

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

FEBRUARY, 2017

A Delightful Meal with Dina and Sarah



When the Hamad family came to church this Fall to thank us for all we had done and offered to be of service in our community, they truly meant it.

Dina and Sarah Hamad have attended on almost every Friday evening to help at the Out of the Cold. They have worked closely with me and Selina Broadshaw, the kitchen co-ordinator, and we have gotten to know them much better. They are both a delightful addition to our team.

Recently, Dina invited us to her home for lunch and it was truly a banquet! I was so glad that I had skipped breakfast. As you can see from the picture, there was a vast array of Dina's specialties which Sarah told us she had been preparing since 7:30 that morning. Everything was delicious and beautifully presented. We even went home with some leftovers.

I am so happy that the Hamads are here in Canada and I have no doubt that Canada will be a better place for their being here. **CATHIE FIGUEIRA**

Our Faith, Our Family



On the last Thursday of each month, adults and youth gather for a time of fellowship and faith formation.

We are all family, and all are welcome. This is for anyone, with or without children, who is interested in an evening of discussion and community.

We begin with a pizza supper followed, for the adults, by a time of discussion, reflection, and prayer. Our topic for this year is the Gospel of Mark.

Children enjoy their own programs and craft activities downstairs. Nursery care is available for our youngest guests.

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 23, when the adults in the group will continue our study of the Gospel of Mark. Please join us!

(A suggested donation to off-set cost of the meal is \$5 per person.)



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A Story About a Story — Christmas Pageant 2016

My favourite service of the year has always been the Christmas Eve pageant, and 2016 was no exception. A small but mighty group of 18 young people worked hard throughout Advent to be ready to share the Christmas Story.

I love to see the collaboration by the young people, making adjustments to the script, working together to help each other perform their best, and do a wonderful job of telling the story.

Though a long-standing tradition at All Saints, the pageant script gets tweaked almost every year, based on the previous year, or input from the children and youth. This year I merged a script from last year with one from a few years back.

We did a first read through and came to a line that says Mary and Joseph decide to sleep with the animals. The first reaction was, "So they just break into a stable and stay there?" and most thought Mary and Joseph were supposed to accept an innkeeper's offer to let them spend the night in the stable.

I explained that I had the version where they sleep with the animals on one side of me, the version where they're invited in by an innkeeper on the other side, and the Bible in the middle, which read, "And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn," (Luke 2:7).

I told them that perhaps this means we really don't know what happened, and asked them how would they like to tell it. They were insistent that the innkeeper invites them to stay!

The young people wore multiple hats during pageant time ... literally in the case of one youth who played three innkeepers. They helped adjust lines and staging as we rehearsed, making the pageant their own.

With only five rehearsals, it's hard to have a run-through with everyone in attendance, and with a constant need to have substitutes, I can see how well these young people work together. For example, pretty much everyone is able to fill in for a missing dancing angel during practice!

All the hard work paid off and the young people gave a memorable performance! I hope everyone who saw the pageant enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed sharing it!

KELLY MALCOLMSON



Campbell's Labels for Education

For several years, parishioner June Traves has faithfully collected Campbell soup labels to buy sports equipment for Lambton-Kingsway Junior Middle School. Unfortunately, Campbell's has canceled this program. Many thanks to parishioners who have regularly contributed to this endeavour.



The good news is that the March of Dimes' **POP CAN TABS COLLECTION PROGRAM**[∞] is still in effect. Instead of throwing them in the recycle bin with the cans, why not pull them off and deposit them in the box at the top of the east stairs? The recipients of the wheelchairs will be so grateful!

JIM RAYNER

Christmas Crèche Display

A significant part of preparations for the Christmas season in churches and in many of our homes is the set up and display of figures and scenes depicting the Nativity of our Lord as described in the gospels.

In time for the final Sunday in Advent 2016 and the wonderful service of Lessons and Carols, ten tables were assembled along the side aisles of the church. They were decorated with linens, greenery, and crèches on loan from parishioners, outside sources, and clergy both past and present.

The Hospitality Team is grateful to all who entrusted us with their beautiful, and whimsical nativity treasures collected from around the world. Many visiting friends and family members commented on the extra Christmas blessing they received from the display, and that is a very good thing!

We are also happy to report that all figures were safely returned to their owners with the exception of Kelly Malcolmson's hand-crafted Christmas mouse. He is probably even now exploring the organ loft and pipes or other remote niches in the nave! Fortunately, Kelly tells us she can fashion another for next year!

As you travel, consider adding to your personal collections so that we may enjoy lovely additions to future displays.

SHARON CONWAY



Founding Day Celebrations marking our 73rd year

At the end of the 2016 calendar year and the many All Saints seasonal activities and church services, came a new year and our Founding Day remembrance celebration in January.

January 16th 1944 marked the first parish gathering at Sunnylea Public School, followed in 1947 by the initial service in the newly built church basement. We have had a continued presence at the corner of Prince Edward and Bloor ever since, notwithstanding the fire in 1966.

Take a look at the recent Our Roots display in the cabinet in the north transept. We are grateful to have an archival display cabinet, a designated archival space, and archivist Evelyn Clarke to help keep our history alive. JOANNE COLBOURNE



Parish Selection Committee Update

We had the pleasure of meeting with Bishop Jenny Andison on Tuesday, January 17. She has been on a steep learning curve since she was ordained as bishop earlier this year. Nonetheless, she looks forward to working with All Saints Kingsway to welcome a new incumbent.

The job posting has now closed, and Bishop Jenny is finalizing a list of candidates for us to consider. We hope to start interviews in February.

Just as a reminder, this part of the process must be kept confidential. We will share more information when the new incumbent is announced.

There are several copies of the All Saints Kingsway Parish Profile available to be borrowed from our church library.

This is the document that potential incumbent candidates read to learn about us.

COME TO THE BEST PANCAKE SUPPER IN TOWN



Once again we will be having a pancake supper to mark the beginning of Lent. See details below.

WHEN: SHROVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th 5:30 - 7:00

WHERE: ALL SAINTS KINGSWAY AUDITORIUM

PRICES: ADULTS \$8.00 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER \$5.00 FAMILY \$20.00

Tickets on sale after the 10:00 a.m. services or from the church office. Call 416-233-1125 ext. 0 for office hours.

To be a success, we need lots of volunteers. There is a wide variety of tasks including setting up the dining area, making the pancakes, serving, and clean-up. In addition, we need people to cook sausages at home and bring them in the afternoon to the church. We supply the sausages and cooking pans.

If you can help, please contact Cathie Figueira @ 416-234-9491 or cathieandjoe@yahoo.ca or speak to her after church.



Clergy Reflection

I was to be interviewed for a position in a church. I had diligently read the profile, got a hair cut, and dry-cleaned my suit. An quick gargle of Listerine and I was ready to go. I arrived at the appointed place at the appointed time and went to the church door... Then to another church door... Number three was just over there...

Finally someone, who obviously wondered where the prospective cleric was, stuck her head out the parish hall window and said, "We always use this door!"

Getting "into church" comes with its challenges. Each parish has its own culture and ways of doing things, which is as it should be. The exercise for a growing and inclusive community is to be able to hear ourselves from the perspective of the other person. The one who doesn't know the culture or the way things have been done over the years.

I have to express my thanks to this community for opening yourselves to me and welcoming me "into the church." Your genuine warmth and openness allow me, and each pilgrim on the journey, to taste of the quiet, the peace of prayer, the hope of healing, the joy of praise, and the gift of friendship.

All Saints is truly blessed and has so much to offer that person who is seeking. I look forward to the days and weeks ahead, and the opportunities to help each other hear. **JAMES MERRETT**



All Saints Kingsway Music Listings

Saint David's Day Concert

Sunday, February 26 @ 2:00

The Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir
Burlington Welsh Male Chorus
\$25

Jazz Vespers are held every two weeks on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm. These services alternate between All Saints Kingsway, and St. Philip's Anglican at 31 St. Phillips Road. Freewill donations are gratefully accepted.

February 19, @ All Saints

Roberto Occhipinti Quartet
Manuel Viera (piano), Tim Ries (saxophone),
Roberto Occhipinti (bass), Daphnis Prieto
(drums)

March 5, @ St. Philip's

Amanda Tosoff Words Project
Amanda Tosoff (piano), Felicity Williams
(voice), Alex Goodman (guitar), Dan Fortin
(bass), Morgan Childs (drums)

March 19, @ All Saints

Mark Eisenman Trio

The Kingsway Organ Recital Series

is held here at All Saints every two weeks, from 12:30 to 1:15 pm on a Wednesday. They are presented by **ORGANIX 17[∞]**. Freewill donations are gratefully accepted.

March 1

John Laing, Organist and Director of Music at The Church of the Ascension, Hamilton with Roger Flock, percussion

March 15

Wayne Carroll, Organist and Director of Music at Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas with Samuel Bisson, cello

March 29

J. Thomas D. Gonder, Organist and Director of Music at St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Islington



Would you like to join the choir?

Maybe you are interested, but a little unsure about what this might entail?

Sunday mornings, we meet at 9:00 am to warm up and go through the morning's music. We also explore the meaning of the text of the hymns, so that when we come to sing them again during the service they become much more meaningful.

By sitting at the front, we do sit separately from family or companions we may want to sit with. Some deal with this by taking communion with their family, or by occasionally sitting out a service to sit in the congregation.

After service, the choir stays for coffee hour, and then we rehearse for another hour or so preparing our music for the next few weeks. We usually end between 1:00 and 1:30pm.

And that's it. There are no further commitments until the next Sunday.

We do read through a lot of music, so the ability to read music makes learning our music much easier. However, we also have section leads for each of the four parts and they help us learn the music and sing with confidence.

If you think you might like to try singing with us, you can join us at 9:00 am or after the coffee hour to see how it feels. If you have questions, please feel free to contact our Director of Music, Brainerd Blyden-Taylor, at music@allsaintskingsway.ca or 416-233-1125 ext. 5, or speak to any chorister. JENN STEPHEN

ASK the Archives: The Windows of all Saints

Our windows were designed by British artist Arthur Lucas, who as far as I am aware, never saw them in position. Lucas was recommended by the Rector of Wycliffe College, after designing the windows there.

The letters between Lucas and Arnold Wilkinson give insight into both the problems of production, and of a growing personal relationship between the two men. They exchanged Christmas cards and met at least once, in 1964, when Arnold and his wife visited England, on a trip that was a gift from the congregation.

In making the commission, Arnold described the building as in the Gothic style, "a lovely bright church and we do not wish to make it too dark." When Lucas submitted drawings of the windows for approval, he amended the the Presentation window "to cut out the ornamental stone work so as to increase light." (Compare the drawing of the window with the finished job.)

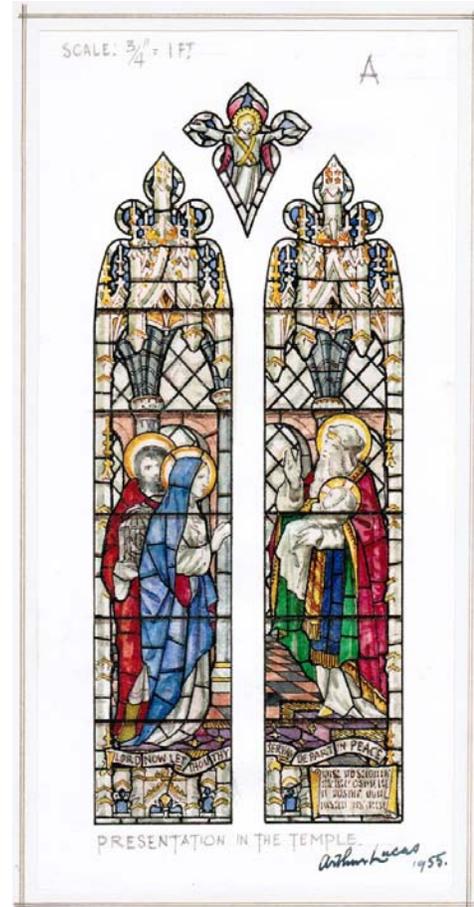
Donations paid for the windows. The primary donor was Reginald Kirbyson, responsible for most of the windows in the nave and the east window. The smaller windows were installed between January 1957 and 1960, and the east window in 1965. The windows in the transepts don't seem to have been in place before the fire.

The first two windows arrived in July 1955, but could not be installed because the tower was being built. For six months they languished unopened, first with Canada Customs and then in a local warehouse. Arnold mourned that it was difficult to ask the donor to pay for the windows when he hadn't yet seen them!



Evelyn Clarke is contributing a regular column on the history of our parish and building.

These windows were the Epiphany and the Presentation in the Temple. When opened, Arnold got a surprise. For the Presenta-



tion, he had imagined the scene where Jesus disputes with the rabbis in the temple, not when he was presented as a baby.

The change necessitated altering the position of the windows; the south wall was to be in chronological sequence: nativity, Epiphany, temple scene. Now, to keep the chronology, the temple had to go in the middle. It's a mystery how this mistake was made, as the drawing for the window is quite clear. I'm happy with the mistake; I love the Presentation with Joseph's gift of doves.

These window were all destroyed in the fire, but were fortunately covered by the insurance. Because the drawings were still in existence, replacing them was quick and the new east Window was installed within a year.

The windows are a treasure of our church. I hope you examine them closely. I would also love to have some information about Reginald Kirbyson, if anyone remembers him.

Out of the Cold

This year, our family joined together with several of our good friends to provide the Out of the Cold meal on January 6. Nine adults and ten children worked together at various times throughout the day to make the dinner, serve it, and get started on the work of tidying up.

The Out of the Cold Team made the entire process clear and straightforward, and the wonderful volunteers, who offer their time each Friday night, helped us immensely.

It was a rewarding experience that gave us a new appreciation for this amazing ministry.

Isaiah 58:10 says

Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be bright as noon.

Out of the Cold is indeed a beacon of light in our city.

NATANIA FRIESEN



Counters in the Temple

ASK has a small, devoted group of money-counters who serve us every week.

Without exception, bright and early every Monday morning (including this past December 26!) Cathie Figueira, Anne Layton, Jim Rayner, and Graham Parkinson meet in the Wilkinson Room. They open the collection envelopes, count the cash, and register all monies received.

Although it may seem mundane, this is a task calling for care and precision. It is also the critical first step in the management of our finances. If they were to get this wrong there would be Trouble in the Temple.

This is an appropriate time to celebrate the work of the counters because the dean of the group, Bob Wilson, has recently stepped down — after more than ten years of devoted service. In all that time he has been there almost every single Monday. A remarkable record of faithful service!

Many thanks to Bob and all the counters for their quiet, unseen work.

James Merrett Welcomes Reese Gaillard as Youth Associate Minister

A first-year student at Tyndale College in pastoral ministry, Reese has joined the ASK team on a student placement for the next few months.

He is passionate about mentoring the youth of tomorrow, serving in this role in his local church in Lloydminster and at summer bible camps.

Welcome Reese!



ASK a Senior: Marg Green

Marg Green has been a member of ASK since 1968. Originally from Hamilton, Marg came to Toronto when she married her husband Mel and became mother to four stepchildren.

Right from the start, Marg's main interest was outreach, and she was chair of the Outreach Committee for several years. One of her most memorable times at All Saints came in May 1980 when she offered her big back garden (see photo below) for our very first basement sale.

That year the weather was fine, both for the Friday set up and the Saturday sale. The atmosphere at the sale was like an enjoyable garden party, with sips of tea and Girl Guide cookies offered to everyone.



But the next year, after everything had been set up on Friday, it began to rain. All Marg's neighbours came to the rescue, bringing tents and tarpaulins to cover the tables. Fortunately the rain stopped before Saturday morning.

In 2004 Marg's husband Mel died, and Marg donated the money for the sign on the church lawn in his memory.

Marg and Helen Hudson are the leaders of Group 9 (New Beginnings). Though our numbers are dwindling, we all enjoy our meetings and especially our mini-auction, which will be on February 22 this year. All the proceeds go to the women at All Saints Sherbourne, so come and help to boost our numbers. **JOAN HARRIS**



Black History Month Celebrations, February 12

For generations, churches were the place where men and women of African heritage were sustained and encouraged in their long struggle for freedom and justice.

Thanks to the creativity and energy of Brainerd Blyden-Taylor, this heritage was honoured at the 10:00 Celebration on Sunday February 12 when we celebrated of Black History Month in words and music.

The drums of **BEYOND SOUND EMPIJAH** lifted our praises to God in a driving West African beat. Their urgent rhythms added a sense of immediacy to the second lesson which was excerpts from Dr. Martin Luther King's Letter from a Birmingham Jail, calling for direct action to demand freedom and justice for all peoples.

"Human progress never rolls on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of men [and women] willing to be co-workers with God..."

Brainerd carried this call into his reflection, reminding the congregation of the enduring need to work for social justice: "We have a voice; we have a choice."

