

# The Anglican Church of St. Mary & St. Martha

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## A Message from Canon Beth +

"There is a buzz here!" "My children and I were welcomed with such ease and warmth – thanks!" "It is good to be part of something new". "How can I get more involved?"

Those are the sorts of comments I hear on a summer Sunday morning when visitors and long-time friends join in worshipping God and stay on for a cool drink and conversation. It has been a good summer!



Our first annual summer BBQ on June 26<sup>th</sup> got the summer off to a great start and the sun has been shining ever since. We joined with about 400 neighbours at the *Party by the Pond* at Topham Pond on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Organised by the Mount Dennis Community Association, we hosted the Kids' Zone and enjoyed the fishing, kids' activities and great food offered by local restaurateurs. Thanks to all who helped out with the Kids' activities and greeting neighbours at our table. Check out the photos at [mountdennisra.wordpress.com](http://mountdennisra.wordpress.com).

A group of us enjoyed a late summer BBQ lunch with about 200 others on August 25<sup>th</sup> on the former Kodak lands. We gathered earlier that morning

to witness an amazing engineering feat as the only remaining Kodak building was moved 300 meters to make way for foundation work. This work is part of the construction of the concourse level of the future Mt. Dennis Light Rail Transit terminal station, scheduled to open in 2021. You can follow the story and check out the photos at [www.urbantoronto.ca](http://www.urbantoronto.ca).

**There is a “buzz” here at 1149 Weston Road and there are signs of new life all around us!** Our wonderful choir continued to lead us in our worship music through the summer and our dedicated church school teachers were on deck to continue our shared ministry of Christian formation among our children and youth. Lunch follows our lively Wednesday Bible study and mid-week Eucharist. Our lawns and gardens are being cared for by a team of volunteers and the community garden at our Lawrence Ave, property returned. The tomatoes, peppers, parsley and basil were terrific! More volunteers are getting involved in the Community Supper, enabling a 20-year outreach ministry to grow.

Our parish administrator, Elizabeth Nelson, has settled in as a member of our ministry leadership team. Check out the article on page 3! Our Board of Management, consisting of four volunteers from other Anglican parishes and five members of our congregation, was established by Diocesan Council in May in response to the request of our Vestry. The Board members are Dianne Izzard, Sandra Lewis, Don McCamus and Hector Harris as well Robert Davies (Grace Church on the Hill), Heather McGregor (St. Mary Magdalene), Peter Tovell (Church of the Redeemer) and Stu Hutcheson (St. Peter’s Erindale). I serve as the Chair of the Board of Management and Elizabeth Nelson is the Secretary.

The Board is already sharing the workload and bringing a wealth of experience and dedication to our parish alongside our dedicated Wardens and Parish Life Committee. The Board of Management

and the Parish Life Committee will meet together for the first time on October 19th and I hope you will circle October 30 when Bishop Fenty will commission the members of the Board of Management at the 1030 Eucharist. Plan to stay for lunch!

Time flies! It is hard to believe that we have been worshipping together as the people of St. Mary and St. Martha’s Church for almost one year. We have accomplished a great deal and I know you share my gratitude for the dedicated leadership of our Warden team (Dianne Izzard, Sandra Lewis, Queenie Seiloa and Shirley Radley) our Treasurer, Hector Harris, and all of the members of our Parish Life Committee. Now it is time to look ahead to the redevelopment of our properties. Right now there are more questions than answers – and that is a good thing! What will happen with our properties at 1149 Weston Road and Lawrence Avenue West? Is there a redevelopment proposal already in the works? **Not yet.**

There is not a proposal in the works because we have not yet discerned as a community of faith what God is up to in our neighbourhood and how we can come alongside that as Christians. We need a better grip on what sort of worship and community space we will need to grow as a vibrant community of faith engaged in God’s mission. Nevertheless, we are on the Way!

Where do we go from here? This autumn we will celebrate our first anniversary as the new community of St. Mary and St. Martha. The celebrations will unfold between October 9 and November 20. During this time we will continue to discern what God is up to in our neighbourhood, reflect on how we are called to join in, share our insights and consider what that all means for a redevelopment proposal. Keep your eyes on the parish calendar for upcoming meetings in November and December. There will be various ways for each of us to contribute.

We will be launching a lay pastoral visiting ministry and establishing a Property Committee to assist with maintenance and small projects. We will also initiate a terrific Christian formation program called Natural Church Development. Stay tuned for more details!

Every day I give God thanks for the great privilege of serving with you. Please let me know if you are unable to get to Church for any reason. I would be delighted to visit and share Communion with you.

Yours in Christ, Beth+

## Welcome to Elizabeth Nelson

We have great news to share! The Rev'd Elizabeth Nelson joined our staff as our Parish Administrator on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Her office is presently in the Parish House at 8 Blackstone Avenue and her office hours are Monday to Friday from 1 pm to 5 pm.

Elizabeth brings a wealth of experience to our team. She has held a series of parish administrative positions, including at the Church of St Clement, Eglinton (2000-2002) and Little Trinity (2002-2013). Elizabeth now begins her work day as administrative assistant at the Anglican Church of St Andrew at Victoria Park and the 401 and then at 12.30 heads across the 401 to 8 Blackstone. Her duties include financial administration, the weekly bulletin and organising our liturgical schedules and parish calendar.



Elizabeth is a vocational deacon in our Diocese and fulfills this ministry at The Church of St Augustine of Canterbury where she has worshipped since moving to Toronto in 1995. Her ministry there involves liturgy and education, including a monthly Film Night where people gather for a meal, a movie and discussion.

Elizabeth is the proud mother of two adult sons. Simon Davis is the incumbent at St George the Martyr Church (south of the Art Gallery of Ontario) and Benjamin Davis is a chef in Peterborough. Simon and Ashley are the parents of "the world's most adorable baby": Grand-daughter Naomi was born December 28th, 2015.

She serves on the Executive of Liturgy Canada and is the secretary of the Christian Medical and Dental Society. In her "spare" time, she enjoys reading and cross-stitching. She is an Associate of the Anglican Sisterhood of St John the Divine. You can reach Elizabeth by leaving a message at 416 249 4681 or [stmaryandstmartha@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryandstmartha@gmail.com). Or stop the parish office and say hello!

# Parish Voices

## Celebrating Pearl Yeoman

February 6, 1917 – August 29, 2016

Pearl joined the Church of the Good Shepherd on the happy occasion of her marriage and never looked backed! A dedicated parishioner, Pearl's week began with the Sunday worship service and she was active in almost every aspect of parish life, including the Married Couples' Club, Seniors' Group, Bazaars and printing the weekly bulletin. She ran the Craft Group and designed the beautiful needlepoint kneelers for our prayer desks and the altar rail. A person of great care and compassion, Pearl also volunteered for many years at West Park Hospital. She helped anyone she could.



In addition to all that, for many years Pearl served as the Advisory Board Secretary. This past year when she could no longer make it to Church on Sunday morning, she wanted to know everything that went on at St. Mary and St. Martha's Church: "What hymns were sung? What was the sermon about? How many people attended?" Pearl never lost her love of the Church, God's gathered people. God has finally called a faithful servant home for a well-deserved rest.

You are missed but rest in peace, Pearl.

Doreen Smith

## In Conversation with Norman and Evelyn

As Norman Baker celebrates his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and Evelyn Chipperfield celebrates her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, we honour their faithful service to God and their community. Their friendship goes back many years and flourished as they became more and more involved in the parish life of The Church of The Advent. In their unique ways Norm and Evelyn share the joy and freedom that comes with an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus. They are witnesses to the transforming love of God in our midst!

Norm is a World War two veteran and in addition to a busy career as a salesman, he served at the Advent under every Rector in one way or another – including warden, lay reader and lay anointer. Evelyn remembers the very first gatherings of the congregation, on Ryding Avenue, before the growing community

moved to Pritchard Ave. Over the years she served as warden, envelope secretary and Lenten folder coordinator.



Norm and Evelyn have lived their entire lives in the same neighbourhood and they watched the development and growth of the Church of the Advent from its early days. Norm's early years were spent in social circles mostly centred in church life, including the Anglican Young People's Association and Bible school. He met his wife, Eileen, in these circles and over the years they developed many enduring friendships. Evelyn's husband, Fred, and Mr. Baker served as Wardens together for a period of time and this fostered the abiding friendship between the two families.

Memories of the "early days" at the Church of the Advent bring to mind an active social life and a large Sunday school. There were three worship services every Sunday! "Our teachers were excellent – their knowledge of the Bible was vast and it was typical to have 200 children attending week after week", says Evelyn. Norm remembers having to memorize scripture verses and he still remembers Mr. Manson who taught one of the boys' classes. "The church was the centre of our social life in those days," recalls Norm. "There was something for everyone and it was the sense of "belonging" that helped our faith grow over the years. Faith got us through the dark war years and beyond."

After the War, Norm and Evelyn began to notice changes that would dramatically change parish life, including the loss of manufacturing jobs, Sunday evening television and the change in Sunday shopping laws. Still, they did their best to keep parish life active. The annual church picnic and excursions to Toronto Island and other destinations are recalled as prevailing highlights of their adult life.

Norm and Evelyn bring this witness of steadfast faith, hope and love to our new congregation of St. Mary and St Martha. They are eager to try to learn a new name each week and to make new friends. They are certain that amalgamation was the right thing to do. The sermons mean a lot. "The gospel message hits home", Norm says "and that feeds our desire to get to church every Sunday to learn and be nourished. "Our choir is terrific", Evelyn adds, "and I love the traditional hymns....singing is a powerful way to express one's faith". One of their favorite Psalms is Psalm 23.

Their favourite hymns include "What a Friend we have in Jesus", "Will Your Anchor Hold", "Abide with Me", "Lift High the Cross" and "Shall We Gather at the River".

In their wisdom, Norm and Evelyn know "times have changed" and that families have many demands and choices to make. "There is just so much going on around them," Norm observes, "but if we offer relevant preaching, lively liturgy and meaningful programs for children and families, we will continue to thrive.

They are excited about the new possibilities amalgamation affords us. The thought of a new church building is exciting, too!"

Norm and Evelyn feel that more connections in the neighbourhood will be important. Expanding the community supper, increasing our contributions to the food bank and engaging with our neighbours will be key. "The more people to get involved, the more we will be able to serve God's mission," Norm says. Amen!

## Children & Youth Ministry

This fall as we kick off another year of programming there are some exciting updates in our Children and Family Ministries department. In our Sunday school we are delighted to be welcoming two new teachers into the fold, Westmore Smith and Shirley Radley. We're also rolling out a new curriculum that will follow the lectionary, so don't be shy about engaging your children in the Scripture readings on the way home!



Beginning on Friday, September 2nd we rolled out a new gathering for our youth (Grades 8-12) called First Fridays. On the first Friday evening of each month we will gather together at the church or at a home from 7 to 9 pm for a time of study, prayer, and food. Our next three gatherings will be on October 7, November 4, and December 2.

Please also be praying for our confirmands as they begin the first semester of our Confirmation Program this fall. We'll be meeting for six Saturdays beginning October 15 from 10 am-noon.

In Psalm 78, the Psalmist highlights the importance of a being a community that constantly recalls and re-tells the great deeds and promises of God. Especially important is passing this story on to the next generation so that they come to understand themselves as members of that very story: "we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done." Raising our children in the faith is a task of the whole church! We will tell. I encourage you to not only be praying for our children and youth but to befriend them as well as brothers and sisters in Christ. My prayer is that we would continue to learn and grow together as we follow Jesus.

Grace and peace.  
Jonathan+

## Community Focus

### Community Supper

Over the summer we have served an average of 43 people each week with about eight (8) volunteers to help at every supper. One of our key team leaders 'retired' from ComSup at the end of June and we were concerned about how things would proceed without her. The situation was presented to the members of St. Mary and St. Martha and there was great response! We now have four new volunteers and that team is doing well. They prepared and served two meals during the summer and are set and enthusiastic about continuing on in the fall. We are very grateful for the additional help! It's wonderful to see this growth in the circle of people involved with this important Outreach program.

If anyone else would like to help out with ComSup, just contact Don McCamus or Shirley Radley.

If you have good quality used clothing that you would like to donate, we can use it to stock the rack of clothing that is left out at ComSup for anyone that needs it. You can leave them in the clothes hamper at the back of the church.

We also continue to be grateful to people at Weston Presbyterian Church who have opened up their facilities to host ComSup and also to the two teams from St John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church that also prepare and serve meals at ComSup.

We had the storage room that houses all of our supplies including the fridge and freezer painted this summer. It's now fresh and bright and clean thanks to funds provided by Bishop Poole and Weston Presbyterian Church.



ComSup June BBQ – Bishop Philip Poole and Canon Beth in back row

# Community **WALK**

1K, 2k or 5K Walk Options

**Saturday October 1, 2016**



**Goal \$1,000.00**

For community outreach initiatives

Registration begins at

**9:30 a.m.**

Warm Up Begins at

**9:55 a.m.**

Walk begins in the parking lot of  
The Church of St. Mary & St. Martha  
1149 Weston Road, Toronto, ON



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Walker Club walkers have a chance to prizes group walkers, frequent walkers & More

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The Second Annual  
St Mary and St Martha Bazaar

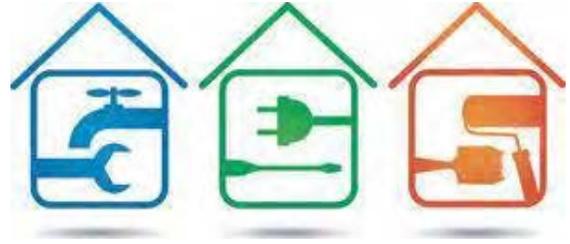
Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm

We will have a wonderful selection of tables offering a variety of treasures. Baking and Deli items, Craft, Silent Auction, Box Draw, Treasures, Gift & Collectibles, Books, Gently Loved items, Topped with a delicious Lunch area. Bring a friend, help, bake and participate. Most of all come and enjoy the fellowship. Any questions call Shirley @ [647-308 1720](tel:647-308-1720)



## Property Update

Since our amalgamation, the Church of St. John's Weston, the Church of the Advent and the Good Shepherd rectory at 104 Saskatoon Avenue have been sold leaving St. Mary and St. Martha responsible for six properties. The proceeds from the sale of the two churches are designated for our redevelopment and we have been able to address some safety-related concerns and much-needed repairs from the proceeds of the sale of 104 Saskatoon.



### **St. Mary and St. Martha, 1149 Weston Road – Completed:**

New roof, parking lot resurfacing, asbestos pipe insulation and mould remediation, electrical and plumbing repairs, new windows in three office doors, refurbished front doors and vestibule and we have had CDW Engineering (Carson Dunlop Weldon) conduct a Property Condition

Assessment and Fire Safety Audit. *Pending* – repairing plaster and painting the interior walls of the sanctuary; repairs to exterior outlets & lighting; disconnection of downspouts where feasible *as well as* removal of a buried oil tank discovered on the property and recommendations contained in the Carson Dunlop Weldon building inspection report with multi-year recommendations for repairs and maintenance.

Carson Dunlop Weldon's recommended repairs for the first year include: replacement of corroded heating pipes, plumbing work, repairs to entrance ways, stairs and guardrails, as well as fire safety issues such as replacing improper door hardware, installing panic bars, replacing the wooden electrical room door and improving fire separations. Carson Dunlop Weldon has estimated the cost of recommended repairs for the first three years: 2016: \$43.6K (plus cost of fuel tank investigation/removal); 2017: \$51.6K; 2018: \$26.2K.

**81 Delemere & 12 Blackstone Rectories** – repairs and upgrades have been completed and the properties are ready for rental. A real estate agent was engaged but no suitable offers have yet been received. We had originally budgeted \$1,800 each per month from June 1<sup>st</sup>. It now appears that the earliest rental date will be November 1<sup>st</sup>. This will have a significant impact on our revenue.

**1798 Lawrence Avenue Rectory** – Currently rented. Emergency plumbing and other safety related repairs, as well as repair and renewal of the kitchen have been approved by the Board of Mgt. Estimated cost \$7,000. Application will be made to fund these repairs from the proceeds of the sale of 104 Saskatoon.

**Proposed Sunday School Room** – Currently the Sunday School is held in the Committee Room – a long narrow room in the basement which is challenging as there is a range of ages participating and there is insufficient space to easily break into classes. Movement is restricted. A large room, formerly the sexton's storage area, is available. It could become an inviting and functional Sunday School room that would accommodate our present needs and allow for anticipated growth in the future. Proposed cost of repairs and furniture is approximately **\$20,000**. A Baker Foundation grant can be applied for; however, *"Grant funding falls under the jurisdiction of the Trusts Committee which meets monthly. In general, the Trusts Committee will not fund entire projects, requiring the congregation to take some responsibility for its funding."*

**Proposed New Office Space** - It is the goal to relocate the Parish Administrator to an office at 1149 Weston by the end of the year; however, space is an issue. One viable solution would be to create a multi-use office/meeting space in the basement choir room, and to locate the parish administrator in the curate's current office – a very visible and convenient location for a parish office for all who enter the building through the side door. Estimated cost **\$10,000**.

### Financial Summary for Repairs

Cost of repairs / upgrades to date:	11 Delemere	12 Blackstone	SMSM	1798 Lawrence	St. David's	Total
Funded from the sale of 104 Saskatoon	\$ 24,781	-	\$134,100	\$ 836	\$3,051	\$ 162,769
Funded from <i>Our Faith Our Hope</i>	\$ 5,020	\$ 16,469	\$ 1,921	-	-	\$ 23,410

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# Mark Your Calendar

>> UPCOMING EVENTS

## Service Times

### Sundays

- 8.30 am - Holy Communion  
(said Book of Common Prayer service)
- 10.30 am - Choral Eucharist  
(Book of Alternative Services)
- The Third Sunday of the month is  
Choral Matins at 10.30 am.

### Wednesdays

- 12 noon – Holy Communion

October 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Community Walk</b>
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Harvest Thanksgiving</b>
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>National Thanksgiving with Pot-luck Lunch</b>
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FaithWorks Sunday</b>
October 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Deanery Luncheon</b>
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feast of Dedication, Baptism &amp; Confirmation with Luncheon</b>
November 5	<b>Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon</b>
November 6	<b>The Feast of All Saints</b>
November 11	<b>Remembrance Day Observance at 11 am</b>
November 20	<b>Barbadian Celebration Festive Lunch</b>
November 27	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>

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