

Calendar

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Palm Sunday
10:30 a.m. - Blessing & Distribution of the Palms. Special music by Windermere String Quartet during the service.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Holy Thursday
6 p.m. - Holy Communion, Seder Supper

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Easter Day
6:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion; Coffee Hour and Easter Egg Hunt to follow 10:30 service.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Altar Guild Sunday
10:30 a.m. - Altar Guild Sunday. Guest Speaker: Sue Baston, Chairperson, Diocesan Chancel Committee.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Rummage Sale
10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (see right for details)

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

St George's Evensong, Tea and Entertainment
4 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Readers' Workshop
Time to be confirmed

THURSDAY, MAY 17

Ascension Day
6:00 p.m. - Ascension Day Evensong, Pizza Supper, and screening of "Eve and the Fire Horse"

SATURDAY, MAY 26

Junior Church Trip
to Sainte Marie Among the Hurons

SUNDAY, MAY 27

Windermere String Quartet Concert
3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Evensong, Tea and Music
4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY JUNE 24

Windermere String Quartet Concert
3:00 p.m.

Help our new Renovation Fund

Over the past several years, the ongoing maintenance required to support our aging facilities has placed a larger than expected load on our finances. Having to replace the roof on the Rectory garage, the front walk or the two washrooms in the Parish Hall, were all significant expenditures and each impacted on our financial situation more than was planned.

To help care for these aging buildings, we are announcing the launch of the Renovation Fund, which will hold donations so that needed repairs can be completed in a timely manner, without having to impact on other church activities, such as missions. In the recent past, the funds to pay for the renovations were drawn from our capital assets. This is

not a viable long-term approach, and those funds need to be replaced.

We welcome your donations to this initiative. Please mark your donation for the Renovation Fund and place it in the regular collection plates. They can also be dropped off at the church office. We will be tracking our progress on a chart in the Narthex. With an initial goal of \$40,000, we will be able to monitor our progress to that objective.

The congregation and friends of St. Olave's have always been very responsive to the special needs of the church. Please consider supporting this program so that our goal can be achieved in record time!

On behalf of the Advisory Board,
Don Weston, Rector's Warden

Weekenders
CLOTHING YOU LOVE TO LIVE IN

"Weekenders" Fashion Show at St. Olave's

Tuesday, May 15, 2:30 p.m.
hosted by the Mary and Martha group
in the Ethel Brown Room. Come and enjoy
Weekenders casual style, light refreshments
and good company.



St. Olave's Rummage Sale April 21, 2007 — 10 am - 1 pm

The sale is sponsored by the St. Olave's ACW, with the help of the whole congregation. If you can help by working on the day of the sale or setting up on April 18, 19 and 20, please call Marney at 416-769-9953. Proceeds are to go to worthwhile causes supported by the ACW. We are in great need of items to sell. Make space in your closets, etc. by bringing any items you no longer need to the church from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Friday. Items may also be left at the top or bottom of the parking lot stairs (West door), marked "Rummage Sale." Please promote this event among your friends, family and neighbours!

Items needed:

- Clothing / linens
- Kitchen items
- Boutique items / jewellery



Spring cleaning? Donate some of your old, gently used items to our Rummage Sale.

- Craft / Christmas items
- Books
- Toys / games / puzzles
- Electrical and small appliances
- Furniture (no mattresses, cribs or car seats)

If you need help bringing items to the church, please contact the church office.

Easter 2007



The Olave Branch

Reaching out to St. Olave's Anglican Church community

360 Windermere Avenue, Toronto

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Hunger Patrol really satisfies pangs

By David Burrows

For more than 10 years, St. Olave's has been feeding the homeless in downtown Toronto. It all started in November of 1996, just after I came to St. Olave's. Graydon McArthur put me in touch with Danny Ross (whom he knew through the Lion's Club). Danny was operating Hunger Patrol Monday to Friday and I became one of his regular volunteers. At the end of that year (Spring of 1997), Danny asked me to take over the Hunger Patrol. I said that I would but could only do it one night a week. I chose Saturday.

Thus in the fall of 1997, St. Olave's Hunger Patrol was born. At first we worked out of the back of my old car —

not a very satisfactory arrangement — and then for a while, the church rented a van on the weekends. Then we decided a lease would be a better deal.

From the get-go, Hunger Patrol has involved members of our congregation of all ages. Evelyn Milligan signed on as the Treasurer and continues to keep our account in check. Those who enjoy working in the kitchen still faithfully make the soup every Saturday night; others wishing to get on the streets volunteer to drive around Saturday evening ladling out soup. We still get our bread, bagels, danishes, Chelsea buns from Bread and Roses. Their generosity over



David and guests from the St. Michael's Youth Conference prepare to serve the soup.

these years has been amazing.

St. Olave's soup is legendary on the street. "You can't get soup this good in a restaurant," I've often heard. Or, "I've been dreaming of this soup for three hours," or, "I learned to cook in jail and this is GOOD soup." Many times I've heard, "My compliments to the chef."

We feed a large crowd at Spadina and College near the Scott Mission. One of Hunger Patrol's virtues is dependability: if we say we'll be back the first Saturday of October after our summer break, we WILL be there. We give out the food (soup, juice, bread) but also socks (very important!!), sweaters, blankets, sleeping bags, etc. We cruise around downtown and see many sad cases. The younger ones age so quickly on the street, especially if alcohol and drugs are involved, which they usually are.

Hunger Patrol is not the solution, it is a Band-Aid cure at best. But for the moment we still need to stop the bleeding. Part of the solution: a new Vagrancy Act. The right to die homeless and lonely on the street should NOT, repeat NOT, be a constitutional right.

Taking care of God's house

Letter from the Wardens

Don Weston, Rector's Warden
John Floyd, People's Warden
David Hutcheon, Deputy Warden

With the arrival of Easter, we are reminded not only of the change of seasons, but also of the spiritual significance of the Resurrection and the sacrifice that Christ made on the Cross.

St Olave's is the house of God. It is where we worship Him and enjoy the fellowship that comes from his love. While this is a special time of the liturgical year, we are blessed to have such a wonderful facility to be able to carry on our mission throughout the entire year. Its ongoing upkeep, as well as our continued community-based ministry, is an

increasingly important part of what we are able to provide. The costs of this ministry continue to grow at rates faster than our regular givings. We ask you to review your givings to this ministry. Have you considered the Pre-Approved Givings Program that enables you to make regular givings throughout the entire year? There is brief narrative of this program in the pews for your review and consideration.

We take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for your support this past year, and to extend to you, and your family, our warmest greetings for a Happy Easter!

Yours in Christ, The Wardens

Consider setting up automatic donations from your bank account each month.

Fund ensures future generosity

By Bob Ragsdale

Our Second Century Mission account, started following St. Olave's Centennial year in 1987, is thriving, currently throwing off about \$9,000 in annual interest to missions and charities of our choice.

It was originally formed to guarantee that the Parish would have funds for church outreach, at a time when total church income barely met our operating costs.

Money raised from the Lenten Self-Denial Project is going to the Second Century Fund.

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Happily, it has now grown through donations, and investment, to about \$175,000 and hopefully will soon reach our target of

\$200,000, at which time we should be able to double charitable donations from St. Olave's.

Over the years we have supported many worthy causes, at home and abroad: Diocese of the North, South American Mission Society for building churches in Bolivia, Moorelands Camp for Toronto's inner-city children, Wycliffe

College Student Bursary Fund for assistance to Anglican Theological students, literally hundreds of bedkits for Sleeping Children Around the World, relief for Tsunami earthquake victims and Ethiopian starvation victims, food and clothing banks here in Toronto, and many other equally needy causes.

St. Olave's has also recently taken on the support of several Third World children in places such as Ethiopia and Sri Lanka so they may be able to attend schools and get a decent start to life.

All projects are screened by our committee and only those with little, or in some cases, zero, administrative costs, are selected to receive funds. Legacies and memorials donated to the Fund are kept intact as memorials, and only monies derived from the investments' interest, together with regular parish donations are spent on missions.

The Second Century Fund is now entering its 20th year, and we are confident it will continue to receive the same enthusiastic support as in previous years. Your contributions ensure that St. Olave's Church will continue its remarkable Outreach programme.

St. Olave's flips for flapjacks!

On Sunday, February 18, St. Olave's held its annual Pancake Lunch. About 110 guests dined on delicious pancakes and breakfast sausages, raising \$522. More than 20 volunteers young and old helped set up the hall, prepare and serve the meal and clean up the kitchen. As in past years, the Golden Griddle at 77 Lower Jarvis Street (one block south of Front) donated the pancake batter and syrup.

We are indebted to the generosity of an anonymous donor who covered the remaining costs of the event (just under \$200). This has enabled us to contribute all of the proceeds to the restoration of the exterior finishes of our three sets of entrance doors.

We are also grateful to the Junior Choir, led by Janice Douglas, who sang the Grace. And finally, a thank you to our secretary, Judy Beal, for all her help in printing the tickets and promoting the event.

- John Pickering, Jim Shapland
Co-chairs

Women of the Altar Guild to be honoured with special service

By Judy Beal, ACW

There is a small, dedicated group of Anglican Church Women (ACW) who faithfully serve the Lord every week of the year. They are responsible for setting His table for the Eucharistic feast and preparing the Church for special occasions such as Weddings and Baptisms. They add visual beauty to our worship service through the use of lovely Altar hangings, candles, flowers, and seasonal banners. But do any of us really ever take the time to say "Thank You" to the ladies of our Altar Guild? On Sunday, April 15, you'll have your chance.

We will be honouring St. Olave's Altar Guild at the 10:30 a.m. service as

part of a sermon series focusing on Women's Ministry. Our special guest speaker will be Sue Baston who is the Chairperson of the Toronto Diocesan ACW Chancel Guild Committee. To add to the significance of this occasion, new linens are to be dedicated by Rev. David Burrows. Please join us as we give thanks for the women who are the very personification of this Chancel Prayer:

Gracious God, by your love, you created for us a world full of wonder and beauty; may we, by our love for you, so adorn your sanctuary that those who come to worship will be illumined by your Spirit and empowered by your love. Amen.

Light refreshments will be served following the service. Please join us!

St. Olave's to host local churches on Good Friday

Parishioners from **Windermere United Church** and **Morningside-High Park Presbyterian Church** are invited to St. Olave's for a

Good Friday Community Service

at 10:30 a.m. Our Reverend David Burrows, the Reverend Will Ingram (Presbyterian) and the Reverend Kate Young (United) will lead the service, and the **Rt. Rev. Philip Poole, Anglican Bishop, York-Credit Valley** will deliver the sermon.

Tableaux bring Easter story to life



By Janice Douglas

On Mothering Sunday, March 18, Junior Church students were inspired by some new Easter books recently purchased for the Junior Church library. We created and photographed a series of tableaux based on a book called The Easter Cave.

We dusted off the pageant costumes and soon clothed an angel (Gabbie Douglas), three women (Miranda Branyiczky, her mother Sue Harris and teacher Janice Douglas) and two Roman



Katie Douglas and Natalie Gillard play Roman guards to Andrewes Sissons as Jesus.

soldiers (Katie Douglas and Natalie Gillard). Andrewes Sissons bravely volunteered to be Jesus. Katie Douglas also tucked herself into a gray robe and became the rock.

The children and supervising teachers, including Sandy Bowers, enjoyed the new challenge. We plan to create a slide show of the images to screen on Easter Sunday. We are looking forward to our annual Easter procession and Easter Egg Hunt. We have a few surprises in store for you, as well as some favourite traditions to uphold.

Don't miss our trip to Ste. Marie Among the Hurons, Midland. SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2007

There are still a few seats left. Call Sandy Bowers at 416-762-4492 today to reserve your spot. 9:00 a.m. - Coach departs St. Olave's 11 a.m. - Tour the Wye Marsh Conservation Area 1 p.m. - picnic lunch 2 p.m. - Tour Ste. Marie Among the Hurons Native Village 4 p.m. - depart Midland

Planting the seeds for growth at St. O's

Letter from the Rector
David Burrows

Dear Friends in Christ,

Some of you may have heard that I attended the Magnetic Church seminar at St. Bride's, Clarkson, last month. The seminar went well beyond my expectations in providing practical steps, not only to attract people to St. Olave's, but on how to keep them coming and to involve them.

You may recall that last June and September we had well-attended congregational meetings which were also to that end. The Magnetic Church seminar was the outcome of literally hundreds of those sessions and the material which we were presented was handed out to us in

detailed but simple note form.

One of the good things about the Magnetic Church was that its approach easily fits any form of congregation — large or small, urban or rural, etc. It doesn't matter what form of liturgy you use or even your theology. It's a one-size-fits-all approach.

On **Thursday, April 26 at 7 p.m., the new St. Olave's Growth Committee** will be meeting to begin to put this material into action with the purpose of "growing" St. Olave's. (Call me if you are interested in attending.)

In fact, some of the Magnetic Church's strategies have already been put in place at St. Olave's in the past year: laminated pew cards, new lawn sign and landscaping, improved walkways, parish newsletter, with many other projects in the works, including a web

site and Readers workshop.

I've many times pondered what makes a church grow. As far as I can tell, the growing churches in Canada, and in North America in general, tend to have a few things in common: they tend to be more traditional in their faith and morals; and their members have a real passion for the Gospel messages. To them, it is vitally important that they get their friends and their neighbours in through the doors at that church to hear the message and to get involved with spreading that message even further.

If it had not been for similar passionate people — saints of whom most Anglicans know little or nothing about — St. Cuthbert, St. Hilda, St. Columba, and yes, St. Olave, we ourselves would not even be Christians.