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INTERIM PRIEST'S MESSAGE The H1N1A ("Swine Flu") Virus and Worship Practices at St. James Westminster

Every year the arrival of the cold and influenza season causes worshipping communities whose practices include sharing the common cup during celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, as well as the exchanging of The Peace, to consider how best to prevent the spread of infections. This usually involves any of us who might have concerns on any given day about either transmitting or receiving infections, deciding not to receive the wine during communion, and abstaining from shaking hands with others during the passing of The Peace. In other words, we practice common sense. This year, however, as public health officials warn of higher than average risks associated with the anticipated spread of the H1N1A ("Swine Flu") Virus, it is imperative that we exercise extra caution.

As you know, there are two common practices for receiving the wine during the Eucharist. One method is to drink the wine directly from the chalice. The potential risks of transmitting infections by sharing the common cup are obvious. Those who administer the chalice attempt to wipe it clean with a linen purificator after each communicant drinks from it, but there is no guarantee that doing so removes all impurities.

The second method of receiving the wine is called "intinction," whereby the communicant dips the wafer or host into the wine before consuming it. Medical experts tell us that there is an even greater risk of transmitting infections by this practice, which involves

placing hands in close contact with the wine.

So what are we to do in order to minimize the risk of transmitting or receiving infections as we share in the Holy Eucharist?

There is a third option, which is to receive communion in "one kind," meaning consuming the wafer or host only. This currently is the practice of some parishioners at St. James Westminster, and is widely accepted throughout the worldwide Anglican Communion. Indeed, it might become the case during the current H1N1 pandemic that our bishops will insist upon congregations following this practice until the risks associated with drinking from the common cup or practicing intinction are significantly reduced. This is not yet, and hopefully will not become the case, but I want everyone to be forewarned. A recommendation from the bishop's office discouraging physical touching during the passing of The Peace has already been issued.

Should you choose to receive communion in "one kind" at any of our worship services, this is what you do. After receiving the host from the administrant, consume it, and remain at the communion rail. When the administrant bearing the wine is in front of you, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you will not be receiving the wine that day. The administrant will say over you the usual words of administration associated with the wine ("The blood of Christ shed for you"). You then return to your pew as you would normally.

The last thing I want to do is raise undue fears. Sharing the common cup at the Holy Eucharist is one of Christianity's most sacred and meaningful observances. That is not go-

ing to change. However, from time to time circumstances necessitate that we modify our practices slightly in the interests of protecting the health of ourselves and our fellow worshippers. It would appear that this year's influenza season represents one of those occasions when additional prudence is required.

To ensure that we do everything possible to avoid the spread of infections, dispensers containing hand sanitizer, which have become commonplace in public buildings, will also become available to you in our worship space at St. James Westminster. The intention will be to position the dispensers throughout the sanctuary in places that are not overly obtrusive, while making them accessible for parishioners to use immediately prior to receiving communion.

I have saved for last what I consider the most essential instruction. It is vitally important that each and every one of you continue to demonstrate to God your faith, your commitment, and your thanksgiving for all of God's blessings, by continuing week by week to congregate in confidence at the communion rail to share in the Holy Eucharist.

Blessings to everyone, and thank you for your understanding.

The Rev. Dr. Keith Fleming

Decorating for Harvest Thanksgiving

Please help decorate the church for Harvest by bringing fresh vegetables, fruits, etc on Saturday, October 3rd. We will start decorating at 9:30 and would encourage you to come and help make our church even more beautiful.



COMPLIMENTARY TURKEY LUNCHEON
Sunday, October 4th following the 10:30 service
 Mark your calendars now and plan to share in this time of great food and fellowship! Please add your name to the Signup sheet in the Great Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 3

Decorating for Harvest at 9:30 am

October 4

HARVEST HOME THANKSGIVING
 at 8:30 and 10:30 am

Complimentary Turkey Luncheon Noon
 Sunday Night Live (Taize Service) 7 pm

October 11

Thanksgiving Sunday Worship
 at 8:30 and 10:30 am

October 18

8:30 and 10:30 Eucharist
 With the Amabile Singers at 10:30
 London Knights Game 2 pm

October 24

Delaware Deanery ACW Fall Meeting
 9 am Registration

October 25

8:30 and 10:30 Eucharist
 4:00 pm Jazz Vespers
 with Natalie Howard-Grant

November 1

8:30 and 10:30 All Saints Service

November 7

MALT SHOPPE MEMORIES 7 pm



ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION

"We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses ..."

Each year we set aside a special day to commemorate the lives of our loved ones who have died and who now live in glory. Please mark Sunday, November 1st in your calendars (especially at the 10:30 a.m. worship).

Should you wish to have a family member's name listed in the bulletin and light a candle in his or her memory, please give that information to Carole in the church office (432-1915) or call Judy Muzylowsky (455-0806). We would like to have these names, along with the name of the person lighting the candle, by October 22nd.

2010 Canadian Church Calendars

Once again, the ladies of the ACW will be selling church calendars at a cost of \$5 each. A limited quantity of calendars will be arriving soon. Please speak to any member of the ACW to reserve your calendar.

Congratulations!

The following are excerpts from a tribute to Jack and Betty Doidge read in church on Sunday September 20, 2009 by Keith Fleming.

I am going to tell you three numbers. Any one of these numbers placed in a certain context is impressive. Any two of them considered together are remarkable. Include all three of them in a single lifetime and they are unprecedented and cause for great celebration. The numbers are 94, 62, and 70. These numbers belong to two of our most treasured parishioners – Jack and Betty Doidge.

Okay, the numbers 94, 62, and 70 ... last Thursday (Sept 17th) Jack celebrated his 94th birthday. I should add on this day of baptism that Jack too was baptized as an infant in this church.



The second number: today (Sept 20th), Betty and Jack are celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary. They were married here in London at St. Paul's Cathedral, where Jack was on staff as assistant curate, and Betty was a Sunday School teacher. I read somewhere that Jack claims the dean of the cathedral asked him to deliver a textbook to one of the Sunday School teachers, who just happened to be a nice, single woman named Betty, and the rest is 62 years of history. It must have been quite the textbook.

And here's the third number, and it's a whopper: in a little over a month's time, on October 28th, Jack will mark his 70th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Seventy years since the day in 1939, just after the Second World War had begun, when he was ordained a priest. And where did that event take place? Right here in St. James Westminster, of course.

A little closer to the actual date at the end of October we are going to mark more formally Jack's 70th anniversary of ordination and his phenomenal record of service to God, and to God's people, and to the Anglican Church of Canada. So I won't say anything more about that just now.

As for today, Jack and Betty have been joined here by their family in the midst of their church family. I want on behalf of everyone to congratulate Jack and Betty for these impressive life accomplishments. I think that all of us, regardless of our age, can use some good role models in our lives. The two of you, both as individuals and as a couple, are wonderful role models.

Your long lifetime of love and commitment to one another, to your family, to your church, to the many communities in which you have lived and worked, and above all to your God, is a model. You are two of the most caring, kind, sensible, faithful, intelligent, and good-humoured people any of us could ever wish to know, and every one of us is better off for having you as our friends. God bless both of you.

Andrew Wilson Receives Training Award from the Order of the Eastern Star

One of the many commitments of the Order of the Eastern Star is the provision of Training Awards to individuals of all faiths.

Our own Andrew Wilson was selected and, with his wife Karen and their wonderful children, Paige, Natalie, Ewen and Broc, travelled to Toronto where they were introduced by District Deputy Grand Matron, Margaret Aziz, at the annual Grand Chapter Convention and presented with a cheque for \$1000.00. There were 39 similar presentations made at this session.

The enclosed pictures are evidence of this great occasion and a tribute to Andrew's dedication to a future in our Anglican community.



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Heather Sercombe

QUESTIONS?

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**FundScrip gift cards
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Thank you to everyone who is supporting our FundScrip program. Together, we have raised \$3000, which supported the recent youth pilgrimage to Taize, France. Please continue to support this program as we raise funds to support the Seekers group, who will experience Taize in July 2010.

Buying prepaid gift cards through FundScrip for everyday items like groceries and gas is a very easy way to support Saint James Youth without actually spending extra money. For every prepaid gift card you purchase from us, FundScrip donates a percentage to Saint James. The hardest part is remembering to bring your cheque book or cash to church each Sunday!

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YOUTH NEWS

St James youth celebrated the beginning of a new school year together with a potluck lunch on Sunday, September 20. Fifty youth from grades 6-11 crowded into the Board Room to share a meal, summer stories and hopes for their youth groups in the coming months.

Breakfast was followed by thought provoking activities on the lawn with Jen Cripps (Ms. Cripps to you South Collegiate students). Participants were divided into 'communities' and given materials to build 'shelters' in an exercise designed to get them considering ideas of distribution of wealth, stewardship of resources and creating a caring world where everyone has 'enough'.

Some important dates to keep in mind for our fall activities include: Oct 4—Sunday Night Live, Oct 23—Pizza dinner and U2charist II at St Paul's Cathedral and Nov 15-22 is Huron Week2Serve project. Details for these events, monthly calendars and information on our regular schedules are available on our terrific youth website, designed and maintained by Jen Cripps. Check out www.saintjamesyouth.ca

Ann DeBono

FAITH QUEST SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith Quest is off to a great start this year. For our study of *Noah and the Flood* we are performing a puppet show, making rainbow crayons, and watching a movie about the story. We look forward to learning about Daniel in the Lion's Den in October, and All Saints in November.

Round Up Sunday was very successful. Thank you to everyone who filled out registration forms. We now have 109 babies, children, and youth registered. But we know there are many more out there. Check with Laura, Ann, or Jen and we will lead you through the quick process. Or, if you are new, there are registration forms available on the Family Ministry bulletin boards.

Opensong practices continue each Sunday before our 10:15 gathering. Come out to practice songs the children will later perform in church!

Again, many thanks to the Faith Quest and Young Children and Worship volunteers. More volunteers are always needed - come check out our display at the Ministry Fair on September 27th.

Laura Manias



London Knights Hockey Tickets

October 18th at 2 pm

Knights vs Kingston
\$16.50 each

Contact Debbie Duplan to order your tickets:
519-434-1270
estatelandscaping@hotmail.com

ACW DELAWARE DEANERY FALL MEETING

St. James Westminster Church
October 24th

Registration and refreshments	9 to 10 am
Holy Eucharist	10 am
Business Meeting	11 am
Lunch	12 Noon
Guest Speakers	
Homeward Rejoicing	2:30 to 3 pm

All women are invited.

Come for a day of fellowship.

If planning to attend, please call one of the following before October 23rd:

Sarah Mills 519-439-3754

Marion Rake 519-681-8284

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Samaritan's Purse provides useful and delightful Christmas gifts for children in developing countries. **Start buying sale items now for packing in shoe boxes. More details later.**



Dear St. James Family and Friends:

Let me begin by first thanking you all for the warm welcome I have received this past month as I take on the duties of Deacon Assistant here at St. James Westminster. While many aspects of parish life are familiar to me, I am learning many new things every day. I have appreciated in particular the kind support of the Rev'd Keith Fleming, Carole Alce, and the Church Wardens who patiently answer my many questions.

It is my intention over the next few months to make my way around to all of the groups that are active within the parish to acquaint and reacquaint myself with all things, "St. James".

One of my roles at St. James is to provide pastoral care to any who may be in need. If you would like a visit or know of someone who would, I would appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached at the church number (519) 432-1915, my home (519) 433-6626, or by e-mail: vkenyon@rogers.com

I am very grateful for this opportunity to serve and to be a part of the ministry of St. James. I am very much looking forward to the days ahead and to playing my small role in the work and ministry that has distinguished our parish for the past 146 years.

*Yours in Christ,
Val Kenyon*

FROM THE BACK PEW
"Back to School"



by Lloyd 'Mo' Morrison

This is an interesting time of the year – it's back to school, college and university time – and, in a sense, the beginning or a new year although the calendar (church and secular) doesn't agree. It's the end of Ramadan and the beginning of Rosh Hashanah – lots of things going on and lots to think about.

Returning to St. James after a short holiday I sense a new vigor after a summer of more or less calm reflection – I spoke of this the last time out – it was an excellent church summer for me but now I look forward to doing what I do best, observing. I like to see the increased level of activity around the place as we enter the harvest season.

However, it's not the peripheral I want to talk about today; it is the core – the 'service'.

I wonder how many lifetime Anglican's realize what jewels they have in the various 'services' found in both the Book of Common Prayer and the Book of Alternative Services? As a relative newcomer (ten years) I think I am just now beginning to appreciate what excellent pieces of work they are. (Actually, in my opinion, there is just one service with bits and pieces added or removed (to avoid boredom?)

What is the magic ingredient? I think it is a combination of language and rhythm resulting in a sense of completion. A feeling, perhaps subliminal, of 'Oh yes, this is what I came here for'

As I observed, and took part in, the baptismal service yesterday (Sep 20) I thought of how seamlessly it fitted in. It did not disturb but added to. Other diversions or 'ad-ons' do not fit in, and can seriously disturb the rhythm and effect, I talk about.

From time to time Stella and I find ourselves in churches of a different denomination and, invariably, I come away feeling that the service is a bit flat compared to the Anglican.

I hope this is not taken as arrogance or even snobbery. Starting in the United Church I have attended hundreds of services of virtually all Christian denominations, written about them and drawn pictures of them. I never visited a church I didn't like.

Jazz Vespers

Sunday, October 25th at 4 pm

Featuring the songs of Van Morrison and U2 as sung by our very own Natalie Howard-Grant, accompanied by the very talented Stephen Holowitz.

Canadian Embroiderers' Guild Outreach

The Canadian Embroiderers' Guild has been a regular tenant of St. James Westminster since 1973. Perhaps you have seen some of our work from time to time. Did you know that we have maintained a tradition of outreach over those years?

For eleven years the Guild has made bags to hold Hemovac drains with all the accompanying tubing required for post-mastectomy patients. Some 200 of these are given annually to the local hospitals where they are appreciated by both the staff and the patients who use these bags.

A year ago quilts were made in support of *Grans for Grans*, a Stephen Lewis foundation project to support grandmothers in Africa raising their grandchildren after their parents have succumbed to AIDs. Some of these quilts are still for sale.

This fall Guild members have responded to a need to knit, crochet and sew hats, mittens, and scarves for distribution by the Salvation Army. They tell us that they can use an unlimited number of these items over the winter months.

Our outreach is in addition to our usual classes and workshops. You are always invited to see our fibre art show at the end of April each year.

Judy Castle

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