

EMMANUEL ANGLICAN CHURCH

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RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends: I am writing to wish you all the joys and blessings Jesus brings to us as we celebrate His coming into the world at Christmas. This will be my first Christmas celebration with you and I look forward to the Advent and Christmas season as your priest and friend. It is one of the privileges of being a parish priest to share this time with you.

The story of Christmas is compelling in its humility and simplicity. Unlike the power and wealth that surrounded earthly rulers, the Lord of all is born in poverty and obscurity. This is God's message of love for us. When we think of the faithfulness of Mary and Joseph, the song of the angels, the worship of the shepherds, and even the silent witness of the animals in the stable, we are reminded that heaven has come to earth and that all Creation rejoices. Christ did not come to be above us, but to be with us and to be one of us. As St. John tells us "the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory...full of grace and truth".

When people despaired without hope, Jesus showed mercy and compassion. When people felt far from God, his ministry of healing and reconciliation showed them God's love. When the poor and the outcast suffered at the hands of the powerful, Jesus brought God's reign of justice and peace. By his death and resurrection, Jesus assures us that we can trust in God who brings us from death to life and makes all things new. We have hope for this life and the promise of life everlasting. He became what we are to make us what He is. We are God's sons and daughters.

At all times, and especially at this time of year, we join in the song of the angels as we proclaim God's reign of peace and justice. As we see the poverty and humility of Jesus, we are called to see Him in those around us in need of healing and care. As we join in the worship of the shepherds, we rejoice in our worship at Christ's cradle and at His altar. As we pray, we know Christ's presence in our midst, as did Mary and Joseph. As we give, we offer ourselves to

Christ who offered His life for our healing and peace. As we follow Jesus as the Child of Bethlehem, He walks beside us in this life and he is the Lord who we will see in the life to come. As we receive Christ's Body and Blood, we pray that He may be always born in the manger of our hearts.

In Jesus we see grace, truth, healing, peace, love, justice, and the glory of God. These are more than we can ask or imagine, yet they are God's gifts to us. With every gift and every greeting, we rejoice in God's great gift, God's Son, the Light of the World. Let us behold Christ's glory in our joyous celebrations, in the Church, which is Christ's Body, in the Eucharist, which is His Body and Blood, in our homes, and in each other.

May Christ, the Child of Bethlehem, our Saviour and Lord, bless and keep each of you, your families and your loved ones, this Christmas and always. A blessed and joyful Christmas to all.

Yours in Christ,

Roger A. Young

Rev'd Canon Roger A. Young

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM EMMANUEL CHURCH!

Welcome to the Anglican Parish of Arnprior, and to 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 Advent and Christmas 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

As we enter the season of Advent and 2009 draws to a close, there is much to celebrate at Emmanuel!

A number of Autumn events have provided fellowship, fundraising, and renewed focus on community. The Fellowship Dinner in September was well-attended and included an address by **Geoff Barnes**, Stewardship Team Chairman, announcing the kick-off to the Fall Stewardship Campaign. In October a fundraising auction was held at the Nick Smith centre. The auction was well-attended and quite successful. Thanks to **Wayne Mossman** for once again chairing the team! Also in October we were blessed with a choral evensong featuring a visiting choir, the **Anglican Chorale** from Ottawa. The service was arranged by our rector **Roger Young**. The supper which followed was enjoyed by both the congregation and the Chorale, and was hosted by **Margaret Schuler** and **Barb Smith** - our thanks to Canon Roger and Margaret and Barb. We hope this will become an annual event. November brought the annual ACW bazaar, a much anticipated event both at Emmanuel and in the wider community. By all accounts this year's bazaar was a great success! Many thanks to convenors **Betty Burton** and **Winnie Reid**, and all the ladies of the ACW

and Emmanuel for hosting this event!

The turnout at the Men's Group fall work day was good, especially considering the dreary weather, and we got the church and grounds prepared for winter. Thanks to **Cec Goold** for coordinating! Thanks also to **Chris Toner** (Toner Landscaping) for the great work on the grounds of Emmanuel this year. A few of the projects undertaken by Chris include landscaping of the Rectory grounds, improving the drainage around the church foundation, and replacement of the church step.

A particular area of encouragement for us is the success of the recent Stewardship Campaign. The Stewardship Team has worked hard over the past few months to inform the congregation of the many good ways our gifts are used at Emmanuel, resulting in production and distribution of a narrative budget document. Part of the aim of the campaign is to encourage people to consider and plan how they can give back to God by pledging an offering amount for 2010. The response has been very positive!

We are also encouraged by the improving finances. While it's important to note that our 2009 budget included a considerable deficit, givings have been increased during the past quarter. As you will see elsewhere in this newslet-

GEOFF BOOTH & DAN PERFITT

ter, in the final weeks of 2009 we have a real opportunity to significantly reduce the deficit and end the year on a positive note! We appeal to all parishioners to give generously in the final weeks of 2009.

The next few months will be busy: Along with the Rector and Lay Members of Synod, we're members of the Nominating Committee, responsible for finding candidates for both paid and volunteer positions at Emmanuel. For 2010 we need to fill some key rolls including Warden, Deputy Warden, and Treasurer, as well as finding Parish Council participants. We're also in the midst of budget preparation for 2010 - a process that not only defines our financial requirements, but also provides direction in a number of important areas, such as outreach, educational programs, etc. In January we'll be serving tables at the men's spaghetti dinner, and of course preparing for the annual Vestry meeting in February.

Advent and Christmas services are special at Emmanuel... we invite all parishioners, visiting family, and friends to join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

We wish everyone a joyous, safe, and restful Christmas!

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 20 - Advent 4	8:00 & 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
	Sunday School Rehearsal and Christmas Party following 10am service
Christmas Eve, December 24	7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist and Sunday School Presentation
	10:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist
Christmas Day, December 25	10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 27 - Christmas 1	8:00 & 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
Sunday, January 3, 2010 - Epiphany	8:00 & 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist



ACW NEWS

MARGARET SCHULER

The ACW had its first meeting of the season on September 3rd with over 20 ladies present during which a short presentation was made by the Church Warden and Canon Roger.

We were asked to convene the potluck supper for the Choral Evensong on October 25th and despite the fact the hall was booked until 4 o'clock by L'Arche, we managed to successfully pull it off. By all accounts the dinner was well received by the parish and visiting choir alike.

The theme of our Christmas bazaar held on Novem-

ber 14 this year was a "White Christmas" and the ladies all looked very smart in their white blouses. A larger than usual crowd enjoyed lunch and purchased many items including crafts, baking and hot food from the deli table.

Our Christmas dinner was held at Galilee on December 4. The identity of our "secret pals" was revealed and the winners of the Lucky Draw announced.

We generally do not meet in January due to weather conditions but will be back in February to get ready for the annual Pancake Supper.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

2009

Total operating budget: \$166,128

Required average weekly giving: \$3,195

Year-to-date average weekly giving: \$2,674

Year-to-date expenses: \$143,837

Year-to-date income: \$133,960

Surplus (deficit): **(\$9,877)**

Anticipated Year-to-date deficit: (\$13,365)

Number of regular givers: 131

As you can see from this summary, although the shortfall between expenses and income is not as great as expected, it is still a considerable amount - almost \$10 000 so far this year! However, thanks to increased offerings, fundraising, and other donations, our financial situation has brightened. In the final weeks of 2009 we have an opportunity to significantly reduce or even eliminate the deficit! Let's build on our momentum - please give generously this month!

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

GEOFF BARNES

I am happy to report that as of December 2nd we have received **a total of 60 pledges**.

We are hoping for more - there is still time to submit them. We are very pleased that so many have taken this opportunity to respond to the opportunity to further the ministry of Emmanuel in faith.

We would like to thank everyone for their continuing support of Emmanuel Church.

FALL EVENTS RECAP

Fellowship Dinner

An evening of fun and fellowship was held on Saturday September 26 at the Carlton Reid hall.

Dinner was catered by **Apple Sarah's**. Entertainment throughout the evening was provided by the Celtic music group **The Barley Shakers**.

Successful silent and live auctions made a profit of **\$727** to the Building Fund.

Fundraising Auction

A fundraising auction was held at the Nick Smith Centre Community Hall on Saturday October 24th.

Items were donated from parishioners and local businesses. The larger and more public venue provided good community exposure and attendance was decent.

A profit of about **\$4279** was made to the General Fund.

Chorale Evensong

An evensong service following the Book of Common Prayer was held at in the afternoon of October 25th.

Musical accompaniment was provided by the Anglican Chorale choir from Ottawa.

A potluck dinner followed for parishioners and choir members. It was well attended and will hopefully become an annual event.

ACW Bazaar

Another successful ACW bazaar was held on November 29th!

This year's theme was 'a White Christmas' and most of the hostesses were dressed in white!

As usual, the event was well-attended by both parishioners and community members, with a full house for lunch.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

DAN PERFITT

Parish Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Council is made-up of the Rector, Wardens, Lay Members of Synod, various committee chairs, and members at large. Chair is Warden Geoff Booth.

The following notes provide an overview of the major items of discussion and motions for the months noted.

September 2009

Canon Young informed Council that he would begin singing the Psalm on Sunday mornings; H1N1 flu precautions will be included in weekly bulletins, including explicit instructions from Bishop that intinction not be practiced; Council agreed that only one table be available at Sunday coffee hour to promote more interaction among participants; ACW reported that their bazaar will be held November 14th;

Stewardship Chair reported that a narrative budget is being prepared along with a pledge form for 2010 to be brought to church on November 29th - Stewardship Sunday; Financial update noted that our expenses so far this year have exceeded income by approximately \$12000; a Fellowship Dinner (not intended as a fundraiser) is planned for September 26th, a fundraising auction is planned for October 24th, and a evensong service with the Anglican Chorale (Ottawa) is planned for October 25th, followed by a potluck supper; Motion to donate celebration jar funds of \$423 to the Fountain, a Neighbourlink community drop-in centre (carried).

October 2009

Canon Roger outlined his involvement in a number of upcoming Diocesan events such as the Clergy Confer-

ence, Great Chapter, and Synod; Canon Roger will begin a weekly bible study following the Thursday Eucharist on November 5th; Choral Evensong service planning is mostly complete - Margaret Schuler and Barb Smith will convene the potluck. The ACW rep reported that they had catered two funerals recently; To help prevent spread of H1N1 flu, hand sanitizers to be installed in church and hall; Stewardship rep indicated that a letter is being sent in October to inform parishioners of the upcoming Stewardship package and pledge form; Finances are improving - offerings are increasing and fundraising amount of about \$4300 will add to the general fund. Property rep explained that church furnaces are being diagnosed and repaired (no heat in church), front church step will be changed this fall,

and a work day is planned for late October.

November 2009

Thanks were extended to Canon Roger for arranging the successful evensong service with the Anglican Choral and Margaret Schuler and Barb Smith for the potluck; Neighbourlink rep reported that the Fountain opened on October 25th at the old Alexander Reid school. Arnprior churches will be asked to run the café in two-week rotations - no schedule has been set yet; Stewardship packages with pledge forms ready to be distributed; H1N1 precautions to include not shaking hands during peace or while exiting after service; Motion to donate \$200 to Cornerstone fire relief fund (carried); Property rep reports that the church furnaces are fixed, hall doorbell has been installed, church step replacement in process.

BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY

CFC GOOLD

In spite of a difficult summer accessing the Church and Rectory properties, we were able to complete all of the necessary maintenance and upkeep activities. In particular was the manner in which Don and Betty Derraugh were able to continue the beautiful floral displays at the Church and Hall entrances.

The Emmanuel Church Men completed spring and fall workdays, removing storm windows and installing screens in the spring and then reversing the procedure in the fall. Many other items were completed on each occasion. In addi-

tion they assisted in setting up our hall for a variety of ACW events and our Parish social.

In an effort to spruce up the exterior of the Rectory, Chris Toner was contracted to install shrubs and a privacy fence at the rear of the property.

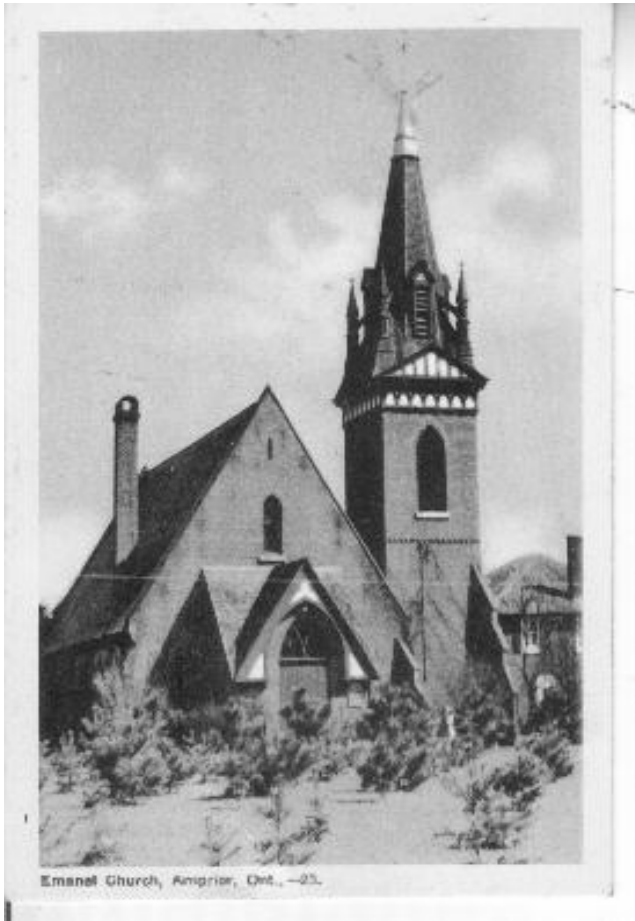
Through his efforts the landscaping of the Rectory area has been significantly improved.

To better control operating costs of the Church, new thermostats were purchased and installed giving us much

more flexibility in controlling the heating system and consequently the gas consumption. Several other areas of the building and property require attention, some sooner than others, however generally speaking overall operations are under control.

We are now in the early stages preparing for our annual Spaghetti Night, planned for January 29, 2010. The Emmanuel Church Men look forward to hosting this night of fellowship for the members of Emmanuel and count on your support as in past years.

150 YEARS OF WORSHIP



Can you identify the year this picture was taken? The above photo is a reproduction of a post card from Ottawa. Note the name: Emanuel Church! **2011 will mark 150 years of Anglican worship in Arnprior!** We need your help planning our 150th celebration - watch for upcoming announcements!

SPITITUAL NURTURING...

Prayer Group

The Emmanuel Prayer Group meets in the nursery at 10:30, Monday mornings except when the Monday is a civic holiday. All are welcome to join the group for an hour of quiet, group prayer of praise, thanksgiving and supplication. For information call Linda Buttle 613 623-4091.

Bible Study

Bible study takes place in the church hall each Thursday morning following the 10am Eucharist and is open to everyone. Study and discussion is led by the Rector and generally focuses on the Sunday readings.

Prayer Chain

The prayer chain is a network of parishioners who accept immediate prayer requests and pass them along to the next member. If you would like to participate in the Prayer Chain contact Frieda Jump 613 623-2274.

Emmanuel Choir

The Emmanuel Choir provides traditional musical leadership throughout the 10am Eucharist on 3 Sundays each month. Singing in the choir is an excellent way to celebrate the Eucharist! New members welcome! Organist Dick Hunter 613 623-

Emmanuel Echo's

Emmanuel's own Anglican Echo's contemporary musical group provides music for the 10 service on the third Sunday of each month. The Echo's are looking for new members interested in singing and playing musically. Contact Phyllis Lemieux through the church office.

DO YOU KNOW?

Synod is a yearly gathering of Anglicans from all churches in the Ottawa Diocese spread as far away as Pembroke and Cornwall. Emmanuel sends four delegates to the annual Synod meeting: 3 Lay Members of Synod (Susan Hartwick, Geoff Barnes, and Geoff Booth) and the Rector. Our members provide a link between Emmanuel and the Diocese and between the Diocese and Emmanuel.

Online: We encourage everyone to visit the Diocesan website ottawa.anglican.ca and keep informed of the various seminars that are being planned for 2010. For information see the link '**Calendar of Diocesan and Parish Events**' near the bottom of the page.

By Phone: If you don't have internet Lisa Chisholm-Smith is available to take your calls 613-233-6271 ext 231 and give you plenty of information about upcoming Diocesan events.

At Church: Speak to a Synod member! Another great place to look for coming events is on the bulletin board in the hall.



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Rector: Canon Roger A Young

Worship Services:

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
for children up to age 4.

MESS Sunday School meets at
9:45am on Sunday mornings
September to June
in the Carlton Reid hall.

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MY EMMANUEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

SYLVIA PATTERSON

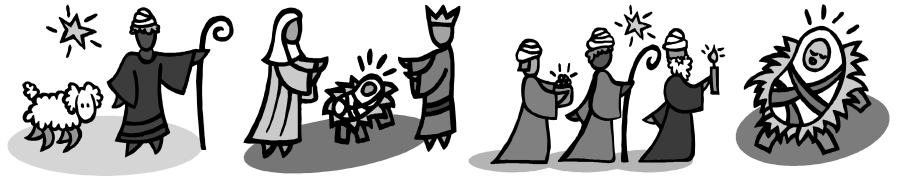
The FALL curriculum for the Sunday School is drawing to a close and plans are underway for the Advent and Christmas season. The children have been concentrating on learning new songs with Linda Buttle and participating in the weekly lessons.

It is very interesting to hear their opinions on the gospel. They have ways of surprising you. You sometimes think that the message is beyond them because they are so young and out pops a comment that proves that the message is being absorbed. Thank you to all in the parish who have supported this new generation of Anglicans this

term. It is great to be part of the church community.

During the Advent season it is very important that the children attend regularly. We will be practicing each Sunday for the Christmas Eve service and the children will be involved in the lighting of the Advent wreath each Sunday. On December 20th we will have our final rehearsal in the church followed by a Christmas party for the children.

There will be no Sunday School on Christmas Day or the Sunday following, December 27th. Regular Sunday School will resume on Sunday January 3rd.



Here are some children's interpretations of church that will make you smile.

One particular four-year-old prayed,

"And forgive us our trash baskets

As we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

A Sunday School teacher asked her children as they were on their way to church service, *"And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"*

One bright little girl replied, *"Because people are sleeping."*

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5 and Ryan, 3.

The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.

Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

"if Jesus were sitting here, He would say,

"let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait."

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said,

"Ryan, you be Jesus!"