan McCaslin's anthology from 2002 began as follows:

"With the quality of devotion to spiritual life and book-making craft we have come to expect from *The St. Thomas Poetry Series*, *Poetry and Spiritual Practice: Selections from Contemporary Canadian Poets* brings together the work of fourteen Canadian poets doing spiritual work in both an accepted spiritual tradition and in poetry itself... We would be well served to have it on every pew and on every thoughtful person's desk" (Harold Rhenisch, League of Canadian Poets website).

This kind of critical endorsement is certainly gratifying to receive. It also confirms that the series has established a place and identity worth continuing. If parishioners haven't had the chance to see any of these books, they are on display in the glass case near the north doors, adjacent to the narthex.

### **The St. Thomas Poetry Series, 1996 – 2000**

George Johnston, *What is to Come:*

*Selected and New Poems* **out of print**

Margo Swiss, *Crossword: A Woman's Narrative* **op**

John Reibetanz, *Near Finesterr*

Susan McCaslin, *Veil/Unveil*

Douglas Lochhead, *All Things Do*

*Continue: Poems of Celebration*

Mia Anderson, *Practising Death*

John Terpstra, *Devil's Punch Bowl* **op**

Bernadette Rule, *The Weight of Flames*

Richard Outram, *Benedict Abroad* [The

Toronto Book Award for 1999]

Gail Fox, *The Dark Side of the Moon*

W. J. Keith, *In the Beginning and other poems*

Anne Corkett, *Summertown*

Alice Major, *Corona Radiata* **op**

Barry Dempster, *The Salvation of Desire*

Hannah Main-Van der Kamp, *With*

*Averted Vision* **op**

The above volumes not marked **op** are still available. Their retail price is \$9.50 and they can be ordered by contacting David Kent through the church office or at the following email address: [dkent@centennialcollege.ca](mailto:dkent@centennialcollege.ca) The following two anthologies are also still in print:

Hugh Anson-Cartwright, *Bookseller:*

*A Celebration* (2000), ed. David A.

Kent, with Pat Kennedy (\$40)

*Poetry and Spiritual Practice: Selections from Contemporary Canadian Poets* (2002), ed. Susan McCaslin (\$20).

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"Adam's tree was a place of temptation toward pride; Christ's cross is the place where He humbled Himself. The sin of Adam entered man's blood at the first tree; by the pouring forth of Christ's Blood, sins can be forgiven." *HH John Paul II*, at General Audience, August 27, 2003.



Fr Freeland and parishioners cast off from Toronto Harbour aboard the Rector's family yacht for one of last summer's "Bible Study on the Boat" sessions.

## Church School Notes

by Diana Verseghy

The church school during the 11:00 service is back in full swing again after the summer break. We have now grown to the point where we have divided the children into two classes: 4-6 years old, and 7-10 years old. The two classes follow the same curriculum, but aim to make the lessons interactive and child-friendly in distinct ways. *Teri Dunn* has taken on the coaching of the teachers of the younger group of children, while *Diana Verseghy* works with the teachers of the older group.

*Janice Kerckamp* continues her stellar work of organizing the teaching of hymns to the children. She organizes a roster of choir members who do this; each Sunday one heads down to the parish hall during the sermon, gathers the children around the piano, and leads them in song. *John Meadows* has collated the parts of the service that the children encounter in church into a booklet so they can follow along easily. Each child has a personalized copy, which all can decorate with individual artwork.

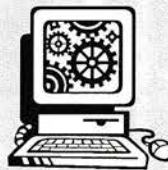
Parents who are not on acolyte or choir duty are being encouraged to sit with the children in the "church school" pews. This is helping to give more of a family feel. Perhaps we will soon have to start roping off some more pews!

*Frs Andrews and Ross* will be leading two teaching sessions on Communion during two Sundays in October, the 19th and the 26th. This will provide preparation for children who will begin to receive Communion, and a refresher for those who are already doing so. *Parents interested in having their children prepared should speak to Fr. Andrews.*

## Computer Corner

*Parish CD-ROM Material Urgently Needed – Web Site Visitors up by 260%!*

by John Meadows



**CD-ROM:** Work on the Church multimedia CD-ROM continues, but we still need desperately need more material — any photos, tapes, video or home movies would be most welcome, and will be returned unharmed after digitization. Older material is especially needed! If you have any material to contribute, please contact John Meadows at [john@meadowsonline.com](mailto:john@meadowsonline.com)

**Church Mouse:** A new application is being developed which will enable the Parish to keep more accurate records of our assets, repairs and maintenance costs. Over the long term it should enhance our ability to effectively manage the costs of maintaining Saint Thomas.

**Computer Security:** For computer users with newer versions of Microsoft Windows, this has been a most eventful year, with a seemingly endless supply of viruses, worms and other cyber attacks pervading the Internet. Mainly through the extremely diligent efforts of *Barb O'brai* in the church office, all Saint Thomas's computers are being kept virus and worm free. However, some of the email viruses can "impersonate" other users by forging the return email address of another user, so even if an email appears to be from the church, or someone you know, you should still treat any email with a file attachment with extreme caution; if you were not expecting the email, you may want to check with the apparent sender, to make sure the email is legitimate. And always keep your anti-virus protection up to date!

**Church Web Site:** One new feature: biographies of various St. Thomas's personalities are beginning to appear on the web site — check them out! Also, the service music schedule has been updated to the beginning of September, 2004. The music search function allows you to find out when a favorite composer or piece will be featured in an upcoming service. Finally, the number of site visitors continues to be positive; normally in the past we have averaged about 5,000 visitor "hits" per annum. However the 12-month period ending September 2003 found more than 13,000 souls accessing the site!

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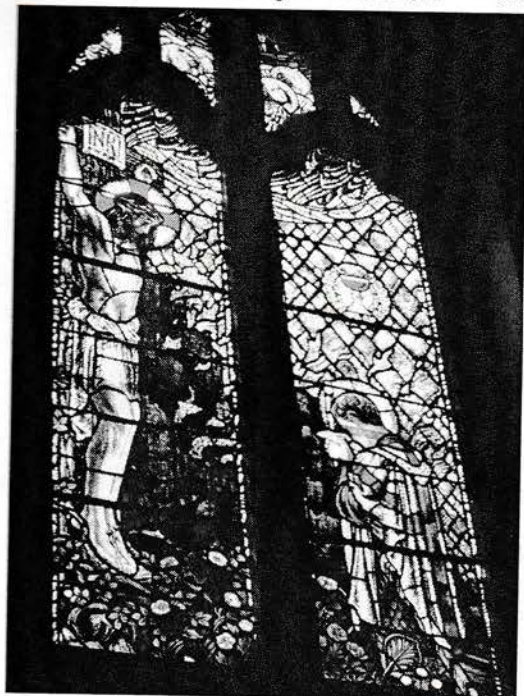
"The General Convention of the Episcopal Church... has not been true to its calling to 'uphold and propagate the historic Faith and Order of the Christian Church'... It has exhibited to the world an all too typical trait of American hubris, the sense that we know better than anyone else where God is leading and how the church may respond." *Rt Rev James Stanton, Bishop of Dallas, Texas*

# Bromsgrove Guild Produced St Thomas's Baptistry Windows

by Carl Benn

The baptistry at St Thomas's is graced with beautiful windows, created in 1922 by Archibald John Davies (b. 1877) of the Bromsgrove Guild. Forming a central element of our Great War memorial, they consist of five twin-light windows depicting knights, saints, angels, a wounded soldier, and the Crucifixion. To some degree, their design, with its strong resonance to the pre-Raphaelite movement and the ideas articulated by Sir Edward Burne-Jones, appears somewhat old-fashioned for the 1920s. Yet the tone of these windows seems particularly appropriate for affirming the worthiness of the deaths suffered by the parish's sons (and one daughter) in 1914-18 in a manner that would have comforted the parents and siblings of the lost loved ones. While we can learn more about these windows in our 1993 parish history, *Household of God* (pp. 142-3), a logical question is: what was the Bromsgrove Guild where A.J. Davies produced these fine examples of English stained-glass (the only non-Canadian-made windows in the church)?

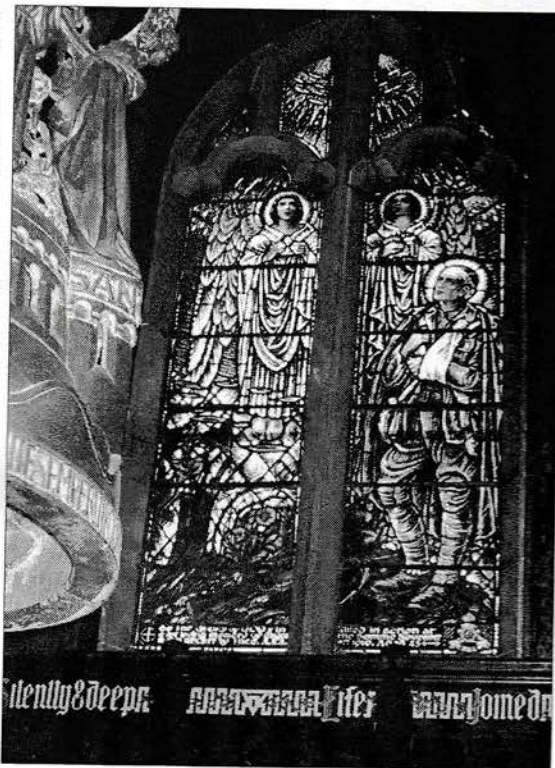
The Bromsgrove Guild of Applied Arts came into existence in 1898 under the leadership of Walter Gilbert, the headmaster of the Bromsgrove School of Art and Science in the English West Mid-



lands. Much of his inspiration came from the values inherent to the Arts and Crafts Movement, such as developing the creative skills of working people so that they could support themselves through meaningful labour outside of the dehumanizing environment of much of the period's industrial enterprise. At first, the men and women of the Guild worked from their own studios in different parts of Britain, but cooperated on projects and in running the business under Gilbert's leadership. They worked in a variety of materials, including wood, glass, plaster, textiles, metals, enamel, pottery, mosaic, and stone.

The Guild promoted itself through advertising, setting up sales offices (including one in Montreal, opened in 1911), exhibiting in galleries, and competing at fairs, such as the 1900 Exposition Universelle in Paris, where it presented an Art Nouveau bedroom setting, won nine medals, and sold part of the display to Vienna's Kunsthistorisches Museum. It received many of its commissions through architects who wanted it to create decorative and functional furnishings and fixtures on building projects. Its members also produced furniture, jewellery, presentation pieces and medallions, garden statuary, mundane objects such as brass plaques for professional offices, and other items that it sold directly to clients or through retailers.

Gradually, much of the Guild's operations came to be concentrated in the town of Bromsgrove itself. For example, A.J. Davies, the creator of our windows (who had studied glass under Henry Payne at Birmingham Art College), moved his studio to Bromsgrove from Birmingham in 1906. There, he and the other glass workers and their apprentices produced glorious, skilfully designed windows in what was quite an ugly corrugated iron building. At the time of Davies' arrival in Bromsgrove, the

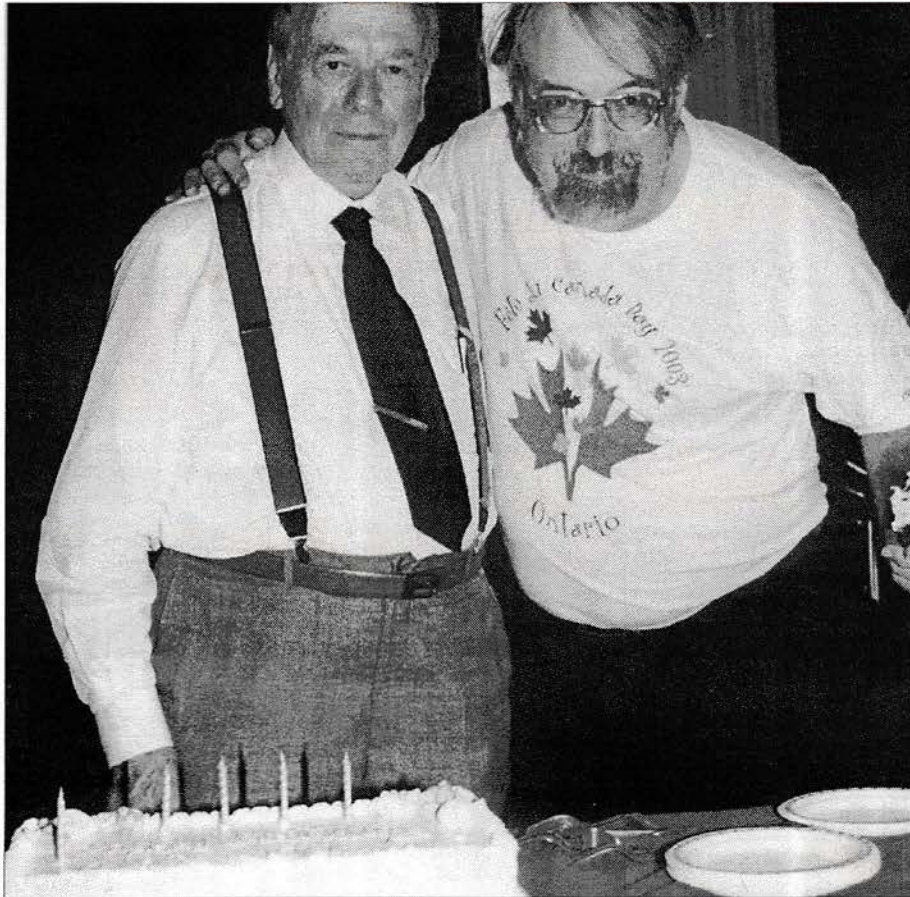


Guild employed 150 people, including a significant number of craft workers who had moved to England from continental Europe.

The Guild fulfilled commissions for an enormous range of private and commercial clients, including the owners of the ocean liner *Lusitania*, the British Museum, the Canadian Battlefield War Memorial Commission, and American industrialists. Two of its well-known creations were a large statue of 'Mr Punch' for the offices of *Punch Magazine* and the bronze subway entrances to the Piccadilly Circus underground station. Perhaps the most famous of the Bromsgrove Guild's productions were the great ceremonial gates at Buckingham Palace – including the Canada Gate – that were crafted during the Edwardian era.

Naturally, much of the Guild's work was done for churches, including the production of windows, lecterns, statues, and other furnishings, along with such items as bishops' crosiers. For example, the Guild made the choir stalls, altar rails, plaster panels, a statue, and other ornaments for the well-known

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Parishioners recently joined in a post-Mass celebration of two birthdays: Walter Hardacre's 80th and John Alldridge's 57th – ad multos annos!

## Diocesan Girls' Choir Camp Dine & Sing



Sunday, August 17th, found St Thomas's hosting the Diocesan Summer Choir Camp for Girls at the end of their first week. 50 young ladies, ranging in age from 9 through to 16, arrived in the late afternoon for rehearsal. They were then treated to a pasta dinner in the Parish Hall, prepared and served by *Andrea Budgey, Jeff Creighton, Linda Russell, David & Margo Kent, George McJannett and the Rector*. Solemn Evensong and Devotions which followed was well attended as parents, siblings and friends of the girls joined parishioners. Conducted by Anthony Browning with John Clements at the organ, the choir performed Handel's *O Lovely Peace* and *Ave Verum Corpus*, by Eleanor Daley.

*Susan Clarke*

## Bromsgrove Guild...

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English Arts and Crafts parish church in Dodford (consecrated in 1908). It also fashioned silver statues of the four apostles for the altar at Brompton Oratory in London, crafted the chancel gates and reredos for Liverpool Cathedral in the 1920s, and cast impressive bronze doors for Guildford Cathedral after World War II.

One of the first projects the Guild undertook in Canada was the manufacture of stained-glass windows for the Unitarian Church of the Messiah in Montreal, installed between 1907 and about 1917 (all but one sadly were lost in a fire in 1987). Davies made those windows, as well as others for churches outside of Britain, such as a set for Johannesburg Cathedral. There is no complete catalogue of Bromsgrove windows for Canada, but there is one window at St Michael's and All Angels Anglican Church in Toronto, two at St Andrew & St Paul's Presbyterian Church in Montreal, and several in the library of the University of British Columbia. There was enough business in this country that the guild set up Bromsgrove Guild (Canada) in Montreal in the 1920s, although most of the craft workers it employed here were British. The Canadian branch turned out furniture and ornamental work in wood, iron, bronze, plaster, and stone. Their efforts appear in numerous famous buildings, such as the Château Frontenac Hotel in Quebec City and the Musée des beaux-arts in Montreal.

Walter Gilbert left the guild just after the end of the Great War, although he retained an affiliation with it for a few years afterwards. The guild itself became a limited company in 1922, and produced an astonishing variety of craft products over subsequent decades (with a switch to war work between 1939 and 1945). However, the Guild gradually shrank in size, faced numerous financial challenges, and found it increasingly difficult to find workers with sufficient talent to meet its needs. Finally, in 1966, the Bromsgrove Guild wound up its operations. Our Mr Davies passed away in 1953, and his ugly iron building fell to the wrecker in 1996, but his windows, here at St Thomas's and elsewhere in the world, live on to inspire those fortunate enough to see them.



# Responsible Ministry: Screening in Faith

by Fr Brian Freeland

Read those words –

“Responsible Ministry: Screening in Faith” over again. You will be hearing them again and again over the next several years. The Diocese has mandated a programme designed both to make our parishes safe and inviting places for children, the elderly and the disadvantaged; and to demonstrate that this programme makes us a good insurance risk. Our main concern in this Parish is putting in place a programme that will ensure that parishioners will be guaranteed a safe, secure and life-enhancing environment.

To achieve these ends, the Diocese has given us a programme that involves us at different levels. Your priests have already attended a full-day session equipping them for their role in the process. The Rector has asked Fr Freeland and Ruth Baillie to join him as a Screening Implementation Team; and they have been working during the summer months to have job descriptions written of the work involved in the various ministries and positions to which people are elected or appointed – such as churchwarden, acolyte secretary, church school supervisor, assisting priest and so on. Some of the people holding the offices just listed have attended a two-hour evening session



to acquaint them with the goals and methods of the programme.

Now comes “the bite.” The job descriptions will identify situations which will identify the persons carrying out certain ministries as at “high risk.” These are generally positions involving one-on-one encounters with youngsters and the frail elderly, either in the parish buildings or in homes.

Those who have been appointed or elected to these “high risk” ministries will be supported by procedures that reduce risk for both the giver and receiver. To this end, persons designated as “high risk” will be required to obtain a Police Record check. Your priests have already had this check. And many of you who do volunteer work outside the Parish, as for the Guides or Scouts, for example, will know that this is now a required routine procedure, and designed to give those who entrust children to other adults a feeling of security.

In the months ahead, job descriptions will be written and risk classifications determined and screening interviews will take place. All business will be conducted with absolute confidentiality guaranteed. The end to which we work is a safe, accepting and joyous place to offer to Almighty God “our bounden duty and service.”





Fr Robert Lennox, a parishioner and Chaplain of Appleby College, Oakville, preached at the morning Masses on August 17th. He is shown here flanked by his two sons, Danny (l.) an M.Div. Student at Yale, and Patrick, a recent recruit to the Acolytes' Guild and a Doctoral candidate in International Relations at University of Toronto.

## Society of Mary Starts New Season

by David M. O'Rourke

Our Lady of Hope Ward of the Society Of Mary started off its fall season with a BBQ on the evening of Sept 13. This was actually the annual BBQ in honour of the Feast of the Assumption but circumstances required that the event be postponed until later. Given the Power blackout that struck on the eve of the feast this postponement proved to be a blessing, and all enjoyed themselves.

It has been decided that with few exceptions, our monthly meetings this year will take place at St. Thomas's Church at 8:00PM on the last Tuesday of the month. One of the exceptions will be September when the meeting will be a week early on Tuesday Sept 23 to avoid being too close to Michaelmas. The usual format will be the Rosary (chanted) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a social time in the parish hall.

It is not rare to encounter people who say that they feel a devotion to Our Lady, but that they simply do not find reciting the Rosary helpful, especially when said in a group; but our chanting the rosary

on one note has proven popular and we urge those interested to try it.

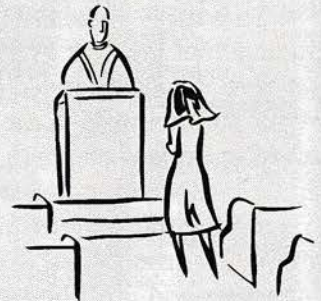
In November the usual service will be replaced by a Requiem Mass for deceased members of the Society, while on December 8th we will go to St. Mary Magdalene's for their celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception – this will take the place of the December meeting.

We are presently awaiting word from the Society's headquarters in England regarding our plan to establish a new Region of Southwestern Ontario, with Wards in Toronto, Hamilton, Oshawa, St. Catharines and Windsor. This step would make it easier for us to support one another in group functions, having always in mind our aim to give Our Lady the honour that is her due, and to increase further among Anglicans, by word and example, a realization of the strength and beauty of Devotion to Her. Salvation as we know it was dependent upon Her saying "yes" to God, although it would cost her dearly. Even at the foot of the cross she didn't say "no," but joined her "yes" to that greater "yes" of her Divine Son.

## Youth Confirmation Class Forms

### Archbishop Finlay to preside in December

Archbishop Finlay will be present at the morning masses on Sunday, December 7th. At that time, he will be available to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation and/or receive the re-affirmation of baptismal vows of those previously initiated into the Church but who desire to publicly renew their commitment of faith.



Members of the adult inquirers' class from last spring have already been prepared for this occasion. Any young people interested in Confirmation preparation should meet with Fr Ross in the baptistry on Sunday, October 26th (and each Sunday following until November 30) at 12.40 pm.

"Newcomer ministry is one of the most important ministries in a congregation. It cannot happen without intentionality to be truly welcoming. It is essential that by the time the service is over visitors will know that they have had a meeting with the living God and look forward to returning." Rev Canon David L Seger, Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Indiana.

## Affordable Art Affair

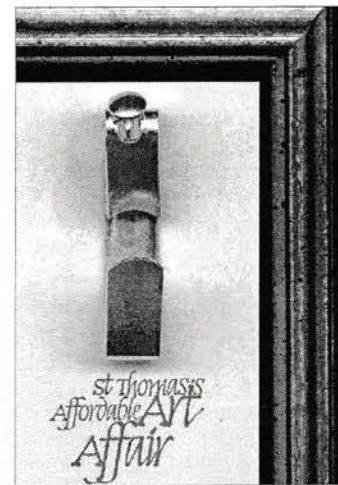
# Kitchen Fund-Raiser Slated for October 4

**Preview: 5-6 PM**

**Silent auction of premier pieces: 6-7 pm**

**Sale of fixed-price items: 6-8 pm**

This much-anticipated fund-raiser for the Kitchen Renovation Project is scheduled to take place Oct. 4 from 5:00 to 8:00 in our Parish Hall. It includes paintings, ceramics, photography and sculpture at prices for every pocket – as well as some exceptional pieces such as paintings by Painters 11 artist Ray Mead, Group of Seven student Anthony Law and Puaro Airuca, ARCA.



## Fall Rummage Sale

**Saturday, October 18**

9:00 am – 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall

*Help needed*

*\*set-up on the evening of Thursday, Oct 16 \*clean-up Oct 18 at 12:30 noon.*

*If you can volunteer, please contact Mary Suddon (416) 924-6179*

*Pick-up of your rummage is available – telephone John Alldredge (905) 783-9803*

## From Byegone Days...

EXTRACT FROM THE PARISH  
MAGAZINE: February, 1893

### SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion 8:00 am (also 7:00  
am the first Sunday of the month)

Matins 10:30 am

Holy Communion (choral) and  
Sermon 11:00 am

Bible Classes and Sunday School  
3:00 pm

Litany 4:00 pm

Evensong (choral) and Sermon  
7:00 pm

*Holy Baptism after Litany on Sunday  
and on Week-days at any service by  
appointment*

## New Books in the Parish Library

by Marion Dorosh



**PRACTISING RESURRECTION**, by Nora Gallagher – an account of a California writer who tells of her calling to the priesthood. The telling is highly personal and honest, revealing of the Episcopal Church, and is often amusing as well. Gallagher has also written *A Year in the Life of Faith* which is in our library, and has been appreciated by many borrowers

**BEYOND BELIEF: THE SECRET GOSPEL OF THOMAS**, by Elaine Pagels – the author of *The Gnostic Gospels* (also in our library), has recently published this readable account of the early Church, and of the inclusion of the Gospel of John rather than that of Thomas in the New Testament.

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Patricia Kennedy & one position vacant

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### WORSHIP AT SAINT THOMAS'S

#### SUNDAYS

Masses: 8:00 am (BCP, plain celebration);  
9:30 am (BAS, Sung); 11:00 am (BCP,  
Solemn High)

Mattins (said) 10:30 am – Solemn  
Evensong & Devotions 7:00 pm

#### WEEKDAYS

Masses: 5:30 pm Monday & Friday –  
12:15 noon Tuesday & Thursday

7:30 am Wednesday, 10:00 am Saturday

Morning Prayer is said daily 8:30 am,  
Saturday 9:30 am

Evening Prayer is said daily at 5:00 pm,  
except Tuesday and Wednesday at  
5:15 pm. Candelight Meditation follows  
Evening Prayer on Wednesday.

Confessions: At times announced or by  
appointment with any of the Parish Clergy

## PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

As you read of the diverse life of this church, it becomes clear that Saint Thomas's offers a host of ways for parishioners and friends to become more closely involved in the work of the Parish as well as of the many organizations which make their home here. Here are contacts who would welcome your inquiry and assistance. You can find them at mass, or leave a message at the Parish Office.

#### ORGANIZATION/ACTIVITY

Advent Bible Study

Canadian Tire Money/

Cookbook purchase

CD-ROM project

loans of archival materials

Church School

teaching, enrolment

Daily Offices

officiating, reading Lessons

Thanksgiving Dinner for

Out-of-the-Cold clients

Cooking, serving, set-up, wash-up

Grounds care assistance

Weeding and watering patrol

Donation of garden plants for  
church grounds

Parish Newsletter

Writing, production, delivery

Property Management

Committee

Light maintenance, carpentry & general clean-up

Social Committee

Event planning and kitchen volunteers

The Society of Mary

Confraternity of the

Blessed Sacrament

#### KEY CONTACTS

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Fr Freeland

## Forward In Faith: Parish Calendar Notes

- \* Out of the Cold *Thanksgiving Dinner* will be served on *Monday, October 13th*.
- \* *Rummage Sale*, Parish Hall on *Saturday, October 18th, 9 am – noon*.
- \* *Special Vestry Meeting* at *1:15 pm on Sunday, October 26th*.
- \* All Saints Day and All Souls Day are both transferred this year, *All Saints* being observed at all services on *Sunday, November 2nd*, while a Solemn Requiem for *All Souls* will be sung on *Monday, November 3rd at 6:15 pm*.
- \* *Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament annual Requiem Mass* on *Thursday, November 6th at 8:00 pm*
- \* *Acolytes' Guild Annual Requiem Mass* on *Wednesday, November 12th at 7:00 pm*
- \* *Society of Mary annual Requiem Mass* on *Tuesday, November 25th at 8:00 pm*
- \* Advent Carols sung in Procession at Solemn Evensong & Devotions on *Advent Sunday, November 30th at 7:00 pm*
- \* Watch for an insert in the pew bulletin, where the Rector will shortly announce details of an *Advent Bible Study* programme focusing on the text of *Handel's Messiah*
- \* The *Archbishop of Toronto* will preside and administer *Confirmation* at the *11:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 7th*.
- \* *Nine Lessons and Carols* for Christmas take the place of Evensong on *Sunday, December 21st at 7:00 pm*