



1973 - 1979 - Peter Noel
 1980 - 1983 - C.E. Collyer
 1983 - Susanne Adams - Assistant
 1984 - 1987 - Dennis Adams
 1988 - Thomas Shears

During the rectorship of the Rev. J.H. McMulkin, there were about 30 Servers in the Guild and they formed a Servers' Council - with the Rector, the Sacristan, the Assistant Sacristan, and three Group Leaders as members.

From 1979 to 1989 David Little assisted at the Easter Vigil, in his usual quiet, reverent, devout and exemplary manner.

The Servers' Guild with its role at the altar, has opportunities for a sense of real fellowship, not just around the altar, but throughout its activities. In the 60s and 70s the Servers met with the Rector, usually over corporate breakfast, or met together on hikes, picnics, parties at Christmas, etc.

The Servers' Guild feels it is an honour and pleasure to have served the various clergy, on behalf of the whole parish.

Thanks to Thomas Shears, C.E. Collyer, J.E. Crickmore and the Ven. Homer Ferris.

CHALICE BEARERS

The Rector chooses those who administer the Chalice, asking Parish Council for its recommendations.

Chalice Bearers are licensed by the Bishop for a period of two years.

Our Chalice Bearers have been: Peter Noel, Arthur Eyre, C.E. Collyer, Les Jarrett, Dave McKay, Laura Goring, Pat Noel, David Little, Dorothy McDermott, and Jennifer Dunn.

Thanks for this to Jennifer Dunn and Laura Goring.

PAROCHIAL LAY READERS

A Lay Reader is licensed by the Bishop to serve under the direction of the Rector to assist at all services, reading lessons, leading the Intercessions, conducting Morning Prayer, helping with Bible and Confirmation Classes and may also be permitted to administer the Chalice.

The license is renewable annually, and a Bishop's Lay Reader's license is valid

parochially.

Our Lay Readers have included: Richard Jose, Frederick Lawson Whatley, Kirwan Martin MA, Ernest H. Crickmore, Claude Vivian Hodges, Geoffrey Victor Van Tausk, MA, B.Sc., Ph.D., Lac Francis John Bartlett, Jack Greenly, Ronald Joseph Rolls, William Joseph Russell, Mark Charles McDermott, William Albert Page, and M. Jennifer Dunn.

Thanks for this to the Rev. G.M. Dunn, Jennifer Dunn and the Ven. J.H. Ferris.

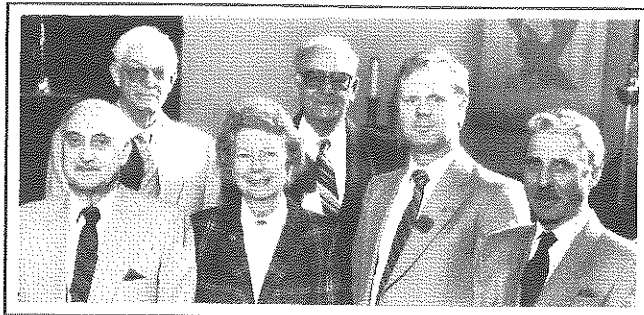
SIDESPERSIONS

The Sidespersons of the Church have provided constant and valuable service to all parishioners over the years and do it so well that it is virtually unnoticed. They arrive early, turn on the lights, prepare the calendars and prayer books for distribution, count the attendance, greet visitors and parishioners, watch the doors for security purposes, collect and present the offering, put the church back in order after the service by lifting the kneelers and retrieving forgotten calendars and finally, they turn off the lights and lock the doors.

Over the century that the Church has offered services, the Sidespersons have provided superb service to us all.

We thank them for it. And thanks to Jack Cockburn for the information.

Chairman: David Holmes (1989) Roly Lee (1990)



Some Sidespersons

LEFT TO RIGHT: Front Row - Cec Wylie, Lorraine Sutherland, Hal Devins, Jim Bowler
 Back Row - Jack Sutherland, Harry Jarrett.

First Sunday: Head Sidesperson, Harry Jarrett; 8:30 a.m. - Lorraine Sutherland, Jack Sutherland; 11:00 a.m. - Maggie Carr, Bob Carr.

Second Sunday: Head Sidesperson, Jack

Cockburn; 8:30 a.m. - Dr. Arthur Patrick; 11:00 a.m. - Jim Bowler, Cec Pleasance, Cec Wylie.

Third Sunday: Head Sidesperson, David Holmes; 8:30 a.m. - Warren Hannaford, Ken Maskell; 11:00 a.m. - David Holmes, Hal Devins, Dave McKay.

Fourth Sunday: Head Sidesperson, Roly Lee; 8:30 a.m. - Gary Hardman, Donald Bartlett; 11:00 a.m. - Roly Lee, Bonnie Munn.

Fifth Sunday: Head Sidesperson, Hal Devins; 8:30 a.m. - Vern Parker, Cec Pleasance; 11:00 a.m. - Hal Devins, Jack Fair.

GREETERS

In 1987, in the spirit of renewal and to make the Church an ever more comfortable and friendly place to visit and worship and to give that "at home" feeling, it was decided to form a committee called Greeters. The original group was headed by Susan McKay and included Laura Goring, Marymargaret Rooke, Hal Devins, Del Collyer, Marj Pilgrim, Edith Finlay, Bev Redshaw, Diana and David Holmes, Dorothy Brown and Henny Veltman. Our Greeters stand at the door before the start of the service and greet parishioners and visitors. It has worked well and it is in the Christian spirit. Laura Goring is now the new Chairman and the group has been joined by Ella Shrub-sall, Alice Griffiths and Shirley Deans.

Thanks to Edith Finlay for providing this information.



Some Greeters

LEFT TO RIGHT: Laura Goring, Hal Devins, Alice Griffiths.

LESSON READERS

All read the lessons clearly, with understanding and style at all services.

At the present time our Lesson Readers include:



8:30 a.m. - Susanne Adams, Les Jarrett, Jean Moore, Peter Noel, Dr. Arthur Patrick, Cecil Pleasance, and Bill Shaw.

9:30 a.m. - Susanne Adams, Shannon Binns, Bob Carr, Maggie Carr, Vickie Crowley, Nancy Cunningham, Carol Hardman, Les Jarrett, Mary Ellen Powell, and Jonathan Rooke.

11:00 a.m. - Rick Binns, Leslie Brown, Carol Hardman, May Jarratt, Roly Lee, David Little, Susan Little, David McKay, Susan McKay, Pat Noel, Peter Noel, Barb Pitts, Alison Sawatzky, David Sawatzky, Bill Shaw, Jean Shepherd, Elizabeth Shuttleworth, and Judy Wood.

Thanks for this to the Rev. G. M. Dunn.



Some Lesson Readers

LEFT TO RIGHT: Alison Sawatzky, Carol Hardman, Bill Shaw, Dave Sawatzky, Mary Ellen Powell.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES

Our Lay Representatives to Synod are elected to represent the parish at Synod in proportion to its population and Deanery Council. With the Church Wardens they form the Parochial Committee.

Lay Delegates in the 1890's were usually two or three in number, with sometimes one or two alternates. Kirwan Martin served not only as Lay Delegate but also from 1910 served as Chancellor of the Diocese. To date, approximately 75 people have served faithfully in this important office. In 1934, the initial slate of four all resigned and a new election was held.

The present members are Hal Devins, Bill Shaw, Mary Ellen Powell and Shirley Bimson.

With thanks to Synod Journals, Parish archives and the Ven. John Homer Ferris - Diocesan Archivist.



Music At St. John's

THE SPECTATOR DEVOTED TWO LONG columns to the opening of the new Church of St. John the Evangelist which occurred on February 22, 1892. "It was a highly impressive and beautiful service . . ." Later the Spectator for December 13, 1903, reported "The musical portion of the service has always been a prominent feature . . ."

LEADERSHIP

It would appear that the first organists were volunteers for there were so many of them. On October 1, 1908, Mr. E.H. Crickmore started his long term of service interrupted briefly by Bill Findley, followed by Eric C. Lewis.

With the death of E.H. Crickmore in December 1969 many choristers left the choir because of this passing of a beloved parishioner. Mrs. Hazel Kompass took on the responsibility of providing good music, and a high standard of excellence was again achieved. During her five year term of service until 1974, reciprocal visits and 4 o'clock Sunday Musicales were instituted.

She was succeeded by Norman Reintanim, for a year, who at 16 was our youngest organist and choirmaster.

He was followed by Mr. Fredric DeVries, also for a year. "My memories of the Parish seem so rich. Working with Father Mills I came to appreciate the great richness of Anglicanism."

In August, 1976, Mr. Henry Roper was appointed and served until 1984. During his tenure a new Junior Choir was formed and robed with albs purchased using private donations from parishioners. As well, the Choir and Music Rooms were remodelled and redecorated.

For exactly five years from July, 1984 until June 1989, Mrs. Barbara Price, wife of the Rector, held the position until their retirements. In August 1989, Andrew Gierulski

came from St. Bartholomew's Church on the Mountain and took over as Organist and Choirmaster.

Pianists at Evensong in the Chapel included Bert Powell, Mary Newitt, Mabel Grinstead, and Ernest Crickmore.

A NATIVITY PLAY was presented during the tenure of A.T.F. Holmes for three years, starting in 1947, under the direction of Mrs. Hazel Kompass.

The music, after the first year, was under the direction of Reginald Bedford, staging and lighting by Alan Kompass. Mr. Travice J. Broadbent was the narrator, Miss Louise Marshall was in charge of make up and Russell Press did the programmes.

THE BOYS' CHOIR was part of the Male Choir tradition at St. John's. It practised separately twice a week and had 18 members at one time. In the 1920s they robed in the furnace room near the coalpile as their Choir Mothers tied the bows and later fixed their ruffs. With the death of E.H. Crickmore, the Boys' Choir faded.

THE GIRLS' CHOIR, with 28 members, was formed in 1938 by Mrs. Eva (Helm) Leek. In 1942, Miss Elizabeth Spittles took over the leadership, followed three years later in 1945 by Miss Patricia Woods, who continued until 1970. Miss Mary Newitt spent many years as practice pianist. The Girls' Choir sat in the Baptistry which overflowed as the membership grew to 36 regular members — with a long waiting list! They wore royal purple gowns and on Wednesday nights they learned not only their Church music but also that for concerts. The Girls' Choir ended in the early 1970s. Choir Mothers included Mrs. Orson, Mrs. Enid Smith, Miss E. Spittles, Mrs. J. Allan, Mrs. Marian Proctor, Mrs. Boscoe and Mrs. N. Firth.

THE JUNIOR CHOIR was started in 1976 by Henry Roper and it sings part of the service with the Senior Choir, but they also sing on their own fairly often.



St. John's Girls' Choir, 1957

LEFT TO RIGHT: Back Row - Mary Angi, Margaret Gilmour, Elaine Seeley, Judy Emery, Margaret Gorman, Jean Angi.
Fifth Row - Sheila Marshall, Mary Lidgey, Judy Huskins, Marget Murie, Sharon Lloyd, Susan Bennetto.
Fourth Row - Susan Fair, Diana Bennetto, ?, Carole Seeley, Suzanne Buckingham, Ann Phillips, Adrienne Walker.
Third Row - Mary Newitt, Anna Little, Sandra Kaye, Susan Angi.
Second Row - Edie Proctor, Mary Jane Fogan, Nancy Neale, Susan Walker, Iris Hancock, Linda Lenard, ?, Linda Locke.
Front Row - Mary Gilmour, Olivia Maslen, Margaret Finlay, Ernest Crickmore, The Rev. John D. Gilmour, Pat Woods, ?, Elizabeth Maskell, Wendy Fisher.

THE SENIOR CHOIR sings at services on 42 Sundays of the year, as well as for special services on Christmas Eve, during Lent, and occasionally for funerals. Musical settings by Healy Willan (Missa Sonata Maria Magdalena) and by John Merbecke are sung when the Book of Common Prayer is used, and by Peter Aston when the Book of Alternative Services is used. The Responsorial Psalm is sung by a Cantor, followed by a Refrain, when the Book of Common Prayer is used. Psalm settings by George Black are sung when the Book of Alternative Services is used. Responses, Canticles and Psalms at Morning Prayer are sung from a Canadian Psalter.

The following people have served as soloists: Frances Locke, Thelma Leist, Harry Jarrett, William J. Russell, Steve Hogarth, Bill Jarrett, Fred Brown, Claude V. Hodges, Don Firth, Pat Townson, Freda Smitham, Mrs. Fletcher, Edna Miller, Forbes Powell, George

Heaver, Jack Rousseau, Amy Quinlan, Donald Kirby, and Susan McKay.

The Favourite Selections "Top 5" of St. John's Choiristers chosen from over 340 anthems are: A Gaelic Blessing, Rutter; Brother James' Air, Jacob; Hallelujah Chorus, Handel; Holy Art Thou, Handel; The Heavens Are Telling, Haydn.

These hymns and others too numerous to mention here stand as favourites: We three Kings, No. 748; Good King Wenceslas, No. 746; Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah, No. 406.

The choir continues to give leadership to the congregation and as always, the choristers give generously of their time and effort, making music a feature at St. John's.

Thanks to Pat (Woods) Wakeford, Henry Roper and Barbara Price for supplying information.



St. John's Junior and Senior Choir

LEFT TO RIGHT: Front Row - Meghan Holmes, Rebekah Little, Steven McKay, Scott McKay, Beth Devins. Third Row - Jennifer Dunn, Carolyn McKay, Adrienne Devins, Sylvia Cummings, May Jarratt, Pat Johnson, Claire Dunn. Women Remaining - Hilary Meggison, Denise Brewer, Ruthanne Bowler, Susan McKay, Jean Shepherd, Alison Sawatzky, Marion Fair, Mollie Walker. Men - Roger Munn, Don Kirby, Dave Sawatzky, Sid Thomas, The Rev. G. Mervyn Dunn, Andrew Gierulski, Organist and Choir Director. Members Absent - Amy Quinlan, Jack Rousseau, John Cigagna.

Mission Outreach

ST. JOHN'S PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED IN reaching out:

Within The Parish: Prayer Chain which is moral support, caring and concern shown for those who are in difficulty.

Within The Local Area: St. Matthew's House; North End Children's Centre; Mission to Seamen; Hospital Visitors, etc.

To The Wider World: Canadian North - Pangnirtung Training School; Cono Sur, South America; Papua, New Guinea; Support of Sponsored Child; Primate's World Relief; Ten Days for World Development; Tools for Peace, Social justice issues, etc.

The Outreach Committee stimulates

the interest of the congregation by presenting up to date interesting information often supplied by the National Office. As the name implies, this is a "reaching out" to learn about the needs and concerns within and beyond parochial boundaries. An individual is hereby inspired to intelligently offer prayers, energies and finances to help meet these needs. The focus of information is directed by way of Workshops, Vision TV, speakers, printed articles, literature and posters on Mission Matters. The distribution of Lenten Mission folders and boxes help keep Mission Share to the fore. Our Mission Share Apportionment is well received - the full amount is usually accepted and paid up to date or in advance.

Thanks to Shirley Bimson and Edna Russell.



St. John's Nursery School

NURSERY SCHOOL IS HELD EACH Sunday morning for children of pre-school age, so that their parents are free to attend the main service. Approximately ten children attend, playing, singing, worshipping, doing crafts or seat work suited to their age group.

A valuable service to the overall life of St. John's is being performed by those responsible for the Nursery School.

During the early years of a child's life often the parents forget their church-going habits because they are very busy fulfilling their parental responsibilities at home. It is during this time that the parents are lost to the church, and even for longer periods, sometimes lost forever.

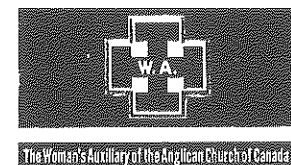
The children are learning the basic social and physical skills, plus moral attitudes in a loving Christian atmosphere.

Nursery School supplies were at one time very limited but today we have much better, more attractive and better chosen toys and equipment, some of it made possible by a very kind and generous donation from the Men's Club Bequest and from groups and individuals.

We are very grateful at St. John's for the many dedicated and faithful parishioners in the Nursery School who regularly perform this very important and valuable service. Former leaders were Eva Leek, Maggie Carr, Shirley Deans and Amy Veltman plus others whose names have been forgotten but not their contribution.

Thanks to S. Thomas Angi.

Woman's Auxiliary - Evening Branch



THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY HELD A 'special meeting' on October 9, 1938, and the following motion was passed "Girls of the Girls' W.A. under 18 years of age, be transferred to the C.G.I.T. affiliated groups and the remainder (over 18 years) form the nucleus of an Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary."

The Evening Branch of the W.A. held their first meeting Friday, January 20, 1939. Rector at the time was the Rev. A.T.F. Holmes.

This was to be a Missionary Group with prayer partners. Members knitted, sewed and made quilts, packed and sent bales to rural areas and northern parishes. They also clothed two Indian boys at an orphanage.

Members visited the Hamilton

Psychiatric Hospital once a month to entertain the patients and also held Christmas parties with gifts and entertainment.

The Jr. Auxiliary and the Girls' Auxiliary were sponsored by the W.A. with financial assistance and help. The EWA also gave a donation to help re-establish the Little Helpers.

The members catered dinners for the Girls' Choir, J.A. and G.A. and the Men's Club.

Meetings held were Educational; with speakers, lectures and films; Business; Social and Devotional. Members, as a group, attended special church services.

"Spring Teas" were held and the "Snowflake Bazaar" was sponsored for several years, plus two tables at the "Country Fair and Christ's Church Cathedral.



Buses were chartered for members and friends to see the Christmas lights at Simcoe and to go to Holy Trinity Church, Toronto, to see 'The Christmas Story.'

Donations from W.A. funds were given to the church and missions, church groups, Rector's Discretionary Fund, the Church School Sponsored Child, G.A. and J.A., Sanctuary Guild and Junior Choir. Prayer books and hymn books for the church were purchased and dedicated in memory of departed W.A. members. In January 1984 it

Little Helpers

THE ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST branch of Little Helpers was organized in 1937 as a joint effort of the Church School and the Woman's Auxiliary.

All children who were baptized at St. John's were visited by the Secretary if the parent wished. The children were asked to say a missionary prayer daily.

A birthday card was sent annually to each child and a meeting and tea-party was usually held each November for the mothers and children. This was looked after by the Afternoon W.A., but occasionally by the Evening branch.

The names of some of the early

Woman's Auxiliary - Afternoon Branch

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY AT ST. John's was founded in January, 1906, with Miss Ussher as President. It still meets weekly on Tuesday afternoons. It grew to become the

was decided to move the meetings to the afternoons.

Members decided at their January 11, 1988 meeting that they would no longer continue their regular monthly meetings, but would continue, individually, to work for and support their church.

Mrs. Sadie Townson was present at the first meeting of the Evening W.A. in January, 1939, and was also present at the last meeting in January, 1988.

Thanks for this to Ella M. Shrubsall.

Secretaries are Mrs. C.V. Hodges, Mrs. Kenneth Ridley and Mrs. Russel V. Brown. The year 1945 was a "bumper year" when 40 names were added to the Roll and a party in November was attended by 38 children and their mothers.

In 1952 Mrs. Alton Shepherd took on the position of Secretary, followed by Mrs. Fogan in 1958, Mrs. Pearl Maslen in 1960 and Mrs. Norma Williamson in 1961.

This organization seems to have lapsed after 1964 and there is no mention of it in the Church or Afternoon Branch records.

In the early 1980s Louise Powell accepted the role of Secretary, followed by Susan Arsenault.

Thanks to Mollie Walker.

largest fundraising and mission minded group in the parish but, as with other groups, its numbers have diminished. Membership totals are not known for the early years but in the 1950s there were some 50 members, with weekly attendances of between 25 and 35



women. Today, average attendance is ten members.

Like other W.A. groups, they worked to meet the needs of the less fortunate wherever they might be, and to carry on God's work for the parish. During World War II, for example, they worked hard in support of the Red Cross effort. They packed bales, sewed baby outfits, made cancer dressings, quilts, ran teas, bazaars and rummage sales, sponsored Little Helpers, JA and GA, and made their own accepted apportionment to mission funds. But their interest was not confined to the needs of others. In the words of one of the later members, they "were an active fellowship of love and concern, caring for their own sick and lonely members."

But they became discouraged over the years, as society changed, by the role assigned to them. "They were relegated to 'pink teas' and the kitchen sink, and this frustrated some of the younger women who had much more to offer." The problem was a structural one. The Synod and the W.A. operated as separate bodies, each with its own rules, finances, and hierarchy. If a woman reached the top of the W.A. movement there was no larger assignment for her to aspire to within the Church. "Capable, skilled women wanted to work side by side with the men in Diocesan capacities -- on the Executive, Finance, and Program committees for example."

And so came integration. By vote, every W.A. Branch chose whether or not to become "Anglican Church Women", sharing and merging their operations with the Synod. The Afternoon W.A. Branch at St. John's voted to change, but the Evening Branch wished to remain as it was.

Mrs. Dorothy Brown, the current President, has written:

"The passing of the years has sadly depleted our numbers until we have an average attendance of ten, of whom very few are well enough to participate in any money making project, but we still do what we can to help our beloved Church. Our chief contribution now is that we are a supportive group, caring, concerned and loving - to each other and to any in need - those living alone, anxious, in poor health, or just in need of a friend to talk with. We offer a sympathetic ear and an out-stretched hand. As long as there remains one person in the parish who wants to go to the Parish Hall on Tuesday afternoon, with God's help we will be there, to offer a cup of tea and Christian community."

Presidents have included: Mrs. H. Michell, Mrs. F.A. Gates, Mrs. W.P. Tinsley, Mrs. J.G. Hayward, Hilda Blythe, Dorothy Ion, Mrs. Farmery, Ena Whitfield, Norma Williamson and Dorothy Brown.

Thanks to Dorothy Brown and Dorothy McDermott for providing information.

St. John's W.A. Life Members



IN 1891 THE FIRST LIFE MEMBERSHIPS were given in the Diocese of Niagara. The ladies were awarded a Life Membership for their years of devoted service.

W.A. Life Members still meet annually. They still wear their Life Member's Gold Pin on the left side, symbolically over the heart.

Some of the known names from St. John's and the dates of presentation are listed:

Mrs. Jessie Daw 1913, Mrs. E.H. Crick-

more 1951, Mrs. G. Laidler 1951 (also Dominion), Mrs. J.R. Allan 1952, Mrs. Alice Heaver 1953, Mrs. Shirley Bimson 1956 (for G.A. Work), Mrs. Lily Russell 1958, Mrs. N. Lightheart 1959, Mrs. J.D. Gilmour 1959, Mrs. Gladys Farnan 1961, Mrs. S. Hogarth 1961, Mrs. W.H. Nickling 1962, Mrs. G. Hamilton 1963, Mrs. Dorothy Eyre 1965, Miss Olive Jose, Mrs. H.H. Blythe, Mrs. C.V. Hodges, Mrs. A.M. Sheppard, Mrs. A.T.F. Holmes.

Thanks to Shirley Bimson for providing this information.



The G.A. – Girls' Auxiliary

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SHIRLEY Bimson, girls of 12 and over met as the Girls' Auxiliary from 1948 until 1957. During these years the group flourished. Assisting in the leadership role were Jean Greenly, Frances Sheppard, Florence "Cookie" Cook. Alice Griffiths, Lily Russell and Joan Balison attended on occasion to help the girls with their craft and hand work. Edna Russell, who was the Junior Auxiliary leader at this time, took part in the G.A. meetings to look after specialized badge work. This combination worked well when her Juniors moved into the G.A. when they reached twelve.

There were many activities. Badges were earned for Churchmanship, Bible, Mission, Dorcas, Social Service, Music, Cooking, Home Nursing, Handicraft, Drama, Physical Fitness, Campcraft, Nature Lore, and Fashion and Form. Diocesan Festivals were held annually and St. John's girls took home many Merit Certificates and quite often the coveted First Place Silver Cup to keep for the year.

Some of the G.A. girls of this period included: Nancy and Donna Balison, Carol and Maureen Bardoe, Kathryn and Joyce

Pleasance, Alison Stanton, Carol Wheeldon, Diana Kostell, Josephine Heslop, Joyce and Barbara Wilson, Anne and Margaret Gilmour, Evelyn Morton, Frances Page, Diane Hancock, Donna Marshall, Carol Griffiths, Mary Williamson, Diane Perkins, Judy Wilson, Bonnie Lee, Sylvia Johnson, Judy Stevens, Shirley Walker, Elaine Seeley, Mary Angi, Sheila Marshall, Marilyn Boulton, and Margaret Gorman.

Over the years other leaders were Peter, Toby, Gladys Page, Gladys Pollington, Marget Murie, Sheila Marshall, Jean Angi, Susan Murma, and Yvonne Tompkins.

Thanks to Shirley Bimson and Joyce (Wilson) Milburn for providing this information.



St. John's G.A. 1951 Niagara Diocesan Festival

*Back: Beatrice ?, Donna Balison, Carol Wheeldon, Shirley Bimson, I, June Robinson, Nancy Balison.
Front: Carol Bardoe, ?, Marjorie Rount, Kathryn Pleasance, Sharon ?, Carol McNeil, Jean Greenly.*

J.A. – Junior Auxiliary

THE J.A. WAS ORIGINALLY FORMED about the time of World War II to provide for the needs of young girls between the ages of six and eleven. When they reached the age of twelve, the girls were promoted to the Girls' Auxiliary. It was in early 1938 that a group of ladies from the parish met to form what they would call a Junior Woman's Auxiliary to carry out what was termed Girls' Work. The war caused much change in leadership and organization to do this work, but once it was over the structure was consolidated and much progress was made.

Uniforms were designed, badges and badge-work created, and broad programs developed. These programs included devotional activities, scrapbook creation, crafts and social events. Since the start of these activities virtually every young girl in the parish has participated in some way. Membership has varied but has regularly been between ten and thirty-five.

One of the program highlights each year is the J.A. Rally held in the spring. In recent years the girls also have sung carols in Seniors' residences, participated in the Parish Rummage Sales, undertaken work projects to



support faraway mission activities and visited shut-ins. These, and all their other activities, are centred on five aims: to work, to learn, to pray, to give, and to tell – and to have fun while doing so.

Many women of the parish have been involved in the rewarding J.A. leadership and they are listed elsewhere. Thanks to all of these people, as well as those who have helped over the years but remain unmentioned.

Present Members of St. John's J.A. are: Kealyn Sanders, Constance Deans, Melissa Evanoff, Elizabeth Stolar, Diana Lidgley, Cristin Richardson, Lauren Hill, Meghan Holmes, Meagan Gumbinger, Kate Pilgram, Veronica Kilgoure, Paula Dixon, Ailsa Rooke, Bekki Kam, Sara Richardson, Cynthia Waters, Kathleen Crowley, Shari Veltman, Rebekah Little, Carolyn McKay.

Present Leaders are Amy Quinlan,

Shirley Deans and Amy Veltman.
Thanks to Del Collyer.



St. John's J.A. Graduation to G.A. 1956

*FIRST ROW: ?, ?, Carol Moore, Judy Wilson, Mary Angi, Carol Griffiths, Margaret Gilmour.
SECOND ROW: ?, ?, Diana Kostell, ?, Frances Page, Anne Gilmour, Joyce Wilson, Shirley Bimson.
THIRD ROW: The Rev. J.D. Gilmour, ?, ?, Lois Wilson, Edna Clarkson, Joyce Pleasance, ? Asselstine.*

Church School

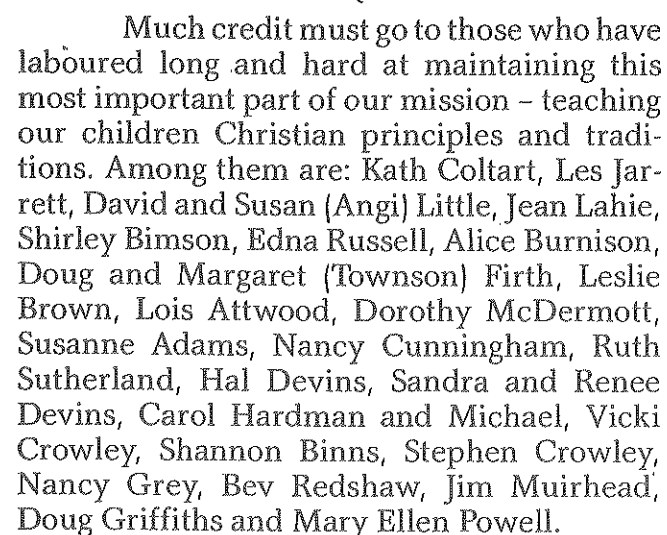
AT PRESENT WE HAVE 44 CHILDREN in our Church School. In 1945, two sessions were held every Sunday at 2:00 and 3:00 and in 1947 there were 235 children looked after by 23 teachers. For many years the General Board of Religious Education conducted annual national church school examinations and our students and teachers are to be congratulated as about 12 percent earned first class honours and about 35 percent earned second class honours.

In the early 1950s the presentation of annual awards for attendance in the form of lapel pins was instituted. Some awards went on for 20 years or more and Mr. Crickmore possessed one of the highest.

Over the years the Church School has been actively involved in the Epiphany and Christmas Pageants, Friday Lenten classes, Mothering Sunday (when a hand-made paper corsage and Simnel Cake is the gift of the children to all ladies present), skits about

apostles, Holy Week, Good Friday, Pentecost, singing with an extensive repertoire of songs and hymns accompanied by violins, trumpets, guitars, organ, piano or other instruments.

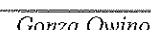
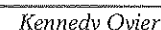
In 1957 the Sunday School was still meeting on Sunday afternoons but by the mid-1960s this routine had stopped. Around 1966 it was decided to have a program on the second Saturday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., using the Church and Parish Hall. The program started with a service of worship, followed by lessons and crafts, games and music – with lunch somewhere in between. However, the children were not appearing in Church on Sundays as had been hoped. As a result, the program was changed to being held on the second Sunday of the month. Thus began the tradition of the 9:30 a.m. Family Eucharist! One of the happy outcomes of this change was that more teachers were available and attendance improved, so a decision was made to have Church School every Sunday, keeping the second Sunday routine the same.



In 1975, the annual vestry meeting approved a motion from Dorothy McDermott that the congregation sponsor a child. This was to be done through contributions outside the church budget and was handled through the Christian Children's Fund of Canada. After a few years, this project was taken on by the Church School, through Mary Ellen Powell.

The children give their money – with the parish making up the rest – and the children are taught about “our child.”

Many different children have been helped through the parish's sponsorship program, "one of the better things that St. John's has done over the years and we can be justly proud," Mrs. McDermott wrote. Our sponsored children include: 1975-1978 Ntunene Leibor; 1978-1982 Roba Ellema; 1982-1986 Gonza Owino, Nairobi, Kenya, Africa, born 07.05.67; 1986- Kennedy Oyier, Nairobi, Kenya, Africa.



St. John's Church School, 1989

FRONT ROW: Spencer Brewer, David Shepherd, Evan Rudderham

SECOND ROW: Constance Deans, Tristan Brewer, Casey Brewer, Kimberly Samson, Andrew Gumbinger, Michael Shepherd, Nicholas Samson

THIRD ROW: Lauren Hill, Meghan Holmes, Luke Rudderham, Meagan Gumbinger, Ryan Buss, Graeme Muirhead, Steven McKay

FOURTH ROW: Karen Buss, Rebekah Little, Kathleen Crowley, Colin Holmes, Jacob Little, Scott McKay

FIFTH ROW: Paul Crowley, Beth Devins, Renee Devins, Steven Crowley, Sandra Devins

BACK ROW: Mary Ellen Powell, Jim Muirhead Jr., Ruth Sutherland, Vicki Crowley, Nancy Cunningham, Susanne Adams

ABSENT: Teachers - Susan Little, Michael Hardman; Primary - Ashley Redshaw, Stephanie Pitts, Rosanna Morganti, Michael Veltman, Shelby

Lewis; Jr. Girls - Diana Lidgey, Cynthia Waters, Kate Pilgrim, Amber Veltman, Franca Marello, Natalie Marello

SR. GIRLS - Julie Buffet, Melanie Quinlan: SR. BOYS - Jeff Lidgey, Robert Clark, Jeremy Binns: JR. BOYS - Paul Jarrett, Adam Clark, Adam Quinlan.

Parish Council and Vestry Clerks and Sexton

PARISH GOVERNMENT IS JANUS-LIKE, looking in two directions: towards the spiritual upbuilding of the congregation; and towards the congregation's secular needs, its activities, the buildings where these take place and the raising and spending of money to pay for both. The structure of parish government similarly has two sources, the clergy and the people. There is a corporation recognized in law as the legal owner of the parish real estate. It consists of the Rector, the Rector's Warden appointed by the Rector, and the People's Warden elected by the congregation at annual or vestry meetings. These three must be a party to all sales, purchases, mortgages and leases of property and to all contracts; any legal actions are brought

in the name of, or against, the Rector and the Wardens; and all insurance policies are carried in the name of the Rector and the Wardens.

Supporting the Wardens and Rector in carrying out their responsibilities is a "Church Committee." In 1964 its name was changed to "Parish Council" with two main functions: to assist the Wardens in the financial management of the parish and to advise them in all matters related to the care of the church and to further the efforts of the Rector in the spiritual upbuilding of the congregation. For many years lately the council has consisted of seventeen (17), the Rector, the Wardens, the two Lay Delegates to Synod and the two alternate Lay Delegates to Synod, the Treasurer, the Vestry Clerk, two elected men, (after 1967) two elected women, up to two men and as of 1966



two women appointed by the Rector, plus at least one and perhaps two past Wardens. Chairpersons of various committees, Auditors, Chairman of Sidespersons and Parish News Editor have at times also been members of council. All parishioners are welcome to attend. In the 1960s the Parish Council (Church Committee) consisted of twenty-four (24) members.

The Rector and Wardens make reports to Parish Council at its regular meetings, at least quarterly, and the Council acts as a barometer of parish feeling, either agreeing with proposals or suggesting changes. Not all of these are accepted. Some Rectors have felt strongly, for instance, that it is for them to decide on such spiritual matters as the number of services for Christmas or Easter. Council also hears and may debate reports from organizations within the parish, such as choir, church school and youth groups. And the Treasurer reports on income and expenditures, providing details and a comparison with the budget.



Parish Council 1989

LEFT TO RIGHT: Front Row: Carol Hardman (Rector's Warden), The Rev. G. Mervyn Dunn, Bill Shaw (People's Warden)
Row 2: Edna Russell (Lay Delegate), Mary Ellen Powell (Women's Rep.), Shirley Bimson (Lay Delegate & Vestry Clerk), Shirley Deans (Women's Rep.)
Row 3: Hal Devins (Lay Delegate), Richard Gumbinger (Men's Rep.), Laura Goring (Women's Rep.), Peter Hill (Men's Rep.)
Absent: Henny Veltman (Treasurer), Sue Lidgley (Past Warden), Amy Quinlan (Women's Rep.), Don Kirby (Men's Rep.), Ray DuCroix (Men's Rep.)

The Finance Committee (sometimes in the past called the Ways and Means Committee) is supposed to think of or carry out ways of raising funds, such as the bazaar, penny sales, the old gambling nights, spaghetti suppers, dances etc. The Property Committee (sometimes called the Maintenance Commit

tee) is responsible for making sure all parish properties are maintained suitably and for recommending repairs or maintenance as needed. In recent years, this Committee has not only been the catalyst for getting parishioners involved in doing the required work but often, with the Wardens, bears the burden of actually carrying out the needed repairs.

Although the Parish Council represents the whole congregation, it was not until 1966 that women were added to the Council's membership. A year later, women were allowed to serve as Lay Delegates to Synod. In 1987 Sue Lidgley became the first woman to serve as a Warden.

St. John's has been fortunate to have dedicated and faithful parishioners who are willing to responsibly perform what is a very demanding enterprise, over the years of our ministry.

We are most grateful for the many men and women, who as Vestry Clerks dutifully record accurately the Minutes of the annual Vestry and all Parish Council meetings into the official journals of the parish in a neat and legible manner.

The parish's custodians are the paid officers responsible for cleaning and maintaining the church buildings. By about the Second World War, this had become almost a full-time job although the sexton of the day, Fred Brotherton, was only paid \$10 a month. His successor, R.W. Sones, was both sexton and caretaker, but the church could still not afford full-time pay.

Eric Larsson recalls two incidents that made his service memorable. The first occurred



Vestry Clerks

LEFT TO RIGHT: Carol Hardman, Shirley Bimson



when the ceiling fans had been installed in the church and were first turned on. The fans blew down a black soot that covered the beautiful red carpet and the pews. "If it wasn't for Hal Devins, Greta Wilson and her friend, the church would never have been ready for Sunday morning service."

The other occurrence was more serious. One day while a service was held downstairs, some people entered the church and ransacked the pulpit and altar. Silver

goblets used in baptism, the sacramental cloth covering the altar and other items were taken. A short time later, the Parish Hall was also broken into. It was discovered that the small building to the north of the hall, used by the parish's Boy Scouts as a club house and since torn down (1988) had been used as a kind of home by young people who had scrawled anti-Christ slogans on the walls, confirming Father Twining's suspicions that devil worshippers were behind the incident.

St. John's Auditors, Treasurers and Envelope Secretaries

THE FINANCIAL SIDE OF THE WORK of Wardens and Parish Council also requires much more work than may be obvious to most parishioners, involving the Wardens, Envelope Secretary, Treasurer and Church Auditor. In the middle of this accounting process for almost three decades was Greta Jarrett, who says she was "coerced" into taking the job of Envelope Secretary by Canon Gilmour.

"I was reluctant to do this as my husband (Harry) was Warden at the time (1953-57) and I didn't want it to look like a family affair. Canon Gilmour, in the persuasive way that all Rectors seem to have, insisted

that it was the duty of the Wardens to appoint someone and it might as well be me.

"My appointment lasted nearly thirty years and I enjoyed every minute of it. I served under more than twenty Wardens. Our old system of envelopes was much different than today. We used duplex envelopes which required double bookkeeping and it also required six people, two Wardens, Treasurer, Envelope Secretary and usually the two Sidesmen on duty for the day to count the money every Sunday.

"With over 300 envelopes, many containing silver, it necessitated a lot of rolling. Inflation being what it is, today we count only bills."

Thanks to Jack Fair and Greta Jarrett.

Rector's Secretaries

BY THE MID-1940S, THE PARISH HAD grown so quickly, a full-time secretary was needed to assist the Rector.

The first full-time secretary was Miss Olive Mason, from January 1, 1945 to April 1, 1946, resigning after her marriage to Ralph Lidgley.

Mrs. Vicki Pemberton was secretary from November 1946 for four or five years. Vicki also received campers' fees for Camp Artaban and spent some time at Camp. She was also a member of the choir for 35 years, the Sanctuary Guild and the Little Helpers' secretary.

Next was Miss Edna Russell, who had served for several years in the Diocese



of Saskatoon. For four years Edna augmented her duties as secretary by also serving as Parish Worker.

Mrs. Nina Wilson was secretary during the terms of The Rev. J.D. Gilmour and The Rev. John Bartlett. Padre John's illness greatly increased the workload and the hours Nina had to spend in the office.

Mrs. Ella Shrubsall, a member of the AYP, the Mothers' Union and the Evening

Woman's Auxiliary, was secretary from June 1962 until retiring in October 1983, having worked with six priests over these 21 years.

Mrs. Henny Veltman is the most recent of these fine, outstanding, hard-working Church women, retiring in 1990.

Thanks to Vicki Pemberton, Edna Russell, Nina Wilson, Ella Shrubsall and Henny Veltman.

Former Parishioners Become Clergy

THE REVEREND WILLIAM HENRY DAW

Possibly the first clergyman born and raised in the parish to enter the Sacred Ministry, son of our second rector.

THE REVEREND GEORGE ANDREW ROBINSON

In the late 1940s probably the idol at St. John's of every young boy in the choir and at camp, some of whom worshipped the ground over which he trekked. An accomplished organist, he had a charm that attracted young and old. His sermons were lofty, short, but sound, his advice enduring. A great

writer of letters, they still cause us to reflect. He had a great many friends who loved him as attested to by those who attended on Friday, Feb. 6, 1987, a memorial service at St. John's. His story is further told herein.

THE REVEREND FRANCIS JOHN BARTLETT

While serving in the RAF at Mt. Hope he became a member of St. John's A.Y.P.A., president in 1944 and director of "May 8th". Returning to England, he attended Durham University after his discharge from the RAF and was ordered Deacon, later returning to St. John's parish. He was outgoing, friendly, ready to help everyone and enjoyed his friends.



LEFT TO RIGHT: The Rev. George A. Robinson and The Rev. F. John Bartlett



THE REVEREND WILLIAM GEDDES GREENFIELD

Born August 9, 1914 to William Chapman and Harriette Geddes Greenfield who had been married in St. John's the year before. His mother had been prepared for confirmation by Canon Daw, his grandmother was one of the earliest members of the congregation in the 1890s, and his uncle had been Vestry Clerk in 1908. Bill sang in the boys choir under Mr. Crickmore, and greatly admired the Rector, the Rev. E.H. Bowden Taylor. (His appreciation of Fr. Taylor is in the history written by his sister.) The family transferred to the Cathedral because of family connections, but Bill returned to St. John's with the Rev. William Wright who took temporary charge of St. John's after the departure of the Rev. Harry Daw and many members of the congregation. Bill was a server at the Cathedral and assisted Mr. Wright who found no servers left at St. John's.

Bill attended Earl Kitchener School and Central Collegiate. He graduated from Trinity College with the degrees B.A. and L.Th., and was ordained deacon on May 19, 1940 and priest on December 21 of the same year. He served in the Diocese of Ottawa, several dioceses in the Canadian and American West, and in the Diocese of Western New York. During the Second World War he was a chaplain with the R.C.A.F. Now retired from the American Episcopal Church, he lives in Kamloops, B.C. where his son and his family have settled. He is priest-in-charge of the little Church of St. Peter in Monte Creek, some 15 miles outside of Kamloops. He has just been made priest-associate of the Society of the Common Life which operates St. Nicholas Priory on the outskirts of Kamloops.



Rev. William G. Greenfield

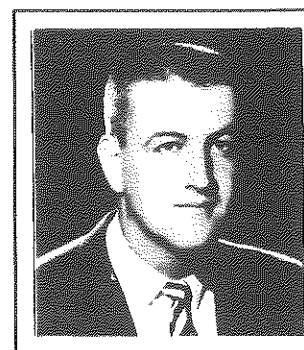
(Bill, when asked to write for this book, chose to write about Fr. E.H. Bowden Taylor, so his sister Katharine Greenfield wrote this.)

THE VENERABLE WILLIAM DIXON TOWNSON

Bill wrote that he considered himself to be a 'product' of St. John's. His family moved to the west end in 1934 and began attending there. Bill joined the Boys' Choir in 1936 when he was eight. He remembers the good times in the choir and the remarkable Mr. Crickmore who was choirmaster and Sunday School Superintendent.

1938 was a banner year for St. John's and the Boys' Choir; Padre Holmes became Rector and started Camp Artaban. It started in Greenwood, near Oshawa and only the boys from the choir were admitted. Bill was a Raboo and Ted Crickmore was his leader.

Bill joined the Servers Guild after confirmation in 1943. He was a server when George Robinson was ordained Priest. He first felt a call to ordination at that time, but he denied it quickly. He went to work for the Ontario Hydro in 1947, having had enough of school. He thoroughly enjoyed his job and excelled at it, but he stayed close to St. John's.



Ven. William D. Townson

In 1950 Padre Gilmour became Rector and did a masterful job following Padre Holmes. He was quiet, sensitive, thorough and he always listened, Bill found. He began to struggle again with a vocation to the Priesthood. "I believe to this day that it was Gilmour and his style that impressed me and made me think 'I can do it too'."

In 1956 Bill attended night school to improve his math and English. In 1957 he enrolled at Meisterschaft College in Toronto where he did grades 11 and 12 in one year. He attended Huron College in 1958-59 doing a year of Arts and Theology. Being a 'mature' student — over 25 years — he elected to do Theology without an Arts degree and entered Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec in 1959. He returned to St. John's at vacation



breaks and received financial assistance from St. John's. He graduated from Bishop's in May 1961 and was ordained Deacon at Pentecost 1961. In Bill's own words:

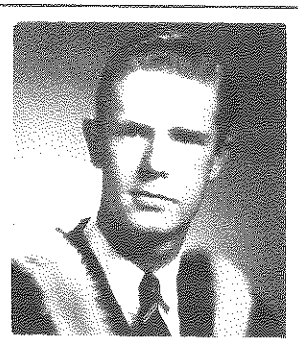
"In looking back at St. John the Evangelist, I am more than happy that I grew up in St. John's, for it is in this place that the Holy Spirit thrives. I had good training there. The singing of services that I do today was learned at St. John's. The standards that I have were set out at St. John's.

St. John the Evangelist, thank you!"

THE REVEREND RONALD HUGHIE WICKENS

Hughie and Joan Wickens had a baby boy born in January 1938, whom they baptized at St. Margaret's West Hamilton on Easter Day in the name of Ronald Hughie. The family moved into the west end and into St. John's later that year.

"Since Mom cooked and Dad drove tractor, I spent nine weeks a year from one and a half years old at Camp Artaban. I joined the Boys' Choir in 1942, cubs in 1944, became a Server in 1950, and Junior Sunday School Administrator in 1954. I read lessons, sang the service at Evensong and occasionally preached under the watchful eye of Padre Gilmour. I graduated from Westdale 1956, and from McMaster (B.A.) 1959, and from Trinity College Toronto (S.T.B.) 1962. Ordained deacon in 1962, served curacy at St. Thomas until Spring 1963. Ordained priest May 1, 1963, married Patricia Henderson May 25, 1963, and moved to Kinistino, Saskatchewan as priest-in-charge until July 1966. Moved to Nanaimo, B.C. as priest-associate, youth worker, media rep for Council of Churches, Christian Education Director for Anglican, United and Roman Catholic Parishes, Family Counsellor. 1969-1974 I was rector of St. Richard's, North Vancouver, B.C., and from 1974-1979, rector/minister St. Margaret's Anglican/St. Luke's United Vancouver, B.C. Then went into chaplaincy training with Canadian



Rev. Ronald Hughie Wickens

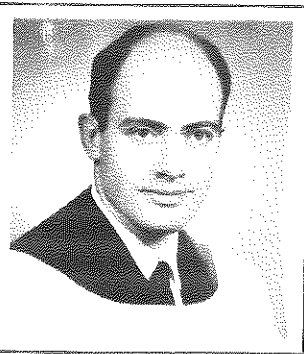
Association for Pastoral Education and received certification as a chaplain in 1981. Received certification from the Canadian Council of Churches in 1985. Present position: Anglican Chaplain at Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver, B.C. Volunteer work includes: Legion padre, Co-ordinator of the Vancouver Marriage Preparation Program and chairman of the Canadian Association for Pastoral Education, B.C. region."

THE REVEREND ELLIOTT A. SHEPPARD

Born January 21, 1931 in Hamilton to Alton and Emily Sheppard, both of St. John's. He was baptized by the Rector E.H. Bowden Taylor. Elliott's brothers and sisters were all members of St. John's and all were confirmed here along with their father.

Camp Artaban played a major role in their lives as it did in the lives of many of the parish. Mrs. Sheppard was Superintendent of the Junior Sunday School for many years. Elliott was a member of the Sunday School, the Bible Class, the Church Boys' League, the Boys' Brigade and the Choir, and later taught a Sunday School class. He remembers the influence of many of St. John's parishioners and clergy: Mr. Crickmore, Mr. Brooks, Padre Holmes, Mr. Price, Ralph Lidgley, Mrs. Gladman, Padre John Bartlett, Padre Gilmour, Mr. Love, Ed. and Mrs. Collyer among them.

Elliott taught school in Scarborough and Sudbury before training for the priesthood at Montreal Diocesan Theological College. He was ordained deacon at St. John's, May 5, 1963, by Bishop Neville Clarke, and priest June 9, 1965 at Chibougamau, Quebec, by Bishop James Watton. He worked with the Indian people of that area of Moosonee from 1963 to 1966. He and his wife, Allison Harvie of Orillia, served in parishes at Fort Simpson, NWT, at Red Lake, Ontario, in a joint Anglican-United parish in Turtleford, Saskatchewan, in



Rev. Elliott A. Sheppard

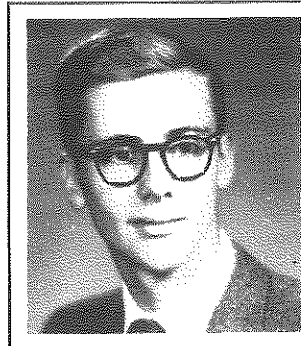
Wainwright, Alberta and now four parishes in the tourist area of Sundridge.

Elliott and Allison have two children, Andrew who is studying Computer Science at Ryerson and Louis who is in Grade 11.

Elliott sends this message: "Thank you so very much St. John's for all the basics I received from you. I don't know if you are aware of this but you helped finance several of us through our theological training."

THE REVEREND DOCTOR MARK CHARLES McDERMOTT

Mark first started attending church school at St. John's in the fall of 1949. Padre Holmes personally prepared him for baptism, and Mark was impressed that this very busy and energetic man should take time to go over the service of baptism with him. He has fond memories of Padre John Gilmour and remembers that it was his great concern to minister to the sick and troubled. He was also strong on church attendance and would expect the young people to attend every Sunday and Wednesday mornings at 7:30 in Lent. Mark says "we did it, too."



Rev. Doctor M. C. McDermott

Mark became a counsellor at Camp Artaban and a president of the AYP. In his first year at McMaster he decided to answer the call for young men to become priests. Upon finishing McMaster in 1964 he attended Trinity College, University of Toronto. Whenever he was back home, he always found the then rector, Padre John Bartlett, an expert liturgist. It was Padre John who officiated when Mark married Janice Stewart.

Mark was ordered deacon on May 14, 1967, and his first appointment was as assistant curate at St. Simon's in downtown Toronto where he served for two years. He was priested in May, 1968 and began graduate studies at the University of Western Ontario and became part-

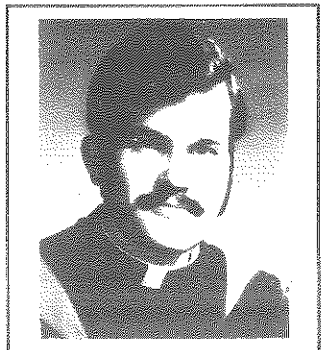
time priest-in-charge of St. Peter's, Dorchester. Finishing at Western in 1971 he became rector of the parish, staying there until January, 1974. His first child, Simon, was born in London. In 1974 Mark became the rector of Shelburne, a parish which for many reasons, should have been in the diocese of Niagara instead of Huron - and by October of 1976 it was transferred to Niagara and Mark came back to his home diocese. His daughter Mary was born in 1976. In 1979 Mark became rector of St. Simon's, Oakville. A new building was built in a different location and opened for worship in May, 1988.

These facts are taken from Mark's own account of his life and ministry, and he concluded: "So that is my story - but St. John's has been part of it as well! and St. John's is in turn part of Christ's great story, and to Him be the glory!"

THE REVEREND PAUL MICHAEL KOMPASS

The Reverend Paul Michael Kompass, son of Alan and Hazel Kompass, was baptized in the Church of the Ascension but grew up as a member of St. John the Evangelist Church. He was confirmed in 1954 and was a server at St. John's Church when Canon John Gilmour was rector of the parish and was ordained to the diaconate in 1971 at St. John's when The Reverend Eric Mills was rector. Shortly after this, he was married to Kathleen Ann Wickett of Herkimer Street West, at St. John's.

Paul's first appointment was as Assistant Curate at Holy Trinity Church, Welland, under the direction of Archdeacon Alan F. Hill. In 1973, he was appointed as rector of St. Simon's Church, Oakville, where he served until 1979. In 1979, he moved to the Diocese of Ontario, to Madoc, Ontario where he was rector of the three point Parish of Madoc. In 1986, Paul accepted the position of rector of the three point



Rev. Paul Michael Kompass





Parish of the Rideau, living in Portland, Ontario near Smiths Falls. He lives there presently with his wife and four sons - Michael 13, Stephen 12, Philip 10, and Matthew 9.

During his ministry in the Diocese of Ontario, Paul has served on the committee to draft guidelines for Children and Holy Communion, as leader of a number of workshops for Sunday School teachers, as Chairman of

Former Parishioners Become Missionaries

ELIZABETH (COCKBURN) HIMAN

"A.Y.P.A. breakfasts, afternoon Sunday School, Monday night A.Y.P.A. volleyball games, hikes along the tracks to Artaban, choir practices, and Sunday School teacher's meetings with Sue (Angi) Little and Kath Coltart, these are my fond memories of St. John's. Each of these activities by themselves does not amount to a lot, but put together they kept a teenage girl in the church growing and developing in the relationship with Jesus Christ and other Christians. Outside of school, St. John's was my life. With my love for God and His people firmly planted in my life, I went to Ontario Bible College in Toronto and graduated in September 1969 with a BA in Christian Education. This was accomplished with financial help from my St. John's family. When I wanted to work with the Niagara Diocese in education, I was told I should pursue a Masters degree, so I went to the U.S.A. to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Boston, Mass., where I received my Masters of Religious Education and met my husband Bill. This schooling taught me much that I use daily in my life as a pastor's wife and village missionary. I deal a lot with the educational life of the church. As a missionary in small or rural churches, I deal with people and programs much like those at St. John's and often reflect on the acceptance and security I was given as a teen there. My prayer is that I will be able to pass this same Christian



Elizabeth (Cockburn) Himan,
Missionary

the Children's Education Unit of the Diocese, as a member of the national church's Children's Unit and Loaves and Fishes Committee jointly with the United Church, as Rural Dean for Hastings Deanery, as a camp director and chaplain at several sessions of the diocesan Camp Hyanto in Lyndhurst, and presently as Chairman of the World Mission and Inter-church Relations Committee.

love and heritage on to the children and teens I teach. Keep on St. John's! There are many lives you have touched and will continue to touch as you minister for God in Hamilton."

JOYCE (WILSON) MILBURN

Joyce (Wilson) Milburn regards St. John's and Camp Artaban as formative influences in her life, and credits an article in the Niagara Anglican for prompting her to apply for a position in a residential school on an Indian reserve. She served at the Gordon Indian Reserve near Punnicy, Saskatchewan where there was a school run by the Department of Indian Affairs and a residence run by the Anglican Church. She was in charge of 25 active boys, ages 5 and 6, supervising all their activities when they were not in school, from getting them up in the morning to getting them to bed at night. Joyce has numerous stories about those strenuous and mostly happy times.

In April, 1958 Joyce returned home and in September began her training at Teachers' College. In the summer of 1959 she taught for the Sunday School by Post for the Bishop of Keewatin, visiting and conducting programmes for children in many small communities in the diocese. In the Fall she began teaching at the Indian Residential School at Moose Factory where the students were

mostly Cree Indians. She married a teacher on the staff, and the next year they both went to an Indian Residential Day School on Little Pine Reserve, Saskatchewan. There they found that the blessings they were trying to convey to their pupils were mixed. They saw little relevance in the textbooks relating to the life of a white urban family, mathematical problems based on handling money, stories of community helpers such as letter carriers and firefighters. She and her husband felt that they barely scratched the surface of understanding Indian life. But it must have been a wonderful experience.



Joyce (Wilson) Milburn

EDNA MAY RUSSELL

Born, raised and educated in Hamilton. After graduation from Westdale High School of Commerce, worked in Canadian Westinghouse for four years, leaving there to enter the "Deaconess and Missionary Training House" in Toronto. The old "Deak House" later changed its name to "The Anglican Women's Training College" and more recently to the "Centre for Christian Studies."

"For three years, we were trained in all aspects of Church and Parish life as well as receiving our Theological and Liturgical instruction and studies at Wycliffe College along with the men who were training for the priesthood."

"My summer work as at Chapleau Indian Residential School and at Mildmay Camp where I learned everything possible about running a residential school and leading a children's camp."

"Upon graduation, I was posted to the Diocese of Saskatoon as Superintendent of the Sunday School by Post. This Diocesan S.S.P. did not come under the wing of Miss Hasell's Vans, but was under the auspices of the Colonial and Continental Church Society in England."

"As Superintendent, it was my duty to teach and train volunteers from all over Canada how to conduct Church Services, organize summer schools, visit old S.S.P. members and enrol new members all over the Diocese, as



well as to read maps, how to camp and exist in the Vans on the Prairies for three or four months at a time. The winter months were spent in teaching the Scripture lessons by correspondence to all the children who had been contacted during the summer by the "Vanners".

"After several years, I returned to St. John's as Church Secretary and Camp Artaban Registrar. A short while later I was Set Apart or Ordained as Deaconess and other phases of the parish came under my care: Church School, J.A., G.A., W.A., parish visiting, etc. After a few years I accepted a position at All Saints' Kingsway, Toronto, as Director of Christian Education, then back to Church of St. James the Apostle, Hamilton, as Deaconess, Parish Worker and Church Secretary, finally coming to the Church of St. Thomas, Hamilton, as Church Secretary, Envelope Secretary and Treasurer, where I retired after serving there for 22 years."



Edna Russell, Missionary and
Deaconess

