

ABOUT THE TITLE

In the early days of Christianity, followers of Jesus called their faith "the Way". It wasn't until some years after that the growing body of followers of the Way became known as the Church.

As modern followers of Jesus, we remind ourselves that we, too, follow the Way, which becomes a part of every facet of our lives.

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By the Way

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A Celebration Fit For The Queen!

Queen Elizabeth II presents the Parish with a peal of handbells in honour of the 300th anniversary of the alliance between the Crown and the Mohawks



Three hundred years ago, in April 1710, a delegation of Mohawk leaders visited the Court of Queen Anne in London. They asked whether they might enter into a military alliance and if a chaplain might be sent to establish a mission of the Church of England in the Mohawk Valley. With this momentous occasion began a relationship which has stood the test of three centuries.

Aware that Her Majesty The Queen was planning to visit Canada in the summer of 2010, the Rector wrote to The Queen a year ago to remind her of the important occasion of the 300th anniversary of the alliance. With the fraught relationship between Canada and the Mohawk Nation, it was thought that a positive engagement with The Queen would be a wonderful way to "polish" the Silver Covenant



HM CHAPEL ROYAL OF THE MOHAWK
SACHEMS' AUDIENCE WITH QUEEN ANNE
1710-2010

The inscription on the tenor bell

Chain of peace, friendship, and respect.

On Sunday 4 July, a delegation attended Choral Mattins in the Cathedral Church of St James, Toronto. The Archbishop of Toronto presided over a magnificent liturgy where our Rector was invited to read the Second Lesson. At the conclusion of the liturgy, The Queen presented each of the Chapels Royal at Brantford and Tyendinaga with an exquisite peal of silver handbells.

The handbells, numbering eight in total, are from the

Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London, England. The peal given to the Parish comprises a diatonic scale, meaning that there are eight bells pitched from C to C (think of the white keys on a piano keyboard).

The tenor (biggest) bell bears the Royal Cypher and an inscription.

We are pleased and excited to have received such a generous gift from The Queen in honour of this anniversary. Volunteers have already come forward to learn how to ring the handbells. We anticipate hearing them being used in worship in the near future. For more information about the handbells given to the Chapel Royal and to see video of the presentation on 4 July, please visit the parish website at <http://www.parishoftyendinaga.org/tercentenary.htm>.



“All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.”

—Refrain from the hymn “We Plough The Fields and Scatter

Way Words from the Rector

I am writing this article on Holy Cross Day, the 14th of September. Fall is just about a week away and already the leaves are turning their magnificent colours and falling from the trees. I have already been outside raking leaves in order to cut the grass (hopefully not too many more times this year!). As autumn approaches, we are leaving behind our summer routines and moving into the rhythm of the rest of the year. Even when we don't have children, doesn't it seem like our lives revolve around the academic year?

As I write, I am pondering the meaning of the season that is upon us. In the Pentecost edition, which came out just as summer was starting, I remarked on the season of growth and vitality, symbolised by the abundance of green in both the Church's vestments and the natural world.

Fall, however, has an entirely different focus. As the leaves fall from the trees, our minds begin, however reluctantly, to turn to thoughts of winter. As the Creation all around us prepares to go to sleep for a season, we contemplate images of whirling snowflakes

and thick winter coats. My favourite image of winter is of a roaring fire in the hearth and a cup of tea with a book to while away a long winter evening.

It occurs to me that the cycle of seasons is not unlike the cycle of our faith lives. As winter passes into spring, we witness the rebirth of the wonder of Creation and celebrate the renewal of the world through the resurrection of Jesus. In summer, our focus shifts to growing as disciples, preparing for the arrival of the Lord of the harvest. And, now as autumn draws near, and we begin to think of shorter days and colder nights, we see all around us the world going to sleep. As summer gardens die away and leaves carpet the ground, the growth of the last few months comes to an end. The environment takes a few months to rest and regenerate so that it may come back to life in the spring.

As Christians, we claim to be Easter people—people who believe in the power of God to give life. At times, however, we don't deal so well with the death part. We like to avoid death (we even

avoid saying that someone 'died', preferring instead to say that they 'passed on' or something else calculated to spare our emotions). We sanitise the grave at a funeral—covering the ugly pile of dirt with acres of green turf and lowering the casket into the grave only after the last person has gone. For people who believe in eternal life, we sure do have a hard time dealing with death!

But, in the life of the Church, we cannot avoid the reality of death. It's one of the few sure things of life, as the old adage goes. And it doesn't just come at the end of an individual's life, but sometimes in the life of the Church. Things that we have done for years, even generations, may no longer be appropriate and so should be allowed to die so something new may take their place.

As the leaves fall and autumn advances, let us turn our minds to thinking of what leaves we might shed so the Church may continue to live and grow. May we all have faith in the God who raised Christ Jesus from the dead!

Bob +

“Do this in memory of me.”
—Jesus



Sunday Celebrations

Christians are called to live out their faith 24/7 in their daily lives, but we also gather together on Sundays to remember the great gift of life God gave us through Jesus.

Every Sunday there is a celebration in one or both of our churches. Every celebration is followed by food and fellowship.

Services are held:

8:30 a.m.—All Saints' Church
10:30 a.m.—Christ Church

On the 3rd Sunday of the month, both churches worship together at one celebration.

October to March
All Saints', 8:30 a.m.
April to September
Christ Church, 10:30 a.m.

Our worship is formal but fun and we welcome people of all ages and backgrounds. Whether you're a seasoned worshipper or someone who's trying church for the first time, you'll find a place here.

If you need a ride to church please call 396-3797 the week before.

See you in church!

Wardens' Walk: Looking Ahead

Although it might have seemed as though the regular routine of parish life was interrupted for the summer months, we certainly did not rest in the parish!

In the pages of this edition of *By The Way*, you will find many references to the multitude of activities that parishioners undertook since the last issue. If anything, summer was a lot of fun as we worked and worshipped together!

But now we are looking ahead at a number of new projects that are on the schedule for the fall. At just about the time this issue goes to print, we will be hosting our sisters and brothers from St Ann's Episcopal Church, Amsterdam, New York as we celebrate the 26th year of our mutual friendship. We are excited to have them visit this year as we finish up our 300th anniversary celebrations and we look forward to visiting there in 2011 and 2012 to celebrate the 300th anniversary of St Ann's (which also has its roots in the Queen Anne Chapel).

The Rector and Churchwardens Bill Brant and Doug Green are starting a new ministry directed towards Christian men. A

monthly breakfast to be held on a Saturday morning in the parish hall will provide an opportunity to eat and enjoy each other's company and to pray and learn together. The first such breakfast will occur on Saturday 30 October at 8:00 a.m.

There are major fabric issues to be addressed in both of our churches. As this issue goes to press, we await the delivery of the new steel for the roof at All Saints' and the Queen Anne Parish Centre. We hope the roof replacement will be completed in plenty of time for the rainy season! When the roof is fixed, the interior wall and ceiling of the church will need repair from water damage incurred due to the leaking roof. There are also a number of other potential projects on the go for All Saints', which will be assessed by the parish leadership and completed in priority as funds allow.

Christ Church remains a daunting task. The band administration, with the endorsement of the parish leadership, recently applied for a \$75,000 grant from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada for a

project to pave a lane to the front door of the church on the north side of the front yard. In October, there is potential to apply for accessibility funds to install a wheelchair ramp at the front door. We look forward to continued consultation with the administration on these updates and improvements to the church. The single most important project at the current time is to solicit an expert opinion on the cause of the water damage in the paint and plaster on the west wall of the church. We are unsure if the work done on the tower several years ago was sufficient. While some money may be available from Parks Canada, we would have to match any funds they provided, which means we may have to look at raising nearly half a million dollars to complete the work that is needed.

Finally, thanks to the generosity of a parishioner, we have almost enough money to proceed with ordering new signs for each church which will be readable from the road and will make the churches more inviting. We welcome any donations to help with the work on our buildings and please feel free to ask us about anything you read here!

Seventy Years

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By the time you're 70 years old, you will have spent nearly a quarter-century sleeping. The average person spends about 23 years of life in bed. Other estimates of how most of us spend our waking hours during those 70 years:

- 11 years working
- 8 years in hobbies and leisure activities
- 6 years eating
- 5 years bathing and grooming
- 4 years being educated
- 3 years talking
- 2 years reading
- 6 months in worship

Maybe Sunday worship isn't as long as it seems after all!

Definitions

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Cannibal: Someone who is fed up with people.

Committee: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

Secret: Something you tell to one person at a time.

Toothache: The pain that drives you to extraction.

Tomorrow: One of the greatest labour-saving devices of today.

A Thanksgiving Hymn

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
'ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown.

First the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offences purge away,
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
to thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871)
Music: ST GEORGE'S, WINDSOR.
George Job Elvey (1816-1893)

Christian Stewardship

The Rev'd A. Scarborough
St Mark's, Boonsboro, MD

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When the word "stewardship" is used in the church, we usually only think about money. Christian stewardship is not about money—it is about the right use of God's gifts for God's purposes. At the Offertory, when our gifts of bread, wine, and money are given to God, we used to say, "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee."

This simple sentence says it all—everything comes from God and we are giving back to God only what already belongs to God. When we embrace the vision that stewardship is the right use of God's gifts for God's purposes, we begin to see that money is only a fraction of stewardship. Stewardship involves proper care of our bodies through diet and exercise (since the body is a gift from God), care of our environment, proper use of credit and not living beyond our means, and considering the working conditions in the countries that produce the goods we consume.

When we are baptised and become stewards of God's gifts, we acknowledge the reality that everything and everyone comes from God. We have an obligation to care for God's creation...all of it! We need to think, pray, and act in ways which will build up the people of God throughout the world.

Love in Action

Two students honoured with Helen Parker Memorial Award

By Paul Robertson
Chair, *Love in Action*

The legacy of community outreach exemplified by the late Helen Parker lives on in two local students recently honoured by *Love in Action*. Kyra Doreen of Quinte Mohawk School (and Christ Church) and Bradley Cook of Tyendinaga Public School were the first recipients of a new annual prize, the Helen Parker Memorial Award.

This award was created to honour the memory of our fellow parishioner and special friend of Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory and Tyendinaga Township. Driven by compassion and purpose, Helen Parker inspired many to join in her quest to help

wherever she could. In 2003 Helen founded *Love in Action* as an outreach ministry associated with the parish. In the early years Helen's gentle spirit and quiet determination guided this



Outreach in Tyendinaga

non-profit organisation as it collected funds to support a wide range of outreach aid projects benefitting individuals and communities at home and

abroad. Even after her passing in 2009, her legacy of love lives on in the hearts and actions of those she inspired.

Helen's interest in young people helped guide the group as it tried to decide how to honour her memory and work. Winners of the award are selected by teachers at Quinte Mohawk and Tyendinaga Public schools on behalf of *Love in Action*. In the past academic year Kyra and Bradley both demonstrated exemplary leadership in outreach in their schools and local communities.

The members of *Love in Action* look forward to your continuing generous support of our outreach mission in our local community, across Canada, and around the world.

Having Fun while Raising Funds

During the summer months, parishioners have been busy raising money through a number of entrepreneurial adventures. We thank everyone who helped to organise and staff the events and to everyone who contributed through time and talent.

At the end of May, parishioners participated in the Walk-a-Thon/Rock-a-Thon, with an impressive number of walkers making the trek from the church to Norway's Road and back and an erstwhile team of rockers in high-endurance chairs rocking along. When all the pledges were collected, we raised the incredible amount of \$11,755 to go towards much-

needed repairs to our buildings.

On a beautiful Sunday 4 July, Pam Detlor and Connie Perron hosted the second annual Strawberry Social on their spectacular lawn on the Bay. The turnout was even better than last year and everyone enjoyed strawberries (picked and prepared by parishioners!), ice cream, cake, and sandwiches with their tea and coffee. Once again, this successful and enjoyable endeavour raised the considerable sum of \$1,816.

Next up was the Mohawk Fair on the weekend of 20-21 August. On Saturday, Carla Barnhardt and Lynn Wilson and families staffed a tent

selling delicious corn soup (over 100 bowls!), homemade butter tarts (14 dozen) and fresh rolls with all proceeds going to the parish. Notwithstanding the rainy weather, the fundraisers garnered \$365.

Finally, on Saturday 11 September, a hard-working team of volunteers carted all the gently-used treasures they had sorted and priced to the corner of Prince and Main Streets for the Deseronto Yard Sale. Blessed with a glorious sunny September day, the yard salers were able to sell most of their wares and netted \$916.

Once again, thanks very much to everyone who helped raise funds while having fun!

Feeding the Multitude on the Rectory Lawn



John was not impressed when Margaret told him to eat his vegetables.



Prayer Posture

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Three ministers sat discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby.

“Kneeling is definitely best,” one opined.

“No,” another contended, “I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to heaven.”

“You’re both wrong,” the third maintained. “The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor.”

At this moment, the repairman could contain himself no longer. “Hey fellas,” he interrupted, “the best prayin’ I ever did was hangin’ upside down from a telephone pole.”

—from *The Anglican Digest*



The annual tradition of holding the Sunday Celebration and Parish Picnic on the lawn of the rectory was kept on Sunday 18 July. The weather was sunny and warm, with a light breeze coming off the Bay of Quinte to keep the gathered worshippers comfortable. It was a wonderful celebration of our parish family and we look forward to another beautiful day next summer!



Above: Silea makes a point. Right: “Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts.”



Above: “I hope you’re paying close attention!”

Right: It’s not a parish celebration unless there’s an abundance of food (and there was)!



Financial Update



“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
—Jesus



Did You Know?

The Parish of Tyendinaga has two main funds in the bank account. The Operating Fund is used to carry out the day to day operations of the Parish, including paying utilities and ministry costs. The Capital Fund is used to ensure that our physical assets, such as buildings and major equipment, are safe and functional, thereby ensuring we have a home from which to carry out our ministry.

REVENUE

As summer draws to a close, the parish leadership turns once again to the financial picture. Reviewing our position as of 15 September, we are not in a bad position—as you can see by reviewing the revenue portions of the parish budget, most of our revenue streams are on track for this time of year.

As you can see, the one area where we are a little behind is in congregational givings—as represented by the Operating lines. While we are grateful for all of the assistance we

receive from community donors (either as part of fundraising efforts or donations in memory of the departed), the reality of being a viable church is that we must be able to sustain ourselves.

There is considerable reluctance to participate in the Pre-Authorised Giving (PAG) program, but the parish leadership encourages you to reflect on this critical part of our stewardship program. Enrolling in PAG means you don't have to write cheques all the time, you don't have to catch up if you're away, and you can save a tree by

eliminating envelopes. PAG is helpful for the parish because it costs less than depositing cheques and buying envelopes and it gives us a clear picture of how much income we can reliably expect in the next fiscal year. Perhaps most importantly, PAG requires you to think hard about how much to give and requires a commitment to sustain your giving. Much more than any other way, PAG is a spiritual exercise in prayer and reflection on how much God's activity in your life means and how much you are willing to give back to do God's work through the Church.

	Budget 2009	Actual 2009	Budget 2010	Actual 2010
BALANCE FORWARD	26,529.86	26,529.86	57,314.25	57,314.25
REVENUE				
Christ Church Operating	41,000.00	40,280.01	41,000.00	18,666.06
All Saints' Operating	51,000.00	48,716.10	50,000.00	29,935.35
Christ Church Capital	3,000.00	6,052.58	3,000.00	9,955.00
All Saints' Capital	0.00	195.00	16,000.00	18,327.83
Mohawk Guild	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	900.00
Diocese	3,860.00	4,204.01	4,000.00	3,153.85
New England Co	12,500.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	9,375.00
Rectory	14,400.00	14,400.00	14,400.00	10,200.00
QAPC Rental	3,000.00	3,690.00	3,000.00	2,900.00
Fundraising	7,000.00	10,356.88	5,000.00	1,390.00
Other	0.00	3,682.08	0.00	925.00
TOTAL REVENUE	136,960.00	143,276.66	148,100.00	105,728.09

EXPENDITURES

Referring to the table on the next page, you can see that our expenditures are also on track for the year. There are two things to note at this time.

First:, in the “Other” line, the amount of \$40,300 represents the registration fees for Synod

in October (\$300) and a shift in capital of \$40,000 to an investment fund.

Secondly, while it does not appear on this chart, in late September, there will be a disbursement of close to \$30,000 to replace the deteriorating shingle roof at All Saints' Church with a steel

roof. We have raised a significant amount of money to do this work, but donations of any size to the capital fund continue to be greatly appreciated.

Any questions on the financial position of the parish may be directed to the Churchwardens.

	Budget 2009	Actual 2009	Budget 2010	Actual 2010
EXPENDITURES				
Stipend and Benefits	34,094.00	32,713.82	36,196.48	26,574.26
Other Ministry (Organist, Sunday Supply)	4,460.00	3,223.20	11,000.00	7,844.24
Rectory Utilities & Maintenance	11,870.00	10,142.97	6,000.00	5,385.88
Common Mission and Ministry	23,352.00	22,051.87	25,000.00	20,042.00
Travel	7,000.00	4,700.80	5,500.00	3,986.84
All Saints' Operating	10,166.00	10,122.85	11,000.00	3,099.92
All Saints' Oil				5,055.13
All Saints' Hydro				1,780.93
Christ Church Operating	6,000.00	7,556.85	8,000.00	2,427.47
Christ Church Oil				3,975.22
Christ Church Hydro				1,050.66
Outreach	8,000.00	6,700.00	8,000.00	5,875.00
All Saints' Capital	0.00	1,633.56	20,000.00	1,305.00
Christ Church Capital	7,000.00	275.00	2,000.00	1,444.81
Office Supplies	0.00	1,275.40	1,200.00	754.06
Church Supplies	650.00	1,010.15	1,000.00	265.65
QAPC Telephone	900.00	952.18	1,000.00	748.71
Christian Education	400.00	1,875.03	1,000.00	483.28
Bank Charges	0.00	57.00	0.00	112.30
Insurance	2,000.00	1,914.16	2,000.00	1,857.64
Discretionary	300.00	270.00	300.00	80.00
Music (Including CCLI)	312.00	112.00	1,000.00	0.00
Communications	300.00	1,509.66	2,000.00	1,656.61
Other	100.00	4,395.77	0.00	40,300.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	116,904.00	112,492.27	142,196.48	136,105.61
BALANCE	20,056.00	30,784.39	5,903.52	-30,377.52
NET BALANCE	46,585.86	57,314.25	63,217.77	26,936.73

Drugged on Church?

Submitted by Margie Anderson

Recently I received a humorous email regarding old-fashioned ways of disciplining children for bad behaviour. Ironically, it was entitled "Drugged by Parents".

Some examples are: we were drug to the woodshed when Dad or Grampa heard we had violated some rule or other; we were

drug to the wash basin for a mouth washing with soap for uttering profanities; we were drug to the garden to do weeding and hoeing; we were drug to Church to sit prim and proper in the pew and listen to some preacher tell us how bad we were which at that age didn't sit well with our own selfish ideas. Many of these tactics would not "sit well" in today's

society's view of "sparing the rod and spoiling the child".

I had a good chuckle and related well to some of these remedies. These "drugs" are still in my veins and may God bless the parents who "drug" me to Sunday School and Church because now I love it here.





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*To be a Spirit-filled and life-giving place where
strangers become friends and friends become
disciples.*

Our mission, for the glory of God in Jesus Christ and
through the power of the Holy Spirit, is to:

- Celebrate all that God has done for us through worship and witness with others.
- Respond to our call to be disciples of Christ by sharing our faith, rooted in the Word of God, with others and encouraging others to become followers of Christ through word and action.
- Practice good stewardship of our human, financial and environmental resources, working to ensure that all of God's Creation is viable for future generations.
- Grow ourselves and others by reaching out to our communities, following Jesus' example of generous caring, giving, and welcoming.



Check us out on the internet!
[HTTP://WWW.PARISHOFTYENDINAGA.ORG](http://www.parishoftyendinaga.org)

Coming Events

Fun, Food and Fellowship Nights

Third Wednesday of the month
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Queen Anne Parish Centre

Every month, we bring games and snacks and enjoy each other's company. Everyone is welcome—feel free to bring your favourite game or simply come along to see what everyone else is playing! Upcoming dates are: 20 October, 17 November, 15 December.



Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 10 October
8:30 a.m.—All Saints' Church
10:30 a.m.—Christ Church

Celebrate God's abundant blessings on Thanksgiving Sunday. Decorations of produce from gardens most welcome!

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 30 October
8:00 a.m.—Queen Anne Parish Centre
We are starting a new opportunity for Christian men to gather once a month for breakfast, conversation, prayer, and

learning. Please join us as we seek to deepen our relationships with each other and with Jesus. Breakfast is free but we ask you to register so we have enough food. Please contact Fr Brad, Doug Green or Bill Brant for more information or to register.

Parish Council

Tuesday 2 November
7:00 p.m.—Queen Anne Parish Centre
If you have an item to bring before the parish leadership team, please let the Rector know a week in advance.



**WE WANT TO
HEAR FROM YOU!**

If you have any comments or suggestions about this newsletter or would like to contribute a short article, news item, upcoming event, or anything else you think people would like to see (cartoons, humour, poetry), please call, write to, or email us through the ways listed on the back page.

Thanks for reading this edition!

Ministry Opportunities

Parish Visitors

We're looking for people who would be interested in delivering *By The Way* to members of the Parish. You would be required to work for about two weeks visiting parishioners four times a year.

Readers and Intercessors

Readers read the lessons from the Bible in church on Sundays and Intercessors lead the Prayers of the People using petitions that reflect the needs of our community and the world.

Lay Ministers of Communion

People who administer the chalice with the wine during Communion.

How to Get Involved

If you're interested in any of these ministries, please speak to the Rector.