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SKATING PARTY!

Junior Church and Youth Group met February 26 at High Park for perfect afternoon of skating and shinny. Left to right: Leslie and Jacob Stafford, Angeline McGovern, Gabbie Douglas, Laura Bennett, Andrew McGovern, Emily and Sarah Munding, Liesl Kumari Kuebler, Kevin Kuebler, Abby McCormick and Aden Shapland. (not shown, Craig and Janice Douglas, Sharmila Powell, Gerry McGovern). For more pics see page 3.

Special Vestry approves motion to sell the Rectory

By Janice Douglas
People's Warden

On Sunday, March 13, a Special Vestry meeting was held after church to discuss the future of the Rectory at 8 Mossom Place.

The home was built in 1927 and purchased by St. Olave's in 1955 for \$21,000 for the Wigmores to live in. The Roses and the Burrows followed suit.

Over the years, the churchwardens and other volunteers have done their best to inspect and maintain it, but we now find the state of disrepair to be overwhelming. Many who came to the Open House found the conservative estimate of \$100,000 to make upgrades such as wiring and renovating the kitchen to be on the low side.

The Wardens presented these challenges

at the meeting and a lively discourse ensued. Three options were discussed: renovating the Rectory; selling the Rectory and using a housing allowance; replacing the Rectory.

They also shared their findings of a meeting with Toronto Diocese Property Support Manager David Badian and the Venerable Elizabeth Hardy, Archdeacon of York, CAO & Secretary of Synod, on the process. If we were to sell the Rectory and replace it with a more modest home closer to the church, for example, the surplus (after closing costs) would go into a Consolidated Trust Fund managed by the Diocese. This money would be accessible to us for capital projects, and it also generates a 4.25% annual dividend to be used for whatever we want.

The Wardens also shared the sale price

estimates provided by three real estate agents who walked through the Rectory and researched comparable properties. They also noted the recent sale prices of more modest homes closer to the church.

Many points were raised about the nature of doing renovation work, the financial and human resource cost of managing such a large property, and the desired features of a new Rectory (guest bathroom and parking are high on the list).

After roughly an hour, the Vestry passed the motion allowing the Churchwardens to sell the Rectory for not less than the agreed upon price, and purchase a new one. (For confidentiality reasons, this figure will not be mentioned here, but will be available in the minutes). The motion will now be put to Bishop Poole and then for Diocesan Approval April 12.



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A Word from the Wardens

Annis Tebbutt, Rector's Warden

Janice Douglas, People's Warden

Paul Scrivener, Deputy Warden

Changes continue at St. Olave's and with the Wardens! At the Vestry meeting held on February 26, David Hutcheon stepped down as Warden. David has contributed so much to our parish in these transitional times and we wish him the very best. The following positions were appointed or approved: Annis Tebbutt, Rector's Warden; Janice Douglas, People's Warden; Paul Scrivener, Deputy Warden.

A warm welcome is extended to Paul, as we look ahead to an eventful year at St. Olave's. Paul has been a Warden at his previous church. At St. Olave's he is on the Growth Committee, the Capital Investment Fund Committee and the Parish Selection Committee as well.

Speaking of the Parish Selection Committee, the completed Parish Profile can be seen on our website as the process of selecting our new Rector continues. At time of writing, the Committee was in the thick of the interview-



Paul Scrivener is our new Deputy Warden.

ing process.

Capital upgrades are anticipated for the church. Look for a new installation of fire alarm systems, exit signs and crash bars installed on our exit doors, all to increase safety in the building. New electrical panels, switches, spotlights and outlets have been installed, with thanks to the ACW in funding these alterations. And the organization and de-cluttering of rooms and storage space in the church continue.

The Wardens would like to thank Sheila Tait and Dave Webb, for all their work on both the church and Rectory. We are grateful to Judy Beal and Karen Bennedsen, for assisting with our financials and reports for Vestry. And a special thank you is extended to Reverend Jeffry Kennedy, for all that he has contributed as our Interim Priest-In-Charge.



Prayer Book series a success

This year's Lenten Series, The Future of the Prayer Book, was coordinated by William Cowling and Dr. William Cooke. It was very well attended and featured a stellar line-up of guest speakers.

February 10: After the Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion, Dr. William Cooke introduced the series with a detailed history of the prayer book together with a discussion of its various forms over the years and the controversies involved in revisions and changes to those forms.

February 17: Dr. Jesse Billett of Trinity College gave a talk on mediaeval monastic piety and spirituality including chants as well as prayers.

February 24: Dr. David Neelands, Dean of Trinity College, spoke about the Prayer Book's development between 1549-1662. He analysed the development of the prayer book from the middle ages onward examining the roles of King Henry VIII, King Edward VI, Archbishop Thomas Cranmer and Queen Elizabeth I in its expository presentation, with new material added as the years passed

leading to it being called the Book of Common Prayer.

March 2: In Two Canadian Prayer Books Jonathan Lofft, from the Toronto School of Theology, discussed in detail the development of the Liturgy and Prayer Book in England, Scotland, Ireland, the United States and Canada, concluding that essentially separate liturgies and prayer books were developed in all these areas over the years including two Canadian editions of the Book of Common Prayer.

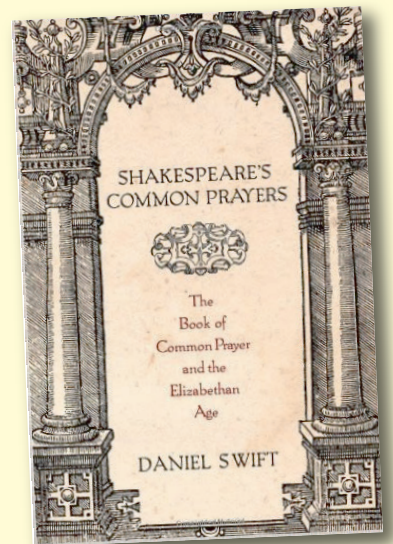
March 9: Private Devotions by author Sue Careless, dealt with how to use material in the Book of Common Prayer in going about our daily prayers, designating particular prayers that are especially useful, some of which are not specified in the Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer or Holy Communion sections, and some of which focus particularly on prayers by the family.

March 16: The series wraps with a look to the Future by Peter Scotchmer from the Prayer Book Society of Canada.



— with notes from John Floyd

BOOK STUDY @ ST. OLAVE'S



You're invited to Join the **Reverend Dr. Schuyler Brown** for a four-week series on *Shakespeare's Common Prayers: The Book of Common Prayer and the Elizabethan Age*, by Daniel Swift (OUP, 2013).

WHEN: Tuesdays

May 10, 17, 24, and 31
@ 7 p.m.

For more details please email schuyler.brown@utoronto.ca



The Rev. Dr. Schuyler Brown, former Incumbent at Church of the Good Shepherd and U of T professor, has recently joined the congregation, with his wife Maggie. Rev. Brown brings his popular course to St. O's.



Above: Brandon, Aden and Brad Nsubuga, Liesl Kumari Kuebler, Sarah Munding, Jesse and Olivia Dickson, Jacob Stafford, Oliver and Poppy Woods and Gabbie Douglas had a blast playing floor hockey at our Lent kickoff event the last Saturday in January. Parents played too! **Below,** more Skating Party pics: clock-wise from top centre, Leslie and Jacob, Aden and Janice, Liesl, Gabbie and Abby, Andrew and Angeline.



Saturday events complement Junior Church lessons

By Laura Bennett
Child & Youth Minister

The Junior Church kicked off 2016 with a bang! Upon returning to my post after spending the fall in PEI, I began taking the Junior Church on a journey to understand why and how we can get closer to God. This journey began with making 'spiritual goals' for 2016. Then, to kick off the Lent season, the Junior Church hosted an awesome Floor Hockey Family Event, which was a great success! We got into some head-to-head competition with the excellent turn-out of talent!!

Not only did we have fun with our church family, but each participant also went home with a loot bag full of items that help us get closer to God, a worship CD, or an age-appropriate devotional book. In the spirit of getting closer to God, I introduced a new challenge for the Junior Church this year. Instead of giving something up, this year, the students are following a Lenten calendar that encourages kids and families to 'add something in' everyday (can check it out on our website). That 'Something' is time spent with our Father God through prayer, reading the word, listening to worship music, or talking about spiritual concepts as a family.

As we have progressed through Lent, Junior Church students have been learning and practising how to read the bible. We are getting great at it! We were able to demonstrate what we've learned in our presentation at the Thinking Day service, too.

The last Saturday of February we held our annual Skating Party, and on the last Saturday of March, we have our annual Easter Saturday Event. I am so excited to be putting this together again after last year's inaugural event, and I hope you and your family will choose to join us! This year we'll be continuing the story on Easter Sunday with a lesson. Wishing you and your family a Spirit filled Easter!



Worship & Special Events

Don't forget to pick up the announcement booklet published the first Sunday of each month to learn of more events as they are scheduled. Or call the office to get on our e-mail list.

MARCH

18 (Friday) - 3 p.m.
Folding Palm Crosses

20 - Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Blessing and Distribution of the Palms. Cellist Laura Jones performs at 10:30 service

24 - Maundy Thursday

6 p.m. - Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar followed by Seder and Light Supper

25 - Good Friday

10:30 a.m. - Swansea Neighbourhood Service at Windermere United Church

26 - Easter Saturday - 3-5 p.m.

Junior Church Family Event

27 - Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion with Junior Church, Coffee Hour and Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL

17 - 4 p.m. - Choral Evensong followed by St. George's Tea and "The World of Shakespeare and Byrd" with Douglas Cowling

MAY

5 (Thursday) - 6 p.m. - Evensong followed by Light Supper and "Alan Hayes in Person"

10, 17, 24 & 31 (Tuesdays)

7 p.m. - Shakespeare's Common Prayers, with Rev. Dr. Schuyler Brown (see notice on page 2)

15 - 3 p.m.

Windermere String Quartet Concert "Infinite Variety"

JUNE

12 - 4 p.m. - Choral Evensong followed by Strawberry Tea and "Royal Best"

Group Meetings

Tuesday, April 5
7:30 p.m. - Advisory Board

Tuesday, April 19
2 p.m. - Mary & Martha

Tuesday, June 21
1 p.m. - Mary & Martha

ACW delivers 31 gift bags to LOFT seniors



This Christmas 31 disadvantaged seniors in North York living in a LOFT residence received gift bags from St. O's ACW. This is the fourth year that we have donated bags. We receive thanks from the seniors when we take the bags in to the building, and thank you letters from the workers. The ACW is grateful to members of the congregation for preparing and donating the bags. - Margaret Roze

Prayer Book services in the heart of Bloor West Village

Every Sunday

8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion in the Chapel

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays

10:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer

1st & 3rd Sundays

10 a.m. - Prayers in the Chapel
10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion with Anointing

Wednesdays

10 a.m. - Bible Study
11 a.m. - Holy Communion

HISTORY LESSON

Thanks to the Swansea Historical Society for tweeting us this cool drawing of 19th-century Swansea, sketched by parishioner John Ellis. This is St. Olave's original structure situated at the southern end of Windermere Avenue, with the Bolt Works and Lake Ontario in the background.

