

# Religion

## St. John's Anglican Church prepares for 150th

The congregation of St. John's Anglican Church, Nassagaweya, will be celebrating its 150th anniversary next year (1992), and a number of special events are being planned to focus attention

on this historic occasion.

The present church, a sturdily-built stone structure, was erected in 1870 to replace the original modest white frame building that had stood on the site since

1844—two years after early Anglican settlers had established a congregation.

The church is located on the northeast corner of the Guelph Line and No. 10 Sideroad in Halton Region's Nassagaweya Township, two km north of Highway 401. It presently serves a largely rural congregation of approximately 50 families.

The current priest-in-charge is Rev. Charles F. Masters of Milton, who is also rector of St. George's Church in neighboring Lowville. He is assisted at St. John's by Captain David Coffin of the Anglican Church Army and Rev. Fred Crook, a retired clergyman.

It was in February, 1842, that four acres of land were given over to the fledgling congregation as the site for a church and cemetery. On Good Friday, March 21, 1913, a great windstorm swept through Halton County damaging St. John's Church. Services were held in the nearby Orange Hall in Campbellville until the church was rebuilt.

During its 149-year history, the congregation has been ministered to by a total of 30 priests, the first being Rev. George Graham. Among the clergy serving St. John's was Rev. Beverley Shanley of Hamilton, one of the first female priests to be ordained in Canada and the first to have a parish in Canada at St. John's in 1976.



St. John's Anglican Church in Nassagaweya celebrates its 150th anniversary in 1992 and the present congregation is inviting past members to come join them in the celebrations.



### WORSHIP IN SONG

A performance of sacred music last week at Georgetown Missionary Alliance Church combined the exceptional talents of vocalist Mary Jane McGinn, who favored with selection from Mendelsohn and Handel's Messiah as well as some popular spirituals, and accompanist Lynn Archdekin, pianist at Bramalea Baptist Church.

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**ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH**  
Georgetown & Glen Williams  
11 Guelph St. Main St., G.W.  
PHONE 877-2531  
Minister: Rev. Nancy Knox  
Minister of Christian Education: Karen Wigston  
Sunday Service At  
9:30 Glen Williams  
11:00 Georgetown  
Nursery & Sunday School Available  
Communion Service 9:00 a.m. First Sunday of each month in Georgetown.  
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!  
You Are Welcome!

**MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Corner of Maple & Guelph, 877-6665  
Pastor: Bruce Scott  
Youth Pastor: Rob Grainger  
SUNDAY:  
9:30 Family Teaching Ministry (for all ages)  
11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship Service  
WEEKDAY EVENTS  
Tues. 7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting  
Wed. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour  
7:00 p.m. Youth Group  
Fri. 7:00 p.m. Youth Rec Night (Acton H.S.)  
8:00 p.m. Youth Choir

**Christian Reformed Church**  
Trafalgar Rd.  
SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.  
Rev. P. Stadt  
LISTEN TO THE BACK TO GOD HOUR  
7:30 A.M. Hamilton CHAM 820  
7:30 P.M. Burlington FM 108  
9:00 P.M. Guelph CJOY 1460  
and Mon.-Fri. Faith 20  
5:30 A.M. Global TV Ch. 6 and 41  
Ladies' Coffee Break Tues. 9:30 a.m. (Sept. through May)

**CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR**  
Anglican Church of Canada  
537 Main St. Glen Williams (Mountain & Main Sts.)  
416-877-8323  
Rector: Rev. Carol A. Skidmore, L. Th.  
Sunday Services: 8 am, 10:30 am  
Church School/Nursery: 10:30 am  
Come join us - a warm welcome awaits you!

**Knox Presbyterian Church**  
Corner Main & Church, Georgetown  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Workshop  
Junior Congregation  
Nursery Facilities  
Peter Barrow, B.D., Minister

**ENJOY FAMILY WORSHIP**  
with an active children's program - nursery to teens  
9:45 A.M.  
Rev. Mary Campbell B.A. M.DIV.  
**NORVAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
499 Guelph St. (in the heart of Norval)  
Church Office: 877-8868; Manse: 873-6928  
(Bet you can't visit just once.)

**ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
Winston Churchill, South of Hwy. 7 Norval  
Rev. Richard Ruggle, MA, B.h.  
877-3404  
Service at 10:30 a.m.  
All Are Welcome!

**Halton Gospel Temple**  
Phone (416) 877-2759  
Highway 7 West of Trafalgar Rd., Georgetown  
Affiliated with P.A.O.C.  
Pastor Rev. David Tapley,  
Youth Pastor Rev. Dale Reddekopp  
SUNDAY SERVICES  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education  
11:00 a.m. FAMILY WORSHIP  
6:30 P.M. Evening Praise  
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Ladies coffee Hour  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Family Night  
Friday 7:30 p.m. Youth Alive

**St. George's Anglican Church**  
60 Guelph St., Georgetown 877-8044  
SUNDAY SERVICES  
8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School/Nursery 9:00 a.m.  
Thursdays 10:00 a.m.  
Rector:  
Rev. Thomas M.S. Kingston, B.A., B. Th.  
Pastoral Archdeacon:  
Ven. John H. McMulkin, B.A., S.T.B., D.D.

## Who are the poor?

By REV. MARY B. CAMPBELL B.A., M.DIV.

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"Blessed are you who are the poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." (Luke 6:20)

From generation to generation the church has clung to this precept that our struggle will all be

worth it one day, and God will bless us for our grappling with economic concerns. We have seen religious enthusiasts with aspirations towards ascetic living and the denunciation of worldly possessions in order to achieve a state of poverty, believing that it is a "spiritual" state to be poor, which carries with it God's blessing. The

concern with this kind of thinking is that it endorses and reinforces the concept that those who already have will continue in their already secure future while those who have not, will continue to be "blessed" in poverty.

What we have failed to see, is that although we do struggle with mortgages and interest rates, and GST's, WE, you and I are not the poor - we are the rich! Did you realize that if you own your own home you stand where 98% of the world's population will never stand. Think of it, millions of people who share our earth, will never own their own home. Three quarters of our world will never know what it means to have enough to eat. We are obsessed with diets and overeating while most of the rest of the world grapple with how to feed their children.

Somehow the church let God's grace be transformed into a graciousness we bestow upon ourselves. We are perhaps sympathetic toward the real poor, but we are not prepared to enter into their suffering because we know, there is nothing blessed about poverty. As we watch the current plight of the Kurdish people we see the reality of the absence of God's will for human dignity, justice and righteousness.

The church of Jesus Christ must take sides. It must side for the Christ like love that cuts across the meaning of having. Our hope - is not in our having - but in our giving. This is the spiritual truth that came with Easter morning, with the message of resurrection and is primary in our hope of reconciliation for all people and creation. If we believe it, I mean not in our heads but in our lives - it will shatter our complacency not only in our churches, but in a social structure that has no room, no hope, no love for those who are "the least of these".

God grant His Church the courage to be HIS church.

### Your Week Ahead Horoscope

**ARIES**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Instincts are on the mark. Invest in that "risky" business venture and you will come out on top. Surprise that special someone with a night of socializing.

**TAURUS**  
Apr. 20-May 20

A past kindness will be repaid. Look toward making other generous offers and you will again be rewarded. Trust your instincts.

**GEMINI**  
May 21-June 20

A good time to repay old debts. Search for more spiritual satisfaction and hide any frustrations you are feeling for those financial problems.

**CANCER**  
June 21-July 22

An old friend re-enters your life. Romance can blossom if you give it a chance. People change with time; you can, too.

**LEO**  
July 23-Aug. 22

Imagination is on an upward swing; use it creatively. Write letters, visit friends, start a new project. Timing is great.

**VIRGO**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Make time for young people in your life. They expect more of your time; oblige them. Finances make it able for you to spend money on others.

**LIBRA**  
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Postpone that trip you are planning. Money will be needed elsewhere. Exercise your body regularly. Your health will demand a better physical shape.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Socialize. Don't spend time alone or old memories will come back to haunt you. You cannot change the past.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Duty calls; accept it graciously. An interesting proposition comes your way. You will do well to follow your instincts.

**CAPRICORN**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Cooperation is the key. A rainbow lies behind a dark cloud; be patient. Romance waits on the horizon. Signs are good.

**AQUARIUS**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Take a chance on investing your hidden assets. Lady luck is with you. Create new memories with an old sweetheart. Time has erased many old doubts.

**PISCES**  
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

You may be persuaded to do something you should not. Stand firm or the consequences will not be in your favor. Stay home and read a good book.



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