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PRIEST'S MESSAGE

“Do not cling to me.”

Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams wrote:

“... we cannot have Jesus just on our terms. After the resurrection, with its demonstration that Jesus' life is as indestructible as God's life, we can't simply go back to the Jesus who is humanly familiar; and—obviously—we can't have Jesus as a warm memory, a dear departed whose grave we can visit. He is alive and ahead of us. Christian faith does not look back to a great teacher and example but forward to where Jesus leads, to that ultimate being-at-home with God that he has brought to life in the history of our world.”

When Mary mistakes Jesus for the gardener, we are reminded that God is continually showing his presence in the common things and in the common experiences of life. God is always here. Jesus' presence is revealed to us many times and in many different ways, but it is not among the dead. When we cling to memories or tradition as our only source of support and guidance for life we, too, are seeking Christ among the dead. Mary wept at the tomb, but it was a living being, the one she at first thought to be the gardener, who brought her back to life again. Christ's presence is revealed to us among the living. We are not just to believe in the resurrection. We should expect to see resurrection in our every day experiences as well as in heaven. Jesus says, “Do not cling to me. Go and bring others along on the journey.”

I encourage you to join us on the journey to Easter and a profound resurrection experience by attending the Holy

Week services; beginning on Palm Sunday with the procession into Jerusalem, observing the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evening, celebrating the Last Supper and the Foot Washing on Maundy Thursday, observing the Solemnity of the Passion on Good Friday, the celebration of The Great Vigil of Easter, culminating with the wonderful celebration of Easter Sunday.

May you experience the joy of resurrection in your life!

Yours in Christ,

Jennifer

The Rev. Jennifer Matthews

Sunday Flowers

If you would like flowers placed in the Sanctuary, please forward request and payment (suggested donation of \$50) to the office one week in advance.

Deadline for the Next Courier is Sunday, April 25.

Please send submissions to
admin@stjohnsnorway.org or place them
in the mail rack outside the office.

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WARDENS' REPORT

Many thanks to all who turned out to our Annual Vestry Meeting on February 21. Our attendance was not as high as in previous years, however it was a well-organised and productive meeting. Thanks go to all our outgoing officeholders for the unstinting donation of their time and talents; without volunteers, our church would not be able to be the warm and welcoming place it is. A special thank you to the ladies of the Norway Group and A.C.W. who provide us with a wonderful lunch every year. Also thanks to Pat Murray who has agreed to be our FaithWorks Coordinator.

In property news, we discovered that a family of squirrels had taken up residence in the attic over the Counting Room in the northeast end of the church. Due to the Rogers equipment outside, our pest control company had to use a lift to access the roof to remove them. Further repairs to the roof will be necessary to prevent rain damage.

Our Parish Selection Committee is continuing to meet on a regular basis to plan our interview strategy. After meeting with the Bishop in early March, we are hopefully on target to have a new incumbent by early fall. Once a new incumbent has accepted the position we will be able to determine the future of the Rectory.

This past weekend we held our annual Book Sale and netted profits of \$2,300. This is one of our main fundraising projects for the year and would not be possible without all the help from donors who generously donated books for the sale and volunteers who came to help sort, pack up, and sell. Thanks to all. This year, the books were stored in the former Creative YouTheatre Room at the southeast end of the Church. This room has now been cleared and although requiring some renovation, should be available for future use. Any ideas on how we can use this room would be welcome. Please talk to one of the wardens.

Thanks again to David Shelton, our negotiator extraordinaire, we are in the process of negotiating a further amendment to our new contract with Bell, which wants to place another antenna on the Bell Tower. This change will bring our total annual income from Bell to \$25,000.

Finally, our wardens' team is desperately seeking a new Deputy Warden. If you enjoy being part of a dynamic leadership team and would like to help the future of our

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Church community, please submit a brief application to our interim priest. We need you!

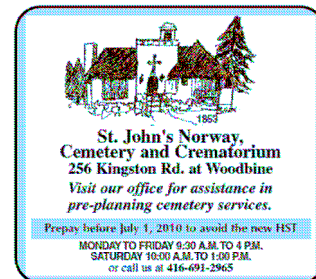
Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne Coxon & Gordon Stock
Wardens

Youth Synod – 2010

Are you interested in hearing more? Would you like to be part of the conversation? If so, and you are between the ages of 14 and 30, talk to your **parish priest or youth leader** and Make Your Voice Heard at Toronto Youth Synod! On the weekend of April 15-17, youth and young adults from across the Diocese will be gathering at Seneca College in Toronto to worship together, get to know each other, learn about our faith and its impact on the world, discuss our ideas about the church, and – most important – to have fun doing it! This is a chance to be involved in helping to set the direction for the church, to meet other young Anglicans from across the Diocese, and to experience different styles of worship, prayer, and living as Christians. We will spend time together in large groups, meeting in smaller groups, and have plenty of time to relax and chat informally! If you want more information about Youth Synod, check out our website at **www.youthsynod.ca**, or call (416) 363-6021 ext. 269 or 1 (800) 668-8932 ext. 269 to leave a message for us.

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Lenten Weekly Study

Don't be left in the dark about your faith. We're shining a light on issues pertaining to the Anglican Church by offering a brand new programme called "Via Media." Via Media's mission is to educate and inspire those who are currently members of the Anglican Church and those interested in learning more. We encourage members to bring along friends and family members who have unanswered questions about our faith.

There will be videos featuring prominent figures in the Anglican church talking about various issues, in addition there will be time for open discussion.

**Wednesdays to April 14, 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
in the Prideaux Room
Bring a Friend!**



You are invited to a
Daffodil Tea
Saturday, April 17 at 2:00 p.m.

Tea Room ✧ Home-Baked Goods
White Elephant Table
Crafts ✧ Foods ✧ Raffle



Sit, Walk, Stand:
The Three Postures of the Spiritual Life

**Saturday, May 1
from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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(at Kingston Road)
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Bishop Patrick Yu will present the three postures of the spiritual life, with commentary and response. Invite a friend and enjoy this spiritual journey.

A nutrition break is scheduled for midmorning. Those who wish to remain after 1:00 to have further conversation with the bishop and share in informal fellowship are asked to bring a bag lunch.

Please sign up at your church to pre-register by Friday, April 23, or register from 9:00-9:30 on May 1.

Presented by the
Toronto East Deanery Prayer Representatives Fellowship

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Please join us at the 49th Annual
Bishop's Company Dinner
on Wednesday, May 5

Cocktails: 6:00 p.m., Church of the Holy Trinity
Dinner: 7:00 p.m., Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre Hotel

Speaker: Mr. Don Morrison,
Chief Operating Officer, Blackberry Division,
Research In Motion

Entertainment: "St. Paul, Rexdale Steel Pan Band"

Check out www.toronto.anglican.ca
to view the live and silent auction items!

Single Seat: \$175
Parish Table: \$1,400 (10 Seats)

To reserve a seat or table, please contact
Sheryl Thorpe at (416) 363-6021 ext. 243

NEEDED: COURIER ARTICLES

We need your help in filling spaces in the Courier. If you would like to contribute occasionally or regularly (either for the "Church Calendar," "Bible Lore," "Monthly Chuckle," or if you have an idea for a new article), please speak to the Parish Secretary. Also if you attend an event, either inside or outside the parish, consider writing about it.

This is **YOUR** newsletter!!
We want to hear from **YOU!!**

IN MEMORIAM

December 23, 2009	Charles Bloxam
February 23	Donald Cronsberry
March 9	Julia Charles

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Wednesday in Holy Week

March 31

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. – Via Media

Maundy Thursday

April 1

6:30 p.m. – Celebration of the Last Supper and
Foot-washing in the Van-Lane Room
Followed by the Stripping of the Altar in the Church

Good Friday

April 2

9:15 a.m. – Children's Good Friday Walk
11:00 a.m. – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

April 3

8:00 p.m. – The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Day

April 4

8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. – Choral Eucharist

CALENDAR

**Weekly*

**The church office will be closed
April 2 and 5.**

MARCH

Monday 29 9:00 a.m. – Little Voices Dancing Feet
9:30 a.m. – Ecumenical Bible Study*
5:00 p.m. – Kuma Marital Arts*
6:00 p.m. – Cantus Nova*
7:00 p.m. – Guides
7:00 p.m. – Pathfinders
Tuesday 30 10:00 a.m. – Beaches Fitness*
4:00 p.m. – Little Voices Dancing Feet*
5:00 p.m. – Boy Choristers*
6:45 p.m. – Girl Choristers*
Wednesday 31 9:00 a.m. – MumNet*
1:00 p.m. – Via Media
6:30 p.m. – Beavers*
7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. – Via Media

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APRIL

Thursday 1 9:00 a.m. – MumNet*
Maundy Thursday 4:00 p.m. – Little Voices Dancing Feet*
6:00 p.m. – Cantus Nova*
6:30 p.m. – Celebration of the Last
Supper and Foot-washing
in the Van-Lane Room
Followed by the Stripping of
the Altar in the Church
Friday 2 9:15 a.m. – Children's Good Friday Walk
Good Friday 11:00 a.m. – Celebration of the Lord's Passion
8:00 p.m. – Silver Birch Alcoholics Anonymous*
Saturday 3 8:00 p.m. – The Great Vigil of Easter
Sunday 4 8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist*
10:30 a.m. – Choral Eucharist*
Tuesday 6 7:30 p.m. – Advisory Board
Wednesday 7 1:00 p.m. – Via Media
7:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer*
7:30 p.m. – Via Media
7:30 p.m. – Seton Area Forum
Thursday 8 1:00 p.m. – St. Anne's Group
7:30 p.m. – Adult Choristers*
7:30 p.m. – Norway Group
Friday 9 9:00 a.m. – MumNet*
11:30 a.m. – Beaches Fitness*
Sunday 11 7:30 p.m. – Venturers*
Monday 12 9:00 a.m. – Little Voices Dancing Feet*
7:00 p.m. – Guides*
7:00 p.m. – Pathfinders*
7:30 p.m. – Scout Group
Wednesday 14 1:00 p.m. – Via Media
7:30 p.m. – Via Media
Saturday 17 2:00 p.m. – Daffodil Tea
Wednesday 21 1:00 p.m. – Bible Study*
Thursday 22 1:00 p.m. – St. Anne's Group
7:30 p.m. – Norway Group
Sunday 25 **COURIER DEADLINE**
Tuesday 27 7:30 p.m. – Amnesty International

MAY

Saturday 1 9:30 a.m. – Sit, Walk, Stand: the Three
Postures of the Spiritual Life
with Bishop Patrick Yu

***Please inform the office of any
errors or omissions. Thank you.***