

## Youth Group Activities - *continued from page 2*

Group is always in need of snacks and drinks, which can be labelled and left in the hall kitchen. Other ways to help include occasionally volunteering as a driver for special events. Another important role is serving as a Sunday School teacher who is willing to teach one Sunday a month.

If you can help out, or have any questions, please contact **Blake Wright** at [mrblakewright@yahoo.ca](mailto:mrblakewright@yahoo.ca).

Here are some of the activities planned for the weeks ahead:

- Friday, October 28 - Halloween trip to Saunders Farm
- Sunday, October 30 - Youth led worship service
- Friday, November 4 to Sunday, November 6  
OMG Retreat, grades 6 to 8, Temple Pastures
- Saturday, November 5, 1:00-4:00 pm - St. Bart's Bazaar
- Sunday, November 20 - OMG Event at St Bart's for grades 6 to 12
- Friday, November 25, 5:30 pm - Parent's Night Out
- Sunday, November 27 - Grey Cup event
- Friday, December 9 - Christmas Lights Festival
- Saturday, December 10 - Hockey Game  
Ottawa Senators vs Vancouver Canucks
- Sunday, December 11 - We visit St. Columba's.  
Meet at St. Bart's at 10:00 am
- Wednesday, December 14- Secret Santa Party

## Bazaar - *continued from page 3*

work on the walls of the Tea Room. Not only did they gain exposure for their beautiful work, people in the Tea Room had something to look at, and there was a polished and more cultural look to the room. **Joan Ramsey Burn** took the time from studying to create the table centrepieces for the Tea Room. I vividly remember her bringing them in; when I pulled one out of its box, I thought I had opened a Martha Stewart magazine to a page of "The Most Elegant Centrepiece. Ever."

There is an enormous need for volunteers, particularly on the day of the bazaar itself. Over the next few weeks there will be more information in the bulletins about volunteer roles and contact information. If you have volunteered in previous years, we hope to hear from you again this year. If you haven't volunteered before, take my advice and ask yourself "What's the worst that could happen?" You'll be amazed to find out just how much fun it all is.

Contact **Helen Toft** at [helentft@gmail.com](mailto:helentft@gmail.com) or **Linda Assad-Butcher** at [lassad@rogers.com](mailto:lassad@rogers.com).

**Your financial offering to St. Bart's from January to the end of September** - A confidential record of the amount that you have given for the work of St. Bart's so far this year is enclosed. We hope this will encourage you to keep mindful of the needs of our church as you consider your offering for the rest of the year. If you have any questions about the printout, please contact our Envelope Secretary Ron Burrows, either through the church office or at his home at 613-746-1763.

## Summer Weddings

**Leslie Sponder &**

**Jason Seagram**

*were married*

*on July 23,*

*2011*



**Rebecca Briscoe and Neal Porter** were married on August 6, 2011

## Ordinations

*The Reverends  
**Monique Stone**  
& **Linda Wheeler** were  
ordained as  
deacons in May.  
They will be ordained to  
the priesthood,  
November 30 at  
Christ Church Cathedral  
The service begins at  
7:30 pm.*



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# The Cheerful Epistle



## A MESSAGE FROM CANON DAVID CLUNIE

Here at St Bart's most of us are back from summer! There is much going on in the parish and this newsletter will highlight all that is happening both on Sunday mornings and during the week. Sunday School, Nursery and Youth Group are in full swing. The Youth Group are planning part of our service on Oct. 30. Just before that on Oct. 26 we will hold our 4th Pub Night and then comes the Bazaar on Saturday Nov. 5!

The summer weather was welcome but in the midst of it we at St Bartholomew's suffered a number of losses. Here are words spoken at the funeral of **Ron Thompson** who tragically drowned in July on the day of the fiercest sudden storm anyone can remember.

"In the midst of our grief at the loss of Ron let me say on behalf of all of us at St. Bartholomew's how thankful we are for all that he brought to our parish. Ron applied his professional talents as treasurer both in the past and over the last three years. In addition he co-chaired our Financial Development Committee.

"But above all it was his spirit that infused hope, enthusiasm and joy into our midst whether at Sunday services, on parish councils or helping in the kitchen. I am profoundly grateful for the talents he brought and the vision he imparted. He saw the church as a means for helping beyond ourselves and convinced us that we could and should do it. His faith in God and people will always remain with us here."

Two other long time members died this summer. **Doug Wurtele** and **Wynne Mundy**. Doug was in his 90's and Wynne had celebrated her 100th birthday in January. They too will be sorely missed.

So many of us have wept over the loss of friends and loved ones. Our faith in Jesus Christ and the resurrection cannot bring back those we have lost but it does sustain us in knowing that they are with the Lord.



**Ron Thompson**  
1943 - 2011

## THE CALENDAR

(subject to change)

### October

Thursday, October 13

Meditation , 8:00 am

Bible Study, 10:30 am

Saturday, October 15

Heritage Association , 2:00 pm

Monday, October 17

NECA Meeting, 5:00 pm

Thursday, October 20

Meditation , 8:00 am

Bible Study, 10:00 am

Friday, October 21

Concert: Ensemble OVO, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 25

Parish Council, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, October 26

Pub Night - Clocktower Pub,

6:00 pm

Thursday, October 27

Meditation, 8:00 am

Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 29

Wedding

Victoria Bendel & John McLaren,

1:30 pm

Sunday, October 30

Youth Group Service

### November

November 1 to 5

Bazaar Preparation

Thursday, November 3

Meditation, 8:00 am

Bible Study, 10:00 am

Saturday, November 5

Bazaar, 1:00 pm

Sunday, November 6

Remembrance Sunday with

Governor General's Foot Guards

Thursday, November 10

Meditation 8:00 am

Bible Study, 10:00 am

Thursday, November 17

Meditation , 8:00 am

Bible Study, 10:00 am

Tuesday, November 22

Parish Council, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, 7:30 pm

Dr. Chelsea Honeyman

Lecture: King James

Royal Poet

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## ST. BART'S WELCOMES YOUNG FAMILIES



What do you do if you want to attend the Sunday morning service at St. Bart's, but you have a young child in need of attention? That was the challenge faced by church wardens two and a half years ago when they asked **Julia Laku** to help re-start the church's nursery program.

With the help and advice of parents, and Sunday School co-ordinator **Carole Schmidt**, Julia was able to put together a successful nursery. As a result, parents can take a well deserved break and enjoy the 10:30 service, knowing that their children are in good hands.

The nursery is located in the far left corner of the church hall, and welcomes infants and children up to three years of age, after which children can "graduate" to Sunday School.

In addition to basic care and play activities, the nursery also helps prepare children to go into the church. Programming follows the church calendar, and kids will occasionally participate in activities during the service, such as receiving a blessing or dressing up in costumes as part of the Christmas pageant.

Establishing the nursery wasn't easy at first, as some children were not used to being left with someone they didn't know. But parents spent time with their kids in the nursery to assist with the transition. Parents have also been good at donating items like books and toys, providing their children with snacks and identifying any food allergies.

An average Sunday will see a half dozen children in the nursery, but that number can vary greatly. On occasions when the nursery has needed some volunteers to help out, the youth group has always been ready to pitch in.

Julia says that the nursery is a great opportunity for the church to welcome young families. In fact, some children are enjoying the program so much that they are encouraging their parents to come back to St. Bart's week after week.

## St. BART'S YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES ~ Blake Wright

The St. Bart's Youth Group has resumed its activities for the fall and has published a calendar which is now available in the Church office.

The Group regularly meets on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am and Wednesday evenings from 6-8 pm. Once-a-month special events are also scheduled, usually on Friday's. The Youth Group will also be venturing out one Sunday morning a month to attend other Anglican churches in our diocese.

The Group is also looking to increase its service to the community over the course of the year. It is important to note that you can provide some assistance to the Youth Group. How? There are many ways to help out. The Youth

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## ST. BART'S BAZAAR - SATURDAY, NOV 5

Helen Toft

I have a confession to make. When I offered to be general convenor for the St Bart's bazaar in 2010, my only goal was to put the notice that had been running in the bulletin week after week out of its misery. The first call for a convenor was published sometime in May. By early July it was still there. It seemed awful to me that the church's most important fund-raising event didn't have volunteers rushing to sign up. I used my favourite saying ("What's the worst that could happen?!" Gary, my husband, knows it well.) And I signed up as convenor.

And since every article ought to express gratitude in one way or another, let me take this moment to say thank you to those who diplomatically suppressed any doubts and concerns about whether or not I knew what I was doing (I didn't) and let me go ahead as convenor. I certainly had no idea what I was getting into. **Carol Matson** handed me a copy of an invaluable guide to the bazaar that **Ellen Zeiss**, a previous convenor, had written, and off I went.

St Bart's Bazaar has a truly delightful history. The church itself was established in 1868, and in 1878 Lady Dufferin, the Governor General's young and dramatic wife, decided that a bazaar would help pay down the church's mortgage. She not only did that, raising \$2000 (the equivalent of \$141 000 in 2010 terms), but also donated a substantial amount of money to an orphanage. It would be today's equivalent of the bazaar generating enough money to update the hall, buy a new organ, and still donate to all the charities it supports.

As I learned more about the bazaar throughout summer and fall of 2010 I gained a great sense of what a privilege it was to be involved in such a unique and historic community event. Whether it was seeing the old recipes for the Tea Room sandwiches, having previous convenors explain to me the development of various tables over the years, reading about Lady Dufferin and her ideas, it was impossible to not acknowledge the 130 years (and counting) of thought, care, and time that people had poured into the bazaar.

**Linda Assad-Butcher** and I are co-convenors for the bazaar this year. Our role is quite simple: we make sure everyone has what they need to work on their tables and their ideas, and we get out of their way. People always have the most wonderful ideas, and there's plenty of room for new ones at the bazaar. Last year, for example, **Ann Clayton** and her fellow artists at the Stanley Street Workshop offered to display some of their

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## THE CALENDAR

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### November

Thursday, November 24

Meditation , 8 am

Bible Study, 10:30 am

Friday, November 25

Youth Group - Parents Night Out

5 pm

Wednesday, November 30

Ordination to Priesthood

Christ Church Cathedral, 7:30 pm

### December

Thursday, December 1

Meditation, 8:00 am

Bible Study, 10:00 am

Wednesday, December 7

I.O.D.E. Christmas Party, 9:00 am

Thursday, December 8

Meditation , 8:00 am

Bible Study, 10:00 am

Sunday, December 11

Advent Carol Service, 4:30 pm

Thursday, December 15

Meditation , 8:00 am

Bible Study, 10:00 am

Saturday, December 17

Guards' Christmas Party

Thursday, December 22

Meditation, 8:00 am

Bible Study, 10:00 am

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 & 10:00 pm

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Service, 10:00 am

Monday, December 26

Boxing Day - Office closed

### January

Sunday, January 1

New Year's Day Service, 10:00 am



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