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highest*



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Ken Bombay told me this story over coffee one day. He told me of a time when he was a child – a pastor's kid. He was in bed, pretending to sleep all the while listening in on his parent's conversation. You see the kitchen was directly beneath his room and the hole where the old stove pipe came up through the floor was wide open, offering the perfect conduit for little ears.

With deep concern, Ken's pastor dad said to his wife, "It has been 6 weeks since anyone has come to the Lord at church. What's wrong?" They talked for a while. Ken's dad decided to go to prayer; fasting and

prayer.

Day after day little Ken would come home from school for lunch and hear his dad in his study calling out in prayer, pleading with the Lord to send repentance and revival in their congregation. After two weeks of fasting and prayer, Ken came home for lunch and upon opening the door heard his dad erupting in prayer in other tongues. His family home was electric with the dynamic presence of the Living God.

That Sunday revival broke out in their church in western Canada. Nothing was ever the same. Steady streams of people came to faith in Christ and were empowered by the Holy Spirit for lives of service. So it was because a pastor of a small church refused to let business-as-usual creep in. Ken's dad anticipated and even expected repentance and revival to follow

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gospel ministry. When 6 consecutive Sundays had passed without direct signs he took on the spiritual discipline of fasting and prayer on behalf of his people.

"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

ACTS 2:17-21 [ESV]

Every hair on my body stood on end as Ken shared this story with me. I thought, "I want to be THAT guy."

Dear brothers and sisters, this Advent I will be fasting and praying for you and for our church. I will be journeying through a season of repentance, anticipation and expectancy; looking for the Lord to show up in power in our midst.

The new status quo I am praying for and expecting will see people repenting, being born again and empowered by God the Holy Spirit weekly. Nothing but that will do.

Will you pray with me? Will you dare to let faith arise in your heart and so shape your prayers that your eyes gush for the lost in your neighborhoods, workplaces and families? This advent season will you join me in anticipation of nothing less than revival?

Having studied historical revivals, Tim Keller points out a three-stage pattern. In stage 1 nominal church attendees are converted to Christ. Stage 2 sees lukewarm Christians set ablaze and in stage 3 the world is drawn in to participate.

Do you long for the day when people driving by St. G's Burlington or walking past St. G's Milton, are drawn in and fall to their faces throwing themselves on the love and mercy of the Lord?

Dear Lord, bring revival and use us!

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Ray David

Synod Report 2009

Again this year Mary Ann Masters, Dave Wilson and I [Kelvin Loveless] had the privilege to be your lay delegates at ANiC Synod. This year it was held in a large community church just this side of St. Catharines. There were many from St. George's in attendance including all our clergy, some observers and numerous volunteers. Many thanks to the ANiC staff and all the volunteers who made Synod possible.



Dave Wilson and Kelvin Loveless



Rev. Keith Stodart and Rev. Peter Parent at synod.

Business activities were quite light this year as the ordination of the bishops was a main focus. It was truly a Spirit filled event, where the truth of the gospel was held high. It was both an emotional and uplifting experience. It was a joy to hear all of the reports from the many new parishes, projects and church plants, including the three associated with St. George's: Church of the Messiah, St. Paul Anglican Bible Church (Stoney Creek), and the Toronto Centre ANiC Project.

There was lots of opportunity to get to know the delegates from the other churches over the great food served daily. I particularly enjoyed hearing about what God is doing on the island of Montreal. God has met one need after the other so that in less than a year there are two thriving churches one of which has over 130 in weekly attendance.

We were blessed to have many bishops in attendance from the other diocese of the ACNA, as well as the primate, Archbishop Robert Duncan. Synod concluded with the consecration and ordination of three new bishops including our beloved Charlie, three men of God who are up for the task. Bishop Charlie has responsibility for the East (including Ontario), and Bishop Trevor (Walters) has responsibility for the West. Bishop Stephen (Leung) has responsibility for Asian congregations in North America.



Archbp. Robert Duncan

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CONSECRATION

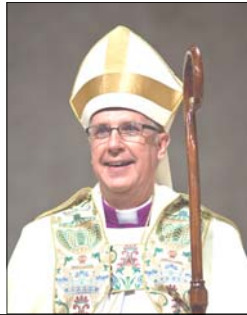
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Bishop Trevor Walters



Bishop Charlie Masters



Bishop Stephen Leung





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Much more can be said, but I will point you to the ANiC blog <http://www.anglicanessentials.ca/wordpress/> for more information.

Next year's Synod is promised to be more "nuts and bolts" as the new constitution and canons are to be presented. God is truly at work in ANiC and ACNA. We pray that this may be another year of substantial growth in ANiC. Let us pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit to be revealed in power among us and that there will be a true revival in our lives, church, and country.

Submitted on behalf of your lay delegates,

Kelvin Loveless



The synod honoured the Rev. Dr. Marney Patterson for his many years of preaching the Gospel at home and abroad. Bishop Don presented his License as Priest in the Anglican Network in Canada and part of the Province of the Anglican Church of North America.



Dear people of St. George's,

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." [Philippians 1:3-5]

Over the years my family and I have repeatedly experienced warm kindness and love from you the people of St. George's. Again in the last weeks and more specifically around the Services of Consecration and Installation as a Bishop, you have showered me and my family with amazing love which has been such a joy. Bless you and thank you! The joy and love you showed about this new step in my life is so incredible. I will never forget it! Truly the Lord is at work in you, and I and my family have been the happy recipients of his love shining through you.

There is nowhere I would rather have been installed than to have this service hosted

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by St. George's at the Crossroads Centre. The effort so many made to be at both services, even organizing a bus, was such a blessing to me. It meant so much to me to have Ray David as my chaplain on November 13th, as well as leader of Evening Prayer on the Sunday, and to have Garth my chaplain on the 15th. It was a joy to be surrounded by such dear friends and so many members of St. George's, to have the bulk of the choir be St. George's on Friday. Bill Foley our Organist Emeritus led so wonderfully on the organ and piano at that time, and was also our organist at the Installation. As well, Bryan led so powerfully in that service. As far as I am concerned, both services were about as close to heaven as I have experienced thus far. I have never experienced such powerful worship as that Sunday evening. The reception on Sunday was warm and joyful and filled with lots of good things to eat and drink. People obviously felt very cared for. Certainly I did, as did the family.

Not only is it an encouragement to be on the receiving end of such grace, but also it causes me to rejoice at what the Lord is doing in you, the Parish of St. George's. I am not able to be with you enough, but when I am, I am always thrilled by what I see and hear. I always thank God for you, and as I begin my calling as a Bishop, I thank God that we are partners in the gospel. You are a huge encouragement! The Lord has a great plan for you under your dear rector, Ray David.

I will also always have a reminder of you now on my right hand, fourth finger. The gift of my beautiful Episcopal ring from you, the people of St. George's, is such a blessing. The face of the ring is a simple but beautiful cross. I wanted that. I want to be reminded that, like Paul, I have chosen to know "nothing except Jesus Christ and him crucified." I want people's faith to be based on a demonstration of the Spirit's power as they turn to Jesus and his cross and not on anything else.

So dear friends, as far as I am concerned, it is now official, though it was never really in doubt. You're amazing! I love you and thank you! I am honoured now to be your Bishop and as always, count on your prayer. I assure you, I pray for you!

With much love,

+Charlie

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Joe Sheds the Dreads for Cancer

Research

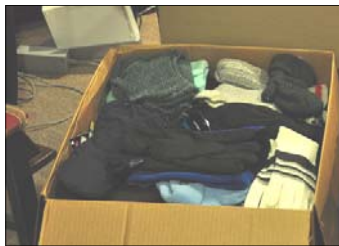
Parishioner Josev Biggar cut off his dreadlocks after sporting them for over nine years. He raised over \$10,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society, many of the donations from parishioners of St. George's. Scott Walker, Jim Biggar, Eli Hicks and Mike Dymont also shaved their head in support of the Cancer Society. If you want to donate for this cause, go to



<http://convio.cancer.ca/goto/dreadlocks> or talk to Josev for alternate arrangements.

Hats, Scarves, Gloves for Manitoba

The St. George's congregation has collected three boxes full of hats, scarves, gloves and other winter accessories for reservations near Kinosota and Amaranth, Manitoba. These donations will help the children stay warm during the excessively long and cold winters in the Manitoba Prairies.



YOUTH TRANSITION TEAM

The youth transition team is comprised of **Derek Kerr, Josev Biggar, Ray Smith, and Garth Hunt.** Together we will seek to help our youth embrace a vital relationship with Jesus as Saviour and King, and also encourage them to mature into all that the Lord has called them to be.

Our intention has been that each week will contain one youth event, alternating between social "hangin' out" fun events, and a worship and discipleship Bible study. Most months then will have 2 Bible studies and 2 social events. From time to time there will be social outings as well. Presently, Thursday evenings are being used for the social event and Sunday evenings for the Bible study in Milton. We ask for your prayer and support!



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St George's Winter Family Fun Day

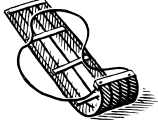
Saturday, January 16th

2pm – 7pm

The Lovelesses

3319 Britannia Road

905 331 2054



- ◆ Skating (weather permitting)
Free skating
- ◆ Hockey Game (4-5pm)
- ◆ Small toboggan run
(6 and under)
- ◆ Winter hiking
- ◆ Fellowship
- ◆ Bonfire (6pm)

Indoors:

- ◆ Board games and children's toys.
- ◆ Hot & cold Drinks
- ◆ Pot-luck supper (5pm)

Bring your skates, hockey stick, toboggans and flashlights.
For dinner, please bring a dish (dinner or dessert) that would feed your family and one or two more adults.

Everyone Welcome



Along with Bishop Don Harvey, the Sunday school celebrates Installation Sunday.



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The Christmas Hope

“ . . . the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, . . . ”

[Matthew 4: 16, ESV]

Our world is woefully short on hope this Christmas period. The effects of a long recession have spread hopelessness everywhere. It seems more pandemic than the H1N1 virus. For instance, the improving employment statistics are not so improved as they appear. Experts tell us that thousands of Canadians have simply dropped out of the job market. They have given up hope and are no longer looking for work. More gloom. Recent polls inform us that one third of Canadians will buy less this Christmas. [Now if that money were going to charity, it would be a blessing, but that doesn't seem to be the case.] So stores are feverishly trying to lure consumers back. The government fears the impact on an already shaky economy.



Our military solution coupled with economic assistance for Afghanistan was born in hope that we could liberate that country from oppression. Now we are told that the democratic government is corrupt, the Taliban is growing stronger, and we are losing the battle. The caskets conveyed along the Highway of Heroes continue, augmenting the statistics of our war dead. Closer to home, violence is on the rise in our cities. We are losing hope that our streets will ever be safe again.

Recently, I was given the gift of a book from two of our nephews. It is the reprint of Colson's "God and Government". In its pages, I was reminded of the philosophies of despair that filled our universities when I was young. Frederick Nietzsche's anti-Christian ethic spawned the horrors of Naziism. Later also came the God-is-Dead movement of the 1960's. Another, Ernest Hemingway, chose suicide because death was "an old whore" as he said, and the existence of God was in grave doubt. Lastly, Jean-Paul Sartre wrote ". . . on a shuttered and deserted stage, without script, prompter, or audience, the actor is free to improvise his own part."

In the wake of the resulting existential vacuum, the atheists developed a "scientific humanism" to give some kind of moral compass. It was meant to eliminate any faith in any religious system. It failed miserably. Hope was so devalued that it devalued human life with it. Consequently, in this year of our Lord 2009, we have rampant abortion, a mounting crusade for assisted suicide, and a renewed call for eugenics (selective breeding). Such is the approaching demise of hope in our culture.

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Thank God that there is a REAL alternative to blowing our brains out with all this negativity, or trying to drown it with drugs, alcohol, and “stuff”. It is the Christmas HOPE. It comes in the news of St. Matthew that a great LIGHT has appeared in our darkness. If we can reclaim the same humility that moved Judean shepherds to crawl through the opening of a cave-stable two millennia ago, St. Luke gives us added hope. And we will find the glow of that light illuminating the dark, scary places of our souls and of our culture.

There is hope in Christ—the Word made flesh invading the darkness of our planet with eternal lumination.

There is hope in Christ—the crucified One who died in my place.

♪ My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness ♪

There is hope in Christ—risen from the grave; death has lost its sting.

♪ There’s a light in the valley of death now for me, since Jesus came into my heart.♪

There is hope in Christ—ascended to glory. He is there at the Father’s right hand. The book of Hebrews 6:19, 20 assures every believer that we have an anchor of hope “beyond the veil”. He is our Intercessor and Advocate in the courts of God Almighty.

There is hope in Christ—returning in glory. The Scriptures call it “the blessed hope”. The Prince of Peace will one day bring lasting peace to our weary world.

The Light that shone into the oppression in a small Palestinian village called Bethlehem, that light cradled in a manger, is our shining Hope this Christmas.

♪ Yet in thy dark street shineth the everlasting Light

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.♪

May I, on behalf of Christ, invite you home to hope today? The invitation is in the form of the chorus on an old Gospel song:

♪ Come to the light, ’tis shining for thee;

Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me.

Once I was blind, but now I can see

The Light of the world is Jesus.♪

Ken Bombay



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Church of the Messiah News



Peter said in reply to Jesus: *Behold, we have left everything to follow you! What then will we have?* Jesus said to them: . . . *everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.* Matthew 19:27, 29 [NIV]

We had humble beginnings as we first gathered to worship, but the Lord began to supply all our needs: hymn books, bibles, a library, chairs, a keyboard and amp, a communion set and many other items. God has blessed us richly and we are so thankful for all that He has done for us. Many times He spoke into the hearts of others, and through them our needs have been met. This is exactly what happened when Rev. Bombay gave our church a beautiful communion set. What a joy it was for Peter to receive it on our behalf and how grateful we are to Rev. Bombay.

Another of our highlights was Bishop Charlie asking to join us for his first service as Bishop. During this service Charlie blessed the communion set and we used it for the first time. God's word is transforming and its power changes lives; our new Bishop asked us to commit our lives to the Lord and be transformed. How refreshing it is to see a Bishop who truly wants to build God's kingdom through this church and has such a heart of compassion for God's children.

This has been a year of firsts for the Church of the Messiah; Dottie, Peter and I had the joy of representing the parish at our first Synod. This was my first synod and it was a Holy Spirit filled occasion. The highlight of the whole event for me was hearing about all the church plants and the stories of what God has been doing in them. Peter shared our story and began by telling everyone that the balloon on the map was not a balloon but the fire of the Holy Spirit resting in Norwich. We saw many balloons that day as church plant after church plant made their presentation; the fire of the Holy Spirit is pouring out all over Canada.

Part of God's plan for Church of the Messiah is to partner with Youth for Christ and their children at the Upper Deck. Two of our members now volunteer at The Deck. And a few weeks ago as we socialized after the service, Peter noticed two young members of the Deck outside. God gave Peter the guidance to go outside and welcome them in. We now have three children from the Deck joining us for Sunday school. What a wonderful oppor-



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tunity to show them God's love. Being a Christian is an unexpected and exciting adventure; through this adventure we grow. This church is growing in many ways and we give God all the glory.

As three of us gathered one Saturday to set up for the Sunday service we recognized a need for some bookshelves to house our library. Now most Saturday mornings end with a trip to the Salvation Army Store in Norwich. This Saturday was no different. Before we went over to the store, we prayed, 'Lord, you know our needs and we need some bookcases for our library, so we are asking you to provide them for us'. When we got to the front door of the Salvation Army store, there was a sign on the window saying, "all furniture fifty percent off". We found not one, but two bookcases. This is just one of many answered prayers. God is indeed good, all the time.

Church for us now is a family, a body of believers who care for each other, who hunger for God's word and His presence. While many of us have faced many challenges and struggles over the past months, we are joyful. God has blessed us in so many ways and we are thankful for the partnership with St. George's.



Sheilagh Roloson

Ladies Advent Tea

Waiting on the Lord

Speaker: Rhonda Glenn

Enjoy Various Teas
Desserts
Fellowship

Date: Sat. Dec 5th

Time: 2-4pm



Crossroads Centre
In the The Towne Square

Music with Dianne Biggar

To reserve a ticket please contact
Donna at office@stgchurch.ca
or 905 335-6222

Organized by: Women's Conference
Committee at St. George's Church

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LIBRARY NEWS



We have many Christian books to start a lending library at St. George's.

However, we are in need of several volunteers to catalogue the books on a computer, put them on the shelves in the office, and manage the lending. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Pam Bales at 905-827-1097 or rbales@cogeco.ca



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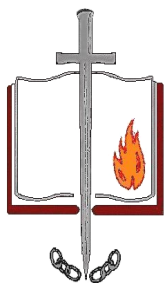
Sharing the Good News of Christmas

How do we let our community know we are here? Our leadership group challenges one another with the question regularly to be sure that we are working to grow our church, not just be. In God's glorious way, in the past month He put before us bookstore flyers, and finally a sample, of a new evangelism initiative sponsored by the publishers of the ESV Bible and endorsed by Dr. J.I. Packer.

Called *Sharing the Good News of Christmas*, this initiative is to deliver a gift bag to each household in your neighbourhood. The beautifully decorated bag contains an invitation to a Christmas Eve service, a tract on Christmas by Max Lucado and a Christmas Edition ESV New Testament Bible. Ideally you knock on doors and deliver the gift personally, but it can be hung on a door handle if there is no response. (You can learn more about this initiative at <http://goodnewsofchristmas.fdi.ca/>)

On December 5 we will be visiting 100 homes in the area of John Knox Christian School leaving a gift bag at each home. Please pray with us that God will move many people to come to our Christmas Eve service. Please also pray that they may be touched by God's hand with the desire to know more.

A logo to go with our name



- ◆ The sword in upright position forms a cross, representing Christ, of whom Paul said, "We preach Christ crucified" (1 Corinthians 1:23).
- ◆ The sword also symbolizes Paul's martyrdom. As a Roman citizen, Paul could not be crucified nor stoned, the two most common means of execution, but rather was accorded the "honour" of beheading by sword.
- ◆ The book represents God's Word in Holy Scripture including the many epistles written by Paul.
- ◆ The tongues of flame represent the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ The chains representing the imprisonment of Paul in Rome, are broken to represent our freedom in Christ.

Following our "naming" as St. Paul Anglican Bible Church, our Lord provided us with a new logo. This is now proudly displayed on a large banner on the stage behind our altar

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table. The centrepiece of this banner is, of course, a large cross. Little by little the gym at John Knox Christian School is looking more like a sanctuary. We know that it is not the ‘dressings’ that make us a church, however they do bring in the elements of our Anglican traditions and liturgy.

Please continue to pray for and with us, dear brothers & sisters in Christ – that God would add to His Church in Stoney Creek, that He would keep the leadership team strong, getting enough rest to continue the work He has given us to do. We give Him praise for all His provision and thanks for entrusting us with being His hands.

Your brothers & sisters at St. Paul Anglican Bible Church:

Jim & Jude Carriere, Dave & Marg Gordon, Jim Muirhead, John & Zandra Pennylegion



St Matthew's House Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program

Are you looking for a special way to share your Christmas with someone less fortunate than you? I invite you to join in making a more joyful Christmas for a family, by participating in the St. Matthew's House Adopt-a-Family Christmas Program.

There will be an envelope in your bulletin. Please put your contribution in the marked envelope and place it on the offering plate by December 6.

In Matthew 25:35-36, Jesus tells us “For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. . . . I was naked and you gave me clothing. When Jesus was asked, “Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink?” . . . Jesus replied in verse 40: “I assure you, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me.” [NLT]

For more information, contact Betty Pristol at (905) 837-1918 or email at drumard@bell.net



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Rev. Keith Stodart

Rev. Deacon Garth Hunt

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**Crossroads Centre Chapel, 1295
North Service Road, Burlington**

**9:00 am Morning Prayer or Holy Com-
munion, and Sunday school**

**10: 45 family service, nursery and Sun-
day school**

**6:30 p.m., evening service at Milton Bible
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Thou didst leave thy Throne

*Thou didst leave thy throne and
thy kingly crown, when thou
camest to earth for me; but in
Bethlehem's home was there
found no room for thy holy na-
tivity. O come to my heart, Lord
Jesus, there is room in my heart
for thee.*

*Heaven's arches rang when the
angels sang, proclaiming thy
royal degree; but of lowly birth
didst thou come to earth, and in
great humility. O come to my
heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in
my heart for thee.*

*When the heavens shall ring,
and the angels sing, at thy com-
ing to victory, let thy voice call
me home, saying "Yet there is
room, there is room at my side
for thee." O come to my heart,
Lord Jesus, there is room in my
heart for thee.*

Emily Elizabeth Steele Elliott,

1864