

Passages

From January 1 to August 6, 2006

Baptisms

Isaiah Xavier Brian Mathias Smith
March 20

Audrey Karen Hansen
April 9

Logan Alexander Franco-Dubinsky
July 10

Adam Jonah Kallina New
August 6

Confirmations

Sunday, June 25

Graham Harris
Brian Emmerson
Georgia Higgins
Emily Hutcheon
Dana Baryckji

Weddings

Catherine McArthur & Scott Jonah
July 7

Deaths

Alice Snowden
January 3

Emma McKinnon
January 25

Louise Houston
May 14

Betty Morton
June 1

Gladys Riddell
June 8

Looking for a way to serve? Try the Servers' Guild!

By Graydon McArthur

Serving is a very important element in a person's growth and in their Christian life. I personally find the office of server very satisfying, as I have always considered it an honour, and a privilege, because I am comforted by feeling close to God, while serving at the altar.

The tradition of serving all started with a young lad named Samuel, who accompanied his mother to the synagogue, where he started to help Eli, the high priest at the altar. All Christians are servants of God, but few are called to serve at the altar. Servers are servants of God, who assist in serving the family meal of the church, the Eucharistic Feast, or holy communion.

When a server stands near the altar, they represent the lay people of the church, as they present the elements from the credence table to the minister to be blessed. After these elements are blessed, those elements are now called, "the blessed sacrament." Another name for server is acolyte, which means, "assistant."

I have been doing this work for just over 30 years. It is the most honourable office I have ever had. It is the work that I enjoy most in my life. I still remember my first day carrying the processional cross. If you have ever noticed a poplar leaf on the tree in a slight wind, I was shaking, just like that leaf. As I look back, I smile to see just how far along I have come since that first Sunday.

Servers work two or three services a month and get on-the-job training, with brief instruction before a service. There is an annual breakfast, followed with a mandatory practice session at least once a year.

Serving is recommended to those from the graduating Confirmation Class or other adults that want to feel the "real presence" working within them.

What does a server do?

There are several jobs that the servers take care of in a Sunday service:

- Crucifer - carries the processional cross (older person with strength)
- Torch Bearer - carrying a torch in procession - all Servers or Acolytes

- Reading a Lesson - anyone who is a proficient at reading
- Intercessions - doing the prayers in service - Lay Readers only
- Bread or wafer Administrators - Lay Readers only
- Chalice Administrators - Lay Readers only
- Offertory - receiving the offering - all Servers and Acolytes
- Regulate - regulate the communicants coming up for Communion - all Servers
- Anointing - Lay Anointers only

What are the requirements?

• A server has to be prompt. The suggested time to arrive is at least half an hour before service.

• Pray to God when entering the church so He can be with you during the service of worship, as well as to thank Him for coming to you in the service, before you leave. This feeling is called the "real presence," and I can't get enough of this up-lifting feeling.

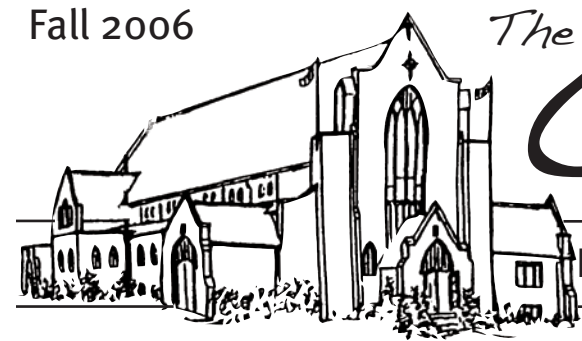
• Demonstrate a proper worship posture: feet flat on the floor, legs uncrossed, being still, walking instead of appearing to be hurried, eyes straight ahead, hands cupped one inside the other, kneeling with your back straight, and not in a slouch position, and bowing with a simple head bow which means, "thank you."

• Keep a quiet, reverent and holy manner, otherwise, the congregation and choir could get distracted.

Nursery in bloom

Young parents at St. Olave's know that we have been working hard to try and establish a regular nursery during the 10:30 service. This year it looks promising with the help of Rachel Orth and Nancy Shapland. However, we will always be looking for more volunteers. If you're interested, please contact the Rector.

Fall 2006



The Olave Branch

Reaching out to St. Olave's Anglican Church community



Catherine McArthur and Scott Jonah's July wedding

Mini-caravan returns to St. Olave's

By Jim Shapland

It has been 10 years since Jessie Powell convened the Mini-Caravan, that remarkable festival of international food, cultural exhibits and entertainment. There was considerable sentiment in the Parish for a revival of the event and now a steering committee, co-chaired by Jessie Powell and Jim Shapland is well advanced with its planning. Already the committee has received commitments for food offerings and cultural pavilions representing Canada, the Caribbean, England, India, Ireland, Malaysia, Norway and Ukraine.

This will be a joint production of the St. Olave's Arts Guild and its volunteers and Jessie Powell and her friends. A substantial portion of the net proceeds will be donated to a St. Olave's improvement/maintenance project which will be identified over the next several weeks. Several are under consideration by the committee.

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GET YOUR TICKETS!

Tickets will go on sale Sunday, September 9, before and after the 10:30 service. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children up to and including age 12; and \$30 for a family (up to 2 adults and 4 children). Because of the anticipated demand, we are taking reservations and have received several bookings already. To place your reservation, call Jessie at 416-769-7568, Jim at 416-653-3570 or Judy in the church office at 416-769-5686. Leave a message and Judy will make sure your request is put on the reservation list. All reservations will be filled until the Parish hall seating capacity of 144 is reached.

Congregation puts forth dynamic ideas

By Reverend David Burrows

On June 22 about 40 enthusiastic members of St. Olave's congregation came out to participate in a brainstorming session. The goal was to put forward as many ideas as possible of how we could "grow" St. Olave's into the kind of church and community God desires us to be.

The ideas went up on wall charts quickly, everything from handing out leaflets on Bloor Street to making the church wheelchair accessible. There were so many ideas that all of our plans of "voting" on what to do with the best of them went out the window. We had to analyze and categorize them. So I sat down with the wall charts (which are now in the Church Office) and we now have ideas on Worship/Liturgy, Welcoming, Junior Church, Youth and Outreach, to name a few.

This fall we will be implementing as many of these ideas as we can. And why? So

we can give God the glory He deserves, so that we can serve one another in love and in Christ and so that we can reach out into the congregation around us to bring in others and help those in need in Toronto's West End and elsewhere. In fact, you're holding one of the ideas — a church newsletter. If you have any ideas for the next issue of The Olave Branch, please contact me or Janice Douglas.

What I hope you will do when you receive a copy of the summary is pick out what you would like to do for St. Olave's. Each one of you has a gift of the Holy Spirit — something you're good at. Do it. Do what you do best. Myself and others will be contacting you in order to organize these efforts.

All of these changes and improvements have only one purpose: to fulfill the mandate of our Lord who said (and we say it every service at Holy Communion): "Love God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself."

Trip to the Holy Land explores roots of faith

This fall, depending on the status of the war in the Middle East, Reverend Burrows will be leading a trip to the Holy Land. Why go to the Holy Land? "Because that is where it all happened," he says. "Jesus, Joshua, King David — not Moses, he never made it. See the land, understand the Bible and your faith."

The trip is set to leave Thursday, November 14 from Toronto, with the following itinerary:

- Day 1 – Canada to Athens
- Day 2 – Athens (Acropolis and Mars Hill), Depart for Tel Aviv
- Day 3 - Arrival, Caesarea and Galilee (Via Maris, Caesarea Maritima, Mt. Carmel, Bahai (Temple) Gardens, Megiddo, Plains of Jezreel)
- Day 4 - Jesus' Ministry (Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, Golan Heights, Banias, Caesarea Philipi)
- Day 5 - Road to Jerusalem and Bethlehem (Nazareth, Beit Shean, Jordan Valley)
- Day 6 - Old City of Jerusalem (Mount of Olives, the Palm Sunday Route, Garden of Gethsemane, Church of all Nations, Upper Room, Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu,



Day 7 - Bethlehem

Zion Gate)

- Day 7 - Bethlehem/Jerusalem (Church of the Nativity, Yad Vashem, Shrine of the Book, Calvary, Garden Tomb)
- Day 8 - Massada/Dead Sea (Qumran, Massada)
- Day 9 - Jerusalem
- Day 10 - Return to Canada

The tour is being arranged through Heritage Tours and costs approximately \$2,300, which includes everything but meals. For more information speak to Reverend Burrows.

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The evening's timing will be approximately:

- 6 pm – Dinner served
- 7 pm – Dessert and coffee
- 7:30 – Pavilion browsing
- 8 – 9 – Entertainment

As was the case in 1996, the meal will involve something along the lines of "pot luck" with guests invited to bring something for their family and a little bit extra. The committee also has volunteers bringing a number of "core" dishes in larger quantities. Details will be worked out in September and early October as sign-up sheets are posted.

Similar to past Arts Guild dinners, a special occasion permit will be obtained to enable wine service to the tables. We will likely be offering 1.5L bottles moderately marked up over cost and possibly by the glass as well.

The entertainment program is still being refined, but looks very promising. Craig Douglas, our resident juggling genius, has agreed to headline it and perform a portion of his act. Particularly for newcomers to St. Olave's who have not seen Craig perform, this should be a real treat. Our Junior Choir will also be leading off the program with their rendition of "It's a Small World."

So mark you calendars now. Reserve or buy you tickets early to avoid disappointment. This will undoubtedly be the highlight of St. Olave's fall social events!



The year end party was a tie-dye extravaganza!

Junior Church revs up for another great year

By Janice Douglas

The Junior Church leaders are very excited to begin another fun-filled teaching year.

Children are invited to attend our first session on Rally Sunday, September 10, where they will meet their teachers and play some fun games.

In June we had a very successful year-end meeting and came up with lots of new ideas for this year.

Birthday bell ringers!

On the Sunday closest to their birthday, our students are invited to come to Church before 10:00 and ring the steeple bell.

Junior Choir

We have always enjoyed singing in our assemblies and for the congregation, so this year Junior Church students who enjoy performing will have the opportunity to do more. Rehearsals will be after Church for 30 minutes on designated Sundays, led by Janice Douglas. Our first "gig" will be to kick off the Caravan cultural celebration with a rousing rendition of "It's a Small World."

Nativity Play

The date is set for this year's 23rd annual nativity play, the third annual presentation of

the wonderful verse written by our very own Annis Tebbutt.

Field Trip to Ste. Marie Among the Hurons

Later in the spring families and parishioners are invited to join the Junior Church on a field trip to the famous Ste. Marie Among the Hurons native village and Church of the Martyrs in Midland. We will be chartering a bus to take St. Olave families on a Saturday (date to be confirmed). This is a fabulous day trip that everyone is sure to enjoy. Watch upcoming bulletins for details.

This year's leaders are:

- Level 1 (JK to grade 1) – Janice Douglas and Sandy Bowers
 - Level 2 (grades 2-3) – Annis Tebbutt*
 - Level 3 (grade 4 and up) – Jim Shapland and Christine Comi
- (Grade breakdowns are approximate and dependent on the student.)

We also have active support staff in Wendy Board, Sue Harris, Carolyn Franke and Laura Thompson, as well as the parents who bring their children to Junior Church as often as their schedules allow. * Annis needs a co-teacher! Anyone interested in helping out should speak to a Junior Church leader on Rally Sunday or before.

Evensong programs set for 2006-07

This year St. Olave's will present nine special Evensong services, plus a weekly Lenten series. The short service is followed by a light, nutritious meal or dessert, with the feature presentation rounding out the event. In the past 10 years, under the direction of David Burrows, we have presented feature talks, music performances and slide presentations on subjects ranging from history and geography, to morals and ethics, as well as international travel, popular and classical music, world faiths and other aspects of applied religion. This year for the first time we have a complete brochure outlining the entire 2006-07 season, from September to July, available in the Narthex. Here are some highlights:

Sunday, September 17, 4:00 — Mozart 250. This is a special tribute to one of the world's greatest composers, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, in the 250th anniversary year of his birth. We are pleased to welcome back the music historian Douglas Cowling. His lively and humorous talk on Mozart's life and work will be illustrated with music and slides. Our guest soprano Jenni Hayman will contribute some lovely anthems by Mozart at the Choral Evensong service.

November 1 — Sue Careless — Look forward to a return visit from the distinguished author Sue Careless, who will discuss her new book in the series *Discovering the Book of Common Prayer*.

February 25 — Romania and the European Union — By then we will know whether Romania's European application has been accepted, and what the impact will be on the orphanage work of our missionary Kathy Langston.

April 22 — St. George's Eve — St. Olave's Arts Guild and Choir offer a celebration in words and music of England and St. George. You can count on some Shakespeare then, too, as he was born (and died) on St. George's Day.

Although we welcome contributions to cover costs, there is no official charge for admission, and no one will be turned away. You will find that each event provides a wonderful source of enrichment, for body, mind and spirit. See you there!

All Ages Movie Nights at St. O's

Last year we screened two films to appreciative audiences, and this year we are planning a couple of more

films. The first one, in the fall (date to be confirmed) will be *Duma*, a South African film about a young boy and his pet cheetah. In the spring for Ascension Day, we have chosen a Canadian film, *Eve and the Fire Horse*. Check the bulletin for more information about these films closer to the dates.

A scene from Duma

