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ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, EPIPHANY

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RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

The Season of Advent is a time of special significance. It is the beginning of the Christian year and it brings together scripture, music, beautiful traditions such as the Advent Wreath, and the feelings of joy and anticipation as we prepare for the Coming of Jesus. The word "Advent" means "Coming", since it comes from the Latin words "ad" and "venire" which translates as "come to". The same word in French is "avenir" which means "future".

The important message of Advent is that we must be watchful and prepared for the Coming of the Lord. In Advent we think about not only the immediate celebration of Christmas, but also of our future hope in Christ. The scriptures we use in Advent point us to the One who is to come, not only at Christmas, for He has already come, but as the Lord of all the end of

time. We celebrate Christ's Coming as the Child of Bethlehem, the Lord who is with His people now, and the King of Glory whose name is above every name whose coming we await.

It sometimes seems strange or difficult to think of Advent as a time of waiting and anticipation. Our culture has no time for that. Yet we remember that God prepared the world for the Coming of His Son by the words of the prophets, and finally revealing the coming of Emmanuel to Joseph and Mary. The birth of Jesus is the Coming of God into our world and it is significant for us that our parish is named for this wonderful event. God is with us, as He promised, and God will always be with us

God is present in God's gift of Jesus, the Word made Flesh who dwelt among us and who continues to dwell with us in the Eucharist. Jesus is

especially present when we receive His Body and Blood. He is Emmanuel, who gives life to the world and who shares His life with us in Bread and Wine. He became what we are to make us what he is and we behold His glory, full of grace and truth.

As we begin the 150th Anniversary year of our Parish, we might consider how those who began our Parish came to name this Parish Emmanuel as we give thanks for the faith that made this name for Jesus so important to them. May Christ's Coming as Emmanuel give you hope, light, and joy this Christmas and in the coming year.

May we be prepared for the Coming of Jesus into hearts and lives today and always.

God bless you all this Christmas and the coming year.

CANON ROGER YOUNG

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM EMMANUEL CHURCH!

Welcome to the Anglican Parish of Arnprior, and Emmanuel Church - a part of the Arnprior community since 1861.

Whether you are a newcomer to Emmanuel or a long time member, please consider joining us for one or more of the upcoming services. It is a great way to deepen your Christian faith while meeting some friendly people with common values - loving God and our neighbour!

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CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

JOAN WAHAY & GEOFF BOOTH

The fall is traditionally a time in the life of the Parish that things start to happen, and 2010 has been no exception. The auction held at the Nick Smith Centre on October 30th, expertly run by Wayne Mossman and his helpers succeeded in raising a total of \$4,501.51, which exceeded our expectations. We thank Wayne and his helpers for all their hard work and we also thank the local businesses and the many parishioners who contributed items for the auction.

The 129th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Ottawa was convened on the October the 14th at Christ Church Cathedral and continued on the 15th and 16th at the Elias Centre in Ottawa. Emmanuel's Members of Synod – the Rector, Geoff Barnes, Susan Hartwick and Geoff Booth attended. Their reports were delivered to

both the 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock congregations on October 24th, the most significant items perhaps being the finalization of ECOPS – the Equalized cost of Priestly Services – which will prove favourable to Emmanuel's budget, and the forthcoming Diocesan fund raising campaign.

During the same weekend as Synod a group of men were busy at Emmanuel carrying out the fall maintenance program and installing the storm windows. Our thanks go to Cec Goold and the men's group for carrying out this important work on the church buildings.

On Saturday November 20th the ACW hosted their annual bazaar, the theme this year was "A Blue Christmas". The bazaar was attended by many people obviously enjoying shopping at the many stalls offering a variety of merchandise as well enjoying

lunch and some fellowship at the beautifully decorated tables. Our thanks go to the conveners, Betty Burton and Winnie Reed and the many helpers both women and men for their efforts in contributing to the success of the bazaar.

The last Saturday in November was the occasion for Arnprior's Santa Claus Parade. This year's entry was a float featuring a very large but beautifully crafted Advent wreath complete with illuminated candles. Suitably attired Sunday School teachers and students accompanied the float, some riding on board, others walking alongside. We thank Sunday School Superintendent Sylvia Patterson for organizing the float. The many hands assisting in its preparation included those of Brian Patterson, Vicki and Chris Toner, JoAnne Pulley and Dan Perfit. Harold and Margaret

Higginson provided the trailer which was towed by Chris Toner's truck, the cab of which is large enough to accommodate some of the more junior students and the Rector! Congratulations and thank you to all who participated.

November 28th was Stewardship Sunday, when parishioners were asked to return, after prayerful consideration, the forms indicating what they are prepared to pledge in terms of not only money but also this year, time, expertise and effort. Our thanks go to Geoff Barnes for organizing this campaign and to Susan Hartwick whose contributions particularly in the area of the presentation graphics were very helpful. The Campaign which might have been perceived to have been somewhat low key this year, is never the less important in providing a firm basis future planning.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday December 19 - Advent 4	8:00 & 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
	Sunday School Rehearsal and Christmas Party following 10am service
Friday December 24 - Christmas Eve	7:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Carols and Sunday School Presentation
	10:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Carols Candlelight
Saturday December 25 - Christmas Day	10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with Carols
Sunday December 26 - Christmas 1	10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
Sunday January 2, 2011 - Epiphany	8:00 & 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist



ACW UPDATE

MARGARET SCHULER

The ACW met again in September and got caught up on all the news of the summer. One of the highlights of the meeting was a letter from

the Diocese thanking us for the excellent food and assistance provided for the Wardens and Treasurers Workshop on April 17, 2010.

Our October and November meetings concentrated on the upcoming bazaar in November. We also received a letter in October acknowledging our donation of \$3,750.00 in goods and \$170.00 in postage towards the sales. The total of goods donated by the churches was \$87,385. and the cost of shipping was \$12,181.00.

Our Christmas meeting was held at the Galilee Centre on December 2nd where we enjoyed a turkey dinner, games and gifts.

Our next meeting will be on February 3rd, 2011 and all women of the parish are invited to join us.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

GEOFF BARNES

We would like to thank everyone for their support of this year's stewardship campaign. To date we have received 42 financial and 28 pledges for time and talent. If you have not already completed your pledge we urge you to do so and return it to the church office in the envelope provided. Your pledge is welcome at any time.

Pledges are important since they reflect our faith and commitment to furthering God's work in our parish and our wider community. Pledges of financial support will allow a budget to be set for 2011 with confidence, knowing we will have solid financial support. This year we also asked for pledges of time and talent.

Thank you to those who responded by either renewing their commitment to serve as a volunteer or volunteering for the first time. Your name will be passed to the appropriate body (committee, guild, council, etc.). Having support during parish events, or talented parishioners available to volunteer their time and talent not only increases the vitality of our church, but illuminates us in our community.

FALL EVENTS RECAP

FUNDRAISING AUCTION

A fundraising auction was held at the Nick Smith Centre Community Hall on Saturday October 30th. This much-anticipated event provides good community exposure for Emmanuel and attendance was again good.

A wide range of items were donated by parishioners and local businesses. Many thanks to committee chair Wayne Mossman and all parishioners who contributed time, talent, and merchandise.

A profit of \$4500 was donated to the General Fund.

ACW BAZAAR

The "Blue Christmas" bazaar was held on November 20th in the Carlton Reid hall and once again Betty Burton and Winnie Reed did an amazing job with much help from the parish.

The hall was beautifully decorated in blue and silver and many compliments were received for the lunch especially Doreen Heise's famous soup.

A profit of approximately \$3,700.00 was made including the lunch, tables and lucky draw.

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

A giant Advent wreath 'floated' through Arnprior on the evening of November 27 as part of the annual Santa Clause Parade.

In attendance on the float numerous angels, shepherds, and wisemen played by members of Emmanuel's Sunday School - children and teachers! Also showcased was our new 150th logo banner.

Special thanks to the Patterson, Higginson and Toner families for the extra effort. Thanks to everyone who helped-out and supported this fun event.

NOTES FROM THE RECTOR

CANON ROGER YOUNG

PASTORAL VISITS

The Rector would appreciate a call from family or friends to let him know when someone has gone into hospital or some other place to receive care. There is no longer an updated, reliable list available in the hospital for clergy and pastoral visitors, even if people are asked about their church affiliation. However, any request for a visit from the patient or their families given to the hospital staff should be passed along to the clergy. A personal call to the rector will ensure that this message is received. The Rector will always visit if a request is made. Do not assume that he knows-he probably does not. To be concise: If a visit is required from the priest or parish, a call must be made. Thank you.

DEDICATION OF NEW EUCHARISTIC VESTMENTS AND ALTAR HANGINGS

After thirty years, the time to renew our vestments and hangings provided an opportunity to use the Emmanuel Memorial Fund for its intended purpose. On All Saints Sunday, October 31st, four sets of vestments in the traditional colours, along with burses and veils and altar superfrontals were dedicated to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of those in whose names funds have been contributed to the Memorial Fund. The renewal of the beauty of God's House and the vestments worn for the Liturgy remind us that when we worship, we offer God our best as we give the gifts, not only of outward things, but of our hearts and lives.



Floating through Arnprior during the 2010 Santa Claus Parade!

Left: Michael Toner, Lauren and Hanna West, Chris Perfitt and Bev Wilson

Right: Cameron Perfitt, David Toner, Will Herrick, and Sydney Toole

PROPERTY UPDATE

CEC GOOLD

With the new floor installed during the summer, attention was turned to determining the best method for maintenance. Wayne Simmons, who has volunteered to perform general maintenance operations in the church area, scoured the internet for information related to cleaning, etc of hardwood floors. Coupled with his input, advice from other sources and protective measures taken we feel the church will continue its appealing appearance to everyone's satisfaction.

Lynn Briscoe continues her efforts as a volunteer assuring the kitchen area is kept safe and sanitary.

Several major projects are currently on the go. Lighting in the Chancel area is being improved, hopefully in place by Christmas. At the same time exit signs and emergency lighting will be installed in the church.

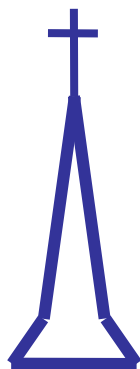
Also planned is improving the general appearance of the main entrance to the church including making it more comfortable to leave winter apparel in the vestibule area.

Our snow removal contractor, Roy Schlievert has decided he has earned his retirement and is doing so. He has provided Emanuel a much appreciated service over the past couple of years. A new contractor is currently under review.

WE HAVE A WINNER!

At the Parish Council meeting held on October 19th members of council chose one of three entries submitted for the honour of being the official logo for our 150th Anniversary year in 2011.

The identity of the artists/designers was kept secret from the members of council to avoid any influence.



After careful viewing of the entries the work submitted by Geoff Booth received the approval of the majority of council.

The winning design or components of it will be used on everything from letterhead to souvenir and commemorative articles such as t-shirts etc. during our anniversary year. The members of council would like to extend their congratulations to Geoff and their thanks to all who contributed entries for consideration.

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ON PREACHING AND LITURGY

CANON ROGER YOUNG

I wish to thank those who have been supportive of my preaching and who have spoken favourably of my sermons. It is a privilege to preach on the scriptures and to explain the Word of God. Recently someone asked about receiving a written copy of a sermon and I replied that they are not in written form. I also do not use a pulpit nor read from a text.

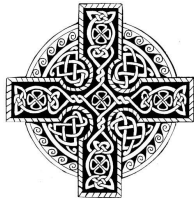
Why is this? Am I making it up as I go along? Have I prepared sufficiently? Part of the answer is that I find pulpits difficult to preach from and notes difficult to read. I have not used a pulpit for over thirty years. I have fully prepared, but I would find the effort of hand writing a ten or fifteen minute sermon and then reading it word for word to the congregation uncomfortable. Most clergy occasionally speak "ex tempore" or "on the spur of the moment", without preparation. I am preaching without notes, but *not* without preparation and there is a difference. In fact it

means that I have spent considerable time thinking and preparing so that I am able to remember the points I make

Some clergy preach from a prepared text and some do not and there is no less work in preaching without notes while some would consider it more difficult. It depends on the individual ability, training and preference of the priest. I have prepared sermons for the three year reading cycle at least ten times. I have already done a great deal of work and study. At the same time, I want to preach new things and view the scriptures and present them with fresh insight. Perhaps my presentation does not always convey the background work, or I may seem informal, but time has been spent to ensure that I do the best job possible, which is necessary for me as well as for you. I make a point of always using the Lectionary and not selecting comfortable subjects for myself or you. I need to challenge myself and honour God.

It has been mentioned that I do not habitually look at people when I am preaching. This is to avoid being distracted by someone or something and to ensure that no one is uncomfortable in case they might think I am addressing them personally. I have also heard that my approach to worship is traditional. To me it is just the regular, normal way, which comes from my upbringing in the church, my background and training, as well as what I have learned through experience. I am expressing the underlying meaning of the liturgy through actions and symbols common to Anglicans. A definition of tradition depends on what people consider tradition to be, which varies from parish to parish and person to person.

The Liturgy of the Church belongs to all, not just the priest and it draws us together with the whole of God's People. The word "liturgy" means "the people's work." I try to conduct it in the most practical and sensitive way I



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Holy Eucharist is celebrated at
8am & 10am Sunday morning and
10am Thursday morning

Children and Youth:

A supervised nursery is
available Sunday mornings
during the 10am service
in the Carlton Reid hall
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MY EMMANUEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

SYLVIA PATTERSON

Christmas is approaching quickly and the Emmanuel Sunday School is in full swing. We just finished the Arnprior Christmas Parade entry. Thanks to the members of the Sunday School and other parishioners we had a wonderful entry in the parade. Both the children and the adults had a fun evening. We would especially like to thank Canon Roger for coming out and riding in the truck that pulled the float in the parade.

Throughout the Sundays leading up to Christmas you will see the children in the church at the beginning of the service for the lighting of the Advent wreath. We have also made wreaths for each family in the Sunday School so that they can have a wreath to light at home. In the Sunday School we will be focusing on the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love as we prepare the children for the coming of the Baby Jesus on Christmas Eve. Despite all the excitement that children experience as the Christmas season draws near the message of Jesus is not lost on these small

souls. You would be amazed at the answers they have to our questions. It gives one faith in the coming generation.

Linda Buttle has generously offered her singing talent each Sunday this fall and is now preparing the children for our Pageant songs to be sung on Christmas Eve. We have a very fun time each week with Linda and the children now have quite a repertoire of songs that they know.

On Sunday December 19th we will practice our Pageant in the church during coffee hour and then have a little Christmas party in the church hall. We look forward to entertaining the parish with the pageant on Christmas Eve.

Thank you to all parishioners who have supported the Sunday School this past term. Please help me in thanking our wonderful Sunday School teachers, Vicki Toner, Jo Perfitt, Bev Wilson and Linda Buttle. We have a wonderful team of dedicated volunteers who care deeply about the faith of our children.



Several Sunday School children and teachers shivered through town on Emmanuel's entry into the 2010 Santa Claus parade. Our float was a giant Advent wreath, complete with 'burning' candles.