

EVENSONG SERVICES

And did those feet...

Most Anglicans are familiar with the moving hymn *Jerusalem*, which describes the story of Joseph of Arimathea in ancient England. This year David Burrows' Lenten series explores the Church of the British Isles before the Norman Conquest, and asks who did walk there in ancient times?

The services take place every Wednesday during Lent at 6 p.m., followed by a light supper and Rev. Burrows' discussion. The series began with a Litany by Candlelight for Ash Wednesday, with the remaining discussion topics as follows: **Feb. 13**, The Celtic Church; **Feb. 20**, The Anglo-Saxon Church; **Feb. 27**, Heroes;

March 5, How to Make a Saint; **March 12**, The Norman Invasion. Come and check out one of these lively talks and enjoy some fine company.

After Lent, our Evensong Series continues with a Festive Evensong on **Sunday, April 20** at 4 p.m. The service will be followed by St. George's Tea with the Arts Guild will presenting words and music to celebrate England's love of food and drink.

Thursday, May 1 at 6 p.m., we celebrate Ascension Day with a short service followed by pizza and a screening of the critically acclaimed film *Secondhand Lions* (rated PG).

Palm Sunday concert explores the Passion

Since 2005, violinists Rona Goldensher and Geneviève Gilardeau, violist Anthony Rapoport and cellist Laura Jones have performed together as the Windermere String Quartet. Their musical goal is to perform the music of Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven and their contemporaries on period instruments. The Quartet is rapidly gathering notice for its dynamic performances and distinctive sound.

Along with their wealth of experience in Baroque and Classical styles, the musicians all have a wide range of musical tastes and have also been acclaimed for their performances with such groups as Sinfonia Toronto and Talisker Players and Klezmer music with the ensemble HuTsaTsa.

St. Olave's has been the proud host of the WSQ concert series as well as occasional Sunday morning performances since 2006. "Our audiences consistently tell us that they enjoy coming to concerts here and that the sound is wonderful no matter where they are seated in the sanctuary," says Goldensher.

On Palm Sunday, March 16, they will perform Joseph Haydn's unique masterpiece, *Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross*. This piece was commis-



The Windermere String Quartet

sioned for a religious service, to be interspersed with spoken words. "Our performance alternates the movements of the work with readings taken from a variety of sources, exploring the themes of the Passion in a contemporary, historically and culturally aware context," says Rapoport. A guest actor will read selections from writers including Haydn, Desmond Tutu, Psalms, Martin Luther King and Elisabeth Kübler-Ross.

Their next show is May 25, featuring Beethoven. Tickets are \$18, or \$12 for seniors and students. For more information call 416-769-7054 or email windermere@braveform.com.

Calendar

Sunday, February 24 – 10:30 a.m.
Thinking Day Children's Service led by Junior Church; St. Olave's welcomes visiting Scouts and Guides

Sunday, March 2 – 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion with Anointing
Mothering Sunday

Sunday, March 9 - 10:30
Junior Church classes cancelled for March Break

Sunday, March 16 – 10:30
Palm Sunday service; Special activity planned for Junior Church students
noon - ACW Planning Meeting

Monday, March 17 – 7:30 p.m.
Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 18 – 2:00 p.m.
Mary & Martha meeting

Thursday, March 20 - 6 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Seder and Supper

Friday, March 21 – 10:30 a.m.
Good Friday Ecumenical Service at Windermere United Church

Saturday, March 22 – 4:00 p.m.
Easter Eve (Holy Saturday) Children's Service (see page 2 for details)

Easter Sunday, March 23 - 7:00 a.m.
Sunrise Service
8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion (indoors)
10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion
Children worship with their families

Sunday April 6 - 10:30 a.m.
HC with Anointing
Sermon: "The Persecuted Church"

Sunday April 13 - 9:00 a.m.
Worship Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. - Healing Service

Tuesday April 15 - 2:00 p.m.
Mary & Martha meeting

Saturday, April 19 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
ACW Rummage Sale (see article on page 3)



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Jessie Powell, right, enjoys pancakes and sausages with her family and friends. About 100 people attended the meal.

Congregation flips for pancakes

Sunday February 3 marked another successful Pancake Lunch at St. Olave's, our traditional way of celebrating the coming of Lent. Co-convenors Jim Shapland and John Pickering organized a kitchen crew of flippers and servers that included, among others, Jim Tremayne, John Ross, John Drake, David Pickering, Matthew Fogel, Nancy Shapland, Meaghan Shapland, Judy Beal, David Hutcheon, George Funnell, Esther Sissons and Emily Hutcheon. David and George also led a clean-up brigade that included, among many, Joan Funnell, Joycelyn Dunlop, Atila Branyiczky and Connor Harris. The event couldn't have come off without the Saturday volunteers Vilma Sharp, Esther and Clark Sissons, Lindsay Dougall and John and David Pickering, plus the Hunger Patrol who picked up the donated batter and syrup from the Golden Griddle at 77 Lower Jarvis. Much thanks also goes to an anonymous donor who again covered the additional food costs (about \$200), which allowed the event to raise \$519 for a soon-to-be-determined improvement at the church.

A real-life tour of the Crucifixion

Letter from the Rector
The Reverend David Burrow

As we at St. Olave's prepare for Easter, I reflect on my visit to Israel last February and the site of Christ's crucifixion at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

If you go, enter with the pilgrims slowly and reverently. Make a deep metanoia (bow — the word in Greek actually means repentance) before you enter. Cross yourself — not once but several times. Go first to the right up the steep stairs to Calvary where our Lord was crucified. Kneel down at the spot and touch the very rock. Kiss the silver marker inset

on the floor — you won't get germs — in memory of his sacrifice.

Go down the steps and around to the left to the Aedicule. When I was there very early one morning before the crowds arrived, it occurred to me that I, alone at that moment, was in THE place which represented the very heart of Christianity. The first one to arrive at the empty tomb was Mary Magdalene. At that moment and maybe for a minute longer until the next visitor entered, I was the last.

On the way out, note the Slab of Unction, the stone where Jesus' body was anointed and prepared for burial. Kneel down, cross yourself and kiss the stone as



A pilgrim worships at the Slab of Unction in Jerusalem.

so many others have done. You will certainly be the better for it.

Students resume a busy school program

By Janice Douglas

The start of Lent means our teaching takes a turn from the joyful days of the baby Jesus and our Nativity Play (see photos at right) to the darker more thought-provoking

times of Jesus as a young man in time leading up to his crucifixion. Our Seasons of the Spirit curriculum has proved to be a valuable and enlightening teaching tool.

We have many projects on the go: February 3 was Pancake Lunch, and the students sang the Grace and displayed their work to date. On February 24 we will be leading the Children's Service in recognition of Baden Powell's Thinking Day. We will be welcoming St. Olave's Scout and Guide units and leading the service through readings, collection and greeting. We have been collaborating with Graydon McArthur for the past three years on this service and the students always enjoy this opportunity.

During Lent our weekly offerings will be going to the Christian Children's Fund Canada. This organization will allow us to purchase an item online that will go directly to a village to help them become more self-reliant. The children are very excited to be able to buy a goat and maybe even a pig that will generate income as well as become a food source.

Even though Palm Sunday happens



during March Break, we will be planning a special group activity: Resurrection Eggs. This storytelling craft will help the children further understand the story of Easter.

The Junior Church will also be running the Toy Table at the Rummage Sale again this year, so don't forget to check the toy chests for slightly used toys and books. Thanks to the ACW for allowing us this fundraising opportunity again.

The cast gathers for a post-play photo (top); The angel of the Lord (Sarah Mundinger) appears in the night sky (left); Jake (Natalie Gillard) tells Miriam (Katie Douglas) that he now understands the true meaning of Christmas.

Confirmation confirmed!

Sunday, November 2, 2008 will be the next Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Olave's, to be presided over by Bishop Poole. Classes will begin in September and, besides our Level 3 Junior Church students, they will be open to area youth who will be 12 by Nov. 2. An adult class may also be added. Those interested should contact the Rector for details.

Two more family services added

Due to the overwhelmingly positive response to this year's Christmas Eve Family Service, the worship committee has decided to offer two more children's services to the roster: The first will be Easter Eve, Saturday, March 22 at 4 p.m. and will celebrate the Holy Fire. "In this service we hope to illustrate and explain the Resurrection in a very dramatic way," says Rev. Burrows. The mystery of Christ's Resurrection is symbolized by the passing of the Holy Fire from one person to another. The service will also include hymns, scripture readings and a children's talk, culminating in a candlelighting ceremony. The second Family Service will mark Pentecost in May, with a time and date to be confirmed. Both services, like the Christmas Eve service, will be roughly 40 minutes long and feature hymns as well as informal and informative children's talks.

New ACW president named

The ACW is delighted to report that Penny Burrows has come forward to be our new ACW

President for 2008. At its January meeting, the group also re-elected Margaret Roze as ACW

Secretary and Marney Showalter as ACW Treasurer. As the group begins to plan the April 19

Rummage Sale (see below),

please give them your support and encouragement in the coming year. Also, a special thanks

goes to Judy Beal for her fine job as Interim Leader.

Vestry highlights needs for funds, volunteers

Letter from the Wardens
John Floyd, Rector's Warden
David Hutcheon, People's Warden
John Stafford, Deputy Warden

On February 17th our annual vestry meeting was held at which the congregation approved of the management of the church for 2007, nominated and approved the selection of Wardens for next year and gave directions as to what should be done to improve our part in God's work. The main conclusion that came out of the extensive discussions was that we are being forced to spend more than the revenues being received from donations and interest on our legacy funds to maintain the operation of the church and rectory, our services to parishioners, and outreach to the community through our many charitable activities.

Property maintenance

We have problems with mice and the plumbing in the church building along with wear and tear from extensive use of the facility. Also, we must deal with a serious problem of ice on the parking lot, and with necessary refurbishments of the organ and the sound system. And the rectory is an old building which is much in need of maintenance and repair.

Dealing properly with these issues will

require spending an additional several thousand dollars. We therefore encourage those of you who have not yet done so to consider pre-authorized-giving, setting up automatic donations from your bank account each month, to help us with God's work. And we thank all of you for what you have given in the past. We must all work hard to keep St. Olave's going uphill.

Positions to fill

We are looking for a parishioner to take the responsibility of Property Chairman and work with our Sexton, Ching-Hong Lam, a task that has been handled with great competence by Tom Elliott who is being forced by health problems to give it up. We also need an envelope secretary to replace Carol Ambler and an assistant auditor to replace John Stafford, who must leave the position as a result of becoming one of the wardens. We want to thank these individuals, as well as our fabulous administrator, Judy Beal, for their enormous contributions to our work. And thanks must also go to Don Weston for services rendered as Warden over the past three years — he will be a hard act to follow.

Finally, we want to extend to you and your family our warmest greetings for a Happy Easter as we all recognize the spiritual significance of the Resurrection and the sacrifice that Christ made for us on the cross.

ACW Rummage Sale: follow these steps

April 19 is the date of the ACW Rummage Sale at St. Olave's, co-convened by Marney Showalter and Evelyn Milligan, but there's much to do before then.

Step 1. What do you have your basement or attic that you no longer need but could be useful for someone else? (see list at right). Now is the time to reorganize your stuff and make space, while helping St. Olave's and the community.

Starting March 4, you can bring in items you no longer need 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, clearly labelled Rummage Sale. If you need help bringing items to the church, please contact the church office.

Step 2. Please promote this event among your friends, family and neighbours. Proceeds are to go to worthwhile causes supported by the ACW.

Step 3. If you can help by working on the day of the sale (selling or cleaning up) or setting up on April 16, 17 and 18, please call Marney Showalter at 416-769-9953.

Step 4. Come to the sale, 10 - 1!

We need:

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