



The Georgian View



From the Desk of Father Bill Gray....



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 (see calendar for details)

**Do not be afraid;
 for behold, I bring
 you good news of
 great joy!**

"The Carrefour"

I recently attended the installation of the new principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University, Madame Suzanne Fortier. I had been asked to represent Huron University College of London, Ontario of which I am an alumnus having graduated in '78 with a B.A. and in '81 with a Master of Divinity. The event was attended by the Governor General of Canada, His Excellency David Johnston, himself a former principal and vice-chancellor of McGill. Other dignitaries included Minister of Education Duchesne of the Quebec Government.

It is significant, but not unusual, that the principal of what is perceived by many as a predominantly English institution is not only a former alumna and graduate of McGill but also a francophone. This speaks well of the integration and cultural harmony of one of our major local institutions. What impressed me most was the inspirational address that Madame Fortier gave to those assembled. She spoke of her humble beginnings in a small Quebec village where her parents ran a hotel and often provided shelter to those who were homeless. She realized that, what others sometimes regarded as a flawed environment for children, she had experienced as a loving and generous home. She learned to be understanding and accepting of flaws in all people. She quoted the famed Montreal

poet and fellow McGill graduate Leonard Cohen: "There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in." She stated that she grew up seeing both the flaws and the light. She stated that, as a predominantly unilingual francophone in an English institution, it took her time to understand how things worked. I can relate to being a predominantly unilingual Anglophone in a predominantly francophone culture. In spite of our cultural differences, I felt we could be kindred spirits. She naturally exudes grace and understanding in the midst of cultural diversity. We also seem to share a passion for learning.

Of particular note in her remarks was her theme that as a society we are at a Carrefour. Now I recognized the Carrefour as a huge mega shopping mall in Laval near where I live so I took notice. In French, it means "a crossroads". She was referring to the confluence in education, but it equally applies to many other things such as religion. Regardless, the dynamics are always the same. (Madame Fortier is a scientist and naturally uses metaphors and analogies from science.) As she said, "We are the great collider, and even if the collider sometimes overheats, (remember the God particle) physics tells us that this is where you find the most exotic particles, the new ideas, the new paradigms, the discoveries." For a scientist she sounds very theological.

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Madame Fortier concluded with a story of a young man wanting to study at McGill. He was ready to be challenged, ready to embrace other cultures, other languages and other ways of knowing which exemplifies the new multicultural, multilingual generation.

Our faith and our church are at a spiritual Carrefour. Madame Fortier informed us that we should look forward to such crossroads as this is where the excitement and learning exists.

Successful Game Dinner Night



The Game Dinner held at the church on Saturday, October 5th was a great success and generated \$2,169.50 to be added to the Music Endowment Fund! 62 attended and many others made donations. Thank you very much to Nicole and Bill Borntraeger for organizing this wonderful event and serving a very special and delicious meal.

They wish to thank all the volunteers who made up their team:

Muriel Eaton who Emceed the evening; Tickets: Carol Johansen of the Church office and Martha Laing; Servers: Lydia Blamar, Sebastien Bois, Jessica Burpee, Claire Lafleur, Michael Nolet, Samara St. Louis and Ariana Winn; in the Kitchen: Karl Borntraeger, Marguerite Borntraeger and John Cavacece.

Thank you also to the members of the Music Committee who entertained those present with a colorful song, and also to the Chair of the Music Committee, Martha Laing, for her talk about the origin and role of the committee.

Our Bishop, Barry Clarke was in attendance and began the dinner by saying Grace. Later in the evening he said a blessing over the Blüthner upright piano recently donated to St. George's by Margaret Kamester.

Everyone enjoyed the multi-course meal of various dishes cooked with game meat, even the brave children who dared to eat unusual food, and there were two young men who particularly appreciated the sausages!

Editors with Nicole Borntraeger

Site Development Update

November 2013

The agreement was signed between the Corporation of St George's and Broccolini (the developer) on July 12, 2013. This set in motion some important next steps. On our side, we needed to inform our principal tenant of the Church Hall, that being the Daycare, of the pending sale. We did so over the summer and have established a working committee with representatives from both sides.

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Site Development Update

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The purpose of this committee is to find a way for the Daycare to move to new premises in a timely fashion consistent with the timelines of the redevelopment. The committee has met twice and is making progress, but finding a site in the downtown core suitable for the strict government requirements for a CPE (public daycare) is not an easy task. We have asked our real estate broker CBRE to assist and to come up with some alternatives. This is where we are at now.

For the developer, they have been quietly talking to key bureaucrats at the Urban Planning department of the Borough of Ville Marie. The feedback so far has been positive as to the chances the City will issue a permit for the proposed condo project. We will not have a firm answer until we settle the daycare relocation and the developer then starts the official permit request process. This will involve a formal application to the City and some environmental testing.

If anyone wants further information on the project, please contact me at anytime.

Chris Gardiner
Rector's Warden

Guild Appreciation Day

On Sunday, November 3rd, a very special luncheon was organized by the Borntraeger family in honor of all St. George's Guild members.

Father Bill presented each member with a certificate and a gift, and gave special thanks to Althea Drummond, Boutique Manager and Guild Treasurer, who has served with the Guild for 44 years!



Guild President Sylvia White expressed thanks and appreciation to Nicole Borntraeger and her committee for organizing this wonderful event and then spoke about "the Guild which has existed at St. George's for over 90 years! It is the only fundraising organization in the church and benefits both the church and the community. The Boutique opened

in 1992 and has raised \$250,000 in that time!

In recent years the Guild has contributed \$90,000 for repairs to the Church portico, exterior lighting and signs, Curates' salaries and rental of the church basement. Each year the Guild provides funding to at least 10 charities and missions, a scholarship and Altar supplies. They also handle special receptions when required and help out when other items are needed by the Church.

The Guild fills many needs and they hope to be able to continue the good works initiated by past members, to benefit others and to glorify God."

Mitten Tree

A Mitten tree will be installed in the Church hall again this season. What do you have that you can share with someone who is cold? On it you may hang your donations of warm winter accessories, such as hats, scarves and of course, mittens. After mid-December all articles will be sent to Missions and given to those in need. It's a great opportunity to show your Christmas spirit and give a thought to people who are cold.

Your kindness and generosity is so appreciated!

Sylvia White

Bowser and Blue Concert



George Bowser and Ricky Blue put on a wonderfully funny concert for us Friday evening, Nov. 9th. There were so many great laughs and it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Over 300 people attended and the profits were approximately \$7000. We heartily thank the following corporate sponsors who contributed to help defray the costs of the evening:

Broccolini Construction Inc., Caisse Desjardins, Laurentien Electric, MacDougall, MacDougall & MacTier Inc., Maçonnerie LMR Inc., Maçonnerie Rainville et Frères, McCarthy Tétrault, Molson Breweries, Plomberie McHenry Inc., Punda Inc., Robco Inc., The Gazette and Westmount Independent.

The net proceeds will go to help youth in the local downtown area and to the youth programs at Tyndale-St. George's Community Center in Little Burgundy. Thank you very much to all who attended and supported this benefit evening.

Music Notes

Great news! Between the funds raised through the game benefit dinner, directed donations over the course of the year, a generous and ongoing gift from St. George's Guild and amazing financial management by the investment firm Mac-

Dougall, MacDougall & MacTier (www.3macs.com) the Music Endowment Fund has surpassed its target goal of \$100,000. You may recall that in the September edition, we announced that we were less than \$9,000 from that goal. The Music Committee was optimistic that we might succeed by the end of the church year in spring 2014, so this column could be renamed Thank You Notes!

To everyone who went wild for music through the game dinner, including organizers Nicole and Bill Borntraeger and their team of efficient,



attentive volunteers, the inimitable Master of Ceremonies Muriel Eaton, our Bishop Barry Clarke, all who attended and all who were unable to attend but made donations, thank you! Father Bill and Bishop Barry took the occasion to bless the piano, and members of the choir paid homage to Gordon White, Choir Director when the Music Endowment Fund was launched, with the Byrd canon Non Nobis, Domine. Everyone present then sang choir head Tracy Davidson's original lyrics, to Beethoven's Song of Joy: "Joyful, joyful we devour thee, feasting at St. George's! Raising money for our music, what an opportunity! Duck and buck and "deer" knows what else, for our pleasure are prepared. Let us join in fellowship and fill up with Bill's hunting spoils!" The event raised \$2,169.50 as well as our levels of culinary and musical appreciation.

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To the Guild, thank you not only for the gift of \$500 this year but also for making this an annual gift, truly in the spirit of the Music Endowment Fund, which was set up so that its capital base of \$100,000 can never be touched. Since the balance in this fund at the end of October was \$101,877.49, that means that the amount of money available for long-term music stewardship is \$1,877.49. What a wonderful start, earlier than expected! So far our most audible music ministry outreach has been to offer young string musicians an opportunity to play during our family Eucharist services.

We can all enjoy the next chance to welcome people to St. George's to share our traditions. The Carols by Candlelight service on Friday, December 13th at 5:30 pm will be all the more beautiful with candelabra from our neighbour, Cathédrale Marie-Reine-du-Monde, and a reading by the new rector there, M. le Curé Vaillancourt. There is also some exciting new music that Erik Reinart and the choir have been practicing since October. The Music Committee would also like to thank Carol Johansen for her extra effort this year in helping us get the word out, and Robert Chubb for faithfully putting the postcards in the bulletin week after week. We are blessed indeed with our holiday cheer!

Martha Laing

Our New Verger

Welcome to our new verger, Mr. John Cavacece who has been with us since mid-

September. John has settled into his new duties very well and we are enjoying his delicious Sunday lunches of home-made soup and dessert.



Apple Picking Day

The "Apple Picking" property has been in the McArthur family since 1850. They were neighbours to the late Jim Green (former parishioner of our church) since they were kids. St. Thomas Anglican

Church, started in 1840 on land from the Standish family, whose descendants still live in Rougemont and one member, Marion Standish, represented that church at this year's Synod held in Montreal. The church was consecrated along with the burial grounds in 1848 by Bishop Fulford, from the parish of St. Thomas in London, England – hence the name to honor him.

The tiny barrel organ in the church is believed to be the only one of its kind working in North America. It was built by Joseph Walker of Tottenham, London, England and in 1844 was sent out from England to serve the garrison church in Chambly. It was then acquired by St. Thomas Rougement church in 1856 for 30 pounds. There is a pedal which you pump to get air and sound, and one hand turns a handle to roll the barrel to get a musical selection.

After evensong, we enjoyed a delicious dinner of spaghetti, garlic bread and the dessert was apple pie with a lovely and flaky top. This was served with a scoop of ice cream and/or a piece of cheese.



'Twas the Night before Jesus

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house

Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.

Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care

In hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed,

Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.

And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap

Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

When out of the East there arose such a clatter,

I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash

Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When what to my wondering eyes should appear

But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.

With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray

I knew in a moment this must be The Day!

The light of His face made me cover my head

It was Jesus! Returning just like He had said.

And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth

I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which He held in His hand

Was written the name of every saved man.

He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;

When He said "It's not here" my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love

He gathered to take to His Father above.

With those who were ready He rose without a sound

While all the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late;

I had waited too long and this sealed my fate.

I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;

Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

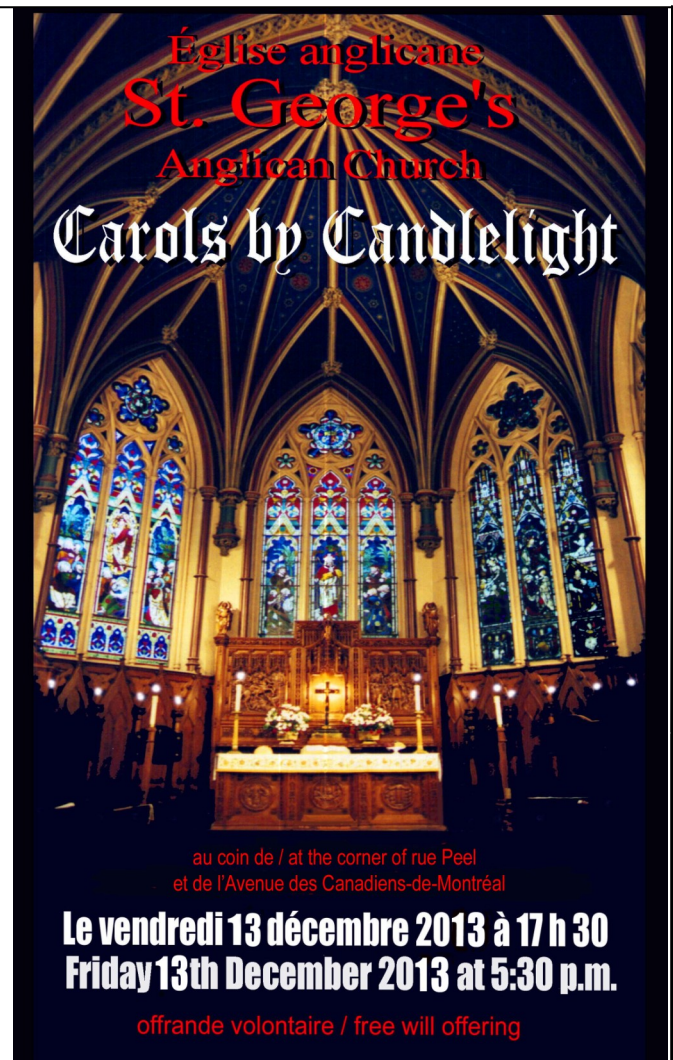
In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;

The coming of Jesus is drawing near.

There's only one life and when the last call comes

We'll find that the Bible was true after all!

Submitted by Carol Johansen (Author Unknown)



Guild Day in Rougemont

On Sunday, October 6th, we left St. George's after lunch for our day at the McArthur orchard in Rougemont. It was a very good time, with 34 of us on hand. St. Thomas is a very small and such a beautiful church in every way. When we arrived at the church, they had a huge wagon that we sat on and were taken to the orchard. We ate apples right off the tree while we were picking the Cortland, MacIntosh, Bancroft, and others.

They have a lovely kitchen in the church building and after we participated in a service of evensong at 4:30, we ate a wonderful meal in the dining area which used to be the old carriage house.

Everyone enjoyed their day and they all want to go back next year! Me too.

Sylvia White