

THE CROWN

St. Margaret's in-the-Pines



Lent/Easter 2009

My Dear People:

In two recent sermons I have reminded us (myself included!) that all religious people have a tendency to make God in their own image. To everyone who thinks like that comes St Paul's message that 'there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus'. He is the God of the nations; He is the Lord of the whole earth.



All of us need our horizons widened, our understanding of the world enlarged, because it all belongs to God, and it is all of interest to Him. He made it; He sustains it; and He is in the process of redeeming it. The God we worship is not a local God, a God Who is always on our side. He is the Lord of the universe; and Resurrection life, new life, has to be a possibility for everyone, or else it's not a possibility for anyone. For that is what Resurrection means: it is the beginning of God's new world.

The Gospel proclaims that when Jesus was raised from the dead, the course of the world was changed. The promise is that the whole world will be reborn. It will be God's 'brave new world' inaugurated by Jesus, where everything that distorts or disfigures our humanity will disappear. The Resurrection of Jesus is the assurance that love will win over hate, life over death, and God will triumph over everything, and that this involves the whole of humanity and, indeed, the whole creation. It's not the saving of a few select souls but the possibility of new life offered to everyone and everything. That's the significance of the Resurrection of Jesus.

*'The Lord is risen,' we affirm. 'He is risen indeed!' But he is **The** Lord, not just my Lord or your Lord. He is the Lord who is always before us, inviting us to open our eyes to see his presence in the most unexpected places. And he is the Lord whose Gospel and whose risen life are not for the few elect plucked out of the burning but for every tribe and nation upon earth, for he longs to reconcile the whole world to himself. To that kind of God be praise, glory, thanksgiving and honour, now and unto the ages of ages!*

With Easter blessings,
Your friend and priest,
Fr Ron+

*From the
Pastor* 

EASTER HOME COMMUNIONS

Fr. Ron plans to administer these on **Wednesday, April 8**. If, owing to illness or infirmity, you or someone you know would like to receive Communion in this way, **PLEASE ADVISE THE CHURCH OFFICE**, and Fr. Ron will be happy to make the necessary arrangements.

BAPTISMAL FESTIVALS FOR THE YEAR 2009

Those desiring **Holy Baptism**, either for themselves or for their children, are asked to please **contact Father Ron at least one month in advance** in order to arrange the necessary Pre-Baptismal Classes for Parents and Godparents.

Sunday May 31 Pentecost

Sunday, September 13 Holy Cross (transferred) Sunday, November 1 All Saints'

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Passion/Palm Sun., 5 Apr.: 9 & 10.30 a.m.

*Blessing and Distribution of Palms,
Procession and Holy Eucharist*

Maundy Thurs., 9 Apr.: 7.30 p.m.

*Celebration of the Institution of the Holy
Eucharist, followed by*

Stripping of the Altar

Good Fri., 10 Apr.: 10.30 a.m.

*Solemn Liturgy of the Passion with
Veneration of the Cross*

Holy Sat., 11 Apr.: 7.30 p.m.

*Easter Vigil, Holy Baptism and First Eucharist
of Easter*

Easter Day, 12 Apr.: 9 & 10.30 a.m.

Procession and Holy Eucharist

Pastoral Care Visiting Team

Members of the Pastoral Care Visiting Team telephone and visit parishioners who are unable to attend services.

This Easter Holy Communion will be given to the shut-ins and flowers delivered. Your donations to the flower fund make this possible.

Parishioners who are ill are sent cards of encouragement and prayers. Please inform the office if you know someone who is ill and would like Communion or a visit.

Our team has shrunk in size recently, and we would appreciate anyone who would like to join us in bringing companionship to our fellow parishioners. If you are available to join our team, please speak to Eileen Loftus

Respectfully Submitted

Eileen Loftus



The Piecemakers Group

Easter is here again and we have made Chocolate Eggs, Chocolate Bunny Boxes filled with smarties & chocolate suckers. All are now available for purchase during the coffee hour. We are also raffling a porcelain Bunny dressed and donated by Joan Wilson.

Please come and support us, as all proceeds are donated to the church.

We will be decorating the church on Holy Saturday morning, April 11, with paper butterflies. These are lovingly made each year by Dorothy & Dusty Wood and now with their grandchildren. Thank you all very much. What a lovely family winter project.

It is time to think about another Quilt. We are getting together fabrics and ideas and hoping to get it done for this year. Unfortunately there are less Quilters in the group now. So if you love to sew, come and join us on Wednesday Mornings in the J. R. Room from 9.30 - 12 noon. There is lots to learn!

Happy Easter to all

Dorothy Gurney Susan Humphreys
Co Ordinators

Pancake Supper

The Annual St. Margaret's Pancake Supper was a sweet success. The approximately 100 people attending ate pancakes and sausages and enjoyed an evening of food and friends. Many thanks go to all the volunteers. The evening raised approximately \$470 to support the ongoing Ministries here at St. Margaret's.

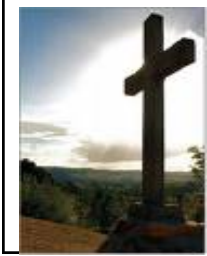
Bus Trip 2009!

Plans are being made for a bus trip to Midland. The price will include the bus trip, lunch and a 3 hour boat cruise in the Georgian Bay area.

Pencil July 11 (the tentative date) on your calendar and watch the weekly Bulletin for further details.

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Weekday Eucharist and Study Group

*The regular Friday morning
Adult Studies are continu-
ing. At present the topic is
" Genesis: A Living Conversation " as presented by
Bill Moyers.*

*Usually there are eight to twelve participants, all of
whom find the classes very interesting and informa-
tive. So we invite others to join us for a rewarding
morning where refreshments are also served.*

Pauline Smith

Easter Food Drive

*Once again this year, in
conjunction with Giffen
Mack Funeral Home, we
are conducting our Easter
Food Drive. Your generous
contributions will be forwarded to West Hill Com-
munity Food Bank, and distributed to those in need
in our community. Please bring in your contribu-
tions in the original, unopened manufacturer's
packaging. Items such as baby formula, Kraft Din-
ner, canned fruits and vegetables, tuna and salmon
are in high demand at the food bank.
Thank you very much for your kindness and gener-
osity to those less fortunate.*

Thank you!

*A hearty thank you to all of our
dedicated volunteers. You add
so much to our parish and to
our community.*

Message from the Wardens

Greetings,

Thank you again for appointing us the Wardens of St. Margaret's In The Pines Anglican Church for the year 2009-2010. Our plan in 2009 is to first assign the duties and responsibilities of the Church and its Properties to a direct in charge Warden to oversee.

Joycelyn Williams, the Rector's Warden and Trevor Matthew, Deputy Rector's Warden will oversee the Communication, Finance and Administration of the Church.

Neville Ira-Gould, the People's Warden will be in charge of the Ministry & Worship and Property & Maintenance; with Property & Maintenance delegated to Dave Madder, Deputy People's Warden.

"We found that it's necessary to assign the duties to all four Wardens at St. Margaret in order to accomplish the challenges that we are currently facing."

The Priorities and Plans for 2009-2010 consist of but are not limited to:

- ◆ *Finalize the Fire Retrofit*
- ◆ *Leasing the Rectory*
- ◆ *Deal with the Parking situation*
- ◆ *Review the Building Inspection and implement an action plan for one to five years.*
- ◆ *Improve the Administration of the Church and it's Properties*
- ◆ *Improve Communication*

ST. MARGARET'S IN THE PINES ANGLICAN CHURCH

BUDGET vs ACTUAL

JAN - FEB 28, 09

SUMMARY

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
	<u>Jan - Feb</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Fav/(Unfav)</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Balance</u>
RECEIPTS					
Envelope Donations	18,022	23,667	(5,644)	142,000	123,978
Open Offerings	2,517	833	1,683	5,000	2,483
Hall Usage	4,785	4,167	618	25,000	20,215
Fund Raising	0	1,000	(1,000)	6,000	6,000
Rentals	2,850	7,167	(4,317)	43,000	40,150
Advertising-Crown & Bulletin	0	83	(83)	500	500
Non-recurring & Other In- come	680	417	263	2,500	1,820
Total Receipts	<u>28,854</u>	<u>37,333</u>	<u>(8,479)</u>	<u>224,000</u>	<u>195,146</u>
EXPENSES					
Ministry and Worship	19,075	19,584	508	117,501	98,426
Properties	17,680	12,317	(5,363)	73,900	56,220
Administration	4,902	6,272	1,370	37,634	32,732
Allotment	4,948	4,948	0	29,689	24,741
Total expenses	<u>46,605</u>	<u>43,121</u>	<u>(3,485)</u>	<u>258,724</u>	<u>212,119</u>
Current Sur- plus/(Deficit)	<u>(17,751)</u>	<u>(5,787)</u>	<u>(11,964)</u>	<u>(34,724)</u>	<u>(16,973)</u>

*St. Margaret's in-the-Pines
gratefully acknowledges the support and contributions
from businesses in our community*