

St. Paul's 'special place' for Norvalites since 1845

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If you were to put Ric Ruggles in a red suit padded with a couple of pillows, you wouldn't know him from Santa Claus.

Ric's ruddy round cheeks, white wavy hair and blue eyes cast him for the part right away. All he needs is the beard and the poebly to jiggle.

The minister for St. Paul's Anglican Church in Norval for



13 years, Ric prefers to be called by his first name.

"Most people call me Ric," he said, expressing his dislike for the term "Reverend." "It's an adjective and it's not proper grammar to use it that way."

Ric worked a year in the United Church archives before being ordained minister, and is back poring over the books again.

The sole stained glass window in St. Paul's Anglican Church in Norval is directly opposite the church entrance. It was designed by local artist Marjorie Nazer. The tall side windows on both sides of the church are an opaque glass and will soon be replaced because several are broken.

In the Churches

By Bob Ollivier

Scripture union

He's working on his doctorate in church history at the Toronto School of Theology at Trinity College and has completed one year of the program. He is only working part-time as minister at St. Paul's.

Scripture Union registration was last Sunday. Some of our churches used the bulletin provided by Scripture Union to promote regular Bible reading within the family.

the Christian Broadcasting Network and the 700 Club. At this time I don't know what areas it may be seen in, but watch for it.

Get the book at the local Christian book shop.

"It's the oldest church building in the Georgetown area," Ric said, dating St. Paul's Anglican Church to 1845.

He said a miller, Peter Adamson, used to have a mill nearby and being a supporter of the church, gave the land for the building.

The first Sunday in October is usually the date when the representatives sign up, and take orders for materials that will be used throughout the year in a regular daily and weekly reading of the scriptures. One of those reps, Mrs. Whitmee, made materials available to me for which I give her thanks. The quarterly newsletter is of great help in understanding the work of the Union throughout the world.

A theory has been advanced by John Hopkins University professor and noted Egyptologist Dr. Hans Goedicke, that a tidal wave, triggered by a volcanic eruption on the island of Thera near Crete, parted the Red Sea at the time of the Exodus. He states that his study of ancient documents led to the "first solid evidence, and verified the Biblical account to an unexpected degree."

Remember the White Church service for Thanksgiving this Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Caledon.

As you enter the small church on Winston Churchill Boulevard, you immediately notice a font for baptisms on your right. Ric explained the ornately carved font is placed at the church entrance for a symbolic reason, not architectural. It is through baptism that one enters the church, he said.

If your church does not have a representative, write to Scripture Union, 300 Steelcase Road, No. 19, Markham, Ont., L3R 2W2, and ask for a listing of their programs.

A recent meeting of all Roman Catholic bishops in Mexico labelled Billy Graham as a "non-Christian."

YOUNG MEMBERS

"We seem to have a lot of baptisms which suggest there are a lot of young families here," said Ric.

Women Alive, an organization holding meetings designed for women's fellowship, has created "Precept upon Precept" that could, in their words "transform your life." This is an inductive bible study providing a systematic approach to the study of God's Word. Further information from any member or representative of Women Alive or by writing them at Box 911, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4Y6.

BOOKS - A booklet is available entitled "Evolution and the Bible" by Robert L. Whitelaw, Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Virginia Polytechnical Institute. Subtitled "In the Light of 15,000 Radio Carbon Dates", this booklet confirms why Christians believe in the Creation rather than evolution. Available from M.R.C. Publications, Box 520, Huntsville, Ontario, POA 1K0. Postage I am sure would be appreciated.

"What happens after death?" "In the After Life" by Tim LaHaye gives insight into such subjects as "where are the dead?", "what is the resurrection?" and other questions that one may have regarding that which we all must go through.

Although there is a parish hall, built in 1920, next to the church building, it isn't used for Sunday school. Ric said it's expensive to heat, and that's why the basement of the church was built in the 1940s after the war.

St. Paul's has old pine floors

Soap operas on television are extremely popular these days, yet they give no encouragement to life. Now there is a "Christian soap" entitled "Another Life" produced by

and hand-crafted wooden pews.

"There may have been box pews originally," said Ric. Box pews have gates at each end and are good for keeping youngsters from running around during a service.

He said there used to be a higher ceiling, a balcony and a three-decker pulpit, but they were removed 100 years ago.

"Becoming modern is nothing new," he smiled. "That was considered modernization then."

BLACK GRATES

Old black grates have been left in the floor, a reminder of when the church was heated by a coal furnace. One in the centre aisle trips up many a bride in high heels, said Ric. Now the church is heated by a gas furnace and the grates aren't used.

However, a big black chandelier of cast iron that matches the grates is still used. It was originally lit with kerosene but now functions with electricity.

"Somebody tried to steal it once but it was cumbersome enough that they couldn't get away with it," said Ric. "Instead, they stole a small old light from the church entrance which we never recovered."

He said churches have to lock their doors nowadays. "They don't like to do that but there's so much vandalism going on," he said. "We kept

losing windows."

About five of the tall side windows on each side of the church need replacing and Ric would like the opaque glass replaced with clear glass to let in more light.

Directly opposite the church entrance is a stained glass window of many colors, designed by local artist Marjorie Nazer.

The location of the church is such that howling dogs and

trucks changing gear on Highway 7 can be heard during the service, said Ric. "You get the odd dog walking in," he laughed.

St. Paul's sponsored a family of nine Vietnamese

refugees last year which quickly became self-supporting and moved to Brampton, said Ric.

things are done by the whole congregation rather than by organizations," he said.

Ric said the church operates on a very informal level because it is small and intimate.

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