

# Fall for Evensong services

For 12 years St. Olave's has been offering an Evensong series of services at 4 or 6 p.m. on special occasions throughout the year. The services are usually about 30 minutes and we usually sit in the choir stalls, though you are welcome to sit in the pews instead.

Following the services we share supper or a lovely dessert and ask only for a voluntary contribution. Our flyer is enclosed in this newsletter, but here I will offer some more details about the events happening in the fall.

Our first event for 2007-2008 is Sunday, September 16 at 4 p.m. After the service, while you're digging into a bowl of fresh peaches and cream, noted music scholar Douglas Cowling (no relation to William) will return to St. Olave's to talk about the Reformation and Counter-Reformation of the 16th century. We are honoured to have Mr. Cowling with us again.

As well as being an author, musician and commentator, he also composed the well known Classical Kids CD productions of "Mozart's Magic Fantasy" and

"Hallelujah Handel." He is also an editor of Renaissance music.

On Thursday, November 1 at 6 p.m. we will commemorate All Saints Day with a talk by the Reverend David Belden of St. Joseph of Arimathea Orthodox Church, who will take a fresh look at what we have in common.

According to his church's website, in 1981, Father Belden initiated an English-language Orthodox ministry in a small Chapel at Hart House on the grounds of University of Toronto. Students and others interested in Orthodoxy and English language Orthodox services were attracted to the weekly Vespers, Liturgy, and lectures. There followed four years of ministry at U of T. During this time 15 people were received into the Church and the seeds of the Orthodox Faith began to grow. By 1996, Father Belden had opened the doors at St. Joseph's, located on Wilson Heights Blvd. in Toronto. Father Belden is also involved in outreach programs here at St. Olave's.

We look forward to seeing you at these and other services.

-Janice Douglas

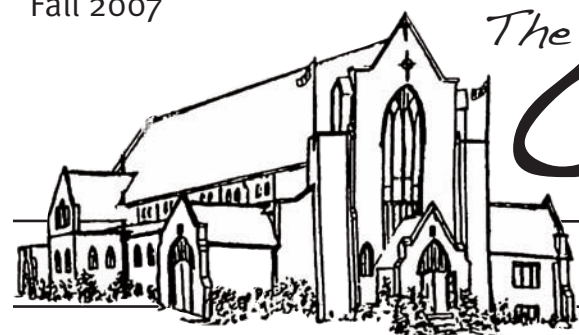
# Christmas is coming... and so is the market

One of the hallmarks of the Christmas season at St. Olave's is the Christmas Market, set this year for Saturday, November 17. As in years past, the event will feature many tables arranged in the Parish Hall selling crafts and other holiday treasures. Last year more than 100 people enjoyed the lovely lunch in the Ethel Brown room, which will be happening again this year. And what would the market be without its famous Bottle Draw! You can win anything from mouthwash to champagne.

The market is the major annual fundraising effort of St. Olave's ACW which continues to support many worthy causes. Last year the event raised more than \$4,300. This year they hope to surpass that total.

Mark your calendars for November 17 and come on down that morning for some fun and fellowship! Check back at our website for more details as they develop!

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# The Olave Branch

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# Nursery co-ordinator saves child!

By Janice Douglas

Few churches can boast they have a real-life hero in their midst, but now St. Olave's can.

On Wednesday, August 22, our nursery co-ordinator, Jolene Pasioka, was at the Yorkdale subway station waiting for a train when she noticed a little girl, about six, approaching the edge of the platform. She was in the care of two young teenage girls just finished with a day of back-to-school shopping.

When the little girl leaned forward to peer into the tracks, she suddenly toppled over and landed on the tracks below, hitting her head and becoming unconscious.

The teenage caregivers panicked and became hysterical, screaming, but Jolene sprang in to action.

"I was standing beside the red button



Daily subway rider Jolene Pasioka credits her school training for her calm attitude.

tle girl was not close to the electrified third rail, Jolene had the presence of mind to note that she had fallen near the mouth of the station, and it would be hard for a subway driver to stop as it came around the bend in the track approaching Yorkdale.

With the power safely cut, Jolene went down into the track and lifted the girl to the platform, where she was soon

met with TTC officials and ambulance attendants.

Jolene is entering her second year at Centennial College studying Community and Justice Services. "I credit my training for giving me the ability to react calmly and quickly," she says.

St. Olave's youngest members are certainly in excellent hands!

that cuts the power to the track, so I quickly smashed the plexiglass shield and hit the button." Even though the lit-

# Growing St. Olave's – the sequel

Letter from the Rector

The Reverend David Burrow

Dear Friends in Christ, Welcome back. I hope you had a good summer. I was off for most of August and from the 20th to the 25th, I was away at St. Michael's Annual Youth Conference (Prayer Book Society, Toronto Branch). My thanks to Graydon McArthur and the Rev. Collis Machoko for leading the August services in my absence.

This fall I'd like to continue the ideas for congregational growth that we began early last year. You may recall some of the ideas that came out of the Magnetic Church seminar that we have already implemented: greeters, name tags, this

newsletter, nursery co-ordinator, web site to name a few. I also announced last spring a plan to ask volunteers and leaders to organize regular coffee hours so that we have an opportunity to come together socially after each service.

These ideas are fine for those who already regularly attend St. Olave's. But what about encouraging those who rarely attend or getting new people through the front doors? I'm thinking of our neighbours who are Christian in name, but have little or no actual connection with the Christian faith.

I recall hearing some time ago the statistic that the vast majority of people who begin coming to church do so because they have some sort of spiritual experience that leads them to associate themselves with a

church. They almost always come to this experience because one of their friends brought them to it.

And so here's my plan. I want to get together with groups of about five or six people throughout the fall and winter and learn together how to evangelize, which is defined as teaching the gospel. (This is not to be confused with "proselytize," which means to convert.) There would be no more than three sessions on successive weekdays. The goal would be to learn why we need to evangelize, how to do it effectively and how to answer people's questions and objections. If we do this and make a serious and whole-hearted attempt to bring our friends and neighbours to the faith, then St. Olave's will grow. This is my vision for our church.

## Calendar

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:15 p.m.- Advisory Board Meeting

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

10 a.m. - Prayers in the Chapel resume  
4 p.m. - Evensong, Tea, Talk  
(see above for details)

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:30 a.m. - A.C.W. Planning Meeting

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

2 p.m. - Mary & Martha Group

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

10:30 a.m. - Holy Baptism & Morning Prayer  
Time TBC - Ecumenical Hymn Sing

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

10:30 a.m.- Morning Prayer & Litany  
ACW Sermon Series Speaker  
(see page 3 for details)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

10:30 a.m. - Thanksgiving Service  
Holy Baptism, Holy Communion  
Anointing during Service

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

10 a.m. - Healing Service  
10:30 a.m.- Harvest Thanksgiving  
Holy Baptism & Morning Prayer  
Speaker: Graydon McArthur

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

6 p.m.- Parish Pot-Luck Dinner  
(see page 3 for details)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

10:30 - Morning Prayer

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6 p.m. - Evensong Supper, Talk

(see above for details)

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

10:30 a.m. - ACW Sermon Series  
Speaker to be Announced  
Anointing during Service.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:30 a.m. - ACW Planning Meeting

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

10:30 a.m. - Remembrance Day Service  
Guests to be Confirmed  
3 p.m. - WSQ Concert

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

10 a.m. - Christmas Market  
(see above for details)

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:15 p.m. - Advisory Board Meeting

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

10:30 a.m. - Guest Speaker from  
"Jews for Jesus"

# St. Mike's not your average summer camp

A memoir, By Esther Sissons

**Day One** All aboard the bright yellow school bus! Outside of St. Olave's new faces are seen while old ones reunite and exchange greetings and hugs. Within minutes everyone is becoming friends and chatting with each other. As soon as we pull up to the camp, everyone dives for their stuff and runs inside to find their room, so that they can claim their bed and make it rightfully theirs. Diana, who runs the camp, calls us into the dining room to start of the week with a few friendly ice breaker games so that we can get to know each other. We eat our first dinner, prepared by the cook Nancy and her helper Brian, do our daily chores, sit and relax on the big trampoline outside, have a snack and head to bed.

**Day Two** It's 6 a.m. I'm half asleep when Sahar, one of the counsellors, comes into my room and tries to wake me up. I know that's my signal to get up and join her, and three other boys for a jog and intense workout outside on camp grounds. When the rest of the girls are finally awake we head to the chapel and say our morning prayers. After, we eat breakfast, do our assigned chores, and have free time before our classes. Our first class is with our one and only lovable Rector, David Burrows, who talks to us about Jezebel and her persecution of Jehovah's people, slavery, and of course his own personal stories of past encounters. The second class is with Diana, who provides us with questions about what we should say to an atheist who challenges our faith. Our last class, with Father Geoffrey Sangwine, is about Baptism, among other things. The best part of this class was him blessing us with water that he brought from the Jordan River. After lunch there's a choice of Arts and Crafts or canoeing at the local lake. Later, we have evening prayers and a game of Family Feud.



Aerin Floyd and Simon Verschuren ham it up while re-enacting The Frog Prince.



**Day Three** Today is our outing to Sauble Beach! We hit every shop in sight, and some of us very hesitantly dive under and swim in the refreshingly cold water. Then we head to dinner at Sauble Falls. While we are waiting for the BBQ to heat up, we take off our shoes and explore the beautiful falls. We got back to camp where I lead the Compline service, and afterward watched the movie Hotel Rwanda, where a few people cried.

**Day Four** Today is our trip to Durham, the local town. After our usual prayers, meals and classes, some shop while the rest, including myself, stay behind and play games, listen to music, and attempt to play the piano. That evening we play trivia, where the campers are asked questions about

what we learned this week. It was the entire group of campers versus Alex and Geoffrey, the hardcore Anglicans who know just about everything about Christianity. I would like to add that it was the rest of us who did, in fact, beat them. Boo-ya.

**Day Five** The last day of classes, and of each other. It is also the annual St. Michael's Youth Conference Pageant, which is always a lot of fun. It is made for the first years to watch, so the returning attendees have to practise hard throughout the day to get their roles right. Although, there is the occasional "Whoops that was my queue!" or the sudden fits of laughter on stage. After our first rehearsal, we attend evening prayer, and then some of us go down to the pond to swing on the zip-line, go canoeing, and catch frogs. Afterward we prepared ourselves for the final dinner, which is a delicious turkey banquet.

**Day Six** The saddest day. But there was also a happy moment that called for a celebration: the Baptism of two of our campers, Sahar and Aerin. It's one thing to witness a Baptism of a baby in Church, but to witness one of two grown-up girls whom you've spent the past five days with and had a great time with, is different. One of them cried, some people in the congregation cried. It was the perfect day for them to become members of Christ's church.

*St. Michael's Youth Conference* is the place to be if you want to learn more about yourself and your duties as a Christian. But it is also six days of laughter, learning, sports, canoeing, arts and crafts and frog catching/kissing, all which make up the perfect recipe for a perfectly good time.

## JUNIOR CHURCH: Leaders plan to blend tradition with new ideas

By Janice Douglas

This fall we look forward to growing our group and will be introducing "Bring a Friend" days. We will also be planning another Illuminated Service, where the Rev. Burrows explains the parts of a service, followed by dinner and a movie. Our first one was in August and it went well. We are

also excited to try expanding our students' knowledge of the saints with an All Saints' Day event on November 4.

Last year's teachers enjoyed Junior Church so much that we've all agreed to teach another year, as follows:

- Level 1 (JK - Grade 1), Janice Douglas and Sandy Bowers;
- Level 2 (Grades 2 - 4) Annis Tebbutt;
- Level 3 (Grades 5 and up), Jim Shapland

and Christine Comi.

- As in past years, Carolyn Franke and Sue Harris form our support staff.

However, veteran teacher Annis Tebbutt has announced that this will be her last year of teaching. Those who think they may be interested in teaching next year can sit in on a class this year or try one on their own. If you're interested, please call Janice Douglas at 416-658-4769,

# Parish potluck promises a fun evening

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 20

By Sally Lien and Jim Shapland  
Dinner Co-chairs

One of the many positive outcomes of the last October's successful mini-caravan was that a number of parishioners expressed the view that some form of Parish potluck dinner should become an annual fixture in the St. Olave's fall calendar. The Arts Guild (which co-produced the mini-caravan with Jesse Powell and her friends) has taken the initiative and put in place the planning for the event this year.

Although there will be a number of Sunday bulletin announcements in September and October, because The Olave Branch enjoys such a wide distribution, we will use this space to capture a number of details in point form.

- The date is Saturday, October 20, 2007, with dinner starting at 6 p.m. and the entertainment hour commencing after dessert and coffee, at approximately 8 p.m.

- There will be no admission charge; merely an optional contribution to dinner, by way of a salad, an entrée (ethnic specialties encouraged), or a dessert. There will be a relatively small amount of fixed costs — napkins, coffee, cream, juice for the children etc. — which we will try to recapture by a free-will basket. A loonie or toonie should suffice. In September, we will post sign-up sheets for you to indicate your intended contribution to the dinner. We will also do a telephone canvass shortly before the dinner to ensure that our quantities and variety of food offerings are appropriate for the projected attendance.

- Attendance at the event will be limited to the 126 seating capacity for dinner in the Parish Hall. We expect that this will be a very well attended event and we will devise a system for you to reserve your attendance in advance. There might be something to be said for booking your reservations early. More to come on this point after Labour Day.

- Dinner service will again be buffet style, through the Ethel Brown Room and back to the dinner tables. However, we

will have two full buffet lines set up and this should accelerate the pace of the dinner service. Hopefully, everyone should have obtained their dinner within half an hour after the start of service.

- We will call for a number of volunteers to assist with the event — helping set up the Parish Hall on Saturday afternoon, assisting with the dinner service and a crew to handle the kitchen clean-up. Already several have come forward to offer help after the first preliminary announcement appeared in late July. We will need 12-15 more. It shouldn't involve more than an hour of so of total volunteer time. We will post a sheet for you to indicate your interest in participating.

- Finally, to whet your cultural appetite, something about the entertainment hour to follow dinner. A couple details remain to be finalized; but, all the elements are committed. Janice Douglas will open with musical selections at the piano. She may have with her some special guests, including the Junior Choir with a new number. We will then feature the comedic juggling talents of Craig Douglas. It has been 5 years since Craig last performed at St. Olave's and for those who

have not seen his act, you are in for a considerable treat. But remember, part of Craig's act can be extremely DANGEROUS! (Just kidding.) We must all start practicing our "oohs" and "aahs" to further inspire Craig's performance. Finally, after receiving many favourable comments for his sing-along leadership at the mini-caravan, Tim ("he puts Mitch Miller to shame") Showalter has agreed to a return engagement. Word has it that the maestro is dusting off his "Sound of Music" songbook and we may just hear the hills alive with music again at St. Olave's.

Annis Tebbutt, our Arts Guild Co-chair, has once more agreed to serve as our masterful emcee of the entertainment hour. All in all, it promises to be a memorable evening.



Don't miss comic juggler Craig Douglas!

## St. Olave's women celebrate 100 years of organized ministry

By Judy Beal

The following is an excerpt from "The First Century" — a wonderful history book written and published for St. Olave's church centennial in 1986. (Copies are still available from the Church office at a cost of \$20 each.)

"St. Olave's parish had been in existence for twenty years when its first branch of the Women's Auxiliary was formed in 1907. There were twenty-nine charter members, which considering the small number of church members, must have included every woman in the parish. They worked valiantly to fulfill the aims of W.A."

As part of our quarterly sermon series focusing on women's ministry, we will be celebrating the centennial of the Women's Auxiliary at St. Olave's, as well as the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the amalgamation of W.A., Church Year, Mothers' Union, and Chancel Guild, forming what we now know as Anglican Church Women. Our guest speaker will be Diocesan A.C.W. President, Marion Saunders. **Please join us at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 30 for this special event!**

A coffee hour will follow and we would be especially pleased if all of the Past Presidents of St. Olave's A.C.W. could be in attendance for the ceremonial cutting of the cake!