

Celebrations!



January 9th - Proud parents Blair Dickerson and Shawn Dolan with their son Gabriel Brian at his baptism. Gabriel's godfather, Mayor Jim Watson, looks on.



February 1st— Wynne Mundy at her 100th birthday celebration at the Edinburgh Retirement Residence.



January 16th - The Right Reverend John Chapman celebrating communion at the 10:30 a.m. service.

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Cornerstone

The St Bart's Cornerstone team members are :
Liz Kane, Gordon Jackson, Jane Little, Joan Truemner, Joanne Nelson, Mary Mahoney, Bev Hyde, Jane Breen, Jennifer Barbarie, Nancy Hooper, Busy Dale-Harris, Linda Assad-Butcher, Bonnie Robinson, Pat Morris, Lynne McGuffin, Nancy Colton, Barbara Konst, Rosemary MacDonald, Ellen Zeiss, Sheila Perry, Carol Matson, Ann Ericsson, Janet McLaine, Joanne Delamere, Claire Schofield, Kitty Jones, Marilyn Myers, Pam Mallon, Jane Mather, Ann McDougall, Carina dePellegrin, Mary Armstrong, Judith Dowler and Sandra Ferguson.

We are grateful to everyone at St. Bartholomew's for supporting our involvement with Cornerstone.

Hitting the Books!



Fr. David and members of the Thursday morning Bible Study group.

The Cheerful Epistle

**The Church of St. Bartholomew
Parish Newsletter**



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A MESSAGE FROM CANON DAVID CLUNIE

I send you Epiphany and Lenten greetings. Most of you know that we have been giving large amounts to outreach in the past three years, over \$300,000 from our Social Outreach and Christian Education Fund. We are set to recommend grants to another group of charities at our **Vestry Meeting** on March 13th. I hope you can attend that meeting. All members of St. Bart's are members of Vestry. It is our annual gathering that reviews the past year and sets a new budget and priorities for the coming year. The meeting begins at 12:30 p.m., immediately following the service.

Our Bishop, **John Chapman**, visited us on January 16 as our preacher and celebrant at the Eucharist. On February 1st, I attended the 100th birthday of our most senior parishioner **Wynne Mundy**, who now lives at the Edinburgh Residence. The picture on the back page, shows her receiving a message of congratulations from the Governor General.

I hope you will consider joining us for our **Lenten series** to be held in late March. The three-week series considers scripture through the eyes of artists. Another ongoing event to consider is our weekly bible study, every Thursday morning from 10-11 a.m. We look at the bible readings for the coming Sunday and discuss them—and I can honestly say we discuss them in a lively manner!

We are all grateful for the improvements to our buildings over the past year. The **new roof** is the most obvious but there have been myriad necessary upgrades and repairs. Did I mention our two furnaces that became inoperable in December and are now replaced?

The Holy Spirit is alive and well among us. I hope you will take the Lenten season to prepare for Easter and avail yourself of the many things going on in our midst.



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The Epistles are the letters from the Apostles found in the New Testament, and St. Bartholomew is known as the "cheerful Apostle".

So the name of this newsletter, "The Cheerful Epistle", is meant to reflect the positive outlook of both St. Bartholomew in his lifetime, and the spirit in which the members of our church carry out our own mission.

SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS AT ST. BARTS

(subject to change)

March

NCEA Board Meeting

Monday - March 21

Lenten Series

Wednesday - March 23

6:30-9:00 p.m.

Parents Night Out

Friday-March 25

Parish Council

Monday - March 28 - 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Series

Wednesday - March 30

6:30-9:00 p.m.

April

Lenten Series

Tuesday - April 5

IODE Meeting

Wednesday - April 6 - 9 a.m.

Concert with James McLean

Wednesday - April 6 - 7:30 p.m.

New Edinburgh Theatre

Fundraiser

Friday - April 8

30 Hour Famine

Friday-Saturday-April 8-9

Stillwaters Wilderness Retreat

Friday-Sunday -April 8-10

Palm Sunday

Sunday - April 17

8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

NCEA Board Meeting

Monday - April 18 - 5-11:00 p.m.

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New Class Coming to Growing Sunday School

Sunday School at St. Bart's is expanding. Since September 2009, the number of children participating in Sunday morning groups has increased from less than 20 to approximately 30 - an increase of more than 50 per cent. This happy situation has required teachers to add a third class designed especially for children aged six to eight, the school's largest age group.

The St. Bart's Sunday school is coordinated by Carole Schmidt, a former principal of the junior school at Rockcliffe's Elmwood School. Carole credits the increase in class size to the Sunday School's enthusiastic team of teachers and their commitment to engaging young people, particularly through the introduction of a new curriculum called "SPARK - Activate Faith." The SPARK program provides a greater variety of activities and lessons to fit the wide age range of the children and also allows teachers to tailor their classes. This year's teachers are Linda Assad-Butcher, Bryan Brulotte, Gillian Campbell, Carina DePellegrin, Blair Dickerson, Richard Maclure, Lisa Samson and Claire Burrows. We're looking forward to a very exciting year!

In other Christian education news, the Sunday School will be offering a pre-communion class beginning April 3. Please speak to the teachers for more information.

St. Bart's Youth Group Activities ~ Blake Wright

St. Bart's youth group meets Sunday mornings during church and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm. In addition to these regularly scheduled meetings, the youth take part in other activities about once a month.

The schedule for the upcoming weeks is as follows:
Sunday mornings 10:30 am ~ meet in the youth room.
Wednesday's 6:30-8:00 pm ~ meet in the church hall.

*Parents Night Out is tentatively set for March 25
30-Hour Famine has been set for April 8 & 9*

If you have any questions, or would like to offer support in some way, please contact Blake Wright by email at mrblakewright@yahoo.ca or by phone 996-1505. We look forward to your participation!

Seasonal Decorating ~ Sandra Ferguson

St Bart's is always a charming and attractive church and at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas it is especially beautiful thanks to the work of our seasonal decorator, Sandra Ferguson. Donations for memorial flowers at Easter are now being accepted. Please mail your cheque to the parish office or place it in the collection plate on Sundays with the name of those you wish remembered. If you would like to assist Sandra in decorating, please call her at 613-746-8259 or email her at j_s.ferguson@sympatico.ca



Teachers and Children have lots to do at Sunday School !

Cooking for Cornerstone Shelter ~ Sandra Ferguson

St. Bart's participation in the Cornerstone programme began in the fall of 2009 when parishioner Janet Uren arranged for part proceeds of a play to help fund a St. Bart's Cornerstone initiative. Enthusiasm for the project led other parishioners and team members to donate their time and funds as well. In the fall of 2010, Janet collaborated with the Linden House players to raise \$1500 in ticket sales and \$430 in dessert sales from a special performance of Noel Coward's play *Blithe Spirit*. The performance, attended by members of St. Bart's and the local community, was very well received - as were the funds raised! Once a month, parishioner Moira Esdaile leads a team of volunteers at the Rockcliffe Retirement Residence in preparing sandwiches and Moira provides her special shortbread for the Cornerstone evening meal. The Rockcliffe kindly provides partial funding and a driver to deliver the sandwiches- a gesture which is gratefully acknowledged. Feel free to talk to any of us about the programme!

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Coffee & Tea after the 8:15 service

Coffee and breakfast type goodies are provided every second week by a dedicated group of early risers. Coffee hour teams are Jane Billings & Ron Thomson, Meriel Bradford & Shelia Perry, Anne McDougall & Anne McDougall (yes, we have two!), Bonnie & Andy Robinson, Alex Reid & Lynne McGuffin, Jane Mather, Pat Morris & Sandra Ferguson. Attendance at this social time is increasing.

Potluck Dinner
Thursday - April 21 - 6:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday - April 21 - 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday
Friday - April 22 - 10 a.m.
Office Closed
Friday - April 22
Easter Sunday
Sunday - April 24
8:15 and 10:30 a.m.
Office Closed
Monday-April 25

May

IODE Meeting
Wednesday - May 4 - 9 a.m.
Passport Duo Concert
Cello & Piano
Sunday - May 15 - 2 p.m.
Condo Board Meeting
Wednesday- May 18 5-10 p.m.
Office closed for Victoria Day
Monday - May 23

June

IODE Meeting
Wednesday - June 1 - 9 a.m.
Service
Order of St. George
Saturday - June 4 - 2 p.m.
Bales in the Hall
Saturday-June 11 - 9a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Parish Barbeque
Sunday - June 19
Passport Duo Concert
Cello & Piano
Sunday - June 19 - 2 p.m.
NCEA Board Meeting
Monday-June 20- 5-11 p.m.



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