



Connections

*O valiant hearts, who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame,
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.*

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THEIR LIGHT SHINES, THEIR WORKS GLORIFY

All Saints day is coming soon the day after Halloween. This feast day is celebrated on November 1. It is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history, and I think we also have an opportunity to honour current saints in our midst.

Paul addressed the believers in Rome in this way (*Romans 1:7*): "to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

We plan to celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday October 31. On this day we will welcome a new member into the church - what a great day to have a baptism!

It is not a surprise to me that many people that I speak with in our parish are at an quandary about who, out of the many dedicated CCSV people, to put forward for the Order of the Diocese of Toronto award. There are just so many gifted, willing servants who have been giving their time and talent in so many ways over long periods of time. I want to say thank you to all the saints at Christ Church who have given of themselves, especially during this pandemic. Even those who, for reasons of safety, have not come into the church, but have still found ways to support its work with financial gifts and other creative ways of service (I think of Marilyn McNeilage, who has been knitting up a storm and has given a large box of

knitted goods for food bank clients).

I am humbled by the way so many have rallied to support the church and support each other...your fellow saints, during this time.

Pastor Pam

THE ORDER OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO

In 2013, the Bishop of Toronto and the College of Bishops created an award called the Order of the Diocese of Toronto.

The purpose of the Order is to recognize and honour those members of the laity in the Diocese who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their volunteer ministry, and who in the exercise of their baptismal ministry have demonstrated that "their light shines, their works glorify."



Nominations can be made by any parishioner. They are submitted to the incumbent and churchwardens, who will choose one nomination to be forwarded to the area bishop. (Awards will not be given posthumously.)

Once nominations have been approved by the area bishop, they will be forwarded to the Diocesan Bishop's office for final approval.

In addition to the parish nominations, the Bishop of Toronto may name additional Awards of the Order. Typically, such nominees will be persons whose service has been diocesan wide, or if mainly at the parish level, has had an impact in the Diocese beyond the parish where the service has been made.

The presentations will be made at the Bishop's Levee at St. James Cathedral on the Feast of the Naming of Jesus, January 1. All are welcome to attend.

The Order takes the form of a medallion in coloured enamel, which is worn around the neck on a ribbon. Holders of the Order will also receive a small lapel pin to be worn with everyday dress.

For more information about nominations, please contact Pastor Pam **by November 1.**

A FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

On November 4, Hindus and Sikhs all over the world will celebrate Diwali, a festival of light. It is a five-day festival which originated in ancient India, and is mentioned in early Sanskrit texts. The celebration symbolizes the victory of light over darkness, goodness over evil and knowledge over ignorance. The date each year is determined by the end of the summer harvest and coincides with the new moon, considered to be the darkest night of the year in the Hindu calendar. Diwali peaks on the third day of the festival.

Celebrations traditionally begin with cleaning and decorating homes with rangoli, which are intricate designs of coloured rice, sand or flowers created on floors on the first day, buying or preparing special foods on the second day as well as praying for ancestors in the afterlife, and on the third day the lighting of clay lamps (or now more frequently coloured lights) in homes and on the streets, and firecrackers on the Diwali night. It is a time when families gather together, wearing their finest attire, to partake in special foods, especially sweets, and exchange gifts. The



Rangoli made from flowers

fourth day celebration focuses on the bond between spouses and the fifth day, between siblings.

Ellen Cunningham

**Join us at 10:30
on Wednesday morning
in the church sanctuary
for an informal time of
Morning Prayer and sharing,
as we look into the
gospel of the day.**



Please pray for these members of our faith community and their families

Carolyn W	John J
Chris P	Judith
Christina & Joshua	Leonora & Simeon B
David F & family	Lennox & Leonora Y
Deb A	Linda E
Eileen B	Margaret C
Hazel E	Mursal, Shazia & family
James Y	Patience O & family
Jeanette M-D	Valerie A
Jenille L	Sherri-Ann
Joan L	Viggy M

*and for all those affected by COVID-19,
racial discrimination or any injustice*

YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE FOOD BANK IS CATCHING!

Thank you to all who contributed to our Thanksgiving Food Drive, everything was much appreciated. We have also received support from the community, in the form of donations from a drive-by food drop run by our friends St. Mark's United Church and a door-to-door food drive organized by Rising Sun Food Drive Foundation, who brought us 409 POUNDS of assorted food. All in all an enormous blessing, especially since the week after Thanksgiving we broke our own record and served no fewer than 83 persons, seeking food for well over 200!

Deacon Jacquie



(top) Christ Church volunteers get set to tackle the huge donation from Rising Sun.
(right) St. Mark's drive-by ready for business.
(below) A small portion of the Thanksgiving food drive offerings.



Stay tuned!
more info about the Christmas
Bazaar slated for November
20 in our next issue



Be the
CHANGE
YOU want
to see in the
WORLD



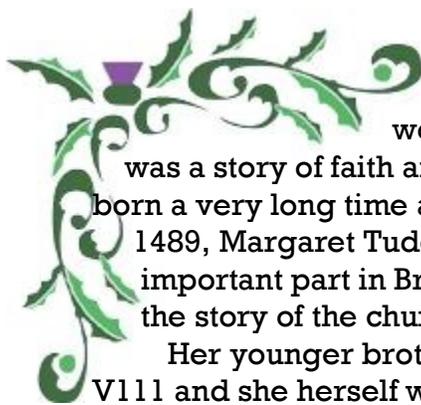
- Mahatma Gandhi

The choir is back



There are still some restrictions. For safety's sake, the congregation may not sing, and to maintain social distancing the choir members must be a couple of metres away from each other. The opening procession will look a little different, too, as we slowly and carefully emerge from the dark period when we have been denied the sound of voices raised in praise. We have missed this important part of our liturgy although Sam's organ and piano, together with Leonora's powerful voice, have brought the familiar hymns to us and helped us through the past many weeks. One day soon we will all be able to discard the masks and lift our own voices in song. Until then, we welcome our faithful choristers, a sign that the dawn of a new freedom is coming. New members are welcome to join the choir.

MARGARET QUEEN OF SCOTLAND



On November 16, the church remembers a woman whose life was a story of faith and trust. While born a very long time ago in November 1489, Margaret Tudor played an important part in British history and in the story of the church.

Her younger brother was Henry VIII and she herself was grandmother of Mary Queen of Scots. Margaret was born to a quiet, gentle mother, who was Elizabeth of York. That good model of motherhood played a major role in who Margaret became.

As was the custom for centuries, royal families arranged marriages for their young, in hopes of acquiring land, making alliances and combining royal households. To this end, Margaret's father, King Henry VII gave consent for Princess Margaret of England to marry King James IV of Scotland. Unfortunately her husband was killed early on in the marriage and she became regent for her infant son James V. Later on she remarried, and then Scotland was blessed by Queen Margaret's holy life for the next thirty years.

Even though the royal household was surrounded by splendour, Queen Margaret brought up her 8 children in an atmosphere of devotion to the Lord and she also worked hard to improve the morality of her subjects. She had remembered the example of her mother, Elizabeth, whose motto was to conduct oneself as "humble and reverent at all times".

While all of this took place many centuries ago, we can learn much from the example of Margaret Queen of Scotland's life. Her most remarkable virtue was "love of neighbour" especially to the poor. She raised alms for the unfortunate and it was said she fed 300 people a day, washing their feet and kissing their wounds. Her fidelity to the church is remembered to this day.

Margaret is sometimes called the "Pearl of Scotland" and is the patron saint of death in children, large families and widows.

Miriam Mifsud

THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD, AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD:
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM,
NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.
LEST WE FORGET.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
11TH NOVEMBER

The Garden Corner

A POPPY TO REMEMBER

The Poppy we know is from the family of PAPAVERACEAE. They are vegetative in nature and grown for their colourful appearance. There are some poppies, like the opium poppy, which have analgesic properties which eradicate pain. They also were and still are used in recreational uses.

The seeds from the poppy are used in baking, making of breads and cakes, oil in dressings. The familiar poem "In Flanders Fields", by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrea, was written just after two friends had been killed beside him during World War 1.

The red poppies which were growing in the fields then and still do today are Remembrance poppies for all the men and women killed in the many wars throughout time.

Deborah Cloakey

The 2022 Canadian Church calendars will again be available this year; however, the price has increased, and they will be \$7.50 each, which represents a small fundraising for CCSV.

If you would like to order one or more, please contact Deacon Jacquie at 416-264-4726 or Jacquie.boutheon@sympatico.ca

by November 28.

They will be available at church by mid-December.

I LOVE TO TELL THIS STORY

For those who do not know my story, here it is. September 23, 2007 became another anniversary for me.

Getting ready for church that Sunday, I collapsed in our washroom, unable to get up. The next four months are a mystery to me. (Everything I am relating, has been told to me. I KNOW NOTHING!!)

FINDING A HOSPITAL

My first ambulance ride was to Centenary Hospital. My husband gave our children instructions to continue with their Sunday routines and said he would call them with updates. Two individuals came after our early service, and I am told that I kept repeating 'my head, my head.' It was determined I had experienced a ruptured brain aneurysm. After calling different hospitals, who had no availability, it may have been the only choice to send me to Buffalo for treatment. Fortunately, St. Mike's called back to say they could accept me.

AMBULANCE RIDE #2.

On the way there, my husband with me, I am told I had to be resuscitated, and my husband was banished to the front seat. I was greeted outside the hospital on the road, taken straight to the OR.

Then came the first of 13 cranial operations. My skull was removed and placed in my abdomen for preservation. During my stay I had two additional resuscitations and suffered a stroke.

AMBULANCE RIDES #3, #4, #5

After it seemed I had recovered sufficiently I was sent back to Centenary – ride # 3, but complications came up, so back to St. Mike's – ride #4. Now it is the End of January 2008, and I am ready to be sent off to another hospital for additional care – ride #5. Off to Ajax Pickering hospital. I'm becoming a lot more conscious by now.

FINALLY ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

After being able to again eat on my own, off to Providence by the end of February, where I spent the next four months improving. Complete discharge by June of that year.

LIFE IS DIFFERENT NOW

Life has not been what I was used to. But, as Rev Jacquie said to me after I returned to church, my first miracle was that all my family was at home when I collapsed. And to those of my church family who were so generous to me with their time when I returned, my profound thanks. Years later when my skull bone began deteriorating, I underwent two reconstructive surgeries, and now sport a plate on the right side of my head.

THE GIFT OF LIFE

Nothing hits me more every Thanksgiving than the gift of life. I am also told that I am one of the 5% of those who survive this condition. Makes me weep in praise and thanks to God who had control of my life and of those who cared for me.

(I still weep.)

Jeanette Khan

I will sing the
Lord's praise for
He has been
good to me!

Psalm 13:6

Scripture Readings

November 7

Ruth 3: 1 to 5 and 4: 13 to 17
and Psalm 127

1 Kings 17: 8 to 16 and Psalm
146

Hebrews 9: 24 to 28

Mark 12: 38 to 44

November 14

(Remembrance Sunday)

Wisdom 3: 1 to 3

Psalm 23

Romans 13: 7 to 10

John 10: 11 to 18

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SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you to everyone for your very faithful support of the parish during these continuing unusual times. The following is a financial statement for the first nine months of 2021:

	<u>Jan - Sept 2021</u>	<u>Jan - Sept 2020</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
<u>Operating Income</u>			
Envelopes & open	\$75,802	\$79,797	-3,995
Space usage	38,200	33,424	4,776
Foodbank & backpacks	9,518	9,407	111
Fundraising	1,941	903	1,037
Other normal income	<u>27,585</u>	<u>22,787</u>	<u>4,798</u>
Total Operating Income	\$153,046	\$146,318	\$6,728
Diocesan subsidies	-	31,597	-31,597
Government subsidies	<u>6,112</u>	<u>4,248</u>	<u>1,864</u>
Total Operating Income & Subsidies	\$159,158	182,163	-\$23,005
<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
Personnel expense	\$100,021	\$102,255	-\$2,234
Church Property expense	34,190	28,634	5,556
Foodbank & backpacks	13,125	7,567	5,558
Other operating expense	<u>27,785</u>	<u>29,600</u>	<u>-1,815</u>
Total Operating Expense	\$175,121	\$168,057	\$7,064
Operating Income less Expenses	-\$15,963	\$14,107	-\$30,069

The decline in envelope and open offering has been offset by extra donations for regular capital (not Rejuvenate) expenses. Space usage income is up due to STEM camp in the summer, and will also be helped by \$5,000 to be received for the rental as a polling station during the federal election. On the downside, there are no Diocesan subsidies this year (\$31,597 last year). Shirley Rigby and Jo-Anne Linton have taken the lead in restarting fundraising activities with a couple of yard sales this summer. They will also head up our bazaar in November. Thank you! Fundraising is an important contributor to our income, and we welcome these initiatives to help us return to financial health.

Expenses, year to date are up \$7,064 from last year primarily due to increased church property costs - insurance, janitorial service, repair & maintenance expense, and increased foodbank expenditures. These have been partially offset by reduction in administration and personnel costs.

Rejuvenate Update. We have received \$35,309 so far in 2021 for the Rejuvenate Campaign. Over the summer, the following projects were completed: air conditioning in offices and parish hall, blinds for parish hall windows, and refinishing parish hall stage and adjacent areas' floors. At this time, total Rejuvenate income, and Rejuvenate expenses are virtually equal. Most projects on the original Rejuvenate list have been completed. Rejuvenate donations are still being received and further projects are being assessed. More information will come later.

Summary: Our budget passed at vestry this year forecast an operating fund deficit of \$29,000 for 2021 because of ongoing COVID19 restrictions. In the first nine months of 2021, we have managed to keep our deficit to \$15,963 versus an expected \$25,287 forecast by our budget. We are very thankful for our faithful members and your support, but we are missing much of our fundraising income, as well as growth from new members and open offering etc. As pandemic restrictions wind down, we will need new vigor to restore and grow our income to balance our books. We will need everyone's help to achieve this.

Tan Campbell