

# New Anglican church minister presents contemporary picture

By Linda Kirby  
 Charlie Masters (not Charles) could be easily mistaken for a university student, or perhaps a young rising business entrepreneur, with his boyish grin, rakish figure and personable approach.

Instead, the 29-year-old Quebec native is one of Milton's newest ministers, leading both St. George's Anglican Church in Lowville and St. John's Anglican Church in Nassagaweya. Married and the father of a two-year-old son Matthew, Rev. Masters had not intended a career in the ministry despite a family background in the Anglican church. His pursuit, until a few short years ago, was science. A second-year student

at the University of Guelph, he was in the middle of his science studies when he began to question his long term goals.

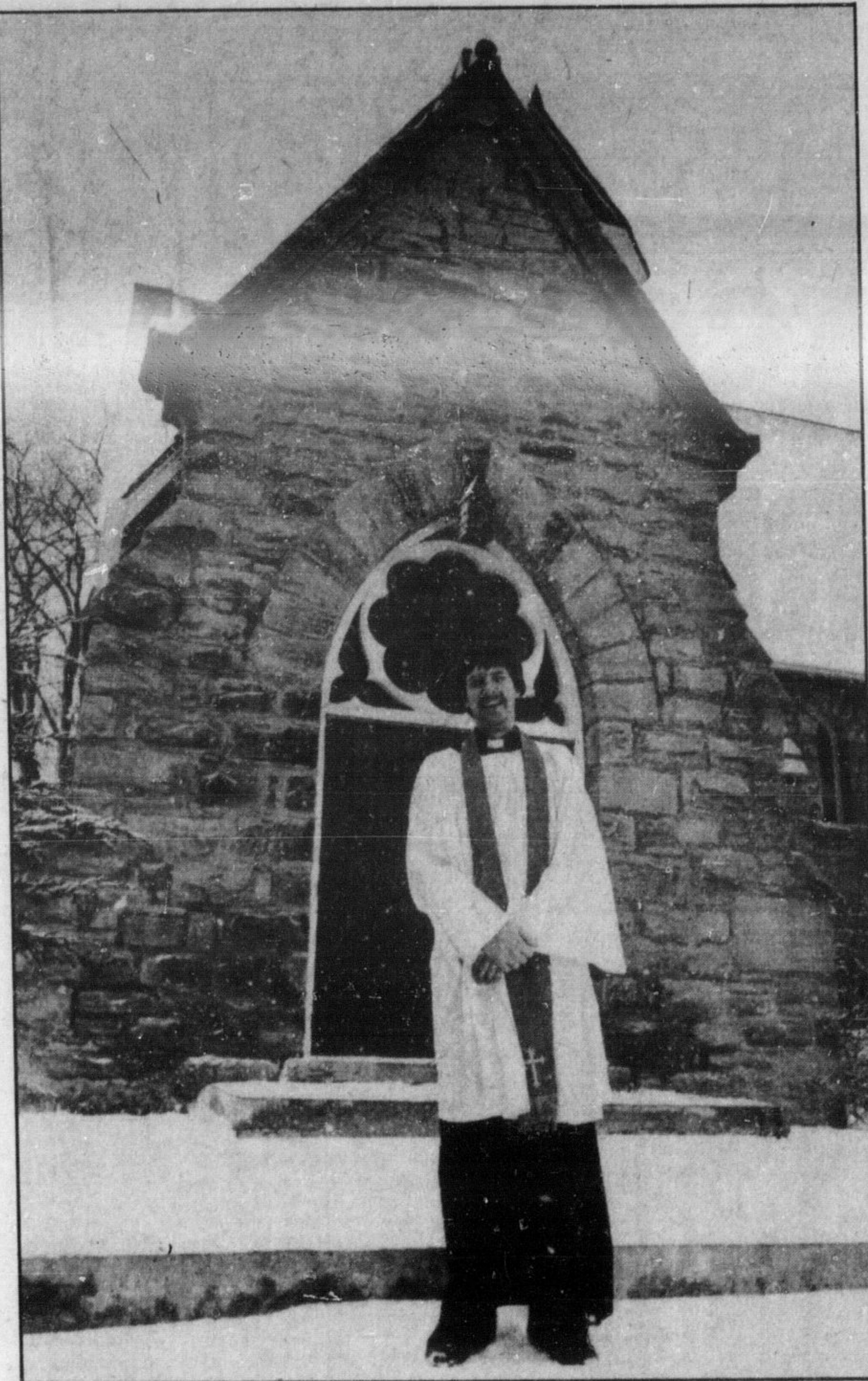
"I was looking for some direction and I found I had more and more interest with people and the Christian faith. He graduated at the end of four years with a science degree at the age of 21 and still felt uncertain about his future. He had attended several Christian youth conferences during the course of his stay in Guelph and decided to join an interdenominational Christian group at the University of British Columbia. For the next three years he held various positions while working

with the Christian youth group. He served as a research assistant on campus at the University of British Columbia, received his teacher's certificate and worked in the school's registry office. It was during his stay in Vancouver that he met his future wife, Judy Janz. He met her at a Baptist church and later helped her get a temporary job on campus. The daughter of German-born missionary parents, Judy sang with a Canadian church quartet and was off to Germany to sing just about the time her boyfriend made the decision to become a minister. He had always been impressed with English

theologians and decided to pursue his studies at St. John's College in Nottingham, England. He left for England a few months later (Christmas 1975) joined his fiancée in Germany where they were married. The couple returned to Canada in 1978 and Rev. Masters became an assistant curate at St. Luke's Anglican Church in Burlington. When Rev. Beverly Shanley left St. George's and St. John's the position was offered to Rev. Masters. As a full-time minister with two congregations totalling 165 families, he is a busy man. Most mornings are spent doing church administrative work, making the necessary

phone calls, and some personal study. He then devotes his afternoons to visiting members of the congregations at home and calling at hospitals. Many an evening is taken up attending various church groups that include a young people's group, Bible study and confirmation class. Monday, he calls his own and devotes the day to his family. As a minister, Rev. Masters hopes to be "someone who enables churches to do the ministry God has called us to do."

He described one of the biggest problems of his job as "bringing God down to earth and not allowing him to be just a concept out there." Do most people believe in God? Most do, said Rev. Masters, "but there is probably a minority that trust him." While he finds there is a good mix of ages at both Milton area churches, there is still a large age gap between the early teens and newly married couples, he said.



Rev. Charlie Masters. As the newly appointed minister for St. George's Anglican Church in Lowville and St. John's Anglican Church in Nassagaweya, this young minister has his hands full.

## Knox sets \$60,000 budget

Over \$60,000 will be required to pay expenses, improvements for safety and a fire alarm system for Knox Presbyterian Church in 1981.

This was one of the matters discussed at the church's annual meeting Jan. 26.

Other topics for discussion were the state of the church's financial affairs, congregational state and the appointment of members to various positions. Sufficient monies were contributed to pay for all running expenses and needed repairs to the church plant and manse. There was a balance of \$3,500 left to start 1981.

The minister, the Rev. T. J. Lewis took the chair for the meeting. All reports submitted to the annual meeting of the congregation of Knox showed matters temporal and spiritual to be in a healthy state.

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recognized its responsibility to help the work of the Presbyterian Church of Canada by sending \$10,072. The Women's Missionary Societies raised another \$3,900 for various mission projects. The congregation extended a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis for a job well done.

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## Halton ups French hours

The proposal for expanding core French instruction received approval by a narrow margin by Halton trustees, however, there may be other hurdles before it gets a green light. Trustees voted 10-8 in favor of a 40 minute per day period of core French to start in Grade 4 next fall. The program would be phased into higher grades—one at a time—to Grade 8.

The board also voted, by the same margin, some \$248,499 for salaries and supplies for the program. At least one and perhaps two additional approvals are needed before anything happens in classrooms.

Another report is slated from program committee and one from finance—which may include the cost of bussing. Trustees will have opportunities to consider the entire proposal again. Opposition to the expanded French program was led by Milton trustee Ivan Armstrong and finance committee chairman Noel Cooper. Armstrong said he could remember students dropping out of school because French was compulsory. "How about kids who are just hanging on by their fingernails?" The Milton trustee also

said he was concerned because when government grants are cut Halton would have more program than it can pay for. Cooper indicated he could not understand spending nearly a quarter of a million dollars without a definite benefit.

Halton Superintendent of Program Bo new period of 40 minutes would be made up of time trimmed from mathematics and language arts. Another trustee, Len Crosier of Oakville, said he was in favor of 40 minutes of French but not at the expense of other courses.

Dixon replied that there are advantages to linking French with language arts. "French grammar is extremely close to English grammar," he said. He went on to indicate a necessity to expand the program into secondary schools, however, at no cost.

Esquiesing trustee Betty Walker asked for a recorded vote on the motion. The following trustees voted in favor of the 40 minute period of core French were: Elaine Riehm, Len Auger, Anne Fairfield, Marg Bullock, Betty Fisher, John Bradley, Gary Morton, Arlene Bruce, Janice Millman and Florence Meares. Trustees who voted

against the motion were: Noel Cooper, Betty Walker, Cam Jackson, Jackie Cutmore, Len Crosier, Ivan Armstrong, Bill Priestner and Bill Lawson.

Trustees Bill Herd and Helen Howard-Lock were absent. Increasing the amount of time devoted in classrooms to core French is one of the aims of the board's Long Term Plan, which was adopted last year.

The French part of the plan came into being because of inadequacies in Halton's French program. Halton's French teaching starts later than 82 per cent of the province's school boards. The adopted plan will provide for instruction from grades 4 to 13. Today's Halton program has no instruction of Core French in Grades 4 or 5 and 60 hours in the higher elementary school grades. In high school 110 hours are set aside for French.

**CORRECTION**

In the Shopper's Drug Mart Money Saver in today's newspaper Scott Family Napkins 180's should have read \$1.49 ea., and Scottowel Paper Towels 2's should have read \$1.17 ea.

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