

# Message about Fr. Jesse



ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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The first thing to say about Fr Jesse is that all members of the selection committee were impressed by his preaching style, presenting a strong message based on the Gospel reading of the day. He is a young man and while he may have limited experience, he displays a high level of confidence, ability and maturity. In conversation he is warm, approachable and has a good sense of humour.

During the focus group meetings, held by the selection committee, many of our congregation expressed the hope that our new incumbent would have the ability to attract young people into the church and increase our visibility in the community. Fr Jesse has, at his current church, developed partnerships with a number of local community groups such as Scouts and Guides resulting in a significant increase in the church youth group. He has also partnered with a local group called "The Hub" which sounds a bit like our "Green Wood Coalition" but specifically targeting new immigrants and those on social assistance.

These are words from our new incumbent, "My calling as a priest is to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Jesus Christ and to enable others to do the same. Good preaching, steadfast pastoral ministry and a strong liturgical understanding form the bedrock of my priestly ministry. I am called to missional leadership; emphasizing the call that God places on the lives of individual Christians to carry their ministries out into the world. I always seek opportunities to enable and encourage meaningful lay ministry."

Fr Jesse also makes it clear that he expects to generate, "collaboration between priest and people, between church and the wider community." He displays a feeling for social justice and a desire to engage with the wider community in which he serves; youth ministry is an important and energizing part of his vocation.

Fr Jesse includes in his resume some personal interests of him and his wife Leanne which are cycling, cooking and boating. He plays guitar and drums and has a good singing voice claiming the distinction of touring Canada and the USA with rock and blues bands.

The Parish Selection Committee is confident that God has led Fr Jesse to St John's and that we can look forward to leadership which will be both challenging and satisfying.

Thanks be to God!

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### Sign of the Times



## Spiritual Development Committee

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**Exciting news!** Mark your calendars now for Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 when newly retired Bishop George Elliott will lead our **Lenten Day** (formerly known as Quiet Day). The day will run from 9:30 a.m. to about 4 p.m. and will include worship services, several talks (each followed by a chance to ask Bishop Elliott questions) and a delicious lunch. More details to follow as the date approaches.

Sally Raymond inspired an appreciation of Gregorian chants in us when **St. John's Book Club** met to discuss "The Beautiful Mystery" by Louise Penny in June. Our next selection is "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. Everyone is welcome to join in on what promises to be a great ethical discussion: October 20 and 27 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the Noah's Ark comfort room.

This past summer's "**Walk with Us**" spiritual walks, led by Shane Watson and Lyn Bradshaw, were another great opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship. Held in both Port Hope and Cobourg, the evenings were pleasant and the themes: Faith in Training, The Path Taken, The Buzzards are Circling but God's not Finished with Me Yet, and Carriers of Christ were thought provoking, prompting good discussion. Thanks to Shane and Lyn for leading these and thanks to all who joined in.

There are 12 new books and 2 new DVDs in our library. Check them out at <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/sjac> or by selecting the **Parish Library** link on our website.

## Our New Doors

On Sunday September 15 the new church doors were dedicated to Glory of God and in loving memory of Lillian Anderson

Ken Ashton

Carol Battersby

Grace Brackenbury

Murray Burgess

Cora Carr

Donna Demoe

Chub Downey

Wayne Elliott

Leslie Fraser

Betty Perry

Darren Smith

Bill and Louis Tranmer

Ron Wakely

The new doors match the style of the previous doors and the doors which have been replaced at the tower and the parish hall in recent years. One of the doors now also features a handicap door opener.



## **THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF GIVING**

by Pauline Carrick

As many of you already know, I served in a volunteer capacity with a Christian humanitarian organization in Sierra Leone, West Africa in 1993.

In the refugee camp for 7,000 Liberians escaping from the horrendous civil war in their country, I met John Freeman, whose seemingly impossible dream was to become an Anglican priest.

I'm proud to report that the Canadian Anglican Church and St. John's, Port Hope gave money to assist John in realizing his vision. After his ordination, St. John's Trinity Group took on the mission of sending money for the school expenses of John's four children.

Through many years of triumphs and disasters, the Rev. John has faithfully served his God as a priest in Liberia, much of it in small country churches.

This summer, I was greatly excited when John e-mailed me with the news that he was coming to Detroit to see some of his relatives and had planned a visit to Canada. However, when he could not obtain a Visa, I hopped on a bus and went to see him in Detroit. It was a very satisfying visit, and it was wonderful to see the transformation in 20 years from an emaciated refugee to a confident Anglican priest.

Since my visit, I have been reflecting on the act of giving money and the ripple effect that each gift creates when it is received and used. Take, for example, our gifts to John Freeman and his family.

Like a stone thrown in water, the resulting ripple effects are the hundreds of people whose lives John has touched in preaching the Word of God. Again, his four children were able to graduate from high school with our gifts, a huge ripple effect in a poor African country. One daughter is a trained nurse and one son is a business graduate, the two others are still in post-secondary schools. These young people will not only be self-supporting adults, but the skills of each one will create their own ripple effect as they help to rebuild a strong Liberia.

Thanks to everyone who contributed in various ways to the success of John Freeman's impossible dream. We should be proud that we were able to make it happen.

## The New Church Sign

Earlier this year the Communications Committee was tasked with looking into a new sign to replace the existing aging sign in front of the church. The committee worked with a local sign company (L.A. Signs and Designs) to develop several concepts that were presented to the parish in September. Thank to everyone who provided input on the concepts --the response was great. The clear preference was for "Option B" which was subsequently endorsed at the September Advisory Board meeting. The Communications Committee has been authorized to proceed with finalizing the design and then proceed with manufacture and installation.

The Option B design includes a sandblasted cedar top portion with the name of the church and a lower aluminum panel with the service times, name of our incumbent and contact information. At the bottom are two changeable message panels. The main colours selected are Hale Navy and Windham Cream, which are from the Benjamin Moore's historical colour pallet. The sign will be two sided and installed perpendicular to Pine Street in approximately the same location as the existing sign. Illumination (e.g., flood lamps) will not be included initially, but may be added later. The use of commercial style back-lighting was avoided so that the sign would fit in with the character of the neighbourhood.



# KID'S COLOURING PAGE



## Sunday School Autumn Calendar

September 29	Back to Church Sunday Creation Sensation (Kids' Club & JAM)
October 6	Noah (Kids' Club) The Lord's Prayer (JAM)
October 13	Abram and Sara (Kids' Club) Being Thankful (JAM)
October 20	Exodus (Kids' Club) What is the Bible? (JAM)
October 27	Ten Best Ways to Live (Kids' Club & JAM) Sign up for Christmas Story
November 3	Ark and a Tent for God (Kids' Club) Bible Scavenger Hunt (JAM)
November 10	Remembrance Day Service David and Goliath (Kids' Club) Remembrance Day (JAM) Christmas Story practice 12:30pm
November 17	Prayer (Kids' Club & JAM) Christmas Story Practice 12:30pm
November 24	The Promised Land (Kids' Club) The Story of Baby Jesus (JAM) Christmas Story Practice 12:30pm
December 1	Prophets Show the Way to Bethlehem (Kids' Club) The Angels Visit the Shepherds (JAM) Christmas Story Practice 12:30pm
December 4 (Wednesday)	Christmas Story Dress Rehearsal
December 8	Mary, Joseph and the Shepherds show the Way To Bethlehem (Kids' Club) The Wise Men (JAM) Christmas Story Performance
December 9 (Monday)	Christmas Story Performance
December 15	Service of Lessons and Carols Multi-Generational Service at 10:30am Christmas Party
December 22	The Nativity - The Magi Meet The Christ Child (Kids' Club & JAM)
December 24	Children's Christmas Eve Service
December 29	No Kids' Club
January 5	Escape to Egypt (Kids' Club & JAM)

# Youth Ministry

## Kids' Club: Nursery - Gr. 3

*Young Children and Worship* is the Sunday School program being adopted by St. John's Kids' Club. The program works well for children of various ages and abilities.

Children and Worship presents biblical stories and parables using wooden figures to illustrate. The approach is of a sensorimotor style. Children *experience* rather than just learn about God and worship.

At the beginning of the children's worship session, we assemble and meet together in our special "place". We greet each other (with word and sign) - *The Lord be with you; and also with you*. We sing songs and give our offering. We prepare to hear a story of God by singing and signing - *Be Still and know that I am God*. A story or parable is presented using wooden figures and then there is a time to wonder and then respond with art and craft. We close by singing and signing a benediction - *Go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere you go*.

## J.A.M. (Jesus and Me): Gr. 4 - 8

Jesus and Me (J.A.M.) offers an extension of the *Young Children and Worship* Program.

It takes on a similar format but offers a more in depth approach to worship, making connections between Kids' Club/JAM and the Church/Christianity, and preparing youth to become an integral part of Church life through worship (Altar Server, Reading of Lessons, Choir), learning (regular Sunday JAM lessons, movie and discussion) and caring for others (visiting shut ins with cookies and muffins).

Some JAM activities extend beyond the regular Church service and fellowship hours and into Sunday afternoon, in which case lunch is provided and advanced notice is given to parents or care givers.



## Rectory Update

Following the announcement that our new incumbent, Fr. Jesse Parker and his wife, Leanne would be moving into the rectory the parish has been busy preparing their new home for them. A big thank you goes to Pat Honey, Doug Burgess and Cec Reesor for their time commitment and hard work to meet the deadline of Sept 21st move in of Fr. Jesse and Leanne. Also our thanks to Paul and Diane Fraser, John Lecain, Susanne Finney and Garry Curtis for trimming the shrubs around the rectory. Rob Tinney has also helped by cutting down an old tree in the back yard of the rectory.

Here are some of the things done in the rectory:

new basement stairs and railing

new carpet in all bedrooms and den

all rooms painted including kitchen and bath cupboards (colours picked by Leanne)

new oven fan and light fixtures in some areas

new toilet

carbon monoxides alarms on all 3 levels

new batteries in smoke detectors

existing carpet steam cleaned

a general cleaning of the whole house

We hope Fr. Jesse and Leanne enjoy their new home.

Coming in the fall and winter of 2013/14...



# **“Confirmation Reboot”**

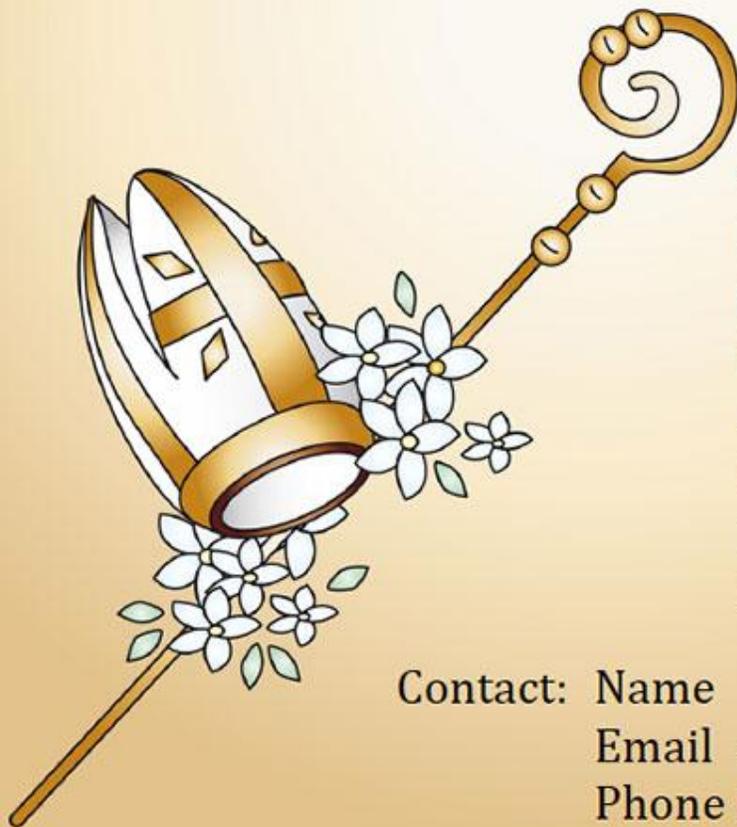
**Have you considered confirmation?**

**Have you considered reaffirming your vows?**

**Do you wish to further explore your faith?**

**BEGINS: Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 PM TO 9:00 PM**



Sessions:

**October 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>  
St. George's Grafton  
November 6<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>th</sup>  
(23<sup>rd</sup> Sat. 9:30-11:30am)  
St. John's Port Hope  
January 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
St. Peter's Cobourg  
February 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>  
St. Mark's Port Hope**

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## FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

The communications committee has launched a parish Facebook page, called "[St. John's Church, Port Hope](#)".



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### Pictures of our Parish



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## Parish Calendar

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time &amp; Place</b>
<b>Fr. Jesse Parker begins his duties at St. John's</b>	October 1, 2013	
<b>Confirmation Reboot begins</b>	Wed. Oct. 9th	St. George's, Grafton
<b>Sign-up for Christmas Story</b>	October 27, 2013	After 10:30 service
<b>Fr. Jesse Parker Induction</b>	November 3, 2013	4 p.m. at St. John's
<b>Confirmation Reboot</b>	November 6 and 23	St. John's