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RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

As we enter the fall season, it is a time to appreciate the beauty of God's creation, the bounty of the harvest, and the blessings we have received in so many ways. As I write, I have the Thanksgiving letter written in 1931 by The Reverend Harold Clarke to the parishioners of eighty years ago on my desk. It is printed in this newsletter, so please read it, as it still speaks to us and reflects the same faith in our generous and loving God that gives us hope and strength.

The autumn is a busy, even hectic time as we return to our usual activities and routines. It is also a busy time in the parish, this year especially. Thanksgiving Sunday will be followed by our Reunion Weekend and a Visit from The Most Reverend Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. Our 150th Anniversary Dinner and special Eucharist October 15th and 16th will be a memorable occasion. How nice it will be to have our friends in the Knights of Columbus provide a special Guard of Honour for the Primate. This is an unprecedented and historic ecumenical gesture which speaks of our unity in Christ. Please make every effort to be present for this wonderful occasion.

One of the fall themes as the days shorten and nature begins to take on its wintry appearance is that of death and

CANON ROGER YOUNG

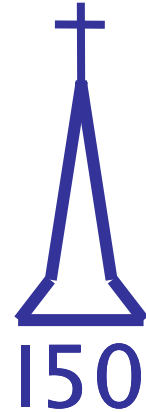
resurrection in the celebration of All Saints. On that Sunday, November 6th, we rejoice in the Communion or community of all who have followed Christ in every time and generation. A special Choral Evensong with the Anglican Chorale of Ottawa will be held at 4 p.m. that Sunday. The commemoration of the departed and their witness is a fitting part of our 150th celebration. On Remembrance Sunday, November 13th, we will remember those who have served, especially Emmanuel parishioners.

Our title or dedication as "Emmanuel" is a part of Advent and Christmas and plans are in place for a special Advent Service with a visiting choir. More details will soon be available.

As you can see, we have a great deal to look forward to in the coming months. Our regular worship, giving, administration, and activities also continue. We are fortunate to have so much to celebrate and to share as we reach out to our community and the world. May God be worshipped and praised as we give God the glory for what God has done and is still doing at Emmanuel.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev'd Canon Roger A. Young



**JOIN US AS WE
CELEBRATE THE
150TH ANNIVERSARY
OF EMMANUEL
CHURCH!**

*The Anglican Parish of
Arnrior and Emmanuel
Church have been part
of the Arnrior
community since 1861.*

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CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

JOAN WAHAY, GEOFF BARNES, ROB CROSS

We hope everyone has enjoyed the fine summer we have been blessed with this year and have been able to recharge by spending time at the cottage, on the boat or by getting out, visiting friends or just relaxing at home. Meanwhile, life at Emmanuel has continued albeit also in summer mode.

Our new website (www.emmanuelanglican.ca) has been up and running since the spring. We urge you to visit it. In addition to providing downloadable copies (past & current) of our weekly bulletins and newsletters, there are reports of parish events and much other information about the life of Emmanuel. Objective opinion has it ranked as one of the better church sites. Again our thanks to David Hunter our webmaster and to Rob, Dan, Brian and Roger for their efforts.

Our 150th celebrations will continue this fall with two special events. Emmanuel's 150th Anniversary Celebratory Weekend takes place October 14 to 16. The highlight will be a visit from the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Fred Hiltz. On Friday October 14 we will hold a drop-in wine and cheese party with entertainment to start our weekend celebrations. It will be in the church hall from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. There will be no admission charge but we will welcome good will offerings. Please sign-up in the church hall in advance to help the committee estimate numbers. On Saturday October 15 we will have a celebratory dinner with Archbishop Hiltz, former clergy, representatives of the municipality and, most importantly, you, members of the congregation. Dinner will be held at the Christian Education Centre on John St. Please note that it is a fully accessible building. The number of tickets is limited and are now available at the cost of \$25.00 each for a roast beef dinner. On Sunday, October 16 the Primate will be celebrating the



service with us. To close the weekend, there will be a light lunch and reception in the Carlton Reid hall following the service. For tickets or information Contact Debby and Wayne Mossman (613-623-9282), Joan and John Wahay (613-622-0018), or Katherine and Reg Gatenby (613-622-0509). Everyone is encouraged to come in period dress for this event.

The Anglican Chorale of Ottawa will be with us for a special Evensong on Sunday, Nov. 6th at 4 p.m. This is All Saints Sunday, a wonderful festival where we celebrate all those who have gone before us and our partnership with them in the Communion of Saints. It would also be a "Saints of Emmanuel" celebration.

At its June 27 meeting Corporation decided that providing a fire separation between the Church and Hall as well as handicap access through the office would be the first priority for building projects for 2011. We are required to meet this provincial requirement by January 1, 2012. As this will likely be a costly project, it was also decided that it will likely be the only large project we will undertake this year. The money will be raised as a special appeals 150th anniversary project. Emergency lighting was installed in the church and hall and the Rectory was air conditioned in early July providing much needed relief. Our thanks to Cec for his efforts on behalf of us all.

Emmanuel's finances are once again reflecting low church attendance in the summer. Offerings on several Sundays have been well below the level needed to sustain us. The \$4,312 deficit in our operating account reported at the end of May has now increased to \$6,353. The situation is, to say the least very serious, and requires our very best efforts now that we have returned, we hope refreshed, from our summer travels and vacations.

ACW NEWS

MARGARET SCHULER

The first meeting of the fall season was held on September 8th. We enjoyed "KFC" and birthday cake and had an opportunity to catch up on all the news since we last met in June.

Our annual bazaar will be held on November 19th this year and planning is well under way. An insert on how you can help will appear in a future church bulletin. The winning tickets for the Lucky Draw will be drawn at our Christmas dinner at Galilee on Thursday, December 1st.

The annual Altar Guild Meeting will be held on October 15 at St. Thomas the Apostle church in Ottawa. Details of the day and a map are posted at the back of the church and the hall foyer.

We will have a guest speaker at our next regular meeting on October 6th - all women in the parish are cordially invited to join us. Please see the October 2nd church bulletin for details.

THE KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF GOD

CANON ROGER YOUNG

One of the priorities of the Christian Church, which is part of the promises of our Baptism, is the commitment to know our faith and to grow in it over a lifetime. Like our brothers and sisters in the Jewish faith, we are the "People of the Book" and the Church would have no life, no mission, no worship, and no future without ensuring that all Christians know their faith and continue to learn. How can we tell others about Christ if we do not know how to talk about our faith?

How can we grow as individuals and as a community when we do not grow spiritually through study, discussion, and experience? If we do not understand the Christian faith, how can we prevent being drawn to other belief systems? What can we offer those who come seeking to know Christ and the scriptures?

These days we are concerned about the Church and its future. We know that the days are gone when we assumed that everyone was a Christian and knew their faith, whether or not that was actually so. We wonder how to witness to people, to bring them into our community, and to minister

in a secular world. We deal with issues of relevance, growth, and decline. Yet we cling to ideas of the past which make mission nearly impossible. We are afraid to talk about our faith because we fear questions or criticism and we feel unqualified. We don't know the answers to basic questions. We assume that there is only one approach to scripture and perhaps we have our own questions and doubts that we are afraid to admit. Yet we do not learn, study, and grow and we are suffering because of it.

There is an inadequate emphasis on study, learning, and anything that seems like education in many of our churches for anyone beyond childhood. "Bible Study" is seen as a pastime for a few that either requires too much pre-existing knowledge or teaches nothing new and is just boring. Few Bible Studies are actually studies, since the emphasis is not on learning. We also have a Church culture that says that education is only for the young and not for everyone. How can we imagine that Christian teaching ends at about the age of twelve and what they have learned must be applied to the rest of a person's life? At twelve they must have enough knowledge to answer every

question they might ever have. In no other area of life are we fully prepared and experienced at such a young age. Not only is this impossible, but it says that the Christian faith is not a mature faith and must only be expressed and understood as it was learned in childhood.

If we want to grow, or even survive, as a Church, we must stop thinking that Christian education is only for children and is important for everyone. We must start recognizing that the Church exists to nurture our spiritual lives and that knowing our faith is part of that. We have an obligation to take the initiative and commit ourselves to some form of growth in our faith. We must become knowledgeable about what we believe and willing to talk about it maturely and responsibly. We are to see our faith as a lifetime of learning. This is not an option. This is what being a Christian is about.

Our Thursday morning discussion group will continue this fall, beginning November 3rd. We hope to have a soup lunch as well.

Give it a try.



THANKSGIVING LETTER: 1931

To the Members of Emmanuel Church, Arnprior.

My Dear Brethren—

Just seventy years ago the first resident priest was appointed to this congregation and church. How long before this services were carried on I have not yet been able to ascertain. Since that time God has blessed the efforts of His workers in this place. The small congregation became a self supporting parish and today we cannot but join in Thanksgiving to Him who gives the increase. As we make use of the temporal and smaller blessings, proving ourselves capable of larger and more spiritual responsibilities, He is sure to continue to entrust us with His greater blessings. We have a beautiful church building worthy of the efforts of those who gave of their best, let us see to it that it is kept up and receive the best care and improvements in our day. I am sure that this and all His many other abundant blessings and privileges so fill us with gratitude as to cause us to lift our hearts and thoughts to Him in outward expressions of praise and thanksgiving, not with empty words but with fervor and enthusiastic efforts to the great giver of life and all that makes for happiness and progress.

On Sunday, October 11th, we are to celebrate not only our Annual Harvest Thanksgiving but also the 70th Anniversary of the coming of the first resident clergyman. In order to make our Festival all that it should be, all that we wish it to be, we must have in mind and have part in three distinct features of the Festival which afford to all church members very real opportunities of expressing their gratitude to God.

The decoration of God's House for the Harvest Festival has always been a service of love and of thanksgiving. Too often this task is left in the hands of a few faithful ones who never fail to do their duty. I sincerely hope that those who cannot come and work will send or bring grain, vegetables, fruit and flowers for decorating.

In the second place the chief services of the day will be Holy Communion at 8 and 11 a.m. It is when we kneel at the altar rail in the Eucharistic, the truly thanksgiving service of God's Church, that we are indeed at Jesus' feet giving Him thanks. Let me lovingly urge every communicant to come before God on Sunday the 11th, and express his thankfulness in a way that most assuredly will be well pleasing to Him who said "were there not ten cleansed but where are the nine."

In the third place all who appear before the Lord and take part in the Thanksgiving Service should bring in his or her hand a free will offering, which offering in every case should be proportionate to the gifts received of God. The Thanksgiving offerings this year will be devoted to the general expenses of the parish. Make an offering worthy to be placed at the feet of Him who is the "Giver of All".

Rev. Canon Whalley who ministered in this parish for 14 years has offered to us as a Thanksgiving Memorial a pair of Altar Lights.

Two altar lights are among the Ornaments of the Church ordered to remain in use at the Reformation in 1549. These have been in general use from most primitive times to this day. In 1549 the Church and State of England required by law "no torches nor candles, tapers or images of wax to be set afore any image or picture but only two lights upon the High Altar, before the Sacrament, which for the signification that Christ is the very true light of the world they shall suffer to remain". Our Prayer Book orders "that such Ornaments shall be retained and be in use." In many places where they are lacking this is chiefly so because church people are not aware of these being a definite requirement of the altar equipment, or the symbol for which they stand, or lack of funds to provide them. The two lights stand for "Christ the very true light of the world" in His two natures--the Human and the Divine. Wax candles are used to represent our unity with the primitive church and its teachings of Apostolic days. Before accepting Canon Whalley's generous gift to complete our altar I would be glad to discuss the matter with any member of the church who might consider the use of these lights a hindrance to their worship in the church.

In closing I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the kindly and generous way in which I have been encouraged and assisted in my work by the members of the congregation during the past year, and let me also kindly ask for the continuance of your co-operation, your sympathy and your prayers so that we may unitedly labour, with increased energy and zeal for the strengthening and the extension of the Kingdom of God.

Your devoted friend and pastor,

HAROLD A. E. CLARKE.

Emmanuel Rectory, Arnprior, Ont.

Thanksgiving 1931

RCCO ORGAN PRESENTATION AND HYMN SING

As part of the ongoing 150th anniversary celebration, approximately 100 people filled Emmanuel on Sunday afternoon September 18, 2011 for a special presentation by the Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO) commemorating the historical significance of our Casavant Organ. The programme included organ recitals, anthems by the visiting Cranmer Singers, and singing of traditional hymns chosen by the congregation.

A fascinating commentary on the historical importance of our organ was provided by Gilles Leclerc, National President of the RCCO. Mr. Leclerc expressed his appreciation of our faithful stewardship of the organ, indicating that the overall condition and preservation of the instrument was excellent.

In the weeks prior to the event, parishioners were invited to make a memorial or celebratory contribution toward upcoming office renovations. Contributors selected a number of their favourite traditional hymns, the most popular of which were included in the hymn-sing. As Master of Ceremony Garth Hampson introduced each hymn, a brief commentary and historical background was provided. Guest organist Frances Macdonnell played beautifully, and the assembled congregation sang each hymn in a lively fashion accompanied by the Cranmer Singers (who occupied the choir pews).

In addition to the hymn sing the Cranmer Singers performed two anthems and Gilles Leclerc, an accomplished organist, performed a number of solo organ recitals.



Left: Canon Roger A. Young (Rector) receives the historical Organ Certificate from Gilles Leclerc (RCCO President) and John Wanless (RCCO Historical Organs Chair) on behalf of Emmanuel.

Below Left: Approximately 100 attendees filled the church for the special musical event.

Below Right: The visiting Cranmer Singers performed a number of anthems and added extra depth to the hymn sing.



MY EMMANUEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

SYLVIA PATTERSON

The new school season has started and Sunday School is beginning again too. This year we anticipate some young children “graduated from the nursery” in addition to our regular group. We have some exciting ideas for the coming season.

In September we are working on two time capsules to be buried in the church garden with a decorative stone (also made by the children) to mark the place for future Sunday School students to uncover. The children are brainstorming what we might include in this capsule and speculating how old they will be when another group uncovers their treasures. It is hoped that the entire congregation will be able to

participate in the placement of the time capsule in the church garden.

Linda Buttle is back with us again bringing her considerable singing talents. She already has us working on new material so look forward to hearing us in church this fall.

In September we also plan to introduce the children to the church’s foster child and talk about how we can raise the money to support this worthwhile endeavour.

Along side the Sunday School lessons the 150th Anniversary Crèche Project will be unfolding. We hope that the children appreciate this project and participate in it finding a place as part

of the Emmanuel’s Christmas celebration.

Several of our teachers have returned this year and we have managed to recruit a new parent to help us out. We have some older children who are ready to explore the Christian faith in greater depth. We reach out to other parishioners who might enjoy spending a Sunday with these youngsters to help us with the Sunday school. The curriculum is provided in great detail as a resource so you have nothing to fear. It is worthwhile for these older children to be exposed to other teachers of the faith. If you think this might appeal to you please speak to Sylvia Patterson.



The Christmas Crèche project aims to construct a life-size nativity scene depicting the birth of Jesus as described in the Gospels, to be assembled on the church grounds during the Christmas season. The goal is to involve as many parishioners as possible in the project to help assemble and paint the crèche scene. This year we hope to complete Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, the stable, and possibly the star and angels. GET INVOLVED! A signup sheet is located in the church hall for persons interested in helping or talk to Sylvia Patterson. Above Cameron Perfitt (left) an Brian Patterson (right) paint one of the manger pieces.

BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY

CEC GOOLD

This past spring and summer has seen the completion of the lighting in the Church with additional lights installed in the Nave of the Church and Emergency and Exit lights also installed at both exits from the Church.

Several other projects are under consideration including painting the Church roof, repairing the soffits on the Sacristy roof all of which have been prioritized in accordance to availability of funds, safety and structural urgency. As an example the Nursery windows are in dire need of replacement, however temporary measures can be employed allowing the project deferred until next spring.

In an effort to meet Ontario Building Code requirements, emphasis has been placed on improving ease of exit from the Church in the event of an emergency. This will require some redesign of the office area, possible replacement of the Church entrance doors and the doors from the Church to the office along with necessary special door openers. This project is currently under consideration by an Architect to provide suggestions to Corporation.

The Church sign at the corner of Ottawa and Harrington Sts which was damaged recently has been replaced. Many thanks to George Wheeler and Lea Hutchings for their efforts.

WELCOME BACK TO THE EMMANUEL NURSERY!

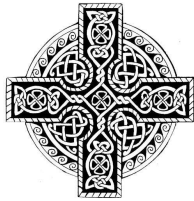
RENELLE SIMMONS

My name is Renelle Simmons and this is my second year to the role of nursery coordinator. Our very dedicated group of volunteers provide a safe place for your baby / toddler to play and learn while you attend the 10:00 am church service. We have 2 volunteers each week and offer juice and snack (peanut free) to the children during this time. To register your child(ren) plan to arrive when the nursery begins at 9:40am. We are always open to welcoming new volunteers. If you would like to learn more on how you can volunteer please give me a call 613-622-5699 or email valleegurll@hotmail.co

CLERGY "TIME OFF"

Although it is true that clergy are always on call and available, there are also rules set by the Diocese as well as reasonable needs for clergy to have "time off". Clergy, like everyone else, need time for family, to pursue interests, to look after their health, to maintain their automobile, to keep medical and other appointments, to deal with personal matters, to exercise, to shop for groceries, to look after their home, to socialize, and so on-just like everyone else. The Diocesan rule is two days off per week for every Sunday in a month, as well as Statutory Holidays. There is an idea that a priest has a "day off" per week, but this is outdated. In case someone thinks that more than one is unnecessary, please remember that this is no different than anyone else having a weekend, which is two days. One of the other five days is Sunday. Some clergy time should be used outside the parish working on behalf of the Diocese as well. Also, clergy

often work daytime and evenings, so a day can be more than twelve hours long. Frequently clergy days off are missed due to various needs or events. The Rector's "days off" are Friday and Saturday, but if they must be used for work, he will try, often unsuccessfully, to take other time to compensate. On those Fridays and Saturdays, please refrain from emails and phone calls that require an immediate response, since he loses his time off. Emergency calls and pressing pastoral needs are the exception and he will respond. Since Sunday is often busy, the best time to contact him is Monday through Thursday. If you wish the Rector to have information, it is better to leave a message, to send an email, or to give him a written note, than to tell him verbally. If you do leave or send a message on Friday or Saturday, it will normally be returned on Monday or as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.



EMMANUEL ANGLICAN
CHURCH

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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
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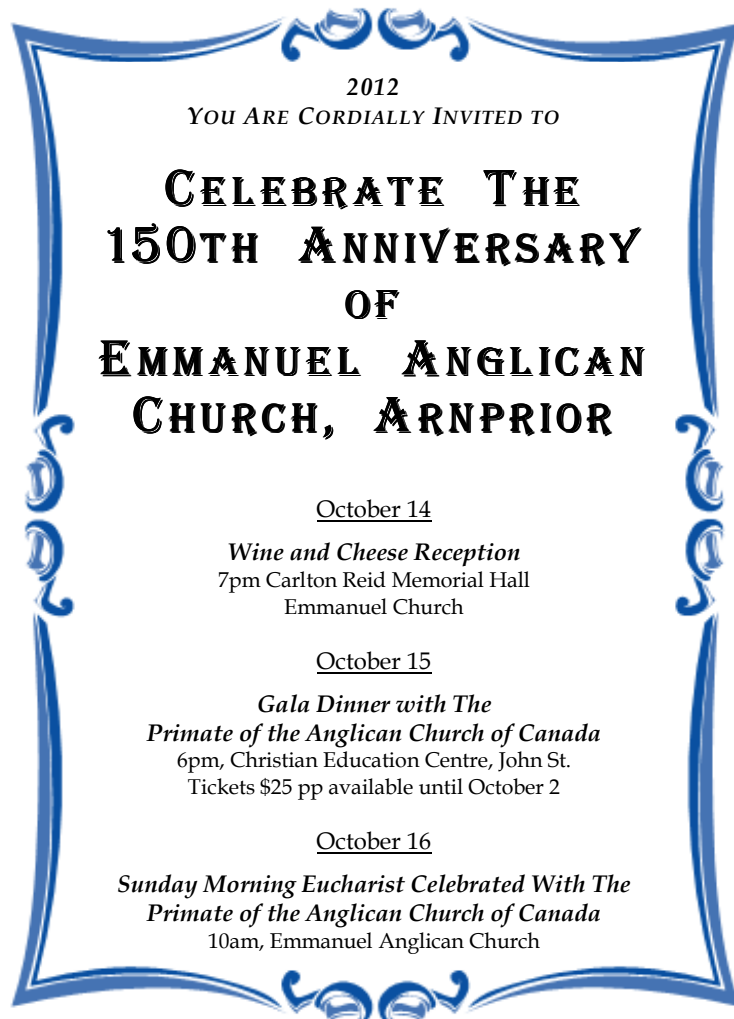
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**CELEBRATE THE
150TH ANNIVERSARY
OF
EMMANUEL ANGLICAN
CHURCH, ARNPRIOR**

October 14

Wine and Cheese Reception
7pm Carlton Reid Memorial Hall
Emmanuel Church

October 15

*Gala Dinner with The
Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada*
6pm, Christian Education Centre, John St.
Tickets \$25 pp available until October 2

October 16

*Sunday Morning Eucharist Celebrated With The
Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada*
10am, Emmanuel Anglican Church

**SPECIAL CHURCH EUCHARIST FOR SENIORS AND SHUT-INS
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5TH**

SENIORS AND "SHUT-INS" WHO CANNOT USUALLY GET TO CHURCH, INCLUDING
THOSE WHO RECEIVE HOME COMMUNION ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL
EUCHARIST AT THE CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5TH AT 2 P.M.

THE SERVICE IS OPEN TO EVERYONE, BUT THOSE NEEDING TRANSPORTATION
OR WHO HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS ARE ESPECIALLY INVITED. THE PASTORAL CARE
TEAM WILL CONTACT THOSE ON THE HOME COMMUNION LIST AND OTHERS
KNOWN TO THEM TO ENSURE THEY ARE WELCOMED. A SOCIAL HOUR WITH
REFRESHMENTS WILL FOLLOW. THOSE REQUIRING TRANSPORTATION PLEASE
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 613-623-2554.

**EVENSONG WITH THE ANGLICAN CHORAL
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6TH**

THE ANGLICAN CHORALE OF OTTAWA WILL BE WITH US FOR A SPECIAL
EVENSONG ON SUNDAY, NOV. 6TH AT 4 P.M. THIS IS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, A
WONDERFUL FESTIVAL WHERE WE CELEBRATE ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GONE
BEFORE US AND OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THEM IN THE COMMUNION OF
SAINTS. IT WOULD ALSO BE A "SAINTS OF EMMANUEL" CELEBRATION.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS EVENT AS PART OF OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY.