

The Diviner

Church of St. John the Divine, 301 Main Street, North Bay, Ontario P1B 1B3



What gets us into the most hot water is impatience
What keeps us there is pride.

Our primary purpose as the Church of St. John the Divine in downtown North Bay is to be a welcoming, nurturig and worshipping community which demonstrates by word and deed the love of Jesus Christ for all creation

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"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."

- 1 Corinthians 12. 12

Opportunities for Daily Prayer in Lent

Beginning with Matins on Thurs., Feb.23 and ending with Matins on Thursday in Holy Week, Thurs., April 5.

**We will be praying for all our parishioners on our Parish List during these weekday services.
Everyone will be prayed for twice. You are welcome to join us for prayer as you are able.**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Matins	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Evensong	4:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.

TRUE LENTEN DISCIPLINES

**Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.**

**Fast from fear of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.**

**Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on speech that purifies.**

**Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.**

**Fast from anger;
Feast on patience.**

**Fast from pessimism;
Feast on optimism.**

**Fast from negatives;
Feast on alternatives.**

**Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.**

**Fast from self-concern;
Feast on compassion.**

**Fast from suspicion;
Feast on truth.**

**Fast from gossip;
Feast on purposeful silence.**

**Fast from problems that overwhelm;
Feast on prayer that sustains.**

**Fast from worry;
Feast on Faith.**

~ Anonymous

The following was published in the Vestry Book for the year ending 2011

Rector's Report

"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."

- Hebrews 11. 13-16 (KJV)

The writer to the Hebrews commends to us the examples of faithful men and women who looked to God in faith in how they lived and died. The journeys of our forebears were shaped and formed by their understanding that they were "strangers and pilgrims on the earth." If I were asked to sum up the year past, I would say that our family is faithfully moving forward on our pilgrimage home. On any journey, we can expect to experience roadblocks, frustrations, and setbacks. Our family has had our

share of those experiences. We know the realities of change and loss, and the uncertainties of what may or may not lie ahead beyond the next curve along the road, which can naturally lead us to fear and even despair.

And yet we are a people of hope. We trust that, if God has called us for His purposes, He will not fail. Death leads to Resurrection, and that is the core of our faith. Through our trials and temptations we are given opportunities to exercise our belief that the Lord of Promise remains faithful. Examples of this are given in preceding and succeeding verses of the eleventh chapter of the Letter to the Hebrews. ***"Perhaps, weary soul, the Lord is doing this to develop your graces,"*** writes Charles Spurgeon, ***"There are some of your graces that would never be discovered if it were not for your trials. Do you not know that your faith never looks as good in summer as it does in winter? Love is too often like a glowworm, showing but little light unless it is surrounded by darkness. Hope itself is like a star—not to be seen in the sunshine of prosperity, and only to be discovered in the night of adversity."***

The challenges we come up against can either make us bitter or better. We can resign ourselves to the darkness and despair, or we may use the darkness as an opportunity to

shine. The choice is ours. From my observation, I have seen more light shining than ever. I am genuinely excited about the year ahead. We are being continually shaped and moulded as a church. Bit by bit, we are discovering ourselves. I see new enthusiasms and commitments blossoming. I see new people, more people, and younger people taking on roles of leadership. I see a growing commitment and investment in the church family from all corners. In short, I see evidence of new life in this parish. And for this I offer thanks to the Lord of Resurrection.

I wish to offer thanks to all those who have served with dedication in their various offices in the past year and over several years, especially to those who have chosen not to continue to serve in those same offices this year. I wish to take this opportunity to express particular thanks to Heather Murray, who has served in the role of Chair of the Church Board with passion and determination for several years. I wish to also express particular thanks to Pamela Handley, who has worked tirelessly by my side as a Churchwarden since my coming to this parish in September 2010, and who served as a Churchwarden before my arrival. I wish to also express particular thanks to Ed Carberry, who has served in various

capacities on the Church Board for many years with great care and dedication, including as Churchwarden more than once and most recently. Thank you to one and all for offering yourselves to God and His Church.

Why despair? As people of faith, we do not seek to remain with our feet firmly planted in this world; we know that the ground on which we stand is shaky and uncertain. We are “strangers” here and we are “pilgrims,” and so we do not invest ourselves in worldly security of any kind. We live, we learn, we move on, we grow, we become stronger. And our fuel along our path is our faith. And so we press on, onward and upward: “I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3. 14, ESV).

Let us mark 2012 as a year of riches and abundance as we amass “spiritual currency” in the service of the Lord and in love for each other. God bless us. ✠

The Rev. Fr. Andrew Nussey
Parish Priest & Rector
The Parish of St. John the Divine

A Little Story to Start Lent

THE VACATION WAS ABOARD a small boat, scooting around the Bahamas. 44 passengers and about a dozen crew. The boat was specially built for shallow waters so it can take passengers to uninhabited islands, or to villages that have a dock built for fishing or sailboats only.

That's what they did, and it was a wonderful time. Most of it was spent under an awning, with the tropical breezes teasing their hair, sitting there with an unread book on their lap, simply enjoying the peacefulness of it all.

About three days before the end of the cruise, they ran aground. Most of them (well the guys at least) were lined up along the rail supervising the captain's negotiation of the sandbars. In such shallow water, it's all eyeball, and when the sun goes behind a cloud, it is much harder. There was a sudden and very unexpected stop. No, they were not in any danger at any point, but the boat suffered some damage, and it was quite a job getting it off that sand bar.

What was interesting was how that incident affected the relationships on the boat. They all

got along quite well, but at a superficial level. Nothing wrong with that. But after that boat had run aground, they found themselves with a shared experience of difficulty that moved them a little closer to community. No, it was not a community that formed on that boat. But the grounding moved them in that direction.

There are many stories to tell of how adversity brought people together. Some of you are old enough to have some memories of the Second World War—of how that brought some people together, as it also tore many more people apart. Death and tragedy often bring families together, as I have seen it bring others together. Somehow, even if it is only for a few hours, a misfortune or accident helps us move beyond the banal small talk to the big talk—to the stuff that really matters.

This month we begin the season of Lent, the time of preparation when we remember the tragic death of a man two thousand years ago, a death that made the Christian community possible—a tragedy that made the joy of Easter a song we sing together.



Bullying.

Some people say that bullying is a fact of life. A sort of 'rite of passage' that everyone has to go to some time or another. Some people think that bullying 'builds character' and 'makes people tougher'. Some people think that bullying is something that everybody has to deal with, something that's been around forever and that won't ever go away.

But these people are very, very wrong. Bullying is no rite of passage, no character builder, and no necessary experience. Bullying is a plague, something that makes around 160 000 students stay home from school each day. And bullying can sometimes be so extreme that it makes youths consider more drastic options. Each year about 19 000 students attempt suicide because of bullying, and countless other youths cut themselves or commit other self-destructive habits.

People can be bullied for a million reasons; skin color, sexual orientation, appearance - and in a million different ways; physically, verbally, and over the internet are just a few. Doubtlessly everyone has been bullied before, and this is probably the reason so many people think that bullying is a part of life. But it's not. Bullying does not have to be something that everyone goes through. Imagine a high school without people gossiping behind each other's backs, without people pushing other people into lockers or tripping them in the halls.

This is what students at Odyssee secondary school are trying to create. In November, Peter Soroye and another grade 12 classmate, Rylee Lamothe, went with their student success teacher (Mme Sylvie Vannier), to Mayor Al Macdonald to ask him to sign a proclamation saying that the city of North Bay supports Odyssee's initiative against bullying. Odyssee is the first school in Ontario to

do something like that, and it was the start of what will be a yearlong campaign against bullying in the school.

The program, named NONaubullying (which is French for 'Say No to Bullying'), has the goal of creating a change in the way students think and react to bullying. Through presentations to the students, and by the students, the youth involved are trying to make their peers realize that bullying is wrong, and that they can and need to stand up against it.

They're also trying to help and support victims of bullying. In fact, Odyssee also started a Gay-Straight Alliance group for students to come and share their experiences, show their support, and try to help others. The reception in the school to both groups has been extraordinary, and students have said that bullying is becoming less and less of a problem.

So far, the program has gotten a lot of media attention, with Peter Soroye presenting the project to City Council (on personal invitation from the Mayor) and doing countless interviews with the Nugget, Cogeco, and Bay Today. Peter was even invited to speak about the project on the Mayors Phone-In Show.

But NONaubullying is in no way a publicity stunt. The many media appearances are all made with the goal of reaching more students outside of Odyssee. Already, West Ferris secondary school has started their own Gay-Straight Alliance and asked to join with Odyssee in this matter. The anti-bullying project has a Facebook and twitter page under **NONaubullying**, and anyone in the world can join to gain access to a wealth of resources about stopping bullying. With luck, it's only a matter of time before other schools in North Bay and beyond join in the anti-bullying movement.

And maybe then, the idea of a bully-free school won't be so hard to imagine anymore. ■

Appointments and Election Results from Vestry

<u>Position</u>	<u>Person(s) Responsible</u>
Church Warden	Doug Hughes (<i>elected</i>)
Church Warden	Phyllis MacDonald (<i>appointed</i>)
Deputy Church Warden	Irvine Dyck (<i>elected</i>)
Deputy Church Warden	Bimpe Agboola (<i>appointed</i>)
Envelope Secretary	Margaret Van Toen
Members-at-large	Colin Thacker & Christine Whatmore (<i>elected</i>) Kayla Krasnor (<i>appointed</i>)
Worship and Ed. Committee	Larry Claus, Judy Elston, John Irwin, Derek Neal Janice Turcott
Outreach/Pastoral Care	Donna Sakaluk, Pam Handley
Memorial Committee	Judy Claus, Dave Johnson, Christine Whatmore
Finance Committee	Ed Carberry, Doug Hughes, Alan Morrison
Building Committee	Irvine Dyck, Max Edwards, Dave Johnson, Floyd Pelkey, Foley Soroye
Endowment Committee	Heather Murray, Alan Morrison (<i>appointed</i>)



Lenten Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

Lenten Bible Study: “The Freedom of Forgiveness”

Lent is such a wonderful time for us to look at forgiveness as we experience God's forgiveness through the life and death of Jesus. This is a six week Wednesday morning Bible Study starting Ash Wednesday, February 22 at 9:00 a.m. and ending Wed., March 28. We will be discussing what forgiveness is not, what real forgiveness looks like, how do I get from here to there, forgiving myself and God, and reflecting on the process. The process of forgiveness increases our awareness of the miracle of God's grace for us. This Bible Study, which will be led by Peggy Morrison, is open to both men and women and the Rector will be participating. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Lenten Book Club: “Christ on Trial”

On Thursday afternoons, the Rector will be hosting a six-week study of the Archbishop of Canterbury's book *Christ on Trial: How the Gospel Unsettles Our Judgement*. The trial, conviction, and death of an innocent man 2,000 years ago has particular resonance today. Atrocities from around the world shake us nearly every day, and each of us also experiences trials in our own lives. In this book the Archbishop of Canterbury looks in depth at the trial of Jesus, using it to teach readers how to face the challenges of life in a world like ours. Bringing the biblical accounts of Jesus' trial vividly to life, Archbishop Rowan Williams highlights what is to be learned about Jesus from each of the four Gospel portraits.

Time for a Faith Lift

The Jesus Experience

by Ralph Milton from his book
God for Beginners

I CAN'T GIVE A HANDY-DANDY DEFINITION of God. For a Christian there is no such definition. The only way we know God is by experiencing Jesus. You can't put a person into a formula or a slogan, even though people have often tried to do that.

That's why all those metaphors for God are useful, but unsatisfying. None of them really ring completely true. It's when we experience the power of Christ that we can say, "Aha! Now we know what God is like!"

Or as one little girl apparently told her mother, "Jesus is God with skin on."

That's why I keep insisting that we have to get a handle on who Jesus was and what he was about, before we can really approach the Bible or the rest of Christian history. Because that's the set of lenses through which we see the rest of the long, long story.

The actual story of Jesus only takes up less than one tenth of the Bible. Before it, comes the Hebrew scriptures (aka Old Testament), a marvelous collection of material that leads up to the story of Jesus, in Christian eyes anyway. And the Jesus story is followed by the account of what the first Christians did and thought and worried about following Jesus' resurrection.

The Christian story doesn't end with the last word in the Bible either. There's the long, colorful story about what happened to the Christian church between the last accounts in the Bible and today.

It's a marvelous, creative, sometimes funny, sometimes depressing, sometimes

seamy story of people struggling in many different ways to be faithful to God's call, of people falling flat on their faces, but getting up and trying one more time.

Christians see their history, which includes the Bible, as the magnificent saga of a God who is active in human history.

Others see the Christian story as a colorful collection of obscure myths, doubtful legends, questionable history and quite a few lies.

Either way, it is a marvelous story.

God is life

In life is a wonderful sense of belonging

God is love

In love is a gentle kindness

God is light

In light is our endless human nature

**Our faith is a light in the darkness,
a light that is God**

Retiring Warden

AFTER TWO YEARS AS A WARDEN with St. John's it is time for me to retire and pass the position onto another. They have been very busy and challenging years but we appreciate the opportunity to have served St. John's in this capacity. We shall be on the PAC for another year as a Synod Delegate so will have the pleasure of working with the new Wardens. We wish the new Wardens and PAC every blessing as they go forward conducting the business of St. John's and the mission that Jesus Christ would have them undertake.

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a Holy Lent and a Blessed Easter.

- Pam Handley

The Reverend Canon Don Landon sends greetings to you all. Don was rector here during the 80's. Christine Whatmore had lunch with Canon Landon in Toronto and he gave her a copy of the sermon he had preached at The Church of the Advent where he is Honorary Assistant.

(Editor's Note: I did edit some parts of the sermon out in the interest of brevity.)

Incense Makes Sense

The Reverend Canon Donald M. Landon
Excerpts from a sermon (Sept. 28, 2003)

When I decided to begin to use incense I did so for four reasons, which I will now share with you.

1) ITS USE IS SUPPORTED BY THE BIBLE

Incense is mentioned in several places in the Old Testament. Over and over we are told about its use by God's ancient people, the Jews, in their worship (see Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers). Also Psalms 141:2: "Let my prayers be set forth in your sight as incense" and Isaiah 6:4: "The smoke (of the incense) filled the room" as Isaiah went into the temple in Jerusalem and experienced his life-changing vision of God. Moving on to the New Testament we meet incense in Luke 1:8-17 as Zechariah burns incense in fulfilling his priestly duties. Then again in Matthew 2:11 as frankincense, one of the Magi gifts and then again in Revelations 8:3-4 as "The smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of God's People."

2) ITS LONG USE IN CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

Not only is incense scriptural; it has been part of Christian worship for 16 centuries. Admittedly, its use in the Anglican Church diminished greatly, for a number of reasons, in the period after the Reformation. But

reference books tell us it never entirely disappeared in the Church of England. And beginning about 150 years ago, it has been widely revived in our Anglican Church.

3) ITS POWERFUL CHRISTIAN SYMBOLISM

As we note in the gifts to the Baby Jesus from the Magi, incense honours. Look at how it can be used in the worship service:

- At the Gospel procession, incense honouring the book of scripture readings, the holy Word of God
- At the offertory, incense honouring the Communion bread and wine, our gifts that are offered to God...incense honouring the Lord's table where Christ feeds us...incense honouring the cross, which speaks to Christ's amazing love.

The swings with the censer are a vivid way of showing honour to the people. With these ceremonial swings, everyone in the church is honoured—all who are ministering in the chancel and who are worshipping in the nave.

And incense is symbolic in another striking way: as the Bible keeps reminding us, the rising smoke from the incense represents our prayers rising to God. That is why incense may be part of our processions down the aisles.

4) ITS USE ENSURES 5-SENSE INVOLVEMENT IN WORSHIP

Think of how each of our five senses can be engaged while we worship:

SIGHT- we see so many colourful things in the church, from the altar at the front to the stained glass windows along the sides

HEARING- we hear the music of the organ and singing of the choir and congregation, the church bell ringing and the word of God proclaimed.

TOUCH- we touch the prayer book and hymn books, we touch fellow parishioners as we exchange the peace and we touch the bread and wine at the communion rail

TASTE- we taste the bread and wine of the sacrament

So why leave out our one other sense, the sense of smell? The sweet-smelling incense brings that into play.

It matters that we become fully engaged in worship—our worship involving not just our spirits and minds and voices, but also the 5 senses that our Creator has given us. As we say in Psalm 103:1b: “ALL THAT IS IN ME, BLESS (GOD’S) HOLY NAME”

When Father Landon was first invited to preside at Eucharist at this church he could have said to himself concerning the use of incense: “No way, José: I won’t use incense because I have never used it before and I absolutely refuse to try anything new and different.”

But instead he considered the factors he has shared with us above:

- Incense in worship is well supported in the Bible
- Its use is an age-old Christian tradition
- Its use has powerful Christian symbolism
- Its use enables us to engage all of our senses

He said to himself: “Yes, I’m open to this. It’s new and different for me, but—yes—I’ll give it a try. Even at my advanced age, I’m willing to learn what’s involved. This “old dog” will learn “new tricks.”

- Submitted by Christine Whatmore

Greetings from out-of-town parishioners

Kathleen Beatie, a former St. John’s Lay Reader, now resides in Kitchener and was visited for a weekend by Christine Whatmore. She sends greetings and wishes to be remembered by all of St. John’s.

Doug Wilson is now in residence at Barrhaven Retirement Community in Nepean, that is just south of Ottawa. This puts him close to his family in the Ottawa region. He misses us all. He now attends the Anglican church in Manotick. Christine called in to see Doug when she was visiting Ottawa recently.

Recycling News

Total collected since 1995: \$27,620.54

We are still collecting beer bottles and cans, wine and liquor bottles, scrap metal, aluminum, copper, brass, etc. are fetching a good price. Please let us know if you have anything to donate. Thank you for your help.

Postage Stamps

The Canadian Bible Society needs all your used stamps to help fund world-wide distribution of Bibles. There is a box in the narthex for your donations.

Christine Whatmore (705.474.6736)
Chuck Walkey (705.474.6303)

***The Wit and Wisdom
of the Principal Claus***

Success has a simple formula; do your
best, and people may like it.

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What the world really needs is more love
and less paper work

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If you only look at what is, you may
never attain what could be

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Motivation is what gets you started.
Habit is what keeps you going.

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No matter what happens there is always
someone who knew it would.

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Springtime is the land awakening. The
March winds are the morning yawn.

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Facts are stubborn things.

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Perseverance is not a long race; it is
many short races one after another.

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The greatest power is often simple
patience.

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A loving heart is the truest wisdom.

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Praise does wonders for the sense of
hearing.

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A cloudy day is no match for a sunny
disposition.

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If Noah had been truly wise
he would have swatted those two flies

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Dear Tech Support:

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a slowdown in the performance of the flower and jewelry applications that had operated flawlessly under the Boyfriend 5.0 system. In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.9, but installed undesirable programs such as CFL 7.4, NBA 3.2 and NHL 4.1. Conversation 8.0 also no longer runs and Housecleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. I've tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail. What can I do?

Signed, Desperate

Dear Desperate,

First, keep in mind that Boyfriend 5.0 was an entertainment package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system. Try to enter the command C:/ITHOUGHTYOULOVEDME and install Tears 6.2. Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Guilt 3.3 and Flowers 7.5. But remember, Overuse can cause Husband 1.0 to default to such background applications as Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1.

Please remember that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will create SnoringLoudly.WAV files. DO NOT install Mother-In-Law 1.0 or reinstall another Boyfriend program. These are not supported applications and will crash Husband 1.0. They could also potentially cause Husband 1.0 to default to the program: Girlfriend 9.2, which runs in the background and has been known to introduce potentially serious viruses into the Operating System. In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have a limited memory and can't learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to enhance his system performance. I personally recommend Hot Food 3.0 and Single Malt Scotch 4.5 combined with such applications as that old stand-by Lingerie 6.9 (which has been credited with improved performance of Romance 9.9). Good Luck.

Signed, Tech Support

Mission to Seafarers

At the January meeting of St. John's A.C.W. those present made an unanimous decision to begin assisting The Mission to Seafarers. By doing this, they are joining with many other A.C.W. groups across the Algoma Diocese who are "Assisting Seafarers in the Port of Thunder Bay, in the name of Jesus".

You will soon see posters and brochures in the Narthex to further explain this mission. In the meantime "The purpose of the Mission to Seafarers is to promote the spiritual, moral and physical well-being of seafarers and their families world-wide. The Mission's services are available to all seafarers, without reference to race, creed or religion, and mostly without charge, although donations are encouraged."

We are probably not aware but "The emphasis is on ocean-going ships. Each year 60 to 150 ocean-going vessels come to Thunder Bay with crews from India, Philippines, Poland, Ukraine and other countries. The crew is aboard for 6 to 13 months, at sea for weeks at a time, and while in port has only a day or two to go ashore and purchase sundry items". The Mission is able, with your help, to supply necessary items, to these Able Seaman whose monthly wage is \$1,000 US a month.

In a wonderful little blue booklet a brief history is given of the history of The Mission which dates back to 1835 in Bristol, England. But it was not long before the name of The Mission to Seamen became known in ports throughout the British Isles and overseas eventually making its way to Thunder Bay where it is celebrating 50 years of Mission to its Seafarers at the

Centre at Keefer Terminal, 100 Main St. Thunder Bay. And if you find yourself in this port city on the 1st Wednesday of every month, except January, you will be most welcome to lunch.

Barb Williams who is the chair of the Board of Directors and the Chaplain the Rev. E. Swayze, reported in 2011 48 ocean going ships were visited and 518 sailors visited the Centre where they were able to find recent foreign magazines and especially winter clothing including sweaters, jackets, mitts and toques and T-shirts during the rest of the year. Gift Bags are made up at Christmas Time.

St. John's A.C.W. is very excited about supporting The Seafarers" Mission and will be holding fundraising events throughout the year beginning with a plant sale on June 3 in the Parish Hall after the morning service. The sale will include: Tomato and marigold seedlings for your garden, some indoor plants along with gardening books and other gardening paraphernalia.

"Then I saw another angel flying high in the air, with an eternal message of Good News to announce to the peoples of the earth, to every race, tribe, language and nation."

- Revelation 14: 6



St. John The Divine Anglican Church
Profit & Loss Standard
 January through December 2011

	<u>Jan - Dec 11</u>
Income	
Christmas Offerings	3,193.00
Easter Offerings	4,507.50
Electronic Offerings	66,691.00
Envelope Offerings	73,946.34
Fund Raising	14,254.30
Open Offerings	4,345.85
Rental & Special Use Income	3,269.87
Sales Tax Refunds	3,570.28
Thanksgiving Offering	2,077.00
Total Income	<u>175,855.14</u>
Expense	
Advertising	1,322.86
Apportionment	43,686.00
Bank Charges/Interest	1,074.77
Building Maintenance	8,250.78
Community Outreach & Programs	500.00
Equipment Rental and Maintenance	128.82
Flowers	137.08
Insurance	6,218.86
Office Expense	244.40
Organ Maintenance & Repair	300.00
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	1,695.38
Other Salaries & Benefits	6,316.65
Postage and Delivery	560.77
Printing and Reproduction	4,326.00
Professional Services fees	113.00
Rectors Discretionary Fund	800.00
Rectors Salary & Benefits	70,671.86
Rectors Travel	339.62
Security Monitoring	1,432.58
Synod Expenses	1,592.60
Telephone	4,297.15
Utilities	16,726.88
Worship Supplies & Materials	2,853.52
Total Expense	<u>173,589.58</u>
Net Income	<u><u>2,265.56</u></u>

St. John's Bazaar and Luncheon

ONCE AGAIN EVERYONE AT ST. JOHN'S worked like Trojans to pull off the annual event last November. The day went like a well-oiled machine as people who have been doing this for years and many new people, worked so well together to make the Bazaar and Luncheon another success.

Crafters —	646.75
Jewelry —	125.
Grandma's attic —	540.
Grandfather's books —	177.
Baking —	519.
Deli —	759.
Tea Room —	1,276.
North Bay Mall —	412.
Raffle tickets —	84.
Donations & Misc. —	166.25
TOTAL —	\$4,705.00

A few changes were made to the Bazaar and Luncheon which seemed to work including:

* We put the Crafters in the Fireside Room, who loved being there. And didn't their little Christmas Trees look beautiful all lit up on the long shelf?

* We put the Deli beside the fridge in the Thorneloe Room. This worked well, as items could be kept cold, and being across the room from the Bake Table was complimentary.

* We increased the Tea Room tickets to \$5, which did not seem to cause any problems.

Many thanks again to everyone who worked so diligently on the Bazaar and Luncheon: it was a lot of hard work but also a lot of fun and comradeship and we know that so many of the 257 people who came into the Tea Room said they never miss our annual event and will be back again.

- Submitted by Pamela Handley, Chair

Our Source of Happiness

"What Satan put into the heads of our remote ancestors was the idea that they could 'be like gods'—could set up on their own as if they had created themselves—be their own masters—invent some sort of happiness for themselves outside God, apart from God. And out of that hopeless attempt has come nearly all that we call human history—money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery—the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy ... "The reason why it can never succeed is this: God made us, invented us as a man invents an engine. A car is made to run on gasoline, and it would not run properly on anything else. Now God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. That is why it is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way without bothering about religion. God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing."

- C. S. Lewis

"Turn off the noise for a bit, and shun the continual distractions for awhile. There is a powerful modern prejudice in favour of busyness; even the Church seems determined to keep us busy."

- Father Robert Crouse

Holy Week at St. John's



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m.

(Book of Alternative Services)

Good Friday

Friday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m.

(Book of Common Prayer)

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.

(Book of Common Prayer)

Easter Day

Sunday, April 8 at 10:00 a.m.

(Book of Alternative Services)

More wisdom concerning "fasting"

Let the ear fast, by not listening to evil talk and gossip.
Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticism.

For what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes,
but bite and devour our brothers?

May He who came to the world to save sinners, strengthen us to
complete the fast with humility! Have mercy on us and save us.

- St. John Chrysostom

When Ordinary People do Extraordinary Things

“A Ray of Light”

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The Air India bombing in 1985 killed 329 people flying from Ottawa to India. It left hundreds more bereft, forced to recreate their lives the best they could. Some concentrated their energy on the investigation. Others turned away from that process entirely.

This is the story of one such man. Dr. Chandra's wife and his two children were among those killed and he was left wondering what the point of his own life was. His search for meaning led him to another continent and to a completely different life. This is the story of a ray of light that has fallen on an impoverished part of the state of Andhra Pradesh in southern India. He kept thinking about his wife's concern for the poor in her home state of Andhra Pradesh, so he came back to her neighbourhood and set up a school named for his lost daughter.

The Sarada school represents a ticket out of poverty. As the school day unfolds you get a sense of what education means to these kids. Ask them how many have parents who cannot read and write. Most of the hands go up. For themselves, they have bigger ambitions. What do they want to be when they grow up?

They answer: English teacher, doctor, teacher, police officer.

Best of all, this school is free. It doesn't get a dime from the government or the parents. It is funded entirely by

charitable donations raised by Dr. Chandra. He provides the school bus, meals, uniforms, books, and medical checkups with medicine if needed.

Normally for children growing up in a tiny village in rural India, the future doesn't hold very many options. It is a long way here from the new high tech booming India. For the children, the future for the girls is perhaps helping their mothers at home, for the boys working in the fields, and that's about it. But these children are very fortunate to live in a district near a school that can give them options, the ability to dream something better. Not just to get a better job, but perhaps to teach others. So it's a dramatic step not just for them, but for their families and for the next generation. Interestingly, this deep change is accompanied by a deep reverence for tradition and good manners and discipline. Discipline.

Long past school hours, Dr. Chandra's school bus is still at work collecting new passengers. They are the blind and the half blind, crippled by cataracts in their eyes. A hundred of them emerge slowly into a strange world, a bustling eye hospital. They've come from remote villages where an ophthalmologist is almost unheard of, and Dr. Chandra's team is going to restore their sight overnight.

“They may not know exactly what's happening or what's going to happen to them, but I think they know they've come for help,” Sankurathri says.

They've come to the Srikiran Institute of Ophthalmology. It's named for his six-year-old boy, Dr. Chandra's son from Ottawa who died in Air India Flight 182 in 1985.

That name, Srikiran, means “God's ray of light.”

At first, it looks pretty much like any hospital as the surgeon scrubs before going to work. But to make a dent in the daunting numbers of patients here, one doctor will have to work faster than her colleagues in the West, a lot faster, 150 surgeries a day, taking 2 to 3 minutes. There is a large staff backing up the doctor, but still, 150 surgeries a day is 10 times as many as a surgeon will do in the West, and it comes at a fraction of the price.

Dr. Madhavi Ganta really does work on each patient for 3 minutes or less. Then it's off with the used gloves and on with the new, and while one patient is under the knife, another is being led out. Dr. Ganta says the key here is she's not bogged down by bureaucracy like doctors in the West.

Cataract surgery is a life changing experience whatever country you're in. But it still inspires awe to see its impact on people who couldn't possibly pay for it and who otherwise would be condemned to darkness for the rest of their lives.

Dr. Chandra's one-man war on blindness is moving so fast now that there have been 95,000 cataract surgeries. Add to that about a half a million outpatients who have come here for other eye problems like glaucoma.

It's all funded by donations from Dr. Chandra's network around the world, a little from the Indian government, a little from charities like Help the Aged, and a little from CIDA, the Canadian aid agency. He gets a little, too, from strangers on the other side of the world. Like school principal Theresa Krysky and her students at St. Gregory's Catholic School in the Ottawa suburb of Nepean. Theresa lived just down the street from us in Carp.

Dr. Chandra Sankurathri established the Manjari Sankurathri Memorial Foundation. It is a registered charitable

organization in Canada. Its goal is "to promote rural community development in India, through education and vocational training, health care and emergency relief."

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"Forget and forgive, and you get on with your life," Sankurathri says, "Don't be, you know, vengeful and you wanted to see that, you know, somebody should get punished. By doing so, you are so preoccupied in that and we cannot do anything in life. You know, 20 years has gone by. If I didn't do this, I'd be sitting there waiting for something to happen for those criminals."

Instead, day after day in his corner of India, Chandrasekhar Sankurathri is changing a seemingly unchangeable history of illiteracy and blindness. And along the way, he has made sure that the names of his family will live on. His wife Munjari, and little Sarada, and Srikiran, God's ray of light.

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