

# Grace Anglican Church

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Thanksgiving Newsletter

Fall 2009

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR

Dear Friends,

In many parish communities it is now customary to celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving on two Sundays, the first and second Sundays in October. The Harvest decorations remain for both Sundays as a solemn reminder that God's goodness in creation provides the necessary sustenance that we need to stay alive. Humans work in co-operation with God to put food on the table, and so sustain our lives.

We live in a beautiful part of the world where there is ample food to eat and clean water to drink. We do not need to wait until the first weekend of October to offer thanks for these gifts. By continuing to celebrate Thanksgiving on the next weekend, we join with all Canadians in offering thanks to God for all the blessings of life that we enjoy as citizens of this great country - stable government, good health care, dedicated leaders and volunteers in every segment of society - much for which to be

thankful. Indeed, every Sunday as we celebrate the Eucharist, and receive the living Christ into our hearts and lives, we should offer our thanks for the faith that sustains us through life.

In the Grace Church Parish Community we offer our thanks and prayers for the Reverend Christopher Snow, our Rector-designate, as he and his family plan to move to Milton, as he begins his ministry in this parish on November 1st.

It has been my great privilege to serve as Interim Rector for the past year as your Parochial Committee has been searching for a suitable priest to serve this great parish. I am extremely grateful for the dedication of all parish leaders, and to all of you I express my deep appreciation for your support over the past year.

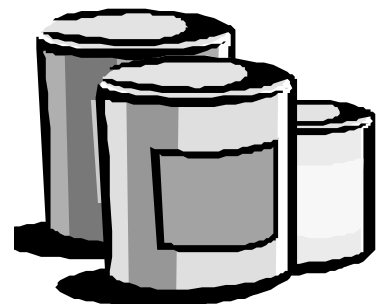
Yours faithfully,  
(Archdeacon) Peter B. Moore

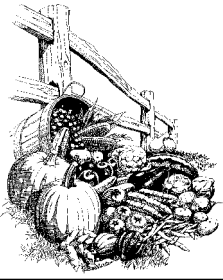
### Did you know ...

That on average, 20-30 households visit the Salvation Army Food Bank every week. Of those, 90% are families with children.

All of our non-perishable items donated to the Church during Harvest and Thanksgiving will be donated to the Salvation Army to assist the families that are in need.

We also have a bin in the Narthex used for collecting donations for the Salvation Army Food Bank on a regular basis. Their biggest needs right now are for non-peanut butter school snacks, cookies, Kraft dinners, and all canned goods.





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## MESSAGE FROM OUR RECTOR-DESIGNATE

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I and my family are excited about beginning a new ministry in Milton, and especially with the prospect of making new friends in the community. We are looking forward to November. You Interim Rector and Wardens have asked me to write a short bio so that you can all learn a little more about me and my family before we arrive.

I was born at St John's in 1960. My father served in the RCAF and the family travelled from St John's to Halifax to Metz, France, and then to Toronto.

I spent most of my growing-up years in Toronto and attended High School in Scarborough, and then went to Trinity College, University of Toronto. I earned the degrees of B.A. (Hon), 'double specialist' in English Literature and History (1983); B.Ed (High School methods in English & History) (1984); and finally, my M.Div (1988).

I was Ordained as Deacon in June 1988 and Priested in December 1988. I have served in the Parish of Catalina (a four-point outpost parish on Newfoundland's northeast coast, near Bonavista), the Cathedral Parish in St John's, and the Parish of Port de Grave (another multi-point outpost parish about an hour's drive from St. John's). I have served as Rector of the Parish of St Michael and All Angels in St John's since 1998 and am also just completing my second term as Regional Dean of Avalon West.

I have been involved with the Missions to Seafarers, an international Anglican maritime ministry, and have served as Honorary Port Chaplain in St John's. I have been actively involved in the Community

Food Sharing Association since 1993, currently serving as President. I have also served as chaplain to Royal Canadian Legion Branch #1, St John's. I presently holds the position of Assistant Regimental Chaplain of the Church Lads' Brigade, a church-sponsored cadet organization with a rich history in Newfoundland.

In recent years I have become particularly interested in the Church Planting and Fresh Expressions movement. I believe that Anglicans have a full-bodied Christian heritage which needs to be shared in new ways with the wider community. We have a responsibility to spread the Gospel message beyond our own immediate communities. We are particularly rich in liturgical resources, which give us the tools to provide life-changing worship opportunities for all.

My wife is Bryn Heather Woodall of Toronto (via Edmonton, Alberta and Wellington, New Zealand). We have three children: John Robert (19), Helen Margaret (15) and Nicholas Edward (12). Robert is presently in his third year of a BA programme at Memorial University in St. John's.

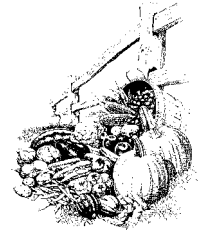
I am an avid Jazz fan, and play the clarinet and saxophone (or at least plays with them!). I also enjoys reading (especially history & biography), fine art, and the performing arts.

As I said, we are all excited about our move to Milton, and look forward to being with you all soon.

*Father Chris Snow*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE WARDENS



Fall and Thanksgiving are upon us again with so many familiar happenings.

The restful and hazy days of summer are being replaced by the hectic and joyful routines of the fall. Cooler temperatures, glorious colours, children returning to both regular and church schools are harbingers of the increased church activities that September always brings.

A number of positive events have blessed us:

Our search for a new rector is over and we look forward with a renewed spirit to the arrival of Father Christopher Snow and his family in early November.

The east windows have been cleaned and refurbished and have added significant colour and brightness to the chancel. These beautiful windows are a true treasure and blessing to the honour and glory of God. Andrew McCausland, whose company did the work on the windows, has stated that the quality, workmanship and detail of our windows could not be replicated and are second to none. We are truly blessed to have them and with the refurbishment, they will last for another 200 years.

Thanks to all the various fundraising events and specific individual donations that made the window restoration possible this year.

Another significant project, the widening and drainage upgrade of the driveway as well as the retaining wall is closer to being started. This is a significant project with a lot of variables and under the leadership of Rob Cumming and Bruce Whitehouse, we are almost ready to commence.

With the arrival of Father Chris, we will say goodbye to Father Peter Moore who has been our interim rector for one year. We thank Peter for his efforts and guidance during what has been an interesting and sometimes difficult year.

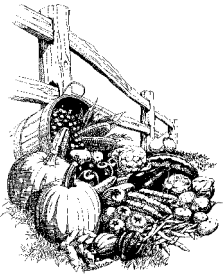
Pastor Carole and Brian Langlotz returned to us over the summer to temporarily lead Sunday services and provide pastoral care during the summer months and we look forward to them remaining with us and being a part of our church family.

We continue to look for a music director. The committee continues to search and we know that someone is out there waiting to connect with us. Please speak to Committee chair Rob Cumming or any of the wardens or clergy if you know of anyone who might be interested in this opportunity.

This is an exciting time of the year with many joyous events to follow including the Yuletide Fayre, The Walk to Bethlehem and of course the Advent and Christmas seasons. We look forward to all of these things with joy and the overwhelming thought that God's grace and love will enrich all of our lives as we continue in his service.

Happy Thanksgiving and may the spirit of this joyous season be with us all.

<i>Lynda Mee</i>	<i>Gary Hogg</i>	<i>Shirley Kitchen</i>
People's	Rector's	Deputy
Warden	Warden	Warden



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## HAPPENING IN AND AROUND GRACE

### **"Thy Word is Truth" Grace Anglican Church**

### **Second Annual Women's Retreat**

**April 30 - May 2, 2010**

To be included in next year's Women Retreat Group Photo, make sure you book these dates on your calendar. Don't miss out on a great weekend of fellowship, learning and fun!!




**On the way to  
Bethlehem**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday  
**Nov. 27th, 28th, 29th, & Nov. 30th**

Country Heritage Park - 8560 Tremaine Road  
Everyone can participate

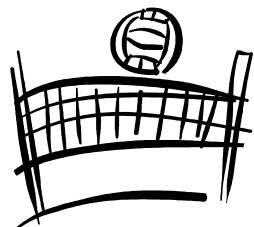
Join the massed choir - The Manger Choir  
the angel chorus - the Emmanuel Singers  
Little angels at the manger scene - pages  
shepherds - be a Roman Soldier  
sing and dance with the Children of Bethlehem  
serve refreshments - help in the dressing-room  
book a church dinner then journey to Bethlehem

[www.onthewaytobethlehem.ca](http://www.onthewaytobethlehem.ca) Andrea - 905-875-0839  
arowbottom@cogeco.ca

### **Volleyball**

The Grace Church Volleyball Team will be starting up in October. All games are on Monday evenings against other church teams in Milton.

Anyone 14 years or older is welcome to join. For more information about this year's team please call Paul Browning at 905-878-5448.



Spectators are also welcome, look for the schedule coming out soon.

### **Turkey Dinner** Saturday, November 28, 2008 5 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. **Grace Anglican Church** Lower Hall

Adults - \$12.  
Children 10 and under \$6.

Tickets will go on sale  
November 8th.



# Yuletide Fayre

## Saturday, November 14, 2009



We are only a month away from our most popular and celebrated Yuletide fayre. As mentioned before this is our largest fundraiser. The Yuletide Fayre has been a Grace tradition for the last 60 years. To continue making this Fayre a success we need your help!

We need volunteers on Friday the day before the fayre and also on the day of the fayre. There are many different activities that need attention. We will also have a sign up sheet in the narthex. There is always something to do and remember many hands make light work!

By now everyone should have received an envelope with three books of raffle tickets to sell. The price being 1 ticket for \$2.00 and 3 tickets for \$5.00. Once you have sold all three books please return the stubs and money to the church office. If you do not plan to sell the tickets please return the tickets, as we are accountable for all tickets sold and unsold.

Please drop of your various sewn, knitted, crafted or baked and preserved items to the church the week of November 8th, as well as any items for the silent auction and shoe-box raffle.

Please consider making this a family affair and come out and support us. The best advertisement is word of mouth; please spread the word to family and friends to join us on November 14th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be something for everyone: Baked goods, Knitting, Sewing, Crafts, Shoe box raffle, Raffle, Silent auction, Children's area and the best lunch in town.

This event brings the family of Grace together for a common goal and I hope you will be part of this goal. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call or email me.

*Lorrette Shermet*  
Yuletide Convenor  
905-878-1293  
lorrette@sympatico.ca



## Keith's Casserole Kitchen

**"Keith's Casserole Kitchen"** continues to be a quite ministry at Grace Church. This service to our parish community is being used more frequently for several purposes; such as:

- New moms
- Illness
- Breavement
- Moving day
- And any other need known to our church family.

If you wish to contribute to this service, please make a dish suitable for four people and place it in a foil container labelled with

ingredients and cooking instructions.

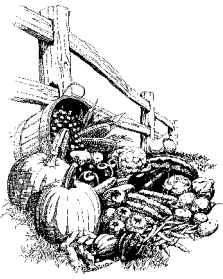
Pre-packaged meals purchased in retail grocery stores are most acceptable as well.

Your continued support in this ministry is greatly appreciated. Whenever you hear of anyone on our parish list who might benefit from one of our meals please advise clergy or me (Sallie).

With Thanksgiving Blessings & Warm Hugs to all

*Sallie Moore*  
(905-875-0611)





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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 6th Annual Golf Tournament

The sixth annual golf tournament, in support of the restoration and cleaning of the church's stained glass windows was held on Saturday June 6, 2009 at the Granite Ridge Golf Course.

43 golfers participated and 53 parishioners, friends and sponsors attended the dinner held at the Grand Chalet.

This year's winners, as well as the winning teams from the first five years, are on display on the trophy in the front entrance of the Church.

Proceeds from this year's event were \$4,500.00 and the total amount raised in six years is approximately \$27,000.00. The cumulative total from the golf tournament along with the proceeds from numerous other events plus individual parishioner donations has enabled us to complete the restoration work on the windows this year.

We want to thank everyone who participated in the day and we look forward to seeing you at next year's event. The committee is open to suggestions regarding event format, venue and a new project for the funds raised.

*Lorrette Shermet, Chris Hacking  
John Mitchell, Gary Hogg*

### Coins for Cuba

The Coins for Cuba project is still alive and functioning. The focus of the campaign is to raise funds to help with the cost of restoration at the Mission Church of San Pedro, Jobabo. Since the project was launched in late 2004 approximately \$9,000 has been raised through the generous support of parishioners. The Coins for Cuba project asks individuals to simply donate all and any loose coins they collect and usually store at home in glass jars of various sizes. The entire project is outlined in great detail at the Coins for Cuba web site at [www.coinsforcuba.ca](http://www.coinsforcuba.ca). Please take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to familiarize yourself with the project and progress to date. The best estimate we have for the renovations at San Pedro is about \$20,000 so to date we have raised about half of their overall needs.

At this point in time the greatest challenge is not in raising funds but the availability of building materials on the island of Cuba. Over the past couple of years Cuba has been hit by a number of severe storms. Hundreds of thousands of homes were damaged, some beyond repair. The Cuban government stated that it could take up to five years to effect repairs to all buildings. This has aggravated what was already a severe shortage in building materials. Thus, until sufficient materials can be brought into Cuba (The US trade embargo effectively restricts such material) the renovations at San Pedro are delayed. Whatever can be done with local materials is already being done (Wood from locally grown and cut trees is a good example).

So the message to all parishioners is simple - keep collecting your loose coins and then hand them to me on a Sunday at church. I will gladly count and wrap. These donations will be added to your envelope offerings and you will be credited with a charitable receipt at the end of the year.

Blessings and Peace

*John Page, Coins for Cuba Coordinator*

# KIDS' SPIRIT

I have always thought of September as new beginnings with children going back to school after summer vacation. September marks the start of the children's Sunday School Program. Each Sunday after the Children's Talk, we exit the church and gather in the Upper Hall for Circle Time which includes a prayer and singing of children's biblical songs led by Gail DeBruin.

We continue to use the Witness Curriculum and some of the lessons planned for the fall include: Jacob and Essau; Joseph's Great Dreams; The Ten Commandments; The Good Shepherd Psalm; Solomon's Dream; Jonah and the Whale; and Mary visits Elizabeth.

This year we have combined the Preschool children with the Junior class and we will be using the Pre-Kindergarten / Kindergarten Witness Curriculum for this age group. I strongly encourage parents to reinforce the session learning by engaging in the "Witness at Home!" activities on the back page of the Learner Resource Leaflet the children take home each week.

We welcome adults to participate in Kids Spirit who have an interest in sharing the Christian faith with the children. Your presence at worship, enthusiasm for Kids Spirit, and support for the children's learning will help them feel welcome at church as a

member of God's family.

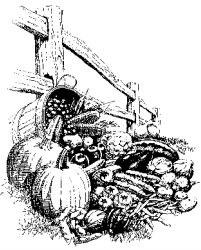
I especially acknowledge Jody Johnson, Glen Grandy, Sandra Godfrey, Carol Galioto/Peter Sinclair, Kelly Ann Green, Terry Mackay, Sarah Parker, and Ellen/Bruce Whitehouse for their commitment to teaching our children and being role models of the Christian faith.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Michelle Somers*  
Kids Spirit Coordinator



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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING AT GRACE

### **Moms & Tots Group**

**Wednesdays 10-11:30  
in the Upper Room**

**All moms & babies, toddlers and preschoolers are welcome!**

The Mom & Tots Bible Study has begun again this fall. The group meets Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. They are continuing a study begun in the Spring called "Joy: How to Rejoice in the Situation". The next study will be "Gentleness": The Strength of Being Tender" These are part of the Fruit of the Spirit Bible Studies.



### **The Three Colours of Ministry Tuesdays at 7:30**

at the home of Ted and Sallie Moore

A 12-session study in the discovery of your Spiritual Gifts. This book uses a Trinitarian approach to identifying and developing your Spirit Gifts. The Study group is open to everyone. Please call the Church office if you are interested in joining this group.

### **"Acts" by John Stott**

Mondays at 9:30 am

The Monday Morning Bible Study will be working through the Book of Acts this Fall using John Stott's study guide. Everyone is welcome to come out to this group. Call the Church office for more information or come out one Monday morning and check the group out!!

## A look at our Stained Glass Windows

*As they leave ...*

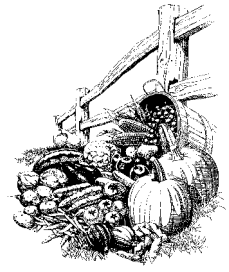


*... and as they return!!*



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## COMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE



Sunday, Oct. 4 and Oct. 11	Harvest Thanksgiving
Saturday, Oct. 24, 9-12	Work Day. Give us an hour for leaf raking, etc.
Sunday, Oct. 25, 1:30-4:00pm	Ladies Fashion Show. Funds raised will go towards the Women's Retreat Bursary Fund
Sunday, Nov. 1	Observance of All Saints Day
Saturday, Nov 14, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Yuletide Fayre, featuring tearoom, silent auction, bake table, knitted goods, quilt draw and much, much more
Tues., Nov. 25, 7:30 pm	An evening with the Bishop. Bishop Michael Bird will be talking about The Diocesan Vision.
Nov.27 - Nov. 30	On The Way to Bethlehem
Sat. Nov. 28, 5:00 & 6:15 pm	The Way to Bethlehem Turkey Dinner

### Your Offerings:

Do you find it hard to get out the door on Sunday mornings? Too many things to remember on Sunday mornings?

We can't help you speed up the kids but we can make it easier for you to support the people ministries of Grace Church.

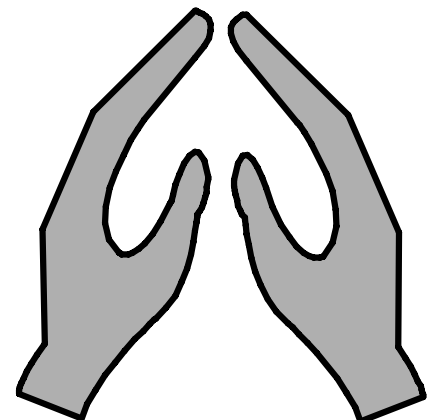
Pre-authorized payments (PAP) are a convenient way for you to contribute to the

work of our Church. PAP is easy to set up and easy to change if your financial situation changes.

Ask for a Diocese of Niagara PAP form from our office. Our ministries continue even when you forgot your envelope....please consider switching to PAP. It helps us plan for the future and continue the programs we have begun.

### Parish Prayer Cycle

October 4	Basterache, Beaty, Beaver, Berry
October 11	Blachford, Blasco, Boliska
October 18	Bolton, Bounsall, Bradley, Braybook
October 25	Brodeur, Brooks, Brown
November 1	Browning, Brush, Burch, Burk
November 8	Cain, Cambray, Cameron
November 15	Campbell, Casson
November 22	Castello, Chamberlain, Charlton, Cole
November 29	Collier, Cooke, Cookson, Coryn
December 6	Cote, Cumming, Davidson, De Pass



# Prayer Corner

## Panic Problem Fall 2009

by Shirley Kitchen

*You are welcome to come to the Prayer Group Meeting on Mondays at 7:00 pm where you can quietly pray for your own needs and for the needs of others.*

(This space in the newsletter is to encourage people in prayer and to give an example of how God has answered prayer in our lives. If you would like to submit your story please contact the church office.)

I loved to drive. I liked nothing better than to put in a Christian CD and drive by myself, singing and praying. Then "it" hit. In 1997 after my son's wedding I had just had the pleasure of driving Mike and his new bride Erika to their apartment in Toronto in a Crown Victoria. We cleaned up after the reception and I was dead tired. I had to drive our van from Oakville to Milton and I was afraid I could not stay awake. That was the beginning of my panic attacks while driving. Add to that the fact that a friend of ours had confessed his fear of driving over bridges and my mocking inward reply. "How could anyone be afraid of that?" I guess God allowed me to see what it was like.

My parents lived near Albany, New York, that meant that to travel home I had to cross at least three big bridges. I felt like I was going to lose control and go over the edge. I obviously never did, but it was extremely uncomfortable. Even on the straight highways I would be driving along just fine and then my thoughts would turn, I'd feel my stomach tighten and my heart beat faster as the fear took over. I tried everything to overcome it; I sang, I prayed, I had people praying for me. Nothing seemed to help. I remember driving my daughter Laurie and



her fiancé Shawn to look at halls for their wedding in 2004 and thinking that it wouldn't be so bad if I was driving alone, at least I would only kill myself if I went off the road. Only one time did I pull off the highway. I was driving to get Jeff from Wilfred Laurier. I pulled into a mall and found a phone and called Paul to pray for me.

I learned stuff. I found out that the panic attack would end in about ten minutes. I learned that while it was extremely uncomfortable my fear was never actualized and God would see me through.

The turning point came while I was heading for one of the Grand Island bridges meditating on James 1:2 "Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials of many kinds." "Pure joy," I thought, "OK, I might not feel it, but I will confess it out loud." "God thank you for seeing me through this trial, I consider it pure joy!!" When I got to the other side of the bridge it felt good to have faced it this way!

Then one Sunday in 2007 driving my son Brad home from his field lacrosse games in Oshawa, I knew that my struggle was over. For whatever reason God spoke to my heart and said he was setting me free and I have been fine ever since.

Our Mom and Tot's Bible Study on Joy states, "Perseverance has to do with continuing to do what is right even when there are no immediate results." God could have answered our prayers when we first asked, but then I wouldn't have had this article to write!

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