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NEW DEACONS

On Sunday May 6, Andrea Budgey and Susan Haig, two long-time parishioners, were made deacons at a large service held at St Paul's, Bloor Street. Fellow parishioners contributed generously toward gifts for the new deacons.

At the receptions following the ordination service the Rector Emeritus, Roy Hoult, presented Andrea with two stoles from the parish, and the Rector presented Susan with a funeral cloak. In addition they both received a handsome financial gift.



From left: Susan Haig, David Neelands, and Andrea Budgey

Both women are remaining in Toronto. Andrea is serving at St Simon the Apostle on Bloor Street, and Susan at All Saints', Carleton Street.

APPOINTMENT TO W.C.C. COMMISSION

Natasha Klukach, a Th.D. student at Trinity College, has been appointed by the World Council of Churches to their Standing Commission on Faith and Order. Natasha is the youngest member ever appointed to this commission. She is an acolyte, is involved in leading the St Elmo's Youth Group, and provides leadership in the outreach programmes.

NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR

Timothy Hadwen, Legal Director with the Ministry of Labour and a reader and intercessor at the 9:30 service, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese of Toronto, effective immediately. Timothy succeeds Canon Christopher Riggs, who submitted his resignation earlier this year after serving as Vice-Chancellor since 1992.

A MESSAGE FROM HENRY HOY

To all my friends at St. T's:

In the last four years, I've come to know many of you. I sincerely believe you are all family. I am very saddened to leave. But wherever I go, I will take your loving kindness and support with me. To all of you, I just want to say "thanks."

And I will go where God calls me to. I will pray for God to continue to bless St. T's and pray that God opens all our hearts and minds to hear His call.

I am extending a warm and open invitation to visit if you are ever in Manitoba. Keep in touch.

Blessings,
Henry Hoy

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Henry will be ordained to the sacred order of priests on the Feast of St James the Apostle, July 25, at St Matthew's Cathedral, Brandon. Please keep him in your prayers.

The Rector's report

THE FATHER FREELAND ROOM

Work has begun to transform the room south of the kitchen from an unpleasant meeting and storage space into a room that will enhance and beautify our hall.

The Father Freeland Room, set aside to honour Fr Freeland's fifty years of service to St Thomas's, will house the parish library, enable small groups to meet comfortably and quietly, and ease transition between the hall and the kitchen.

Janet Stewart, a member of our 9:30 congregation, and our resident architect, has worked with Yuill MacGregor to develop the plans for the room, following extensive consultations with the many groups that have been using the space.

Yuill grew up at St Thomas's, where his mother, Norma, was for many years the parish secretary. We are pleased to be working with Yuill, not only because of his interest in the parish, and not only because of his stunning design sense, but also because of his concern to be environmentally sensitive. His Web site, www.yuillbuilt.ca, shows his diverse styles and his business philosophy.

The room will be separated from the hall by glass walls providing good sound insulation, and will have acoustic insulation in the ceiling, in order to allow different activities to happen simultaneously. It will have a modern Arts & Crafts feel. The original fir floor will be refinished, and the bead board hidden behind the cupboard doors will be repainted to house the library. Storage cupboards and a small counter will occupy the north wall.

The expectation is that the room



Work has begun on the Father Freeland Room

will be functional by September. There are a number of features that will enhance the room considerably, but will have to wait for further donations to the project. Part of the library will be dedicated in memory of Mary Barnett, a greatly loved and missed member of the 9:30 congregation. Many other memorial gifts are possible, such as custom-crafted lighting, furnishings, cupboards. If you would like to consider having an item dedicated in memory of someone please speak with me.

GENE STEWART MEMORIAL LECTURES

A new lecture series at St Thomas's is being established to honour Gene Stewart, a long-time servant of the parish. Gene grew up in the parish, and fondly remembered serving at Mass with Archdeacon Jackson, Vicar Short, and other clerical luminaries of the past. When he returned to Toronto Gene served the parish

well in numerous capacities, most recently as warden.

The lecture series is titled "Repairing the World," and every aspect of that phrase, from environmental, to spiritual, to economic and political, is a possible subject. While the lectures will be consciously a St Thomas's series, it's hoped that there will be opportunities to join with a variety of organizations in presenting them.

Gene's wife, Sue Joel, is chairing a small committee, including his daughter Janet Stewart, to organize the lecture series. A fund-raising event will be held on Friday October 19th, at which time we expect to be able to announce the name of the inaugural lecturer and the date when it will be delivered. Please mark the date in your calendar, and plan to attend the event (cheque book in hand!), to honour a remarkable and generous man.

FR. MARK ANDREWS

Outreach

The volunteers in the Outreach Program at St Thomas's continue to enthusiastically work to assist the disadvantaged in our larger community. Our current major projects include the Out of the Heat Program and the church garden.

OUT OF THE HEAT

This program is the summer equivalent of the Out of the Cold Program which St. Thomas's (along with three other churches) participates in over the winter months. In the Out of the Cold Program St Thomas's provides a hot meal for around 80 guests every fourth Friday at St. Stephen's Church on College Street.

When the Out of the Cold Program terminates for the year at the end of April, St Thomas's Out of the Heat Program kicks in and, beginning at the first of May, provides a cold meal every Friday evening in the parish hall for up to 90 guests. The guests receive a wide variety of sandwiches, fresh vegetables, ice cream and hot and cold drinks. They also have an opportunity to socialize with and assist each other. There are usually sufficient sandwiches and water that the guests are able to take some home with them.

This program is designed to fill the very real void which occurs in these programs in the spring of the year when many similar programs close down for the summer.

It recognizes that the needs of our guests do not stop in the warm weather. Extreme heat is no less a danger than extreme cold and the need for good healthy nourishment is very real through out the year.

Thanks to the enthusiasm and ded-

ication of our volunteers working with Maggie Helwig, Fridays are a lot of fun, for both the volunteers and the guests. This atmosphere is aided in no small way by our guests, one of whom, being a talented pianist, provides excellent live music for the occasion.

As well, we have recently had the enthusiastic support from a group of Trinity students who are busy making sandwiches and helping in the kitchen. Recently our efforts have been supported by a group of volunteers who gather to make sandwiches after noon mass on Thursdays.

This important program is very dependent upon volunteers to make sandwiches and to help on site on Fridays. As the summer progresses and volunteers go on holiday, staffing becomes critical. If you have the opportunity to assist in any way with this valuable program, please let us know. It is a lot of fun and no more will be requested of anyone than they feel they wish to do.

PARISH GARDEN

Rob Kennedy and his green thumb mob continue to tend the church garden, which is producing fresh vegetables for the Out of the Heat program. The hard-working volunteers in this project have created a wonderful model of how to create a productive urban garden in very little space. It provides fresh, healthy food for our guests.

The garden is well worth a visit if you wish to get ideas on how to maximize the use of space in your own garden. Again, if you wish to volunteer (no experience needed), Rob and his crew would be pleased

to welcome you to the garden. Parishioners at Epiphany – St Mark were so inspired by their tour of our garden and the video "Greening Sacred Spaces," that they have built one in their parish this year.

OTHER PROJECTS

In addition to our efforts to promote the needs of the homeless and the marginally housed in our society, Maggie Helwig has recognized the need for our guests to be able to access the Internet and is looking at ways to make this happen.

A description of the Outreach Program is available on the St. Thomas's Web site at stthomas.on.ca.

The many people who volunteer for outreach are the backbone of the programs. Thanks very much to all of them and to the Rector, clergy and Churchwardens for their support.

BILL THOMS AND
MAGGIE HELWIG

Worship

SUNDAYS:

Masses 8am (BCP, Said Rite); 9:30am (BAS, Modern Sung Rite); 11am (BCP, Solemn High Rite)

Said Mattins: 10:30am

Solemn Evensong & Devotions: 7pm

WEEKDAYS:

Daily Mass 5:30pm Mon & Fri; 12:15pm Tue & Thu; 7:30am Wed; 10am Sat

Mattins: weekdays 8:30am; Sat & statutory holidays 9:30am

Evensong: 5pm Mon, Thu & Fri; 5:15pm Tue & Wed

Meditation follows Wed Evensong, finishing at 6pm

Confessions: At times announced, or by appointment with any of the parish clergy.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet

One of the glories of St. Thomas's – its rich and inspiring music ministry – is about to be further enriched. Two stops which will greatly enhance the sound of the church organ are soon to be installed.

When the organ was renovated by Guilbault-Thérien in 1991, some elements of the original design could not be completed due to a shortage of funds. A few years ago, one of those gaps was filled with the incorporation of two digital 32-foot stops into the Pedal division.

The unit can be seen behind the choir stalls by those who come up for Communion on the right-hand side of the altar. And, of course, its stirring deep notes are appreciated by all who hear them – and noticed particularly by choristers who sit in the Decani stalls!

Now, another element in the overall plan is about to fall into place. The two remaining stops to be installed are an 8-foot Solo Trumpet and a Cornet V Mixture. They will both sit on the same wind chest, which will be located in the vacant chamber above the organ console.

The Solo Trumpet in particular will be a marvelous and appropriate addition, especially given the many festive occasions and processions that grace the liturgical year on Huron Street. Their joyous impact is sure to be enhanced by the thrilling sound of what some wags (who shall remain nameless) dub the "Hosanna Horn."

Several generous parishioners made significant contributions to the Organ Fund to salute John Tuttle



when he received his honorary degree from the University of Toronto. Thanks to them, to many other ongoing donations – and to the organist and choirmaster himself, who with typically discreet selflessness turns over all his miscellaneous performance fees – there is almost sufficient cash on hand to pay for the wind chest and the 61 Solo Trumpet pipes.

Even though a few thousand dollars still needs to be raised, the decision has been made to proceed with commissioning the work, in confident expectation that music lovers

from inside and outside the parish community will come forward to help. If you wish to donate, please clearly designate your gift for the Organ Fund, and please pass news of this opportunity along to others who would wish to know about it.

As soon as the timetable for the work has been finalized, we'll know when "the trumpet shall sound" for the first time at St. Thomas's – likely in the context of a major festival service late this calendar year or early in 2008. John Tuttle also plans to schedule a solo recital to mark the occasion. IAN ALEXANDER

Finances

SUMMER GIVING

Summer is often packed with vacations and weekends spent outside the city with family and friends. In years past, this has been accompanied by slow giving patterns at St. Thomas's.

This is a gentle reminder and direct appeal to keep the financial needs of the parish in mind. Just as your own bills don't take a break over the summer, our monthly expenses continue to mount. To help protect our funds from drying up in Summer 2007, add St. Thomas's to your summer "To Do" list and write your donation cheques before you go on vacation.

Enjoy time spent with family and friends this summer, and in your planning, remember your St. Thomas's family.

PREPARE TO FEAST

Keep your calendars open, diet while you can and prepare your appetites and pocketbook,s because Feast For Our Finances (son of Dine Away the Deficit) will start in the fall.

Building on the successful program of two years ago, Feast For Our Finances will be a way to meet other parishioners, share incredible meals, and raise money for the St. Thomas's Church Operating Fund.

A planning group is meeting to see how we can improve the program while maintaining the strengths of Dine Away the Deficit. Once again we will be looking for volunteers to host events. And of course, we hope that all parishioners will attend.

Stay tuned for fantastic fare and fellowship from the program that will put the stew back in stewardship and the fun back in fundraising!

CHARIS KELSO & MICHAEL ROWLAND



WORK IS UNDERWAY ON WHITE VESTMENTS

The white vestments are now under construction. Donalda McTaggart recently brought to the church a sample of her fine embroidery being applied to the dalmatic. The design comes from a pattern once belonging to the Sisters of St John the Divine, who produced many of our most beautiful and historic vestments.

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said, incense making is certainly not a cheap proposition. The main ingredient, gum olibanum – frankincense – begins life as sap in trees native to Somalia, Gold Coast, or India. The 200-pound bag used at St. Mary's costs \$500.00US. It is mixed with the other ingredients in 80-100 gallon garbage pails.

"We make it once a year on site. It would be too heavy to transport," says Fr. Mead.

That means a flying visit from the incumbent "incensemeister." Though a long time parishioner of St. Mary's, Ken Isler now resides in Arizona.

Obviously it is a labour of love – he's been doing it for almost two decades.

Using essential oils ranging from cedar to tuberose, Mr. Isler creates unique scents for different occasions to help establish feelings of joy, remorse, or contemplation depending on whether it's Advent, Lent, Holy Week...

"Our thuribles hold 6-8 bricks at a time," according to Fr. Mead. He estimates they go through 200-300 pounds per year. Visitors are able to purchase small bags at \$15.00 each-or a pound for \$100.00. David O'Rourke's first visit to St. Mary's more than 40 years ago made a real impression.

"It was summer but the sweet smelling billows of pure white

smoke made it seem as though I was walking into midnight mass," he says. While there is something of a backlash against scented products with some Canadian cities going so far as to ban their use in public places, Father Mead said St. Mary's has not experienced any anti-incense sentiment.



"People know what to expect when they come here. I would guess those who can't tolerate incense just stay away."

Certainly it is almost inconceivable to imagine either of these venerable parishes without their fragrant aroma.

JENNIFER GRANGE

INCENSE AT ST. THOMAS'S

St. Thomas's uses about eight pounds of incense yearly. In the absence of a Canadian supplier of quality incense, our parish buys "non-choking" incense from a Roman Catholic supplier in the USA for \$24 per lb. In the past, our parish has also used an Orthodox source.

There have been a few brief, fumbling attempts to make incense but it never went far. To parishioners with time on their hands: we see an opportunity. There are usually two scents on hand but they are used interchangeably.

According to David O'Rourke, the amount of smoke produced depends less on the amount of incense used and more on the number of pieces of charcoal (usually two or three). Open windows can push smoke into the choir or congregation very quickly, particularly in winter.

Whatever the season, it is difficult to control how the incense behaves.

FUN FACTS

Frankincense is mentioned 22 times in the Bible, most prominently as one of the gifts of the Magi. It has always been expensive. Incense was first mentioned as part of Christian worship circa the 5th century.

The Greeks used it as protection from demons. It is used as an offering to the deity in Hinduism.

In early civilizations it was used as a fumigant – available only to the wealthy – to mask the ever-present odour of death and decay.

ST T'S ON YOUR IPOD

Since Easter of 2007, a number of St. Thomas's services have been recorded and made available on the church Web site. (the Web address for the service recordings page is <http://www.stthomas.on.ca/index.cfm?sectionID=1&articleID=83>)

These audio recordings have proven

to be quite popular - for example, the Palm Sunday 11 a.m. service has been downloaded well over four hundred times.

A new feature is now available: in the same way that you can subscribe to the Smoky Times podcast, you can now subscribe to service recordings using what is called an RSS feed, which allows your computer (with iTunes sof-

ware or the equivalent) to download new service recordings automatically as they become available.

In non-summer months, normally at least one service per Sunday will be recorded and made available. If you have questions or need help subscribing, please speak to me or send an email : john@meadowsonline.com

JOHN MEADOWS

Incense by the 200-lb bag

Ask a Toronto cab driver to drop you at 383 Huron and he will nod his head knowingly, "Ah, yes, Smoky Tom's."

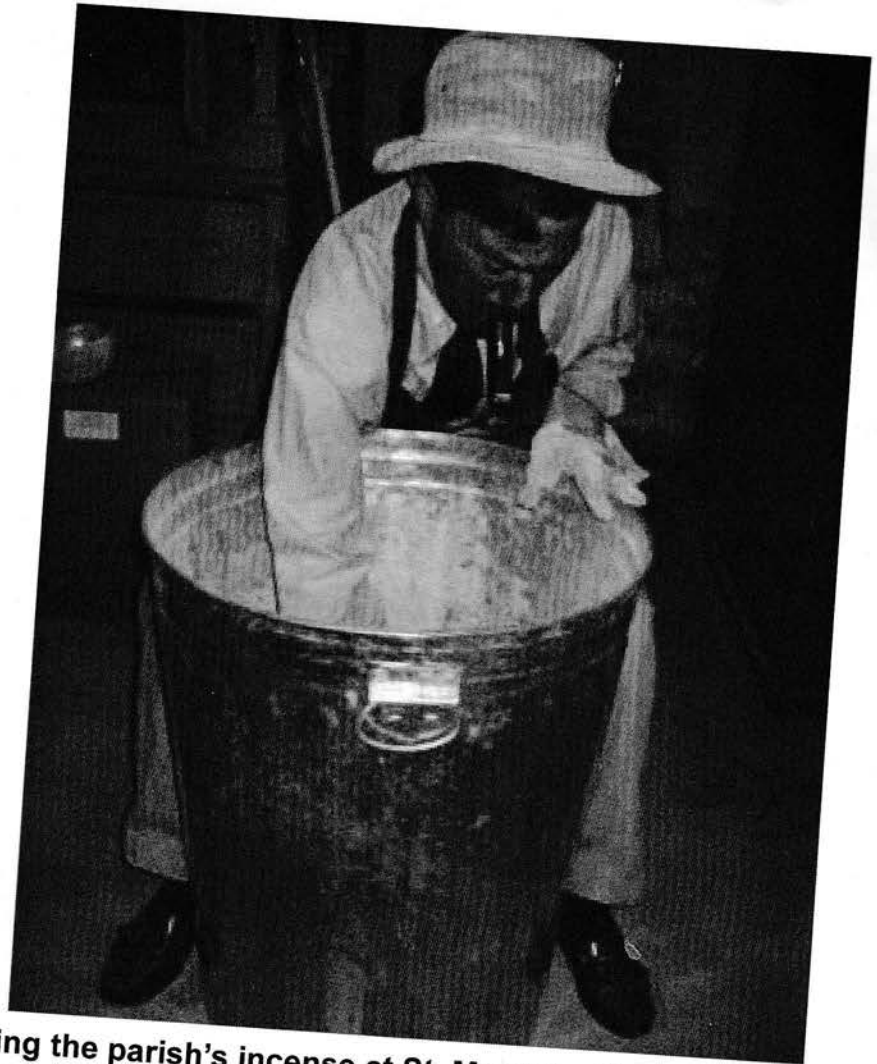
Such is the inexorable link between St. Thomas's and the use of incense that virtually any Anglican – or indeed anyone who knows anything about churches in the country – knows our Anglo-Catholic parish is noted for its fragrant scent.

However, there is a New York City parish that leaves St. Thomas's, if not in the dust, at least in a cloud of smoke. There are many similarities between our parish and the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Times Square, aka Smoky Mary's. Both are Anglo-Catholic parishes which grew out of the Oxford Movement. Founded in 1868, St. Mary's is slightly older.

Also like St. Thomas's which had the good fortune to receive – and continues to receive – the benefits of Gerald Larkin's wealth, St. Mary's also had a benefactor in the person of John Jacob Astor. He donated the land on which the first church was built at 228 West 45th Street with the proviso that there were to be no pew fees, a radical departure for the time.

When the parish outgrew its church 25 years later, John Jacob Astor's son, William, bought back the land at market value enabling the construction of a "French Gothic" structure on 4th Street – this time seating 800. Again like St. Thomas's, St. Mary's was associated with sisters of the church – the community of St. John Baptist. The Sisters have recently taken up residence again in the Mission House to enhance the work of the parish.

What was once basically a resi-



Making the parish's incense at St. Mary the Virgin, Times Square, is a labour of love for Ken Isler – he's been doing it for almost two decades.

dential area is now full of businesses and tourist attractions.

The church's doors are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with daily

incense, Smoky Mary's makes its own. No one currently at the church can remember when the practice started.

"We use so much that at one point it just became more economical to make our own."

masses said at the high altar so that passersby can look in to see worship in action – and to experience its unique aroma.

While St. Thomas's relies on an outside source for its supply of in-

"We use so much that at one point it just became more economical to make our own," according to curate the Reverend Matthew Mead. That

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