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PRIEST'S MESSAGE

The Feast of Pentecost which we celebrate this year on Sunday, June 12th marks the special moment after the Resurrection and Ascension when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in "tongues of fire," bringing a renewed courage, understanding, and the birth of the Church.

Pentecost, meaning fiftieth day, was the Jewish Feast of Weeks that took place fifty days after the Passover, when the first fruits of the wheat harvest were presented to God. So it is in celebrating the birth of the Church, that we, the body of Christ, become a kind of "first fruit," an offering to God of ourselves, our souls, and bodies.

Pentecost is sometimes known as "Whitesun" or "White-Sunday," a name probably derived from the processions of newly baptised who wore white robes to show they were cleansed from sin and dedicated to a new life through the power of the Holy Spirit. But the main image of this day is wind and fire coming upon the disciples as we read in the Book of Acts. Huddled away in a room, in fear and likely wondering "what next," they were suddenly moved irresistibly as by the wind and set on fire by something not of themselves. We read they were filled with boldness and burned with a new enthusiasm. We sometimes say "something just came over me" when we can find no rational ground for an action. With the disciples what happened was that the Holy Spirit had come over them and they were given eloquence and power to make the Gospel known in a way people of many nations could understand.

St Luke in the Book of Acts tells us that the disciples were miraculously given power to speak in a host of languages and that everyone understood. We don't know exactly what happened in that room. Some believe the moment

was so exciting that everyone fell into some form of ecstatic speech. From this distance of time it is impossible to be certain what the moment was like, but of one thing we can be sure: after Pentecost there was no question about the courage, determination, and eloquence shown by the little band of Jesus' followers who only a few days before had been locked behind barricaded doors in fear. So, by the gift of the Spirit the Church of Christ began its work, a work and ministry that continues today.

There is perhaps no better time to announce the appointment of Melva Treffinger-Graham as our new Organist and Choir Director at St John's. Melva has served as Director of Music at Grace Church on-the Hill in Toronto for the past 25 years where she has built choirs in the English Cathedral tradition, training boy and girl

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choristers, teens, and adults alike. While at Grace, Melva has made recordings of church music, toured in England and the USA with her choirs, and presented many special concerts such as J.S. Bach's *St John Passion*, which I was privileged to participate in as a chorister in her choir. Prior to her appointment at Grace Church Melva served as director of music in churches in Nova Scotia and Ottawa. She has led workshops and clinics for musicians across the country, has wide publishing experience and was Copy Editor of *Common Praise*, the most recent hymnbook of the Anglican Church of Canada. Melva has a Master of Music Degree in Choral Conducting from the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore MD, and a diploma from the Berlin School of Sacred Music, Berlin Germany.

Melva is retiring from a very busy and fulfilling ministry at Grace Church on-the-Hill. We at St John's are fortunate and blessed that she will be with us beginning in September bringing tremendous experience and enthusiasm for nurturing and building up our music ministry.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen and renew us in the days and months ahead.

Yours in Christ,



WARDENS' REPORT

In the March Wardens' update, Gordon answered the question "What is a Warden?" Like him, I also encourage anyone who is interested in joining the team (now or in the future) to chat with us to find out more. I'd also like to devote a little space in this article to sharing my thoughts and experiences as a first-time Rector's Warden.

I certainly was a little nervous about stepping into Suzanne Coxon's shoes! She had ably held the position of Rector's Warden for close to 10 years, and as a long-time parishioner knows the ins and outs of the Church like the back of her hand! I was however calmed by the fact that our past Wardens are never too far away and Paula Davis and Christina Blizzard, both with previous warden experience, re-joined the group this year.

While there is a certain amount of administrative work to be accomplished in the role – counts, banking, cheques and invoices, leases and agreements – the Wardens'

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group is well supported in these areas by Craig Gustafson in his role as Church Administrator, and Richard Fornuff our Treasurer.

It is especially meaningful to me that through the Wardens' group, I am able to offer my skills as a Human Resources professional, in support of St. John's. Being involved in the Organist search, the development of volunteer job descriptions and training materials, and employment policies for the Church and Cemetery, may seem a bit dreary to some, but is right up my alley!

One of the highlights for me is being involved in Advisory Board. This group, made up primarily of the lay leaders of various ministries within the Church, meets once a month to share their successes and challenges and discuss opportunities to advance the mission of St. John's. At this month's meeting, we explored the exciting outreach opportunity to participate in the Beaches Interfaith Lunch programme. Please see the upcoming bulletin inserts for more information on this programme. At these meetings I am again and again reminded of the time, talents, and treasures that the parishioners of St. John's so generously give to the benefit of the Church, and that is a wonderful thing.

On behalf of the Wardens' Group, thank you, and all the best for a wonderful Spring!

Emily Hamilton
Rector's Warden

Gordon Stock
People's Warden

Norway Group Project: The Norway Group is collecting baby items for Moorlands. These will be used to make Baby Bundles for new mothers who are having financial difficulties. For a list of suggested items, please see the bulletin board. If you have baby items to donate, please put them into the playpen in the north aisle. If you would prefer to donate money, simply put it into your offering envelope and mark it "Norway Group Baby Shower."

From the East End Refugee Committee: our refugee family requires assistance with obtaining a bicycle and finding employment. If you can assist with either of these items, please contact Joanne Hincks at (416) 693-5927. Thank you.

From Susan Winlaw

Announcing a St. John's Page in Facebook. If you are a facebook user you know the amazing power it has to keep people informed of upcoming events. We have created a page for our church and if you do a search for "St. John The Baptist, Norway," you will find the page and you can "Like" the page and stay in touch.

If you have any digital pictures of the church that you'd like to see on line on this page, please send them to Susan Winlaw at susan@bampress.com or bring in a CD or DVD of the images and leave it with the office. We won't post pictures of people without their written consent.

Are you tired of only seeing male dominated, rude, blowing things up movies? Are you ready for some amazing and strong female leads? Well, check out Susan Winlaw's latest movie review guide book, [Movies About Women \(volume 1\)](#), where she and her husband have listed overviews of over 500 movies that fit the bill. The regular price is \$17.99, but as members of this church you can always get a signed copy for \$15.00. Just ask Susan at church or phone to get your copy.

(Right now the charitable donation portion of the sale of this book goes to help the women's shelter, Nellies House, here in Toronto). Give a woman a hand up.

And while you are at it, check out [Movies About Weddings](#) and [Movies About Christmas](#) for more delightful films. You CAN find some great and pleasant movies in here.

Looking for movies about the Bible, Christianity, and any form of religion. Susan Winlaw is looking for your favourite religious movies for one of their future movie review guidebooks with that theme. Part of the proceeds of the sale of it will benefit our church. Please pass the word so we can find and watch all of these films to write the reviews.

A great birthday gift for most little girls is a Barbie doll outfit. So if you have some girls in your family or your boys are invited to birthday parties and you need a gift, contact Susan Winlaw at (416) 568-7852 or email susan@bampress.com or find me on facebook and I'll bring over a selection from shorts and tops to ball gowns to exquisite wedding outfits.

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Sunday Flowers

If you would like flowers placed in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved-one, please forward request and payment (suggested donation of \$50) on the offertory plate one week in advance.

Our Food Cupboard is bare.

Donations of canned soup, pasta sauce, vegetables, fruit, and meat would be appreciated. Please leave in the yellow basket in the north aisle.

Beach Inter-Faith Community Lunch Programme

by Suzanne Beard and Bronwyn Rowley

This unique outreach programme began in 1997 in response to a growing need for nourishment and social interaction among many sectors of our population. These include not only the obviously marginalised, but also fixed income seniors and lower income individuals. Now five worship centres have joined together to offer "Food and Fellowship" at a different location each weekday.

Today the Inter-Faith Lunch Programme operates at Kingston Road United Church, Beach Hebrew Institute, Beach United Church, and Corpus Christi Church. St. John's Norway will be the newest member of the group, joined by St. Nicholas Birch Cliff Anglican. Both congregations will offer lunch from our location, but each group will be responsible for only two lunches per month. The programme volunteers come from all faith groups and cultural backgrounds because they want to help. We try to adopt a non-judgemental approach toward the guests and remember that we learn and teach by example.

Although the actual food service is offered from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., volunteers are needed from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers perform a range of duties including room preparation, food preparation, food service, and clean up. Any time that you are able to volunteer is helpful. Many of our volunteers consider their work with the Beach Lunch Programme as a social activity for themselves. While preparing a nutritious meal for our guests they are able to share church news and discuss community happenings.

The programme is partially supported by the Daily Bread Food Bank, monetary donations from private companies like the Beach Metro News, food donations from local stores like Starbucks and Price Chopper, and the volunteer and monetary support of each faith group.

Some practical information about the Interfaith Lunch Programme requirements:

- The lunch programme operates from September until the week prior to Victoria Day in May.
- The lunch programme use is heaviest in the middle of the month until the cheques arrive at the end of the

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month. On particularly cold months there may be little change in use because guests are just looking to get out of the cold.

- Six to eight volunteers per team are required to run the lunch programme efficiently. Some locations have two teams who alternate, thus requiring volunteers to help only twice a month. Some volunteers may want to cook and/or serve and/or clean up.
- Initially new locations would serve soup and sandwiches (egg, tuna, cheese, salmon, or meat), coffee, tea, juice, milk, and dessert. There may be fruit and vegetables from the weekly Daily Bread pick up. If a location has the funds, a salad or veggie tray is always a welcome addition. Each group operates a little differently to accommodate it and its guests' requirements.

This is a great programme and a great opportunity for St. John's. It has been operating successfully in our community for fourteen years and is the only such interfaith ministry in Toronto. Please consider offering your support.

Contact the church office, the Rev. Geoffrey Sangwine, the Wardens, or Bronwyn Rowley at (416) 699-8438.

Table Grace of the Month

"Grace" is a name for a short prayer said or an unvoiced intention, normally before eating a meal, thanking God for the food that nourish us for the work and play in our lives. Some traditions hold that grace and thanksgiving imparts a blessing that sanctifies (makes sacred) the meal.

In the world's confusion, may we know the grace of God.

In times of turmoil, may we know God's spirit is with us.

In times of hunger, may we know God's generous hand.

Amen.

Introducing the Hunger Site

I suspect that nowadays many, if not most, parishioners of St. John's use a computer, even if it's only for email. I didn't begin using one until 1999, when a generous former student of mine presented me with a brand new computer, with the comment, "I thought you might like to enter the 20th century before we begin the 21st!" It wasn't long before I was completely hooked, and I now depend upon my computer for so much that I should be lost without it. For example, apart from e-mail, which has made keeping in touch with family and friends so much easier, I use my computer to get most of my news. I get three different newspapers on line, all for free. I prepare and research my sermons, talks, and articles; produce hard copies of letters to send to friends who don't have computers; check out anything I'm interested in through an Internet search; access non-copyright works of literature (and get helpful notes on them); get the weather forecast; make charitable donations; prepare my tax returns; buy books, CDs, and DVDs (often out-of-print and hard to get titles) generally quite inexpensively; and I pay many of my bills and do most of my banking on line, too.

One thing I do every day without fail — and my purpose in writing this article is to persuade you to do it as well, if you do not already do so — is to visit The Hunger Site (<http://www.thehungersite.com>) and its associated sites, all instantly accessible from the parent site at the click of a computer key. There is The Breast Cancer Site, The Animal Rescue Site, The Veterans Site, The Child Health Site, The Literacy Site and, not least, The Rainforest Site. All these are all self-explanatory, although each of the sites has an introduction which explains its purpose and the way it works. Every time I click, I help some worthy cause. It costs me absolutely nothing to do this, and it takes only a moment or two each morning. It is a real way in which I can make a positive difference.

The Hunger Site provides simple, effective, feel-good ways to address an urgent, specific humanitarian need: the eradication of world hunger. Since its launch in June 1999, the site has established itself as a leader in online activism, helping to feed the world's hungry and food insecure. On average, over 220,000 individuals from around the world visit the site each day to click the yellow "Click Here to Give – it's FREE" button. Its grassroots

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popularity has been recognized with Web awards in the activism category — a Cool Site of the Year Award and a People's Voice winner at the Webby Awards. Since its inception, visitors at The Hunger Site and shoppers at The Hunger Site store have given more than 671 million cups of food.

The staple food funded by clicks at The Hunger Site is paid for by site sponsors and distributed to those in need by Mercy Corps, Feeding America (formerly America's Second Harvest), and Millennium Promise. 100% of sponsor advertising fees goes to the site's charitable partners. Funds are split between these organizations and go to the aid of hungry people in over 74 countries, including those in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Latin America, and North America.

Please take a moment to check out the Hunger Site and the other sites I have referred to. Join me in supporting these very worthwhile causes. Please help make a difference.

Canon Michael Burgess

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!!**

Deadline for the Next Courier is Sunday, September 25. Please send submissions to admin@stjohnsnorway.org or place them in the mail rack outside the office.

While the church office will be closed on Monday, June 13, the answering service will be monitored. Please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

The Prayer Nook

Prayer Shawl Ministry Update

by Kathryn Kern and Craig Gustafson

Our group has made many shawls and lap blankets. Thank you to everyone for your efforts in this ministry!! Our drop-in sessions have concluded for the year. **The sessions will resume Wednesday, October 5.**

Many people have received one of our knitted and crocheted creations, and all have expressed gratitude for the gifts. Please continue to hold in your prayers everyone who has received a prayer shawl or blanket. God knows who has received and one, and who needs prayers. Therefore, names are not needed when praying.

We continue to ask for your prayerful support of this ministry. Please remember members of our group in your prayers.

Since each shawl and blanket is given to each recipient as a gift, we also require your support in obtaining supplies, in order to ensure that this ministry is self-sustaining, without being a financial burden to our church.

- We accept any wool, needles, books, or patterns that you may have that are currently not being used.
- We accept donations of money in order to buy supplies. The cost to make a shawl is \$10-\$15. Donations can be placed on the offering plate marked "Prayer Shawl Ministry." Please include your name and/or envelope number for a tax receipt which will be prepared at the beginning of next year.
- We held a retreat for our members on April 30. Seventeen people attended, including thirteen from our church. The cost for the retreat was \$50 per person; however, participants were invited to donate what they could if they could not pay the full amount. If you are able to assist the participants, please place a donation in the collection plate marked "Prayer Shawl Ministry" with your name and/or envelope number.

Very soon we will have a pamphlet that will be placed in the pews. This pamphlet will have a request form. If you are aware of someone who would benefit from having a prayer shawl, please drop the completed request form into

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the offertory plate. We can arrange to give you one to present to the recipient or have someone from the church visit the person and give the person a prayer shawl.

Note: Details of the person who will receive the prayer shawl are not required and, if given, will be kept confidential. We will remember the person in our prayers by their first name only. It is for God alone to know all.

With Heartfelt Thanks

As I mentioned before, I discussed the options of surgery with the surgeon to remove my meningioma tumour, but after meeting with the radiation oncologist, I made the decision to go with radiation only, with the purpose of shrinking it and preventing it from growing anymore.

I have completed five weeks of radiation therapy, which to date seems to be a success. This past Sunday, May 29, I was able to see the words in the hymnbook and I was able to sing joyfully. To God be the Glory.

Maybe this is too much information just to say thank you, however, I would like you to know how very much I appreciate your thoughts and prayers, your cards, and the gift of a prayer shawl, which went with me to every treatment.

Many, many thanks to everyone. I could not have done it without you. May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,
Johnnie Brandford



IN MEMORIAM

March 10
March 15
April 12
April 17
May 13

Bessie Clifford
Audrey Morgan
Isobel Woods
John Wilkinson
Eros Garcia

Please note that meeting dates for June have been changed.

Advisory Board – Thursday, June 9
 Wardens' Meeting – Friday, June 10 (at the rectory)

Bard in the Park presents Julius Caesar on June 14-18 at 7:00 p.m. and June 18, 19 at 2:00 p.m. at Kew Gardens Bandshell (Queen Street East and Lee Avenue). Admission by donation. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. For more information call (416) 529-5128.



Please plan to attend the
"STRAWBERRY SOCIAL"
 to celebrate
 The 161st Anniversary of
 St. John the Baptist, Norway Anglican Church

Thursday June 23, 2011 at 6:30p.m.

Hosted by the Norway Group

Featuring Dessert * Silent Auction * Entertainment

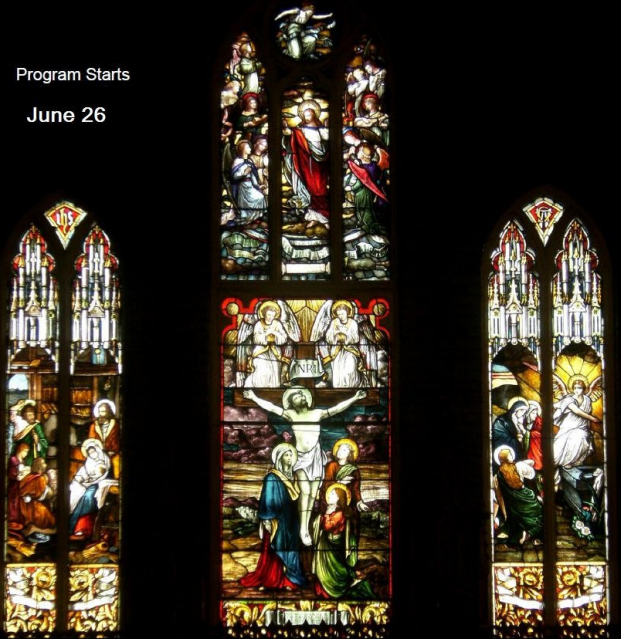
Tickets: Adults \$5 Children \$3
 Everyone is welcome!



St. John the Baptist, Norway
 Summer Sunday School 2011

Windows to the Old Testament

Program Starts
 June 26



We invite children (ages 4+) to join us for a fun time each Sunday morning throughout the summer as we explore and learn (through stories, crafts and skits and more) about the people and their stories from our wonderful stained glass windows.

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Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 16

12:30 p.m.

at Cedarhurst Golf Club, Beaverton

\$55 for 18 holes

non-golfers come to cottage on Lake Simcoe for afternoon
 potluck dinner after golf
 details and sign up on bulletin board downstairs

WEDDING



May 28

David Compton & Virginia McIntyre-Tuzi

Services

Sundays	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	10:30 a.m.	Choral Eucharist
Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist / Evening Prayer
		As Announced

Feast Days & Holy Days as Announced

Incumbent

The Rev'd Geoffrey Sangwine (647) 342-5889

Honorary Clergy

The Rev'd Canon Michael Burgess
 The Rev'd Jennifer Matthews

Children & Youth Ministry

Brian Fairbrother (647) 230-1658

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 Deputy Warden: Paula Davis (416) 690-4769

Interim Organist & Director of Music

Valerie Hume-Oliver (416) 481-9236



Summer B-BBQ

The parishes of
 St. John the Baptist, Norway
 and
 St. Jude, Wexford
 invite you to

Catch the flame of faith on
 Tuesdays this June with
Bible Bar-be-ques

Burgers, hot dogs,
 and veggie options

6:30 - 8:30pm

Tuesdays, June 7 & 21

Rectory of St. John the Baptist, Norway
 500 Woodbine Avenue

Tuesdays, June 14 & 28

Rectory of St. Jude, Wexford
 18 Howarth Avenue



CHURCH
 of ST. JUDE
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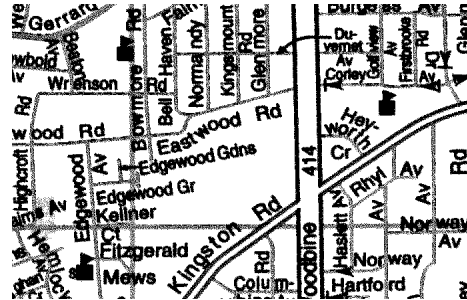
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Rectory of St. John the Baptist, Norway
 500 Woodbine Avenue

South on Woodbine Avenue towards Kingston
 Road

Pass Eastwood Road

First driveway on the west side of Woodbine
 Avenue (just north of the church)



Rectory of St. Jude, Wexford
 18 Howarth Avenue

North on Victoria Park Avenue towards
 Lawrence Avenue East

Turn right on Janet Boulevard

Turn right on Howarth Avenue

