Nova Scotia organist hits the right note



Photo by Kate Gilderdale

Close to 200 residents were on hand to hear John Sands work his magic on the Yamaha organ at a November benefit concert for Emmanuel International.

The concert, which took place at EastRidge Missionary Church, encompassed a wide repertoire of popular favourites, including Music of the Night, Wind Beneath My Wings, How Great Thou Art and The Lonely Shepherd. A Christmas music highlight was the beautiful rendition of Silent Night, in an arrangement which seamlessly incorporated the Taize community's haunting chant, Jesus Remember Me.

Mr. Sands interspersed his musical selections with delightful banter, which quickly won over the audience, who gave him a standing ovation after his final piece, O Holy Night. The concert was arranged and sponsored by Pat Montgomery of Candlelight and Memories and raised \$1,500 for Emmanuel International's overseas ministries.

GO Improves Weekend Bus Service

If you want to take a trip to the city on a weekend without the hassle of driving and parking, GO Transit now offers hourly service from the Stouffville train station between 6:15 a.m. and 11:10 p.m.

Return trips from Union Station run every hour from 7:40 a.m. until 12:40 a.m. A new GO Bus stop has also been added at Tenth Line and Bethesda Rd. For complete information on the new schedules, visit www.stouffvilleonline.com or drop into the train station on Main St.



Ruth Taylor, Linda Lehman, Bev Whittaker, Lynn Stanton and Anne Embleton had a hectic time selling delicious home baked goodies at Christ Church Anglican's annual Christmas Market on Nov. 19.

