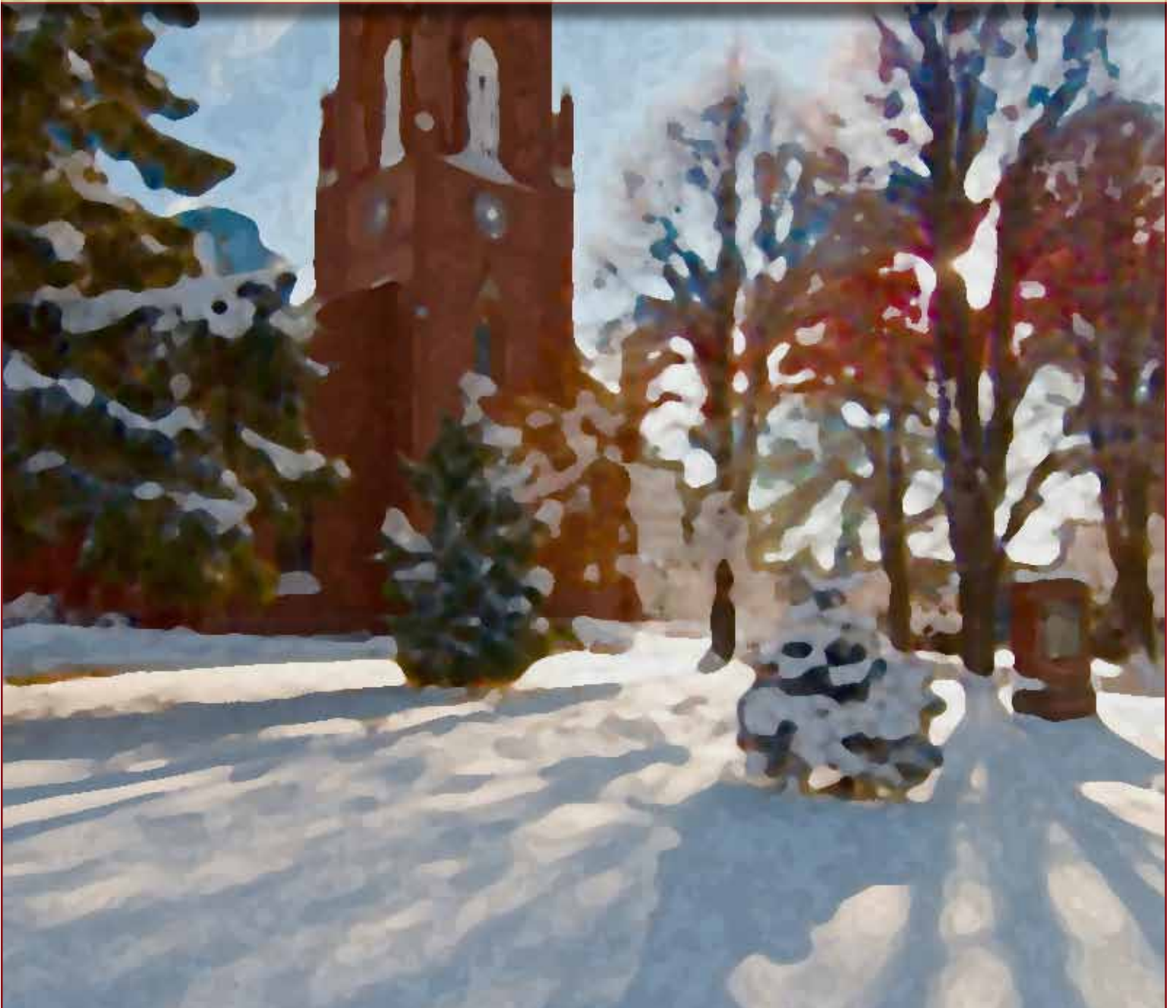




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REGULAR WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday	8:00am Holy Eucharist
	10:00am Choral Eucharist with Children's Program
	- Nursery Available at the 10:00am service -
Monday	8:45am Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8:45am Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8:15am Holy Eucharist
	12:15pm Holy Eucharist
Thursday	8:45am Morning Prayer
Friday	8:45am Morning Prayer

Remember When We Were Young?

BY Glen Pearson

Not long after midnight the police cruisers, paddy wagons, and garbage trucks pulled up and officers began calling out for people to pack up their tents and leave the park. The protesters, confused at first, showed admirable responses. Some began removing items from their tents, others continued asking what would happen, and some sat on the ground, joined arms, and waited peacefully to be carried away.

One of those seated was Dean Kevin Dixon, from St. Paul's Cathedral, and he remains in my mind as one of the key protagonists of the day, albeit in a gentle and forthright manner. His parish had shown leadership days earlier by offering to house any of the Occupiers on his church grounds.

For the Dean it was to prove a heartbreaking day. He visited his superiors seeking support, only to be told by the church's insurance company that they would no longer offer coverage unless the occupiers already present on the church grounds were removed and that no others be permitted on church property. He went straight to the park and informed the protesters himself of the decision and that although he was sorry, he would stay with them until the end. The last I saw of him, he was seated on the ground, arms linked with the others, as the police moved in.

I do have some deep questions for the church leaders of various denominations who left Dean Dixon to act largely alone. Somehow the churches have to decide how they will side with society's distressed. These protesters were "peace" protesters, just like Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., and the visionary religious leaders of those days sided with such movements. If you won't endorse the Occupy protests and put the weight of the

Church behind them, then when will you make your play for social justice legitimacy? If I were you, I would listen to Dean Dixon very carefully.

To London's leaders, I only ask where were you? This was about a historic moment happening in our city that was fragile in nature. It wasn't about right or wrong; it was about us – how we watch over ourselves and seek peaceful resolutions by being there.

Do you remember when we were young? Do you recall how we protested for the equality of all people? We were in an important moment and the situation required each of us, despite our opinions, to validate the peaceable nature of our community and our desire for equity above all else by being there.



Next time this happens, let's be young again and explore the potential of this city we care for. ❖

Glen is a former professional firefighter who now serves as co-director of the London Food Bank. He also directs the NGO Canadian Aid for Southern Sudan and is a former member of parliament.

This article has been abbreviated. To view the complete article and an accompanying video clip from Tuesday's events in Victoria Park, visit:

<http://glenpearson.wordpress.com/2011/11/09/remember-when-we-were-young/>.

The full article is also linked through the on-line version of this edition of Chimes.

YOU at St. Paul's

BY The Editor

Lately, St. Paul's parishioners and visitors to the Cathedral can't help notice the delicious smells coming from the kitchen on an almost daily basis. As reported in the Spring & Summer 2011 edition of Chimes, the group responsible is YOU (Youth Opportunities Unlimited) – an organization that, among many initiatives, helps under-privileged and at-risk youth gain skills and confidence that will aid them in today's work force. I recently sat down with Ricardo Cavaco, Executive Chef and Youth Mentor and Melissa Powers, Customer Service Mentor, to discuss their time at St. Paul's.

When YOU came to St. Paul's in March of this year, they were only expecting to stay three months. The church they were using was closing and they needed to find a new one, fast! Dean Kevin offered the space at St. Paul's, and they leapt at the opportunity. The facilities at St. Paul's has far exceeded their expectations in term of the layout, the functionality and the equipment we have available. They have now entered their 9th month and happily for them and regrettably for us, their new home, Cornerstone, at the corner of York and Richmond, will be ready for occupancy very soon. Both Melissa and Ricardo along with the rest of the YOU staff are grateful to St. Paul's for housing their kitchen for as long as we have and always making them welcome.

But what are those delicious smells coming from the kitchen? The YOU team has three main areas of focus: a line of preserves that includes strawberry rhubarb jam, pumpkin butter and barbeque sauce, a weekly lunch catering to 40 youth at the YAC (Youth Action Centre): an associated program that works with at-risk youth, and outside catering jobs.

The YOU program works this way: four youth are employed in the culinary program at a time for 13-weeks or until they became employed. Though

employment is the end goal for the participants, the program provides much more than access to short-term employment. It provides the much-needed opportunity to gain the skills required to be employable in the food services industry and beyond. These skills include food handling, knife handling, customer service, service skills, and culinary techniques, but also transferable skills such as multitasking, organization, teamwork, accountability and communication. The youth come into the program, usually from a difficult, non-structured home environment, having never worked or cooked, and they leave with a level of culinary skill equivalent to a first-year culinary arts program. Also, thanks to Ricardo and Melissa's from-scratch and locally-sourced outlook on cooking, the kids also learn how to eat better, more healthy foods for less money.

But there's more. Along with the tool-kit of skills, working with YOU gives the youth the possibility of achieving the GED: General Education Diploma (high-school equivalent). Though the cost of the test is covered by the program (\$1000), the youth must spend the necessary hours preparing for the examination – something that not all of the YOU participants are ready for. However, with an astounding success rate of 84% through the larger YOU enterprise (which includes the kitchen, workshop, recycling plant and a sales kiosk), it is clear that this program is making a significant difference. The program's success is not measured by the youth finding short-term employment, but instead through the participant's achievement of the GED and their acquisition of vital tools for long-term employability and life-skills training.

There are two things that resonate with Melissa, Ricardo and the YOU youth from their time at St. Paul's: friendliness and respect. The reaction from the



youth is particularly telling: everyone was so friendly, something that is unusual for most of the youth in the program. For them, receiving respect from strangers and even acquaintances is foreign. At St. Paul's, the opposite was true. People would engage with the youth, asking about what they were doing, cooking, and listening to them: caring about them, who they are and what they had to say. Further, their accomplishments were noted and really appreciated. The boost to their self-confidence was visible.

A specific example of this was the Christmas Cheer Volunteer Dinner. Most notably, at the end of the evening, when the youth were brought into the dining room, the volunteers gave them a standing ovation. This was an emotional moment for both the staff and the youth – one that neither of them will soon forget.

A note about the YOU's new home Cornerstone: one of London's oldest buildings on the corner of Richmond and York. Although a more expensive option, the choice was made to restore the building rather than demolish and replace it with a new one. The restoration has taken longer, but the value added to the fabric of downtown through the integrity of this historic building will be well worth the wait! There will be a café on the main floor, apartments above for youth to rent – transition housing, the YAC (Youth Action Centre) for which the kitchen crew will be making breakfasts and dinners, 5 days a week. Plus, in the kitchen, they'll be making the regular line of preserves. In addition, the Thames Valley School Board will have classrooms on-site for special needs students.

The hours of operation will be 7:00am – 2:00pm, Monday to Friday beginning early in 2012.

If the offerings of the café aren't enough, YOU are planning to-go dinners. This menu line will include things like lasagna, meatloaf and shepherd's pie will be prepared in the YOU kitchen and chilled with instructions for re-heating at home. It will be a healthy and delicious alternative to take-out pizza or fast-food.

YOU is focused on the community. They use local suppliers and products and source their food locally

whenever possible. You won't find pop drinks in the YOU café, nor will you find prepackaged foods. Furthermore, 80-90% of all menu items will be made, from scratch, in-house – something that is becoming more and more rare today. Not only will this be healthier for you, but you will feel better for it: both because of the nutritional value and the value to the community. ❖

For more information about Youth Opportunities Unlimited, visit www.you.on.ca.

DID YOU KNOW ...

Gothic Revival, the St. Paul's e-newsletter, is sent every second Tuesday and *This Week at St. Paul's*, the weekly text-based announcement email is sent on Fridays.

If you don't receive them, visit the website to subscribe or contact Paul Grambo, Communications Director at: webmaster@stpaulscathedral.on.ca

Audio recordings of the sermons, prayers and announcements can be found on the website. Miss a Sunday? The archive holds a year's worth of recordings. Now there's no excuse!

St. Paul's is on Facebook. Click the "Like" button on the website to receive updates.

Advent @ St. Paul's

BY Paul Poolton

As we quickly approach the Season of Advent, I thought it would be appropriate to bring everyone up-to-date on some of the seasonal plans leading up to Christmas here at St. Paul's. Three specific items I would like to mention are the First Sunday of Advent itself and our "Service of Hope", the Advent Wreath Making activity to which everyone is invited, and the living crèche for our front lawn which is still in the early stages of its planning.

SERVICE OF HOPE – ADVENT I

On the 27th of November we will celebrate the first Sunday of the church year, Advent I, a New Years Day celebration in the seasons of the Church. Within our church building, you might notice physical transformations such as a change in the colour of the Altar frontals and other liturgical hangings as well as our Advent wreath which will make its annual appearance. As many of you know, as well as being a season of preparation for and anticipation of Christmas, each of the four Sundays of Advent also have a specific theme connected to their celebrations. Those themes, in order of the Sundays are: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. For the first Sunday of Advent we are going to celebrate this theme of Hope in a service of thanksgiving for those who bring us hope in our city. We have invited our emergency services (the Police Department, the Fire Department and the Paramedic services of our



community) to join us for this particular Sunday, as they are the people whom God often sends to bring us hope in times of distress. We thought it would be appropriate to recognize the hope-giving work they do in a service of thanksgiving and celebration in our hopeful anticipation of Christmas. I would ask that you invite anyone who you may know who works in emergency services to join us, in uniform if they have one, on November 27th so that we can recognize and thank them for the hope that they provide.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Following the Service of Hope on November 27th, we will be offering an activity for everyone to participate in, should they choose to do so. My family and I have gathered around an Advent wreath at my parent's house for nearly 20 years now; a wreath that Mom gets out and decorates for our family year after year. This has been a fabulous centre-piece of our family's celebration of the Advent season, a reminder throughout the season that Advent does not only happen at church and has been a wonderful tradition which we have passed on to our children as well. Everyone in our community is invited this year to create your own Advent wreath for your own homes; a wreath which might well become the centre-piece of your Advent preparations. All you need to bring with you is your imagination and some creativity as all supplies will be provided, with a suggested minimum donation of \$10.00, as well as some basic instructions and guidance along the way. You will also be provided with a booklet to take home with you which will include a "liturgy" and prayers which you will be able to use each time you light the candles. If you can let us know you are attending it would be appreciated so we can be sure to have enough supplies for everyone. Please email me at ppoolton@uwo.ca and let me know if you are planning to take part.

LIVING CRÈCHE

Finally, plans are slowly coming into shape for a living crèche which will be part of the Cathedral's gift to our community on the front lawn of St. Paul's this



December. If you have a particular talent in wood-working or animal husbandry and would like to take part in the planning of this event, or if you are willing to share some of your performance talents as a shepherd or other biblical character for the event itself, please let someone at the Cathedral Office know. All gifts and talents will be greatly appreciated, whether you are a hobbyist or a skilled trades-person so please, let us know if you would like to help make this particular gift a reality for our community.

On a personal note, I look forward to celebrat-

ing this season of preparation with you in the coming weeks and I also would like to thank the Cathedral community for the welcome that my family and I have experienced since our arrival in September. The sense of community that exists here at St. Paul's has been wonderful for us to be able to be a part of and we hope to meet more and more of you as we continue to become part of this parish family in the coming months. ❖

Paul is a student @ Huron University College and Seminarian @ St. Paul's

Children's Ministries

Responding and Waiting

BY Gladis Funes

“Every child must be made aware, every child must be made to care, care enough for his fellow man, to give all the love that he can.”

By the time you read this, we will be one week away from the first Sunday of Advent. We are officially entering the Christmas season and I, for one, cannot wait for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. It is a time of joy and hope as well as the spreading of charity and love. The quote above is from a duet sung by Bing Crosby and David Bowie. It is one of my absolute favourite Christmas songs because it tells of some of the things that make Christmas so important. This quote also now stands out to me because it relates to the *5 Marks of Mission* which is the theme for Children and Youth Ministries this year. We are acting out the *5 Marks of Mission* for the rest of 2011 through our November Toy Drive.

Every year the Daily Bread Food Bank gives Christmas hampers to individuals and families who greatly need them. To do our part and “serve those in need through loving service,” Children and Youth Ministries are collecting children's toys throughout the month of November. We have hung our list of toys for parishioners (and for whoever the spirit inspires to be generous), to look up a toy to purchase at a store and bring it to the Cathedral. The list can be found in the main hallway leading to the Cathedral Office. If you have not yet donated a toy, it is not too late. The last Sunday service to donate on is November 27th but we will be accepting toy donations until the 30th. Let us all take this time to give our love to those who truly need to be surrounded by it.

One way that we will be telling the world of the birth of Christ is through the Children and Youth Ministries' annual Christmas Pageant. This will place at St. Paul's Cathedral at 4:00pm on Christmas Eve. Also, the pageant will be followed by the Eucharist. I encourage you to come see our youngest parishioners act out one of the most important parts of our story as Christians. The children put on a fantastic play last year and we are already working hard to top it this year. Make sure you do not miss out on St. Paul's 2011 Christmas Pageant as it will be one to remember.

Finally, on behalf of my fellow co-ordinator, Kerri Mungar, and myself, I would like to thank all of the parishioners and clergy for such a wonderful year. We have received nothing but support and encouragement as we have been making changes to improve Children and Youth Ministries. We are proud to let you all know that our number of registered children has doubled since June and we are thrilled. We could not have done it without all of you and we wish you the merriest of Christmases, many blessings and an excellent 2012! ❖

Gladis is Children's Ministries Co-ordinator @ St. Paul's



There it is again ...

THINGS TO REMEMBER

When you or someone you care for is confronted with an illness or crisis, remember to contact one of the clergy team first.

If you have recently moved or changed any of your contact information, be sure to contact Carrie Fieldhouse in the Church Office with the updates.

Have you remembered St. Paul's in your will?

Getting To Know Your Anglican Cemetery

BY Kim Campbell

If you have gone past the front of Woodland Cemetery recently you may have seen the huge crane and workers within the orange construction fence that surrounds the mausoleum. The sight may have caused you to ask “What is going on at Woodland Cemetery?” It is a

once again. This project allows the public another opportunity to purchase an indoor glass front niche on Woodland’s property.

Those families that already have pre-need arrangements in Woodland Cemetery will have the first opportunity to exchange their current arrangements for a niche in the mausoleum. Contact me directly to discuss this opportunity.

If you are interested in having a no obligation tour of the phase one renovations contact our office at (519) 471-7450 to have your name added to growing list. ❖

Kim is General Manager at Woodland Cemetery



question that has been asked of me many times in the last few weeks. I have been pleased to say to those inquiring that Woodland is working hard to restore and rejuvenate our mausoleum.

The mausoleum, built in 1920, has required little maintenance and renovations in the 91 years it has been standing. It was originally constructed to accommodate 680 casket entombment crypts is the final resting place of many of London’s founding entrepreneurs. Historically, mausoleums in North America were places to entomb those who were of wealth. It was quite the mark of distinction to have a place in the mausoleum in the early to mid 1900’s.

We are very excited to offer to the residents of London and surrounding area an opportunity to purchase a beautifully appointed, spacious glass bowed front cremation niche in a bright building with 5 beautifully restored, historical stained glass windows on Woodland’s picturesque property. The mausoleum will be fitted with French doors allowing families privacy from the main chapel while visiting and seating throughout.

Those with loved ones in the mausoleum will now have the ability to have a final resting place near them

WEEKLY EVENTS

Bible Study

Thursdays @ 2:00pm

Led by Dean Kevin

Sundays @ 9

Weekly adult education program

Led by Dean Kevin or Rev'd Dr. Keith Fleming

Organ and Organ+ Recital Series

Tuesdays @ 12:15pm

November 22 - Andrew Adair

November 29 - Angus Sinclair

December 6 - Joel VanderZee

December 13 - Michael Bloss

December 20 - Andrew Keegan Mackriell

with Kathleen Gahagan, harp

December 27 - No Recital

January 3 - Andrew Keegan Mackriell

Parish News

ARCHDEACON GRANT RETIRES, AGAIN

In June of 2002 I retired as Rector of St. George's Church, London, after fifteen and a half years, and thirty-eight years of ordained ministry in Montreal, Vancouver, North Vancouver and London. A year or so before I retired I had second thoughts about it and wondered about working another year. Carol, the Bishop and the Wardens were supportive of this if it was what I wanted. However, as I reflected on it, I realized that I was perhaps a little anxious about retirement and what it would mean. The more I thought about it, the more I thought that it was a matter of trust. It seemed that I was afraid that God who had called me to ordained ministry would now cut me off and there would be nothing for me to do.

In faith I decided that I would retire on time as originally planned, which I did. In the meantime, Bishop Derwyn Jones advised Dean Terry Dance that he wished to retire from his part time work at the Cathedral at the end of 2002. Dean Terry asked me if I would like to work part time at the Cathedral and so, on December 1, 2002, began nine years of ministry here at St. Paul's. Had I delayed my retirement as I had been tempted to do, the timing would not have been right for me to come to the Cathedral.

You, the members of the Cathedral family have welcomed me into your lives and many into your homes these past nine years. You have trusted me and permitted me to share in good times and sad times. I have spent many days handing out desserts at the Fellowship Centre and getting to know members of our London community I would never have met otherwise.

And now here I am again with an unknown future after January 31st, 2012, hopefully more trusting in God's amazing grace and loving the words from John Henry Newman's beautiful hymn "Lead Kindly Light":

*Keep Thou my feet, I do not ask to see
The distant scene - one step enough for me.*

I do not know at this point what being "Honorary Assistant" here at St. Paul's will mean. Carol and I are going to spend the month of February on vacation ...

In his last sermon before he died in May of 1968, Dean Northcote Burke, of Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, with whom I had the privilege of working for thirteen months, said that we recognize the Holy Spirit most in retrospect. As I look back over my life and ministry, I believe that to be true.

- Archdeacon D. Ian Grant

UPDATE: GRAMBO/FONTAINE FIRE

As some of you have heard, in the early morning hours of September 17th, 2011, we suffered an arson attack at our home. Person or persons yet unknown set fire to our garden shed that was attached to our home. Thankfully, both the fire and police departments responded quickly and stopped the damages from spreading farther than our kitchen ceiling. We were told that if left another 5 minutes the fire would have spread throughout our home. As it was, we thankfully lost very few material items and have been able to concentrate our efforts on the structural repairs. The police are still actively searching for those responsible. Due to circumstances beyond our control, our insurance company did not cover the damages. Thankfully, our friends and family stepped up and helped us when we needed it most. We want to extend an enormous thank you to everyone in the Cathedral family for reaching out and lending a hand, either literally or figuratively, helping us to get us back into our home as quickly as possible. We would not be where we are today without the help and prayers of everyone at St. Paul's.

At time of publication, we have finished work on the outside of the house except for the fence and shed, both of which still need to be constructed. The replacement of the kitchen ceiling is done, and we are just now entering the "decoration" stage of the repairs. We hope to be back home by the end of November.

The help and support we have received from both the Cathedral family and the diocesan staff has been both a God send and humbling. Thank you.

- Paul Grambo

DOORS OPEN THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the volunteers for making doors open such a success – we received into our midst almost 600 guests and everyone I spoke to was very pleased with the reception. Well done indeed!

- Deacon Pat



Cathedral Calendar

Sunday, November 20

11:30am - Sunday Lunch

Monday, November 21

7:00pm - DivorceCare

Tuesday, November 22

7:00pm - Book Club

Wednesday, November 23

6:30pm - Transitions

Savouring the Seasons of Life

Friday, November 25

6:30pm - Crash the Cathedral

Sunday, November 27

11:30am - Advent Wreath Making

4:00pm - Advent Carol Service

Monday, November 28

7:00pm - DivorceCare

Wednesday, November 30

6:30pm - Transitions

Savouring the Seasons of Life

Thursday, December 1

- Christmas Share Begins -

11:00am - Qu'Appelle Group

Sunday, December 4

11:30am - Cathedral Tour

Monday, December 5

7:00pm - DivorceCare

Wednesday, December 7

6:30pm - Transitions

Savouring the Seasons of Life

7:30pm - Narcotics Anonymous

8:00pm - Orchestra London Concert

Sunday, December 11

11:30am - Dean's Forum

Monday, December 12

7:00pm - DivorceCare

Tuesday, December 13

7:00pm - Evening Women's Group

Wednesday, December 14

6:30pm - Transitions

Savouring the Seasons of Life

7:30pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, December 15

5:00pm - Parish Council

Friday, December 16

6:30pm - Children & Youth Event

Sunday, December 18

11:30am - Sunday Lunch

4:00pm - Nine Lessons & Carols

Monday, December 19

7:00pm - DivorceCare

Wednesday, December 21

2:00pm - Seniors' Christmas Eucharist & Tea

5:00pm - LIGHTworks Meeting

6:30pm - Transitions

Savouring the Seasons of Life

7:30pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Christmas Eve

4:00pm - Children & Family Service

followed by Holy Eucharist

7:30pm - Christmas Eve Eucharist

11:00pm - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10:00am - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, December 28

7:30pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, January 4

7:30pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, January 5

11:00am - Qu'Appelle Group

Monday, January 9

1:30pm - ACW Meeting

Tuesday, January 10

7:00pm - Evening Women's Group

Wednesday, January 11

7:30pm - Narcotics Anonymous

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Bell Ringers Needed!

BY Stephanie Allen

Do you enjoy the sound of the bells of St. Paul's as they resound across the streets of downtown London? Are you physically active and able to read music? Would you like to be a part of the history of St. Paul's by playing the chime console of 11 bells in our tower, surrounded by the writings on the walls of those who have gone before you in this important ministry?

If you have answered "Yes!" to these questions then being a bell ringer at St. Paul's may be for you! Our bells

are traditionally rung on Sunday mornings before (and occasionally following) the 10:00am service, for Cathedral festival and feast days, for diocesan services such as Synod and ordinations, as well as for weddings (by request) and other special occasions in the life of the Cathedral and of the City of London.

If your interest and curiosity have been piqued and you would be interested in learning more about what being a bell ringer is all about, please contact me, Stephanie Allen by phone at 519-451-4527 or e-mail s.allen@tvdsb.on.ca. I would be more than happy to take you up into the tower to see the chiming chamber and introduce you to the chime console and the music we use to play this historic instrument. ❖

Stephanie is a server and bell ringer @ St. Paul's

