



St. Timothy's Gazette

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Message from the Rev. Paul Carter

We have had a bumper crop this summer from our garden. The beans and tomatoes just kept coming and I have never seen as many plums on our little tree before. I helped Naomi pick the fruit from the very top of our apple tree and then Lois and the girls made delicious apple crumble. It really has been a great summer for two 'townies' from London who are just not used to gardening. I have felt for the first time in my life the satisfaction and the joy of a good Harvest.

It has been a great privilege to spend the last six months preaching and leading worship for the congregation of St Timothy's in, of all places, the appropriately named Harvest Project. I am reminded of the Apostle Paul's words in *1 Corinthians 3:6*. "*I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow*". I have tried to use my gifts as faithfully as I can to play a part in what God is doing among the church family of St. Timothy's.

However, we have realized that church in the 21st century is not just about clergy, (nor should it have ever been). What excites me most, therefore, about St Timothy's is the quality, depth, commitment and sheer hard work of the lay leaders. I believe that what has been 'sown' by the leadership team over the summer will produce a great harvest in the lives of people on the North shore. The **vision "to be a nurturing, biblically-based community growing Christ's Kingdom."** is a fabulous one, full of the richness of New Testament imagery of growth and vitality in the context of a caring counter-cultural community. I very much hope it is one you will not only agree with, but actively get involved in supporting, as we prepare the ground and sow the seeds of this vision.

I believe God will give the growth to St Timothy's, but we all have a part to play. It is so good that we are restoring this perspective to the life of our Anglican community. In order to fulfil our vision, we have crafted the first part of how we are going to achieve this on the North Shore. We are calling this our **Mission statement** and it really describes in as short and memorable way as possible what the people of St Timothy's will stand for and do in order to achieve our vision.

It is this:

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These are the five purposes that will characterize all we do at St Timothy's to help us achieve our vision. Right at the start is the word **Go** and this really describes the Mission of the church as we see it. That is why it is to be my privilege to help run, with some 16 others, our first St Timothy's Alpha course this Fall. The numbers of guests who have agreed to take the program is most encouraging and it promises to be a lovely way for us to help family and friends to explore the Christian faith, come to know Jesus personally and to become members of our church family.

Secondly, you will find more and more thought and energy given to finding ways for us, a church family, to spend time in Christian **fellowship** together. We want to **Gather** people from across the North Shore who will learn to love one another and to

see a community grow at St Timothy's, bound together in faith, deep joy and hope.

Thirdly, one of the things we value and will stand for at St Timothy's is the Anglican Book of Common Prayer (BCP). This will form the basis of the ancient dimension of our worship and through which we hope to **Glorify** our Lord. The BCP is rich in theology as well as in its liturgy and it has shaped what Anglicanism at its best stands for. However, in order to reach out to the unchurched community of the North Shore, we will experiment with other 'future ways' to help people of all ages find meaning and purpose in regular worship for the first time.

Fourthly, the leadership of St Timothy's is committed to helping us all go deeper in our love for Jesus Christ and our knowledge of him. We will see this happen in a variety of ways, not only on Sundays but during the week, as we develop a pattern of small groups that meet to pray and study as well as serve the church and our neighbours. This process of growing deeper is so important to the Christian life. I think the psalmist summed it up well when he said: *"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does he prospers."* Psalm 1:1-3. Who wouldn't want to live like this and be fruitful? That is why I have recently introduced a new pattern of daily bible readings that our new Bishop 'TJ' uses personally and has encouraged us to use faithfully. I have found this pattern of daily reading, prayer and journaling has revolutionized my own devotional life over this summer and I commend the 'Life Journal' approach to you.

Finally, because Paul the Apostle was so clear about how we should best live when he

writes *Galatians 6:v7-10*: "do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked a man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will he reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." We all have a part to play in the life of St Timothy's and this will involve the three key parts of Christian Stewardship: Time, Talent and Treasure. You will hear more about this as the months unfold.

Jesus *"When he saw the crowds he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore to send out workers into his harvest field.'" Matthew 9:36-37*

This is our challenge and privilege: the establishment of a new Anglican church on the North Shore, rooted in the best of Anglican theology, liturgy and tradition while exploring innovative ways to make the glorious gospel relevant and vital to the lives of those who as yet are not part of our Christian family. I hope you are ready to play your part in the process and then to enjoy the fruit of our joint labours in the same way that our family enjoyed the fruit from our garden this summer. The best is yet to be.

Yours sincerely "in Christ"

Paul

Rev'd P M Carter

Wardens' Update, September, 2004

Welcome to the first edition of St. Timothy's Newsletter.

Free, at last.....Free, at last. God has a plan he is working out through us.

So what has happened to bring us to where we are today?

Having successfully transitioned to Sunday morning services and our move to the Harvest Project, we were prompted by the disappointing decisions made at the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada ("ACC") to make the unanimous decision ourselves to "dust off our sandals" and move on. That is say, to abandon our legal efforts to reinstate our trustees at St. Martin's, to plant a new church, to incorporate ourselves as a Society and to apply for affiliation with the Anglican Communion in Canada ("ACiC"). Free, at last.....

After abandoning the court case, we applied to the ACiC and received affiliation and Episcopal oversight from our five Primates and the direct coverage of Bp TJ within a week. The incorporation process was successfully accomplished on July 9th and application to Revenue Canada for registration as a charitable organization has been made. Finally, we crafted our Vision and Mission statements which were unveiled on September 12th.

We have opened our own bank account with a cash advance from Fidelity BC so that we now pay our own bills on Fidelity's behalf and we are also now processing the weekly offertory envelopes on their behalf. Do we have any volunteers to take on the task of "Envelope Secretary"? All of this is in preparation for our independence from Fidelity once we receive our Registered Charity status from Revenue Canada, which we hope will be received before the end of December.

We have successfully made arrangements for the use of St. Andrew's & St. Stephens's and St. Simon's sanctuaries for marriage and funeral services, with Paul officiating. Baptisms can be accommodated in our own worship space, the first of which is being planned for October 10th to welcome James and Rachel into our church family. All of the sacraments that a Priest can perform, Paul can perform. Unfortunately, at the insistence of our Primates, we cannot have confirmation or ordination services, the function of Bishops, until next February, once the Primates have formally met to discuss the Lambeth Commission report. Meanwhile we carry on with our Mission and leave the mess in the world-wide Communion, created by our former Diocese, ECUSA and the ACC, to be sorted out by the Primates. Free, at last.....

Through all of this we have been most fortunate to have the services of Paul and Lois Carter. Paul's sermons are instructive and inspirational and the leadership team benefits greatly from his administrative skills. Lois' musical talents have added immeasurably to our worship services.

So what remains on the Agenda?

One of the major tasks before us this fall is to find a solution to our need for a Priest when Paul's covenant with us expires at the end of December, at which time his own church plant, Immanuel Church Westside is planning to move their services to Sunday mornings. We are looking at not only the possibility of finding our own full-time Priest, but also at innovative solutions that might allow us to share Paul with Immanuel Church Westside together with a newly ordained Priest and interns from Regent College as his assistants and under his tutelage, thus allowing Paul to remain as our Priest-in-Charge and lead our services on every other Sunday. Part of that process is to also find a solution for the pastoral leadership for our Youth.

Another significant task, as we grow larger (not "if", but "as") is the need for larger premises for Sunday worship services. It would be wonderful if the solution to that need would also provide us with the ability to use those premises at other times for other purposes, such as Youth group sessions, bible study sessions or even meetings of various groups. For now we are using people's homes for such purposes. Tireless efforts have been made over the summer in chasing down various possibilities. Alas, only temporary solutions have been presenting themselves thus far.

Also we need to complete our strategic action plans to accomplish our Mission, finalize our Values statement, prepare for operations independent of Fidelity BC and prepare for the first Annual Vestry meeting of our Society.

One of those Annual Vestry meeting preparation items is to establish the membership of the Society. When we crafted our incorporation documents we began with the template used by all ACiC parishes. That template incorporates certain principles to ensure that we never again become ensnared by Canons and thwarted by apostate authorities and the efforts of others who do not share our Faith. To these ends, membership in the Society is not automatic or given just because you worship at St. Timothy's. To become members we all must attend a membership course, have been baptised as Anglicans, attend Sunday worship services regularly, demonstrate an active interest in the affairs of the Society, sign a covenant affirming the Statement of Faith and Values of the Society and make a solemn declaration of faith in Jesus Christ. To maintain membership we must continue to abide by our covenant. We will be running the membership course (not yet fully developed) in the near future so that all may be members before we have our first Vestry meeting next February when we will be electing a council, wardens and other officers (the Society's directors) and transacting other business normally transacted at an Annual Vestry meeting. Until then the "illegally"

elected "St. Martin's" wardens and trustees, the incorporators of the Society, are acting as its members and directors.

Finally, a few words about finances. The budget approved last March 15th was prepared without knowing what would really happen over the course of this year. For example, we never contemplated sponsoring an Alpha course. As a result we have overspent our budget for certain items and under spent our budget for others. The giving has exceeded our budget significantly, as you can see from the report in the weekly service bulletin, resulting in a surplus for the year to date of approximately \$ 13,000 and an accumulated surplus of about \$ 17,000. Now, before you celebrate and say "Let's have a party" we need to look ahead. While this surplus is a comfort and gives us some working capital, we are looking at expenditures in the future that will be significantly more than our current budget. For example, our space requirements will increase those costs by a multiple of three or four and more "unbudgeted" Alpha costs are expected. Indeed when we look out to 2005 with a full time Priest, larger premises, etc our annual budget balloons to three times what our approved budget was for this year. The larger the surplus we have at the end of this year, the more we can apply to meet next year's costs to cushion the shock and allow us to grow into that budget with increased membership. Since this larger budget can only be met by increased giving through having more members and/or by digging deeper into our own pockets we must all pray, reflect and commit to the **Go, Gather** and **Give** elements of our Mission. Remember everything comes from God and it is impossible to out-give Him.

We thank you all for your continued strong support and encouragement. Free at last.....

Yours in Christ,
Ron Edwards
John Hopkins
Linda Taunton

I want to change my Will!

Now that St. Timothy's is incorporated many of you have expressed a desire to leave a bequest to St. Timothy's Church. If you don't have a "Last Will and Testament", you would need to prepare one or have one prepared for you by a lawyer or notary public and include a provision in it for a specific bequest to St. Timothy's, which could read as follows:

" I FURTHER BEQUEATH to St. Timothy's Church of North Vancouver, British Columbia incorporated under the Society Act of British Columbia under incorporation number S-47811, the sum of (write out the amount in words) Dollars (\$ xxx,xxx)."

If you already have a Will and only want to change one or two provisions, the simplest way of doing so is to execute what is called a "Codicil to My Last Will and Testament". A Codicil is simply an amendment document and it could read as follows:

"THIS IS A CODICIL TO THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of me, (YOUR NAME IN UPPER CASE), of (your street address in lower case), in the City (or District) of North Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, made by me on the (Arabic numeral) day of (month, year). *(the date you signed your current Will)*

1. I HEREBY AMEND PARAGRAPH (the number of the paragraph you want to change) of my last will and testament to delete "(the name of the beneficiary being deleted)" I bequeath the sum of (write out the amount of the previous bequest in words) Dollars (\$ xxx,xxx)" and to substitute therefore the words "St. Timothy's Church of North Vancouver, British Columbia incorporated under the Society Act of British Columbia under incorporation number S-47811, the

sum of (write out the amount in words) Dollars (\$ xxx,xxx)."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this (Arabic numeral) day of (month), 2004. *(the date you signed the codicil)"*

If your amendment is not a substitution of beneficiary, but rather to add St. Timothy's as an additional beneficiary, paragraph 1 of the Codicil would use wording similar to the provision you would put in a new Will as suggested above, with an introduction such as "I HEREBY ADD PARAGRAPH....."

For a Will or Codicil to be binding it must be signed in the presence of two witnesses (who cannot be a beneficiary or the spouse of a beneficiary) who sign the Will or Codicil as witnesses, giving their name, address and occupation to the left of your signature and under a statement that says "SIGNED by the said Testator as and for [or if a Codicil, add – 'this Codicil to'] his (or her) last Will in the presence of us, both present at the same time, who, at his (or her) request, and in his (or her) presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses". If there is more than one page to the Will or Codicil you and the witnesses should each initial all pages.

Any Codicil should be kept with your Will in a safe place, such as your safety deposit box, and let your Executor know where it is kept. It is prudent to also file a Wills Notice with the Provincial Division of Vital Statistics for any replacement or new Will.

There are, of course, many other ways of "Planned Giving" but those will be the subject of future articles in this newsletter.

Ron Edwards

A few words about Offertory Envelopes

Although St. Timothy's Church is incorporated, we have not yet been granted "Charitable Organization" status by the Canada Revenue Agency (the "tax department"). Although we expect to receive such status before the end of this year, until we do we cannot issue "tax receipts" for donations. That is the reason we continue to use Fidelity BC to receive your donations designated for St. Timothy's. Accordingly, your cheques should continue to be made payable to "Fidelity BC". This will not change until we issue our own "St. Timothy's" envelopes.

When you fill out the envelope, please ensure that you include your name so that you are properly credited with your contribution. It is also extremely helpful if you indicate what is enclosed by ticking the appropriate box "cash" or "cheque".

Please also note on the flap of the envelope the total amount of your

contribution. That contribution will be given to St. Timothy's only if you **do not** tick any of the boxes below **or** you tick only the box labelled "North Shore Project" **or** write in "North Shore Lonsdale Project". If you tick any of the other boxes instead (for example the box called "Fidelity BC") your contribution will be given to that Project and not to St. Timothy's, which is great if that is your intent. If you tick more than one box, you must indicate how much of your contribution is to go to each of those Projects by writing in the \$ amount next to the box, making sure that the total of all boxes ticked add up to equal your total contribution.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to call me or see me in person. Thank you for your continued financial support to St. Timothy's.

Ron Edwards

Worship at St. Timothy's

"God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth" John: 4:24

During the past year all of us at St. Timothy's have experienced a year unlike any we can remember. Although the departure from our previous churches has been emotional and painful I believe that God has been with us, feels our pain and has blessed us with a stronger faith and a closer relationship with Him. *"These (trials) have come so that your faith-of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire-may be proved genuine and may result in praise,*

glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed." (1 Peter 1:7)

Glorifying God is the focus of our worship and through our worship we are encouraged and strengthened to grow and be more like Christ. We have learned that a traditional church building is not essential for worship. Gathering together at the Harvest Project, our services are blessed with the presence of the Holy Spirit and we are able to worship in spirit and truth. *"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands."* Acts 17:24

We are very fortunate to have the Rev. Paul Carter leading our worship. He is able, to quote one parishioner, "bring the words from the Book of Common Prayer to life". When God's presence is felt, God's pardon is offered, God's purposes are revealed and God's power is displayed*. We have all personally grown from the rich, biblically based sermons that Paul has preached each week. The various series on the Purpose Driven Life, Esther and now the fall series of sermons on the Apostle Paul's letters to Timothy have been and continue to be enlightening and inspiring.

We are experiencing new approaches to our worship. The projector and screen is certainly a change for all of us and may not entirely be to everyone's liking, but it ensures that our offerings are used for ministry centred on our Vision and Mission purposes rather than on books. I am also reminded of a recent newcomer who was unable to speak any English but smiled and pointed excitedly to the screen during Paul's sermon when he saw the maps of his home country. He couldn't read the writing or understand all of what Paul was preaching, but he could certainly relate to the photos on the screen.

Music is an essential element of our worship at St. Timothy's and we are blessed to have accomplished musicians. Lois Carter plays the organ for us each Sunday and we have also enjoyed Shannon Craver playing the violin and Jennifer Messinger who has on two occasions sung for us. Each week a few of our parishioners form a small, but necessary choir and lead us in song and Chris Young and Peter Haigh are also faithfully there acting as Cantors. We are experiencing some of the contemporary

Christian worship music that is very popular with many of our youth and enjoying the traditional hymns that we have all grown to love. Music speaks to us all very personally and is a challenging issue for many churches. We have received a number of comments from members of the congregation and continue to encourage as wide a possible input into the choice of music. At St. Timothy's we honour each person in our family and recognise that each type of music reaches into our hearts differently. *"Worship the Lord in gladness; come before him with joyful songs." Psalm 100:2*

"Go out into the North Shore community to gather all ages into Christian fellowship". On September 26th we welcomed guests to our first "Guest Service". I am confident that the friends and relatives who came felt the presence of our Lord through our joy and love for one another. In the fall we can look forward to inviting guests to our Guest Service on October 31st and on November 28th when an Advent Carol service is planned. I encourage all of us to bring a friend to each of these services. *"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Mark 16:15*

"Give of our time, talent and treasures to serve others". Our services of worship could not happen if it were not for all of the faithful members of the worship team and the "teams" of parishioners who set up and put away after each service. Their dedication and hard work is truly a **"gift"** to all of us. Special thanks go to Peter Haigh and Chris Young for selecting the hymns and ensuring we can all read them on the screen, Peter Haigh and Matthew Vondette for always being there to set up and

operate the sound system, Nancy Vondette for organising the reader's schedule, Corinne Burns and the other ladies in the Altar Guild who each week lovingly prepare our altar, to the Prayer Team who are there to pray for us after each service, to the Sidesmen and Greeters who welcome each person, assist with seating and ushering, to Florence Wilton who prepares such an accurate, well thought out leaflet and to Hazel Blacoe and the others who provide us with such delicious refreshments after the service. "There are no little people in the body of Christ, and there are no "insignificant" ministries. Every ministry is important".*

On October 17, Paul and Lois are taking a much deserved "break" and we will have the Rev. Jim Ferguson (a retired

Missionary) preach and Evelyn Anderson (Chris Vondette's aunt) play the organ for us. We look forward to meeting Rev. Ferguson and welcoming back Evelyn, who played the organ for us during the summer.

Submitted by Patricia Young, Chair, Worship Team

* These quotes are from Rick Warren's book, "**The Purpose Driven Church**". As we all begin this journey at building a new church may I suggest it is a book well worth reading? It challenges our thinking and gives us well thought out plans for building a church on a firm foundation. Our library (contact Monica Craver) has a copy or you can purchase your own copy at any Christian Book store.

The Worship Committee for these services is grateful for all your suggestions and assistance.

Priest	Paul Carter
Chairperson	Patricia Young
Altar Guild	Corinne Burns
Music and Liturgy.....	Peter Haigh
Harvest Project Communication	Audrey Haigh
Greeters	Myrna Teskey
Readers	Nancy Vondette
Sidespersons.....	Bill Messinger
Servers/Sound	Matt Vondette
Prayer Ministry	Sam MacDonald
Refreshments	Hazel Blacoe
Leaflet/Communication	Florence Wilton

“Alpha” at St. Timothy’s

“Alpha” is a course started at Holy Trinity Brompton in London for non-churchgoers, those seeking to find out more about Christianity, and those who have recently come to faith in Christ. The course attempts to answer key questions at the heart of the Christian faith, and above all to show what it means to come into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

An Alpha banquet for interested course participants in St. Timothy’s first “Alpha” took place at the Bridge Community Church (515 West Windsor) on Wednesday, 22 September. Forty two people, including guests and Alpha Team members, sat down to a wonderful dinner, cooked and elegantly served by the ladies of the Alpha Team, led by Audrey Haigh. Between courses, guests were entertained and held spellbound as they listened to Lois Carter sing two very different songs: “Memories” from “Cats”, the musical, and Mozart’s “Alleluia”. After everyone sampled the splendid array of desserts, Paul gave an introductory talk to the “Alpha” program, delivering the key messages with his inimitable humour and relevance.

The 10 week program will start on Wednesday, September 29, at the Bridge Community Church. The evenings begin

with an informal dinner at 6:30 p.m., and the program starts at 7:00 p.m.. We anticipate 50 people participating in the course this session. The program includes a weekend retreat which will take place November 12 – 14th at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, a comfortable and spacious facility set within a beautiful natural setting in Surrey. Everyone is encouraged to attend this retreat, if at all possible as the weekend away is an essential part of the course. The time is devoted to teaching on the work of the Holy Spirit, especially in the individual lives of those on the course. Many people make as much progress spiritually during the weekend away as in all the rest of the course put together. Friendships are formed as people travel together, have meals together, go for walks, enjoy the talks and discussions and receive Communion together on the Sunday morning.

There is a definite feeling of excitement in the air as we start our first “Alpha” program. We are delighted that so many of our church community as well as newcomers have already committed to attend.

Sarah Lucas, September 24, 2004

Love

Love is something you and I must have. We must have it because our spirit feeds upon it. We must have it because without it we become weak and faint. Without love, our self esteem weakens. Without it our courage fails. Without love we can no longer look out confidently at the world. Instead we must turn inwardly and begin to feed upon our own personalities and little by little we destroy ourselves.

From *My Heart Soars* by Chief Dan George

The Development of our Vision and Mission Statements

Over several months this summer, your leadership team met to consider St. Timothy's way forward and to attempt to articulate what St. Timothy's was to "*stand for*". The former parishioners of St. Martin's will always be proud of our courageous and principled stand against the apostasy of Michael Ingham and that stand will always be a bittersweet opening chapter of the history of St. Timothy's Anglican Church. However, we needed to be known for more, and we needed a map to guide us into growth and the future.

We started the process by watching a video by Rick Warren called "Building a Purpose Driven Church". In the video, Rick stated that a healthy church included five key elements: Worship, Ministry, Evangelism, Fellowship and Discipleship and that keeping these five elements in balance would ensure a healthy church, which could not help but grow.

Paul Carter facilitated our deliberations by putting us through a number of vision-building exercises. He asked what we would like a newspaper to write about St. Timothy's *five years from now*. What would St. Timothy's look like if God was to achieve what HE wanted? Paul had us conduct a dauntingly named SWOT analysis, which happily, while no less work, involved detailing St. Timothy's in terms of its **S**trengths, **W**eaknesses, **O**pportunities, and **T**hreats.

We considered the model for growth provided by the early church as described in Acts 2: 42- 47. We considered and compared examples of other churches' mission and vision statements, including that of Rick Warren's

own Willow Creek Community Church: "Our vision is turn irreligious people into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ".

And then finally we turned ourselves to writing our own statements. After much debate, deliberation, discussion and prayer, the following vision and mission statements emerged and Ron Edwards subsequently presented them to the parish as a whole. Frankly, and quite modestly, as many others contributed far more than I, I think the finished product is marvellous - inspirational and exciting! Now, let's do it.

Chris Vondette

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Greetings from Eric and Margaret Radford

Mary Boddington, Kathleen Stewart and Florence Wilton recently went to visit Eric and Margaret in their beautiful new home in Sidney. Eric and Margaret send their love to everyone.

Creating your Life Journal

(Notes prepared by Rees, the wife of our Bishop, T.J Johnston)

Table of Contents

In the first few pages (6) of your spiral notebook create a table of contents. This will become a way to easily refer to the scriptures and topics you are exploring throughout the year.

Prayers: Requests and Answers

Following the Table of Contents we suggest you allow a few pages (6) for a Prayer List. Here you will record those items, people, and upcoming plans that you are praying for or that come to mind during your devotions. Enter the date that you begin praying for this and when God answers it, enter that date as well. When you complete one journal, transfer those prayers yet to be answered to your new journal. Pray until God answers!

Daily Pages

Each day journal the scripture, observations, applications and prayer (S.O.A.P.) as you follow the Bible reading schedule found in this reference guide.

Bible Reading Program

Following a reading program is important for accountability, discipline, and for systematic instruction in God's Word. As you mark off each day of reading, you will read through the New Testament and Psalms in one year.

How a *Life Journal* can help you:

Listen: "I will teach you and instruct you in the way that you go..." (Psalm 32:8)

God is speaking and He wants to talk daily with you! This Life Journal will help you to capture and catalogue the lessons He teaches in a way that will help you to grow!

Inquire: "You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13)

God wants us to seek Him with all our hearts, and when we do, He will meet us and encourage us along the way. Creating a Life Journal will encourage and remind you daily that He waits for you.

Have Faith: "Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness: (1Timothy 4:7)

Our faith will grow as we get to know Him more. Maintaining a journal will help build the substance of faith into your life.

Experience: "If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them" (John 13:17)

It is not just knowing things that builds our faith. It is doing them! It is applying the lessons God is teaching us that brings blessing and encouragement.

How To Create and Use the *Life Journal*:

Find the Bible reading corresponding to today's date from the Bible reading list provided in this guide. Turn to the chapter in your Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal God's heart for you.

Read the passage(s). As you are reading, underline (or note) anything the Holy Spirit impresses on you. When you read with an open heart, the Lord will give you words of encouragement, direction and correction. (2 Timothy 3:16)

When God has revealed a special lesson of life to you, turn to a fresh page in your notebook to record what God has just shown you.

- Enter the date.
- Number the page.
- Record the main scripture by writing the key verse(s).
- Record your observations of that scripture. Why did it catch your attention or what is it saying to you?

- Give application as to how you will apply this insight to your life beginning today.
- Write a prayer that captures what you have learned.
- Then go back and title the page.

Turn to your Table of Contents and catalogue your entry by date, title, scripture, and page. Conclude your daily devotional time by turning to the Prayer List you created in your Life Journal. Pray for the items on your prayer list

Remember! Your new **Life Journal:**

- is designed to serve you in your growth with Christ. You can be flexible in how you

use it, but be sure to develop a healthy habit of spending time daily with the Lord.

- Some have asked, "When is the best time for my devotions, morning or evening?" My answer to that is, "The best time is when you're at your best!" If you're a morning person, do your devotions in the morning. If you're an evening person, do your devotions at night. The bottom line is: "Jesus deserves your best, so give Him the best part of your day!"

(The daily readings are printed each Sunday in St. Timothy's Service Leaflet. If you would like to have a complete set of them for the year, please contact Florence Wilton)

The Bishop's Gift

by: Author Unknown, Source Unknown

Once a church had fallen upon hard times. Only five members were left: the pastor and four others, all over 60 years old. In the mountains near the church there lived a retired Bishop. It occurred to the pastor to ask the Bishop if he could offer any advice that might save the church. The pastor and the Bishop spoke at length, but when asked for advice, the Bishop simply responded by saying, "I have no advice to give. The only thing I can tell you is that the Messiah is one of you."

The pastor, returning to the church, told the church members what the Bishop had said. In the months that followed, the old church members pondered the words of the Bishop. "The Messiah is one of us?" they each asked themselves. As they thought about this possibility, they all began to treat each other with extraordinary respect on the off chance that that one among them might be the Messiah. And on the off, off chance that each member himself might be the Messiah, they also began to treat themselves with extraordinary care.

As time went by, people visiting the church noticed the aura of respect and gentle kindness that surrounded the five old members of the small church. Hardly knowing why, more people began to come back to the church. They began to bring their friends, and their friends brought more friends. Within a few years, the small church had once again become a thriving church, thanks to the Bishop's gift.

Submitted by the Youngs

Parishioner Profile: Rev. Paul Carter

Paul Carter was born in Edgware, London, England on July 15, 1956. His father, a businessman who started in a wholesale grocery company as the tea boy at 16 and worked his way up to become the managing director, had married his mother in the early 50s in North London. His parents were both committed Christians. Paul was the eldest of their three children: his younger brother is now a businessman and his sister a chiropractor, both in England. Paul's father died ten years ago and Paul and Lois were glad to be able to visit his mother at her home in the south of England last summer.

At age 11, Paul began attending the John Lyon Boys' School, Harrow. Since he enjoyed singing, he sang with the school Motet Choir, visiting some of the best known cathedrals in England with them, appearing on TV and even making a record. At the Grade 11 level, in addition to studying three subjects for Advanced Level, all boys took a General Studies Course and Paul chose General Studies in Christian Beliefs, given by John Neal, the physics teacher. The course was very influential and with the help of a guest service at the Masters local Anglican church his life was changed for ever. In Grade 12 Paul became Head of his school House, Head of Community Service and a School Monitor. He particularly enjoyed scouting, playing soccer and squash in this era.

In 1975, aged 19, Paul enrolled at the London School of Theology, where, after three years of full-time study he earned his B.A. in Theology. In 1978, he took a year off studies and worked for six months as a hospital porter, then worked at All Souls Church, Langham Place, assisting in an evangelism project. While on a winter hike during February 1979, he slipped 800 feet down an ice face in North Wales at Y Garn. He survived and recovered quickly enough to spend five months travelling around the world visiting places of interest; hiking and seeing for himself life on the Mission field in different parts of Asia. Having run out of

money in Sydney Australia he made dog biscuits to earn his fare home via Hawaii and Los Angeles. Later that year he continued his theological education at Ridley Hall, Cambridge, preparing for ordination in June of 1981. During this time he was trained as a "Samaritan" telephone counsellor, seeking to befriend the suicidal and despairing and also had the opportunity to "live in" among inmates of a prison facility for a month.

After ordination in Lichfield Cathedral he spent three years at St Thomas, Kidsgrave, near Manchester, where he served as the Assistant Curate. This community was very different from his the suburbs of North West London where he had grown up and, as such, was challenging. It did, however, give him very good training for his future work among British soldiers, enabling him to understand people from a wider range of backgrounds.

In 1984, Paul joined the Royal Army Chaplains' Department in which he worked for sixteen years rising from the rank of Captain to that of Lieutenant Colonel. During weekdays Paul loved to be among the soldiers, visiting, befriending, teaching, counseling and being available whenever needed. On Sundays, he led services in the Barracks or in the field on training exercises, often from the back of a truck. Once he remembers being lifted high above the soldier congregation in a huge Royal Engineer bulldozer. He worked with many different regiments including tanks, helicopters and the three parachute battalions. He was twice chaplain to British Military Hospitals in Germany. From 1991-1994 he was 'Padre' (Spanish for father) and Teacher at the Army Training Centre, Bassingbourn, where his tasks included developing a new curriculum pattern involving multi-media resources and writing a training manual on Stress Management which is still used throughout the British Army.

From 1994 to 1996, he was Senior Chaplain 24 Airmobile Brigade, which included leading a group of Army Chaplains to support and care

for 5000 troops deployed hurriedly for five months to Ploce, Croatia, providing support to and advice for Commanders on all spiritual, personnel and morale matters. During this time, he risked danger visiting troops dug in on a mountain overlooking Sarajevo. Once back in barracks he pioneered and set up a "church plant" near to where the soldiers lived. Paul convinced the British Army to allow him to take and pay for a part-time MBA course from Cranfield University during this time as well. From 1997 to 2000, he was Senior Military chaplain, Northern Ireland, responsible for a team of 40 chaplains and indirectly for the spiritual and moral wellbeing of 18,000 troops in Northern Ireland. Paul feels that the highlight of his military career are winning the coveted "Red Beret", earning his "para wings", jumping into Oman; Kenya and California coupled with the privilege of leading the team in Northern Ireland during a significant time in its political history. Just before retiring Paul coordinated "Millennium Pilgrim" gaining permission for; fundraising and taking 20 Chaplains, the support team and a film crew to the Sinai Desert and into Israel. The team ran a total of 2000 miles over very rough terrain and in hot conditions in order to raise \$250,000 for charities that work among disabled children in Israel and ex-military personnel who fall on hard times in the UK.

Paul had originally met Lois as a teenager, and met her again during the Fall of 1987 in the Library of the London School of Theology, where they were both studying, Paul for a Masters degree in Biblical interpretation and Lois for a degree in Theology. They were married in July 1988 in the Royal Garrison Church of All Saints, Aldershot and held their reception in Bagshopt Park which was then the centre for the Chaplains Department and is now the home of Prince Edward and his wife Sophie. They have been blessed with three daughters, Naomi, Susannah and Sarah Louise.

In 1999, Paul and Lois faced a difficult decision. Paul could stay in the army until the age of 55 or they could opt to move into civilian life. There were two disadvantages to the first option: Paul found his military job becoming increasingly administrative, with less time among soldiers evangelizing or in preaching and teaching. He and Lois were concerned about their daughters being at boarding school. So, they decided to investigate parishes in Britain and Europe. However, having already visited and liked Vancouver, they were thrilled when Paul became Assistant Priest in St. Philip's Vancouver.

When after only 10 months the position in Vancouver was curtailed, Paul spent a year partly in Consultancy work at St. John's, Shaughnessy then as Assistant Priest in St. Matthew's Abbotsford as they awaited the arrival of the appointed person from Britain. He then became Executive Director of the ACiNW and visited St. Martin's in that capacity in an Information Meeting. At present, he is striving to juggle four part-time positions – Rector of Immanuel Church, Westside, Rector of St. Timothy's, President of the Anglican Communion in Canada, and Management Consultant in a small local firm.

Paul plays squash three mornings a week at 7am and loves skiing and hiking. Naomi, Susannah and Sarah Louise enjoy soccer and are part of a very musical family. We at St. Timothy's are fortunate to enjoy Lois' musical talents. Paul and Lois are very excited about what God is doing at St. Timothy's and are thrilled to be involved. God was working in wondrous ways when he brought them to lead us: may we all continue to work together for God's greater glory.

Florence Wilton

A history of Challenge in St. Martin's and Celebration in St. Timothy's

Continued from St. Martin's December Special Report.

Compiling this edition of the history I have realized the amount of time and effort Harold Stringer put into the history for over a year. I would like to honour his very important contribution in this time in St. Timothy's formation.

Matthew Vondette

50. St. Martin's commences services at the Harvest Project

After a great deal of soul searching, discussion, consultation with those attending the Monday evening "Orthodox Services of St. Martin's", deliberation and prayer, the decision was made to begin holding services on Sunday mornings and to hire Rev. Paul Carter as our priest. On Sunday, March 21, 2004 the first Morning Prayer service was held at the Harvest Project. *The Complete Press Release can be found on page 19*

51. Six Clergy Leave Diocese of New Westminster

Five orthodox priests and a deacon in the Diocese of New Westminster resigned from the Diocese April 2nd over Bishop Michael Ingham's approval of same-sex unions and his support of the consecration of gay American Episcopal bishop V. Gene Robinson. Four of the priests stated in letters to Bishop Ingham that they have left the Anglican Church of Canada, and now consider themselves missionaries in North America under the ecclesiastical authority of the Archbishop of Rwanda, Emmanuel Kolini.

52. Fundraiser Dinner for the Harvest Project

On May 15, 2004 a social dinner was held at the Harvest Project with a presentation by Allison Caldwell Johnson. The Harvest Project was delighted with the \$1335 raised to support the work of the Harvest Project

53. 18 Primates call for New Westminster and ECUSA to repent

18 Primates from the Global South, representing over 55 million Anglicans, call on the leadership of New Westminster and ECUSA to repent within 3 months. They recommend that Recognition and full Episcopal and pastoral

oversight should be given by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Primates to those dioceses, parishes and laity who continue to uphold the historic faith and order of the Anglican Communion.

54. General Synod Defers Decision on Same-Sex Blessings

General Synod deferred the decision on whether to bless same-sex relationships until 2007, but passed a motion to 'sanctify' same-sex relationships, placing such relationships on par with marriage, and exacerbating the crisis in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

55. Michael Ingham threatens to evict St. Simon's and Christ the Redeemer

The parishes of Christ the Redeemer, Pender Harbour (formerly St. Andrew's) and St. Simon's, Deep Cove received notices threatening eviction from Bishop Michael Ingham. Ingham told the leadership of these churches that, unless they "reconsider the actions" taken, they are "to seek alternate worship space."

56. Drop the legal case

After careful deliberation, it was decided by the members of St. Martin's attending services at Harvest Project struggling to restore democracy in their parish to drop legal action against the Bishop of New Westminster. It was felt that their resources were better used for ministry rather than a court battle

The Complete Press Release can be found on page 20

57. St. Timothy's Anglican Church is incorporated

Following the disappointing decisions of General Synod and prolonged inaction of the Anglican Church of Canada, the congregation

of parishioners coming from St. Martin's and other North Shore parishes dismissed their former revisionist Bishop Michael Ingham and decided to move out from under his jurisdiction to begin a new church outside the Anglican Church of Canada. They have chosen St. Timothy as their name because he was a companion of St. Paul and is remembered as a "Defender of the Gospel".

The Complete Press Release can be found on page 21

58. Apply for membership in ACIC / Obtain Conditional Membership in ACIC

On June 25, 2004 Bishop T.J. Johnston offered temporary acceptance of St. Timothy's into the Anglican Communion of Canada, pending the completion of the formal application documents
The Complete letter can be found on page 21

Services commence on Sundays at the Harvest Project

Our Fellow Parishioners of St. Martin's:

After a great deal of soul searching, discussion, consultation with those attending the Monday evening "Orthodox Services of St. Martin's", deliberation and prayer, your elected Wardens and Trustees have made the decision to move those services from Monday evenings at St. Andrews and St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church. Effective Sunday, March 21, 2004 those services will be held at the Harvest Project (201 Bewicke, just below Marine Drive, see map overleaf) at 10:00am. Church School and the Youth Group will meet at the same time at this new location.

We want to be perfectly clear that this is **not** a decision to abandon our efforts to restore democracy at St. Martin's. We are determined to carry on this struggle as the Anglican Church of Canada and its Bishops contemplate the church's future adherence to the Authority of Scripture, mechanisms for Alternative Episcopal Oversight and its place in the World Wide Anglican Communion. We continue to pray for the Bishops, delegates to General Synod, the Archbishop of Canterbury and indeed all of the Primates of the Communion. We remain parishioners of St. Martin's and regardless of where or when these "Orthodox Services of St. Martin's" are held we will continue to maintain our membership at St. Martin's in good standing.

One might well ask, "Why do we hold these Orthodox Services of St. Martin's and why do we announce this move to Sunday?" We hold

these services to provide the spiritual nourishment which has by and large been absent at 195 E. Windsor for the past year. We are moving the service time and place to accommodate those who, for a variety of reasons, cannot attend on Monday evenings. Most notably this includes those families with young children who need to attend on Sundays, rather than a school night. Others have spoken of their longing to regain a Sunday morning worship routine. But most importantly the change is an effort to reach out to all those families who have stopped coming to services at 195 E. Windsor, cannot come out on Monday evenings and are contemplating leaving the Anglican Church for other denominations.

Certainly when you make a move in both time and location there are concerns. But remember, we began these services at St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's because we were not receiving spiritual nourishment at 195 E. Windsor. Many viewed that beginning with very real trepidation. Those services succeeded because of dedicated leadership, tireless volunteers and the truly inspirational clergy who came and ministered to us. Mostly though, those services succeeded because we stayed and worshiped together as a cohesive group. Our most fervent prayer is that we will continue to worship together and that others will now find it possible to join us in spiritual nourishment and our journey of faith.

Please join us in our continuing "Orthodox Services of St. Martin's" at our new time and location:

- Why? • One does not live by bread alone, one's spirit needs nourishment as well.
- Who? • All who have been suffering from oppression and spiritual deprivation.
- Where? • Harvest Project, 201 Bewicke (just south of Marine Dr.) – see map overleaf and note parking areas beside and behind the building.

When? • 10:00 am, Sunday, March 21, 2004 and every Sunday at 10:00 am thereafter until further notice.

What? • Morning Prayer (March 21, 2004); Holy Eucharist (March 28, 2004) and alternating week by week thereafter.

We remain, yours in Christ and his faithful servants,
Jim Burns, Ron Edwards, John Hopkins, Linda Taunton and Chris Vondette.

North Vancouver Church chooses growth over court battle

VANCOUVER – A group of North Vancouver Anglicans struggling to restore democracy in their parish have decided to drop legal action against the Bishop of New Westminster for firing its elected church trustees in September 2003.

The parishioners of St. Martin's Anglican Church in North Vancouver say they prefer to use resources for ministry instead of a court battle, adding that even a favourable court judgment would not likely prompt the diocese to allow the parish to govern itself entirely.

In September 2003 the Bishop of New Westminster, the Rt. Rev. Michael Ingham, fired the elected leadership of the parish after the vestry (membership) voted to seek an alternative bishop to lead them. The Bishop acted under Canon 15, an obscure church law that gives the local bishop extraordinary powers over the parish.

The bishop subsequently appointed parish leaders loyal to him, who immediately fired the church's youth pastor, scuttled the parish website, and removed volunteers from key positions in the church.

But in a lawsuit launched March 1, 2004, parishioners argued that the removal of two of the trustees was in violation of B.C. corporate law.

But according to parishioner Ronald Edwards, while the court action would have given hope that the two trustees could be reinstated, it would not have completely restored democracy at the church.

"But we look forward to a time when democratic processes are restored at St. Martin's and we can return to worship there," he said. "In the meantime, we're getting on with ministry."

Conservative St. Martin's parishioners now worship each Sunday in rented premises and are seeking to hire a new youth pastor. Since January 2004, the group has grown by more than 30%.

St. Martin's is one of two congregations in which diocesan authorities have intervened in the past year. In December 2003, the diocese terminated Holy Cross, a mission congregation in Abbotsford, when it voted to join the Anglican Communion in New Westminster (ACiNW). Members of Holy Cross also continue to worship each Sunday in rented premises.

The Anglican Communion in New Westminster (ACiNW) is a coalition of eleven congregations representing almost a quarter of the Diocese's attending population. The coalition formed in June 2002 following the Diocese of New Westminster's decision to move away from the teachings of mainstream Anglicanism.

St. Timothy's Anglican Church is formed

July 14, 2004

Another group of North Vancouver Anglicans, have dismissed their former revisionist Bishop Michael Ingham and decided to move out from under his jurisdiction to begin a new church outside the Anglican Church of Canada. This congregation of parishioners coming from St. Martin's and other North Shore parishes is calling its new ministry St. Timothy's Church.

Following the disappointing decisions of the recent General Synod and prolonged inaction of the Anglican Church of Canada and after careful thought and prayer, the congregation at St. Timothy's have applied for affiliation with the Anglican Communion in Canada (ACiC) and will now exercise its ministry under the Temporary Adequate Episcopal Oversight offered by the Primates of Rwanda, Congo, SE Asia, Kenya and Central Africa. The ACiC affiliation will afford them fellowship and communion with other faithful Anglicans and Anglican Churches across Canada and North America who are facing similar challenges. Their new Bishop will be the Rt. Rev. Thomas (TJ) Johnston, an Anglican Mission in America Bishop from Little Rock Arkansas.

It is St. Timothy's desire to reach out to disaffected orthodox Anglicans and un-

churched residents of Greater Vancouver's North Shore. "In planting a new church we wish to foster a growing vibrant congregation that brings and welcomes people of all ages, giving strong emphasis to youth and young families through our Youth and Church School programmes" said spokesperson Peter Haigh. "Our new church is to be purpose driven, deeply rooted in Biblical truth with historical Anglican faith & practice in its worship, supporting one another in growth to spiritual maturity, fellowship, ministering to each other and reaching out to the community in which we live".

They have chosen St. Timothy as their name because he was a companion of St. Paul and is remembered as a "Defender of the Gospel", which is what they and other Orthodox Anglicans within the Anglican Communion in Canada (ACiC) and the Anglican Communion in New Westminster (ACiNW) have been doing in their stand in defence of the authority of Holy Scripture as the Word of God.

Sunday Services are being held for the time being in rented premises at 201 Bewicke in North Vancouver at 10:00 am, and all are welcome.

Response from Bishop T.J. Johnston

Thank you for your letter of June 22nd and the commitment by the leadership of St. Timothy's to start a new church in Vancouver. Your story is a powerful witness to the death and resurrection power of Jesus Christ as well as to the power that was given to God's people to be the Church at Pentecost.

I note that the leadership of St. Timothy's along with the Rev. Paul Carter remain in a process of discernment and clarification of many of the values and particulars of the Church. As this process runs its course, formal application and acceptance of the offer of Temporary Adequate Episcopal Oversight can be completed. In the near term, however, please know that I have extended that oversight to you on an interim basis to allow for the formal process to run its course.

By copy of this letter, I am informing the overseeing Archbishops of your decision and the powerful witness and testimony to Gospel perseverance that it represents. You remain in my prayers.

Faithfully,

+TJ

June 25, 2004

From Day to Day at St. Timothy's

Altar Guild

There has been a good response from parishioners for requests for flowers for the altar. At the time of publishing, only Oct 24 and 31 are available. As Advent begins Nov 28, flowers won't be required again until Christmas when donations for poinsettias would be much appreciated. The members of the Guild are Erica Barrett, Betty Thomson, Lois Knight, Paddy Donaldson, Jenny Messinger and Corinne Burns. If you wish to contribute to the Altar Fund for Eucharist, Baptismal or other items as needed, please contact Ron Edwards.
Corinne Burns

Coffee Hour on Sunday Mornings

This is a special social and sharing time when we meet over coffee, tea and goodies. Hazel Blacoe, who has worked hard every Sunday with helpers to ensure that everything is prepared and coordinated, would like to set up five or six teams of two people to be in charge of preparing the tea and coffee and clearing up afterwards. This would share the workload and ensure that Hazel gets some socializing time too. Hazel would be happy to train the teams and continue the general coordination. If you are willing to help with this task, please volunteer by calling Hazel NOW.

Church Library

Yes, we have a church library at St. Timothy's! Some of you may have noticed me bringing in a bucket and bag to Service every second Sunday. There are books for all ages to browse and borrow for up to one month at a time. I am compiling a book list of the whole collection so that books may be ordered in advance. Our thanks go to those who have recently donated used and new books (the donor's name is recorded inside).

For adults:

Rick Warren's - *The Purpose Driven Church*; and, *The Purpose Driven Life*.
Wayne Cordeiro - *Doing Church as a Team*

Shelley Bate - *Grounds to Believe* (a Steeple Hill Fiction)

K.P.Johannan - *Revolution in World Missions*

For youth:

Loren Cunningham - *Is That Really You God?*

Alice Gray - *Stories for a Teen's Heart*

Chicken Soup for- the Preteen Soul/ Teenage Soul on Love and Friendship

Greg Speck - *Living for Jesus When the Party's Over*

For children:

Jan Karon's - *Jeremy: The Tale of an Honest Bunny*

Jesus Loves Me Board Book

Baby Jesus Board Book

There are many resources available for those who teach our young people at Sunday School, and for the parents of our youth. Two books just newly arrived in the Church Library are: Josh McDowell's - *Right from Wrong: What you need to know to help youth make the right choices*. (This new study reveals a majority of church youth can no longer determine right from wrong.) From the "Godprints Team" - *Hearts, Brains and Growing Pains: Terrific Teaching that Changes You and Your Kids*. Come and "check out" the books at St. Timothy's Church Library! I will be glad to meet you.

Monica Craver, Church Librarian

Transportation to St. Timothy's

Some parishioners need transportation assistance to come to our services and events. If you are willing to be responsible for organizing a list of people willing to provide transportation, keep the list updated and assign people requesting transportation to them, please contact Florence Wilton so that this excellent service will be made available through the weekly Service Leaflet.

Greeters

Thank you for being such a cooperative group. It is greatly appreciated by all at St. Timothy's.

Myrna Teskey

Sunday School

Sunday School got off to a good start on September 12. All classes are using David C. Cook Bible-in-Life curriculum. The purpose of the lessons is to teach the children the Bible stories and then how to relate the values learned to modern day life.

Audrey Haigh is teaching Kindergarten to Grade Two using the course called "*My Friend Jesus*". The stories in this unit for the fall are:

"We Are Important to Jesus", using stories stressing the value of love

"Jesus Shows Us What God is Like", showing the value of awareness and

"God Made the World"

Grades Three, Four and Five are being taught by Carolyn Edwards, working with the curriculum

"*Worth the Risk*". This class learns to use the Bible in conjunction with their weekly lessons. For this semester, they are using the Books of Exodus, Numbers and Joshua.

We are always looking for new students and welcome any visitors. Also, we would encourage any parishioner who would like to teach, even on a relief basis.

Carolyn Edwards and Audrey Haigh

Seven Wonders of the World

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present *Seven wonders of the World*. Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes: Egypt's Great Pyramids; Taj Mahal; Grand Canyon; Panama Canal; Empire State building; St. Peter's Basilica; Great Wall of China. While gathering the votes, the teacher noticed that one quiet girl hadn't turned in her paper yet. She asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't make up my mind because there were so many. The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are to see; to hear; to touch; to taste; to feel; to laugh and to love." The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple or ordinary and we take for granted are truly wondrous! A gentle reminder – that the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

Submitted by Joan Buss

Calendar Highlights

Wednesdays 6.30pm until Dec. 8 Alpha Course

Sunday, October 10 10am Baptism: James and Rachel MacDonald

Sunday, October 31 10am Hallows Guest Service

November 12 Alpha Retreat at Rosemary Heights

Sunday, November 28 10am Advent Carol Guest Service

Sunday, December 19 10am Carols by Candlelight Guest Service

Editors' Message

Our thanks go to the many contributors who made our task simpler. We chose the title *St. Timothy's Gazette* because we felt it fitted nicely with all the "g" words of our Mission Statement. However, we are open to changes. In fact, this is a great time to "rethink" the newsletter and how this type of communication might serve St. Timothy's best. We invite your input on content and format – and your future articles! Please detach the List of Parishioners in the centre pages and keep it in a handy place for ready reference. We have made it as accurate and up-to-date as possible and would be grateful if you would notify Corinne Burns of amendments or additions as necessary.

Matthew Vondette and Florence Wilton

Plan to join us every Sunday at 10am and please pass this newsletter on to your friends and invite them to join us as well.

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