



Sunday and Mid-Week Services

The Rev. Karen Chalk celebrant and
preacher, unless otherwise noted.

Sundays

8:00 am **Holy Communion**
Book of Alternative Services

10:00 am **Choral Eucharist & Sermon**
Book of Alternative Services

Wednesdays

9:30 am **Holy Eucharist**

10:30 am **Bible Study**

Service of Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, February 6
9:30 am and 7:30 pm

Annual Vestry Meeting

Sunday, February 17th
Immediately following the
10 am Morning Service

Prayer Care

Comfort and heal, merciful Father, all those who are in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them a firm trust in your goodness and help those who minister to them. We remember those in need of our prayers:

June Ayre
Steve Benjamin
Darren Berry
Charlotte Best
Muriel Best
Fay Bland
Judy Barnes
Ada Cavanagh
Sarah Charters
John Cromwell
Dede Dobesch
Betty Davies
Sherry Faber
Joan Hancock
Maureen Howard
Tang Shi Hua
Andreas Koerner
Bill Lambert

June Wilson
Stacey Neale
Bruce Nicolle
Celia Phipps
Joyce Rapley
Ken Rapley
Kathy Reusing
Lillian Robb
Hugh Rowland
Carmen Rye
Renata Sohn
Sonia Swain
Joanna Stegmann
Phyllis Susnak
Jeff Valentine
Bert Williams
Evi Williams
Gary Williamson

Please help to keep this list up-to-date by advising the Rector or Jennifer Gibb in the church office (514-631-3601) of any changes.

Our Parish Life

Deaths

January 12; Betty Godin, sister of Janet McCrae and sister-in-law of Ian.

January 16; Helen Abrams in Barbados. Mother-in-law of Vera Abrams.

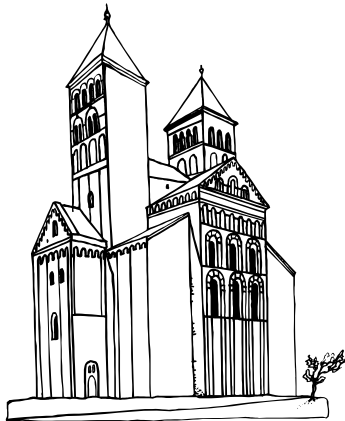
January 19; Former parishioner Hazel Moroz.

January 20; Tom Spence Sr. Father-in-law of Brenda Spence.

PWRDF Membership at the Canadian Foodgrains Bank

PWRDF is one of the fifteen members of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB), an organization working to end world hunger. On behalf of its members, CFGB collects grain and cash donations, provides funds and expert advice for projects submitted by member agencies and their partners, manages the procurement and supply of food commodities, and engages in public policy and education activities related to hunger and food security. PWRDF is thankful to all Anglicans who have been supporting the CFGB in its noble mission. Please pray for the work of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and for the millions of people who go to bed hungry every night.

Anglican Infrastructure:



What Holds the Church Up?

Tuesdays, April 1 to May 6; 7:15 to 9:30 pm

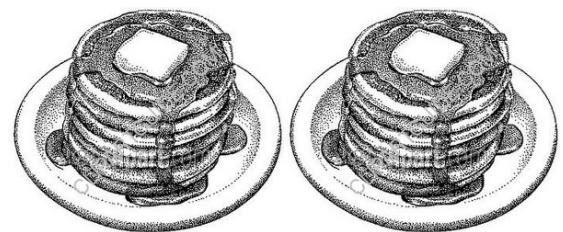
Montreal Diocesan Theological College
3473 University Street, Montreal

Guest lecturer: The Rev. Alan T. Perry, LL.M

"The foundations of any building determine its shape. How does the shape of the Anglican Church of Canada reflect its foundations? Join us as we explore the basement and the foundations of our Church."

Text for the course, included in the registration fee: *From a Long Perspective: The Foundational Documents, Ecumenical Covenants, and Other Significant Agreements of the Anglican Church of Canada*. ABC Publishing 2007. With Historical context and commentary by the Rev. Canon K.D. Murray, PhD. Cost: \$80, registration includes the textbook. Registration and Information, please contact The Rev. Tim Smart office, 514-849-4437 email: tsmart@montreal.anglican.ca

PANCAKE



SUPPER

6 PM Tuesday, Feb. 5

Adults \$6 Children under 12 \$3

- Pancakes • Maple Syrup
 - Sausages • Dessert
- Coffee or Tea**
Red or White Wine
Wine tickets at the door

All proceeds from the pancake supper will be used to enhance our Paul Busing Scholarship Fund. The fund is being newly directed to support native ministry in the Diocese of Moosonee which straddles James Bay in Northern Ontario and Quebec, and contains several native communities.

Our Church History

September 25, 1967

Did the Christian Pavilion at Expo thrill you or shock you? Whatever your view, "that experience" is an indication of the ferment going on within the Church. It also underlines the fact that we are all involved in what Man is doing with his World.

It is "this revolution" which is steadily forcing two big questions on us at St Mark's, namely:

- (1) How to handle the familiar structures and meanings of Parish, Deanery, and Diocese so that Anglicans in Dorval may continue to function as "the Church."
- (2) How to prepare ourselves for those changes in thinking and structures, already exerting pressure on us, which will increasingly reflect the Church of the Future.

It is for this central purpose that I ask your personal participation in a Parish Council on Wednesday, October 4th, at 8 pm at St Mark's.

This council is not being called as another committee to deal with "problems." Rather, it is the consulting together of a representative group of the congregation approved earlier in the year at the Annual Vestry Meeting. It is to give leadership in becoming better informed and equipped as Christians in the last third of the twentieth century.

Yours sincerely,
Reginald M. Turpin, Rector

From church archives, Wally Lambert

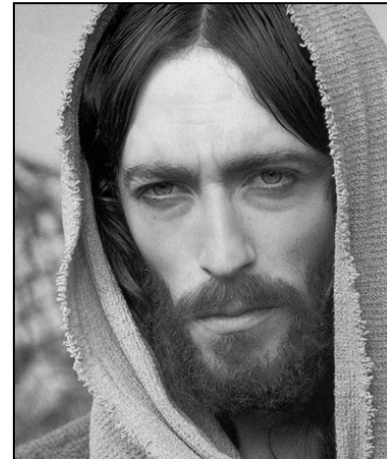
This letter from forty years ago shows the desire of our church to be up-to-date and relevant as the "Church of the Future". The Anglican Church, throughout Canada, and around the world, is dealing with much the same issues today.

The Editor

Jesus of Nazareth

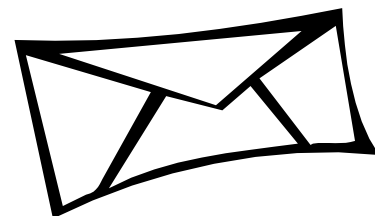
A Lenten Film Study Each Tuesday

Feb. 12, 19, 26, March 4, 11, 18 – 7 to 9 pm



This Lent see the story of Jesus come alive in a new way with Franco Zeffirelli's 1977 film, Jesus of Nazareth! Each week we will watch a section of the movie together, and allow time for reflection, discussion and prayer. For more information see Jen Bourque. No cost, no registration necessary.

Letters to the Editor



I looked in the letter box – but there wasn't one to be seen! I don't think we can blame the postman. I'm still waiting for someone to start things off with a comment or position on something you recently heard or read about. The source doesn't matter; better still if it appeared in a recent issue of The Andrew-Mark Letter. Please send your letters, (personally identified) as a WORD email attachment, to me at lescath@aei.ca, or to Jennifer Gibb at: saintmarks@bellnet.ca, or drop a hard copy into the church office.

Suggestions for Lent

From the Diocesan Book Room

Life Conquers Death

Meditations on the Garden, the Cross,
and the Tree of Life

Author: John Arnold \$18.99

How can we come to understand more fully our own story of sin and redemption? This beautiful series of meditations addresses that need. Each chapter moves us one step along the path, and we're also guided by the author's metaphors of wood, trees, and the cross of Christ as we travel.

Christians at The Cross

Finding Hope in The Passion, Death,
and Resurrection Of Jesus

Author: N.T. Wright \$11.95

Anglican bishop N. T. Wright is a respected ecumenical voice among Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox Christians. When he reflected on Christ's death and resurrection with the members of a mining community in northern England who had suffered grievous losses, he encouraged them to find signs of hope as they brought their pain into the presence of God through the journey of Jesus to the cross.

Telephone 514-843-9387, email: info@dbr.ca

You can't take it with you, continued

I've been looking into giving to the Church and discovered that there are ways to benefit at the same time.

You can give an annuity that guarantees payments for life to you or your spouse. The rates depend on your age, but they're comparable to the interest you'd get on a GIC, and they are largely tax-free. You can give property and continue to live in it, or donate an artwork but continue to enjoy it while you're in the here and now. If you give stocks, bonds or mutual fund units, you don't have to pay tax on the capital gains. Instead, you get a donation

receipt for the full value of the securities. If you're in a high tax bracket, that could be a big benefit.

You can sign an existing life-insurance policy over to the Church, or take out a new one naming the Church as owner. You pay the premiums, but you get a tax receipt for them. When you die, the Church is the beneficiary of the policy.
Barbara Peden

An update on the Curtain behind the Altar

During the last year, the corporation has spent considerable time investigating the need to do something about the continuing deterioration of the curtain that hangs behind the altar, and which hides our (functional but not beautiful) organ pipes. We took the time to seek out different materials, which would basically replace the existing curtain, but in the end, no such material was forthcoming. Newer acoustically transparent materials seemed too stiff, and would not hang properly as a curtain. We consulted with both Bill, our organist, and other suppliers of material, and have as yet been stumped. At the same time, both Bill and Bruce have been encouraging us to explore other possibilities, maintaining that any curtain would block sound to some extent, and that there were ways we could remove the soiled curtain, and also improve the sound of the organ. We are investigating several solutions to our situation, which range from the very simple, to more elaborate and costly proposals. The corporation is taking its time, since we feel there is no need to rush, and make a mistake. We will obviously consult widely before any decision is made.

Nevertheless, we are aware that several parishioners have generously offered to either pay for, or help pay for, the new curtain. Some have even already earmarked quite generous contributions towards this worthy project. We can assure you that we are very thankful for your spirit of generosity, and have kept separate any contributions to date, so that they will be available to assist in the fulfillment of this project.

Karen

Inquirers Class



Starting February 10th, immediately after the 10 am Service, 12-1 pm for 5 weeks in Lent, there will be an Inquirers Class given by the Rector for adults who are interested in learning more about their faith and the Anglican faith in particular. This class is for any adult who wishes to be confirmed, or to be received from another tradition, or simply to explore their faith. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Karen or Jennifer Bourque.

Parish Council News

I am realising that by the time the newsletter goes out, Christmas will be a month behind us. It really is hard to believe. Even harder to believe is that our quirky calendar has us starting Lent beginning this Wednesday! I want to begin my notes today by thanking all of you who contributed to, and participated in, our Christmas celebrations.

Two very large bags of gifts were collected for the Foyer Dorval; our Mission tree was completely covered with socks and scarves, mitts and long johns; gift cards and food vouchers were distributed to families who were identified by Jane Racja at the Dorval Community Aid. We appreciate the time and effort of Ian McCrae and Pam Manning in ordering and delivering our gifts. So many people contributed in these important ways and I want to thank everyone on behalf of the parish council.

We are looking forward to Easter and our journey through Lent. As we discussed our plans for Lent, we felt that there was one Christmas program that needed some further attention. As you will recall, our Chorale Service before Christmas was buried under a rather large blanket of snow – picture Raymond Noel's guests from Tanzania taking pictures and laughing their heads off as we crazy parishioners had a chain of shovellers trying to dig cars out one after another. Our intent that evening had been to make a substantial offering to **Auberge Madeleine** – a Diocesan supported women's shelter in Montreal. Our storm significantly diminished the contribution we were able to make.

The Parish Council has decided to make the Auberge our Lenten project. We will work with them to identify exactly what types of items are most useful, and similar to our Mission tree, we will begin to collect toiletries, towels, washcloths, baby food etc. Please watch the pew leaflet carefully in the upcoming weeks to find exact details. Large bins will be available at the beginning of Lent and we will deliver the gifts just prior to Easter.

The **Pancake Supper** is coming soon – mmmmm I love those sausages. Many have signed up to help and that is what makes this evening so much fun. This year we will also welcome the Cub Troop which uses our facilities – please join me in welcoming them and their leaders to our midst. All proceeds from the pancake supper will be used to enhance our Paul Busing Scholarship Fund. The fund is being newly directed to support native ministry in the Diocese of Moosonee which straddles James Bay in Northern Ontario and Quebec, and contains several native communities.

We will begin our **Simple Supper Club/Fellowship evenings** in Lent – you will find a more extensive note elsewhere. Please join with fellow parishioners for a simple evening of fun and food. It will be a great way to meet parishioners old and new.

The **Annual General Vestry Meeting** approaches – February 17th. This means that a nominating committee will soon be at work to fill some of the positions of the Corporation and the Parish Council. The nominating committee will be looking for members of the parish to serve in many capacities. If you feel you could spare an evening a month to help us think through issues of interest to all of us please speak to me or Karen.

Finally, I hope that you will consider the various options for renewal and study during the **Season of Lent**. Jennifer Bourque, our theology student, will lead a study program on Tuesday evenings (see elsewhere in the newsletter) at 7 pm. Services beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending with our Holy Week and Easter services are all opportunities to grow and share together.

Jane Evans, Chair of Parish Council

The Really Neat Book Club

Our book club continues to meet and discuss an interesting array of books. We are looking forward to our upcoming season. The dates for the winter and spring sessions will be posted in the Narthex shortly, and the books we are reading are listed below. It is an interesting and eclectic set of books and, quite frankly, an interesting and eclectic group of readers!! Never a dull moment as we try to make sense of what we are reading. Anyone wishing to read along with us and come to our meeting discussions is welcome. For information please call Jane Evans, 514-631-6134.

February Dead Cold Louise Penny
Another of her murder mysteries set in the Eastern Townships.

March Last Stop Sunnyside Pat Cappon
A Montreal writer describes a personal struggle.

**April A Thousand Splendid Suns
 Khalid Hosseini**
A second novel by this Afghan/American writer who penned the Kite Runner that we all adored.

**May The Lady and The Unicorn
 Tracey Chevalier**
The same author who wrote Girl with the Pearl Earring.

**June We are searching for a
 blockbuster finale – any ideas?**

Simple Supper and Fellowship Group

A simple supper club is being organized as a way of bringing small groups of people together to share a meal and get to know each other. A small planning group gathered the responses of the parish and we will begin our group in the Lenten season.

A sign up list will be posted in the Narthex and you will notice that there will be two options, either evenings or midday, as there were clearly those for

whom it would be more convenient to meet during the day. **We will need to have your response by February 8th at the latest. Please sign up or call Jennifer Gibb in the office (514-631-3601) to let her know of your wish to join us.**

Those who sign up will be assigned to groups of 6. The expectation will be that the group will organize when and where they will meet – in each others' homes is the most likely, but some may prefer a café or restaurant. The only important rule is that the meal be simple so that all can participate. We suggest the common menu would be a casserole, a salad and a very simple dessert. If people wish to serve beer or wine that will be the choice of the group. How or what you will organize other than this is yours to decide.

We will begin the group with a simple lunch following the service on February 10th. Over sandwiches and brownies we will meet and discuss other details. Our plan is that the groups chosen will meet at least three times between February 9th and mid-June when we will meet again as a large group for a simple lunch. There may be people who would like to meet over the summer so we will mix again the groups for any who wish to do so. For those who don't wish to meet over the summer we will reconvene as a large group and mix and match again for a fall session. Group members will feel free to sign up for one or more sessions as they wish.

This is going to be fun, and I encourage as many as possible to join with us as we embark on this new endeavour. One of the planning group suggested we call the group Simple Pleasures and that is the best I have heard yet so consider us launched as the **Simple Pleasures Group**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me, Jane Evans 514 631-6134.

GARAGE SALE Saturday May 3

Now is the time to assemble all those valuables that you have hidden away for this special fund-raiser!

