

# St John's Call Monthly

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## St, John's Anglican Church

### Keeping You in the Loop



As you may know, in the fall we took part in the NCD survey which looks at a church's strengths and weaknesses. Our results showed that one of our biggest weaknesses was our lack of communication. We feel sort of "Out

of the Loop." With that in mind we have been looking at different ways to pass information around the church. Rather than just having verbal announcements on Sundays, announcements have been posted in the church and on-line on the church website. One concern has been the lack of a weekly piece of paper that gives the upcoming events and prayer lists. As much as that would be wonderful, it requires a lot of time each week. So instead of that, our hope is that each

month a short newsletter will come out in the first week of the month. It will contain a short reflection and hopefully a bio of a member of the parish, as well as upcoming events, contact information and prayer requests. Members with email will receive it that way, those who don't will pick it up at the church on Sunday. If you have any prayer requests or want to be highlighted please let Wil know. Hopefully this will help us all feel more connected.

### Meet you Incumbent's Warden

It has been 3 years since we moved from Mississauga to Whitby and within the first month we attended our first service at St Johns. I remember the day like it was last week, it was a beautiful June Sunday, the sun was streaming through the beautiful stained glass windows with Wil and the congregation being very welcoming – in that "who is the new family" sort of way. And here we are 3 years later and I have recently become the Incumbent's Warden. What an adventure!

So who is this guy who now lives in the parish's former Rectory? I was born and raised in Hamilton, the youngest of 5 kids and raised a Catholic. I have 2 science degrees in Forestry (UofT and Lakehead) and it was while at Lakehead I met my wife Catherine who was also a grad student. We have been married for 21 years and have 2 boys

(Christopher 18, and Ian 16). Life at home is busy, I work at a bank downtown, Catherine is a lumber trader the boys go to school and have part time jobs and extra-curricular sports. You have likely noticed that I am most often at church solo, getting teenagers to go to church these days is a tough battle. The boys grew up going to church every Sunday so they had a great beginning and eventually they have to make their own decisions about God and Faith. Catherine has found her spiritual home at another Anglican church and together we have lots to talk about.

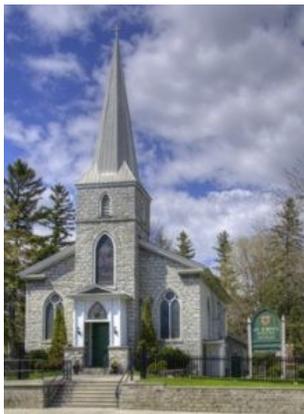
I joined the Anglican church when I got married – Catherine had 2 conditions, "get married in the Anglican church" and "we are getting a dog" (I was not a dog person 21 years ago). Over the years my time with God and the Church has been up and down (like I think eve-

ryone's is over the decades). For the past 10 years I have been involved in Ministry with my local parish. When I came to Whitby I wanted to continue being a part of a parish community – and I love history - so coming to St. Johns for the first time was a delight. I absolutely love the history of the Church and Port Whitby and the character of the area is one of the main reasons why we chose the neighbourhood we did.

St. Johns is a wonderful parish full of amazing and generous people. There is a true sense of family and community here, something that is unique and special in this challenging world. Thanks to all of you for making myself and my family welcome at St Johns, we are very grateful and blessed.

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Sunday Services - 9 and 10:30 am til June 3

10 am - June 10 til September 16

Monthly Events:

3rd Sunday: Service at Sunnycrest - 2:30pm

Last Wednesday: Scrabble - in the church basement - 1:00pm

Upcoming Events:

Saturday May 5 - Yard Sale 8am

Friday May 11 - Raise the Roof—An Evening with Doug - 7pm

Sunday May 13— preparing Community garden After Church

Sunday June 10 - Summer Service start and BBQ

Thursday June 14 - Paint Night Fundraiser

Saturday June 16 - Garden Blessing

Sunday July 8 - Strawberry Tea

Sunday September 16 - End of Summer Service and BBQ

Coming soon: GST Auction, Mission Planning day

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Prayer is an important part of parish life. Each month we will be asking you to keep certain groups, events and people in your prayer. We would also like to build a prayer team in the near future.

Please pray for the upcoming Bishop's Election (June 9), that the Holy Spirit will guide the delegates and

that God's choice for bishop will be elected rather than one by political agenda.

Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers:

Keith, Peter, Glen, Klaus, Johanna, Harold, Joy, Bob, Joyce, Hilda, David, Norm.