

# THE LYCHGATE

**June 26, 2022**

Parish Newsletter of  
The Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields



## From Father Philip

“Time marches on” and “Time waits for no man” are only two examples of proverbs or aphorisms that seek to capture something of the human experience. We are creatures bound in this life by time and space. What we know is that time keeps moving inexorably onwards and we sometimes feel as if we are being swept along in the flood with little or no control over its progress. Sometimes we wish we could simply stop the flow of time and get a breather, or we would love to be able to turn back the clock and recapture something of what we had before. But time continues to march on.

I don’t know about you, but I am certainly feeling the sweep of time as we emerge out of the most acute phases of the pandemic. In terms of our church life, I think there is the natural desire to seek the familiar and the comfortable after all we have been through, to return to the normalcy we knew before the pandemic. However, it is becoming clearer and clearer that this is simply not possible. Changes in society and the church which were already occurring before the pandemic have simply accelerated over these past few years as new trends and outlooks begin to emerge. Our goal must surely be not to seek to reverse this movement but to seek for God’s direction and guidance in the midst of a new world and a new situation. Where is God calling us to be as Christians, as members of St. Martin’s, in this new age? The mission to proclaim the Good News, to live out the gospel of love, has not ceased, but the way in which we express it may have to.

I have been conscious of this new situation during our Sunday morning gatherings for worship. Many of the old familiar faces are simply not there. Many of our parishioners who feel vulnerable are joining us by livestream and not in person. Others have moved away, or with changing circumstances they have sought other paths. What has been truly encouraging has been the number of newcomers who have come through our doors during the last couple of months and joined us for worship.

I have also been encouraged by the way, in events like Doors Open or our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, that we have had a forward looking orientation. Yes, we want to celebrate the 100 years of our beautiful church building, but I have never felt that this celebration is simply an exercise in nostalgia. Rather, I think we have focused on celebrating the tradition we have received, and on seeking out possible new ways that we can live out that tradition in the future.

I attended a fascinating seminar this past week put on by Cardus, perhaps the only Christian think-tank in the country. The seminar was being held to report on the results of several years of work undertaken by Cardus along with the Angus Reid polling company to assess present trends in the Canadian population around faith and religion. For me, one of the key learnings was that in the younger group in Canadian society there is a clear division between those who have turned away from religion and those who desire to seek and engage with the life of faith. For these latter individuals, as they explore the realm of faith, it is crucial that there be a sense of tradition, not in the sense of a retreat into the past, but in the sense of being caught up in something bigger than the individual, something that has deep roots, that seeks to speak and live with authenticity and commitment, that engages with the world in a lively and open way, and that offers not a “thin gruel” but “solid meat”. Surely it is in these areas that we as a parish need to focus our efforts as we seek to pass on the faith that has been handed on to us by previous generations.

I pray that we can continue as a parish in these coming months to remain open to the leading of the Spirit as we move into this new world trusting in the promises of God and supported by God’s ongoing grace and mercy.

May these summer months be for you a time of rest and re-creation giving thanks for the many blessings that we share at St. Martin’s.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Philip

## Church Directory



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St. Martin-in-the-Fields

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## Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday, June 29, 8 p.m.**, final in Christian Education series on history of the parish area.
- **Sunday, July 3, 11 a.m.**, and every Sunday July through August, children and youth craft table in church garden (inside in case of rain).
- **Saturday, July 9, 11 a.m.**, Memorial Service for Murray Albert.
- **Sunday, September 11, 11 a.m.** first Sunday of fall season Church School.
- **Sunday, September 11**, afternoon, parish picnic in church garden (more details will come in the bulletin).
- **Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, hold for parish Fun Fair (details to appear in bulletin and by email).
- **Sunday, September 25**, Faith Works Walk.

### From the Parish Registers

Since April 3, 2022 (last *Lychgate*)

#### Baptism

April 24 – Hugo Karram Stephenson

#### Confirmation

April 24 – Gregory Conliffe



Confirmation of Gregory Conliffe

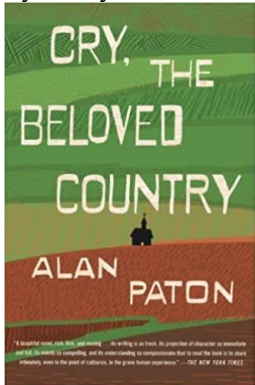
## COVID Protocols Changing

By Tim Stephenson, Chair, Parish Council

The Diocese of Toronto has updated guidelines regarding the relaxing of pandemic restrictions. However, each parish can decide whether to retain some of the previous restrictions. The most important change since the Easter Lychgate is that parishioners are now free to sit where they wish in the church. At the joint meeting of the St. Martin's Parish Council and Management Board on June 20, we decided to mandate the continued wearing of masks for the time being. We will re-consider the situation every few weeks, depending on the COVID situation in Toronto. We will be providing updates through the Sunday bulletins, the church web site, and emails to parishioners.

## Summer Reading Suggestions from the Christian Education Committee

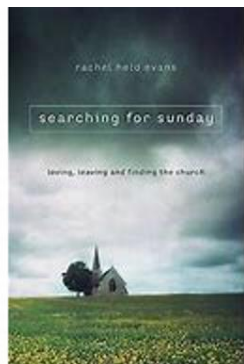
By Mary Conliffe and Phil Snider



Our first recommendation is *Cry, The Beloved Country* by Alan Paton. Written in 1948, the book tells the story of a black Anglican priest in South Africa whose son goes missing in Johannesburg just as racial segregation is being legalized as apartheid. The Rev. Stephen Kumalo travels from his small

parish church in the countryside to search for Absalom in the big city, only to find his son accused of murdering a white man and facing the death penalty. Considered one of the greatest works of literature to come out of South Africa, it has been made into a film twice (1951 and 1995) and explores the themes of faith, family, justice, and race.

Our second recommendation is *Searching for Sunday*, an autobiography of Rachel Held Evans, one of the most compelling Christian writers of the



millennial generation until her untimely death in 2019. This book charts her disenchantment with her experience with church, and also her return. On the way, she reflects on doubt and the power of community and grace. This is a timely book as we consider our place as Christians in a messy world and an often less than perfect church.

Both books are readily available from bookstores and libraries. Please enjoy reading them over the summer, and then join us on Wednesdays starting in September as we discuss the books together as a parish.

## Summer Church School: Craft Table and Games Return!

By Carol Shih, Children and Youth Ministry Associate

From July 3 to September 4, Summer Church School gets ready to welcome all ages of children and teenagers! If the weather cooperates, we will have games and a craft table in the garden. We will enjoy games to keep the young folks energetic and the craft table to explore their artistic sense.

This year, we focus on the message of 'Fruit of the Holy Spirit' to echo the birth of the Christian Church and continue Christian growth in Christ, picking up where we have ended just before the Summer Church School. Children will learn an element of the 'Fruit' and contribute their weekly craftworks to the summer-long 'masterpiece work of art'. You are very welcome to invite your friends or neighbours to join us.

July 3 - Introduction to "Fruit of the Holy Spirit and Love"

July 10 - Joy

July 17 - Peace

July 24 - Patience

July 31 - Kindness

August 7 - Goodness

August 14 - Faithfulness

August 21 - Gentleness

August 28 - Self-control

September 4 - Conclusion and Celebration

**Sunday, September 11** will be the first day of the regular fall Church School.



We are keen on recruiting helpers. Whether you are physically energetic, fond of craftwork or love to accompany children, please contact Carol Shih at 416-832-2893 or [carol.shih@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:carol.shih@mail.utoronto.ca), and I will be in touch with you. If your older kids (Grade 5 and up) are interested in being our helpers, please let me know too. I look forward to having you and/or your kids join the team!

## **Parish Profile: The Conliffe Family: Philip, Mary, and Gregory**

By David McKnight

You may have heard the term 'Cradle Anglican'; it probably applies to many members of the parish. The Conliffe family fits that term and more. Philip's and Mary's fathers were both Anglican priests, so were their grandfathers and Mary's great-grandfather. Gregory was born into not just a denomination but into a family tradition of active participation in the church.



**Gregory, Mary, and Philip Conliffe  
and their dog, Felix**

Philip's grandfather, Clement Conliffe, already a priest, moved from Barbados to Canada in 1959 and served in the Diocese of Ottawa. His father, David, was a priest in the Diocese of Montreal. Philip grew up there before going to Acadia University in Nova Scotia to study math and statistics. After graduation in 1991, he settled in Ottawa and started a career in marketing research. He moved to Toronto in 1997 when his company opened a new office here.

Mary's great-grandfather, Thomas Austin Smith, studied at St. Augustine's College Canterbury, a missionary college. When time came to choose places for mission, he put Canada last, but here is where he was sent — to Kingston and the Diocese of Ontario. It wasn't as bad as he feared and, before long, he married and started a family. His son, Arthur Smith, was also a priest in the Diocese of Ontario until moving to Toronto to be rector of Christ Church Deer Park in 1953. Mary's father, David — commonly known as DAP — Smith, was a priest in the Diocese of Algoma before coming to Toronto to be chaplain at Trinity College. He then returned to Algoma and Mary was born in Thunder Bay.

Mary moved to Toronto to be the third generation of Trinity students in her family. After graduation in 1994, she did a work year in the UK before returning to Trinity for an MDiv degree, finishing in 1998. It was never her intention to be ordained, but she did want to work in the Church. The national church was not hiring at the time, so she took a job doing children and youth ministry at St. James' Cathedral. After a year, in 1999, she moved to the community ministries department with the Diocese of Toronto and found she really liked diocesan work. After a couple of years, she became assistant to then Archdeacon Colin Johnson. She remained his assistant when he became bishop and eventually he named her as the first lay Executive Assistant of the Diocese, a position she retains with Bishop Asbil. Now in her ninth year, she loves the job.

In 1997, while Mary was still a divinity student, she met Philip, who had just moved to Toronto, on a blind date. It was set up by David Matthews, another Trinity student who had known Philip both at Acadia and in Ottawa. When they married, in 2001, David Matthews, then a priest in the UK, came back

and officiated at the wedding in Trinity Chapel. Mary's father celebrated the Eucharist and Philip's father preached. (Fr. Philip was one of 18 clergy in the congregation.)

After they married, they found an apartment on Quebec Avenue and started looking for a church. They tried other local Anglican churches first. Mary thought she wanted to avoid St. Martin's because there were already eight — yes, eight — of her colleagues from the diocesan office who attended St. Martin's. But they did finally try and it was a clear fit from the beginning. Philip wanted to join the choir and Mary liked the liturgy. She knew Fr. Philip from the Doctrine and Worship committee and was pleased to see her friend Susan Bell there too.

Gregory was born in September 2007. He has grown up in the parish and now is fully involved in its activities. When not at church or Grade 9 at Humberside, he is most likely — four or five nights a week and weekends — playing baseball. He plays for an elite 15 and under team, usually centre field or first base.

All the Conliffes are active in the parish. Gregory is a server and does livestreaming. Philip sings in the choir and has been Treasurer for nearly 15 years. Mary is a Subdeacon, has been chairing the Christian Education committee, is active in Outreach and FaithWorks, and will rejoin the Sunday School in September.

Recently, Philip has been involved in helping some other parishes and it has given him a new appreciation for St. Martin's, for the great core of volunteers who step up when something needs to be done and give of their time willingly.

A family steeped in the church finds St. Martin's a good home. Philip likes the music (no surprise there) rooted in the English tradition but with a variety of other expressions. He also likes that all are welcomed, no matter how eccentric, to become members of the community. Gregory likes that everyone knows one another and that we consistently have fun. Mary likes that we have Anglo-Catholic worship with modern language and modern rite that retains beautiful ritual and liturgy. There is intention and beauty and care.

Liturgy, music, community. These are expressions of things we all cherish at St. Martin's.

## Indigenous History Discovery Facilitated by Parishioners of St. Martin's

By Ian Greene



**Samantha Thompson,**  
courtesy CBC

Samantha Thompson, Archivist at the Peel Art Gallery Museum and Archives, was going through one of sixty boxes donated to the archives in 2019 and came across a detailed water colour painting and several pages of thick paper on which were written two letters in old German cursive script.

There were a few words in English like "Reno," "Custer," and "Montana," so Samantha knew she had discovered something important. However, how could she find someone who could read old German cursive script?

In a casual conversation, Elin Goulden mentioned that her mother, Velda Goulden, could not only read old German cursive script, but was a published author. (In 2014 Velda published *Low German Children's Rhymes*, some of which are over fifteen hundred years old.) To make a long story short, Samantha arranged for Velda to translate the letters into English, which took four months of painstaking work



**Velda Goulden,**  
courtesy CBC



because of the uncommon script, and it was groundbreaking. The letters contained an eye-witness account of the Battle of the Little Bighorn (1876) by Standing Bear (1859-1933), who had married Louise Rieneck (1865-1933). It may be that the account was requested by William Perkins Bull, a Peel County lawyer and history enthusiast. The account was written up by Louise, whose first language was German, and who had learned to write in the now-uncommon cursive script. The painting turned out to be of the legendary Hunkpapa Lakota leader, Sitting Bull.

Samantha and her colleagues decided that the letters and the painting should be repatriated to the most appropriate indigenous archive, and Samantha arranged for these valuable papers to be sent to the archivist at the Oglala Lakota College on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, where they now have a permanent home.

CBC coverage (on their Indigenous radio program) can be accessed through the following link, including an interview with Samantha Thompson and the archivist of the Oglala Lakota Archives:

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/unreserved/battle-little-bighorn-letter-brampton-1.6404159> .

As well, Samantha compiled a blog post that gives a more detailed and intimate view of the repatriation from multiple perspectives. The translated text of the document itself is available at the bottom of the post. Here is the link to the blog post:

<https://peelarchivesblog.com/2022/06/08/your-friend-standing-bear-coming-together-through-repatriation/>

It's worth noting that the anniversary of the Battle of the Little Bighorn is on June 25-26, and as Fr. Philip noted on Sunday June 19, this is Indigenous History Month.

## **It's 155 Days To The Christmas Market!**

By Tim Stephenson (for Parish Council)

The Christmas Market (formerly known as the Nutcracker Fair) has been a tradition for many years at St Martin's. Even during COVID, our talented volunteers figured out a way to make it happen virtually! The Market provides essential financial support for the ministry and outreach of the parish,



**A pre-COVID Christmas Market,**  
photo courtesy Ian Greene

but even more importantly it brings the surrounding community into the church.

Given that we hope that the pandemic is now in its waning days, Parish Council has started planning for an in-person Christmas Market for this coming November. We have set the date as Saturday November 26, starting in the morning, and it will wrap up in the late afternoon. The Silent Auction will remain on-line, but the other activities will be in-person in the church hall. We are planning to hold Clara's Café, a bake table and children's activities, as well as tables for handicrafts, jewelry, and Christmas décor.

There will be more information coming in the fall. Right now, our most pressing need is to find a chair of the volunteer committee composed of subcommittee heads. If you have had experience being a chair of something, please let us know. Because other experienced subcommittee heads are already in place, it makes being the chair

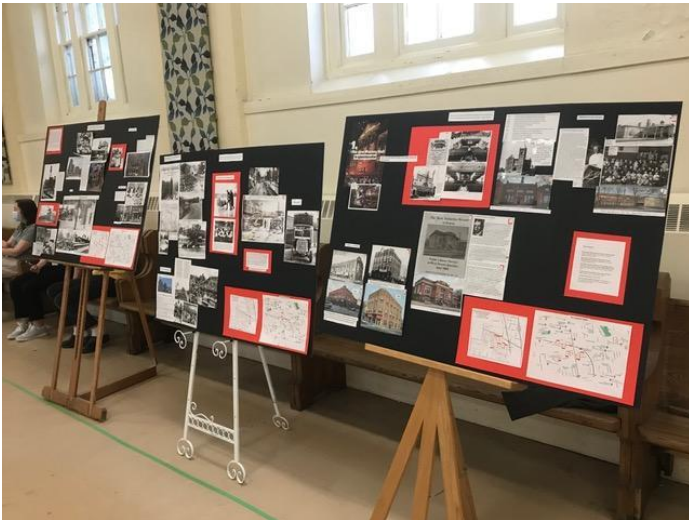
straightforward. We are also looking for volunteers for setup and hosting.

Please speak to Fr. Philip ([phobson@stmartininthefields.ca](mailto:phobson@stmartininthefields.ca)) or Tim Stephenson ([timjstephonson@gmail.com](mailto:timjstephonson@gmail.com)) if you have any interest in any role at the Christmas Market. This year it will be better than ever – with your help!

## Doors Open 2022

By Peter Chauvin

St. Martin's was one of over 100 sites in Toronto that were hosts to the 2022 Doors Open on the weekend of May 28 and 29. This was the second time St. Martin's has hosted for Doors Open. The first was on May 23 and 24 of 2015 as part of the celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the St. Martin's parish.



**Some Doors Open Displays**

photo Courtesy Peter Chauvin

Kathie Wagg led this initiative at St. Martin's and, amongst many other tasks, assembled a team of over 50 volunteers to help with the various aspects of hosting. There were greeters, ambassadors, a team offering fruit punch in the garden, and experts in the church manning vestment and archive displays. Our new Associate for Children and Youth Ministry, Carol Shih, ran an activity centre for kids of all ages including scavenger hunts. We had three videos on the church running on the TV in the Guild Room. We worked in four shifts over the two days and there was as many as 15 volunteers on site at any time. They were long days – 10 am to 5 pm.

The weather cooperated with sun and warmth both days which meant visitors tended to linger in the garden and there was a festive buzz all around.



**Ingrid Whitaker at Garden Table**

photo courtesy Peter Chauvin

A special feature was the music. Jack Hattey, of course, played during the Sunday 11 o'clock service, but also provided a short recital Saturday afternoon. As well, Flute Street, a professional flute ensemble, held an open-air recital on Sunday afternoon after having delighted visitors with a practice session on Saturday.

We recorded over 240 visitors over the two days,



**Flute Street at Doors Open**

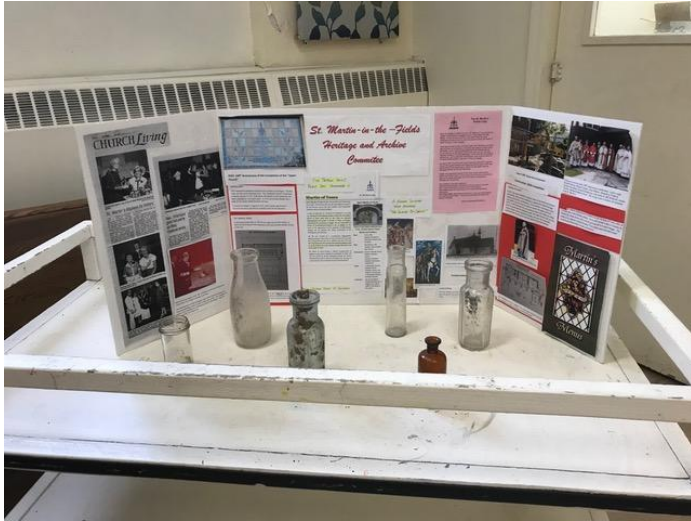
photo Courtesy Peter Chauvin

split evenly between Saturday and Sunday. The first visitor arrived within minutes of opening on Saturday and, on both days, we saw a crush of last-minute visitors at day's end, some who lingered beyond the 5 pm closing. We even had one family



return on Sunday after visiting on Saturday – the draw was Carol’s activities for the kids. We had several visitors come in and experience some or all of the 11 o’clock service. Several visitors who live in the neighbourhood said they had never entered the garden let alone the building. Some didn’t realize the church was even here.

Virtually every one of our visitors accommodated the mask rule while in the building, and we recorded



**Church history display with bottles found in excavation,**  
photo courtesy Peter Chauvin

only one family who declined to enter after being asked to wear masks. Such is the age of COVID. While all volunteers were briefed on safety, the first aid kits, and the defibrillator by Glen Storey, we did not have any need in that area – no scratches or bruises and no one needed to attach any defib electrodes after administering the dreaded emergency shave – thank goodness! Accessibility is always an issue of course, especially at the east end of the building. The elevator was put to good use throughout the weekend.

Overall, the event was a huge success for the church, for the flute ensemble, and for the visitors. We received many great compliments on the building, the garden, the music, and on the welcome from the volunteer team. We even have a potential new volunteer for the garden committee and a couple of possible return visits to attend a service on Sunday, as well as the Christian-Ed series on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building and the area.



**Display of Vestments at Doors Open**

photo courtesy Ian Greene

The parish owes a huge thanks to all the volunteers and especially to Kathie Wagg for spending many hours organizing the event, assembling the volunteers, and applying to the City to be part of Doors Open.

## **The Church Archives Receives a History of the Altar Guild at St. Martin’s**

By Eilonwy Morgan

Thanks to the renovations of the church office over the past two months, Roberta Laking discovered the minute book of the Altar Guild from 1958 to 1990.

When I was growing up in Lethbridge, Alberta, I did not know that the women who formed the Altar Guild held a privileged status in our parish church. It was later explained to me by my mother, Helen

Morgan, after I joined the Altar Guild at the Church of the Redeemer at Bloor and Avenue Road when Ian and I moved here in 1985.

Mother told me that she was not eligible to join the Altar Guild at St. Augustine’s because her husband was not a parish member in good standing at St. Augustine’s. Dad was Catholic, and a doctor, and



**Vestment Display Doors Open,**

photo Courtesy Peter Chauvin



attended Mass at the chapel of St. Michael's Hospital in Lethbridge, alongside the nuns of the Sisters of St. Martha who ran the hospital. There was also a Municipal Hospital for the Protestants and other non-Catholics of the city.



**Vestment Display Doors Open,**  
photo Courtesy Ian Greene

Mother, I believe, blazed her own way at St. Augustine's. She was the first woman warden for the parish. (Norma Ventham was the first woman warden here at St. Martin's, in 1979.) My mother was also a trailblazer in many aspects of volunteer activity for the city, the province, and the country. She had

been nominated for the Order of Canada when she died in 1989.

Back to the Altar Guild at St. Martin's. Norma was certainly involved in this ministry, as well as her work in the Servers' Guild and her very extensive work with Guides, Brownies, and Sparks, and an active Greeter.

In 1958, the minutes of the Altar Guild for September 15, 1958 suggest the purchase of an iron from guild funds. Mrs. Doxsee offered to bring in a steam iron for trial purposes on the last Saturday of the month, and a decision about the purchase be made at their next meeting. Miss Cook offered to make six new purificators. Father Jackson asked Mrs. Kenneth to take charge of the servers' albs and amices, to see that they were worn properly, and that they were taken home for laundering.

A short discussion took place re the admission as members of two of the junior girls. A decision on this was held over till the next meeting.

These minutes were signed by Mildred Rowland.

These quotations may sound like I have little regard for the role of the Altar Guild, past and present. This is not the case. It hurt my mother's feelings to be refused entry to the Guild at St. Augustine's in

Lethbridge. She was somewhat amused to see my work at Redeemer in Toronto, although she knew it was at least partially due to my interest in costume design and vestment embroidery. Also, my husband Ian had decided to join the Anglican church. (Did that even matter by then, in 1985?)

I enjoyed my work there, alongside Florence Haslam. I did Altar Guild work until I was asked to become Treasurer there. After I joined St. Martin's, I was a Treasurer again. Although I have not worked directly with Roberta, I have profound respect for her work.

Roberta and your team, thank-you so much for what you do. Most of us in the congregation do not truly understand the extent of what you do to preserve these beautiful textiles and have them available each Sunday for our worship services.

I do understand and appreciate your work and the work of other people on your team.



**Vestment Display Doors Open,**  
photo Courtesy Ian Greene

## **Messy Church on Toronto Island June 18**

By Ian Greene

Since October of 2020, St. Martin's has sponsored a "Messy Church" once a month on Sunday afternoons via Zoom to provide lessons, crafts, church contact and fun for children in the parishes of St. Martin's and St. Michael & All Angels (St. Clair





**Gareth, Sheila, Gordon, Gerald, and Prince Emmanuel,**  
photo courtesy Ian Greene

and Wychwood). About a dozen children from St. Martin's might participate on any one Sunday. Now that Sunday School has re-opened, the Messy Church sessions have wound down.



**Pilgrimage along the board walk,**  
photo courtesy Ian Greene

On June 18, children, teachers, parents, and volunteers who were involved in Messy Church in both parishes took the 10:30 a.m. ferry to Ward's Island. The weather was perfect – not a cloud in the sky and not too warm. Fr. Philip led about two dozen of us on a "pilgrimage" to some very picturesque spots on Ward's Island, where we contemplated the beauty of God's earth. At noon we arrived at St. Andrew-by-the-Lake Anglican church and lunched at the nearby picnic tables. Then Jenni Feheley, the Lay Pastor at St. Michael's, and the force



**Picnic at St. Andrew-by-the-Lake,**  
photo courtesy Ian Greene

behind Messy Church, presented a story and a worship for everyone in the church. After walking through the Amusement Park and the adjoining miniature zoo, some of us returned to Toronto, while others stayed behind to enjoy some of the rides.



**Acting Out Messy Church Story**  
photo courtesy Prince Emmanuel Adjin-Tettey



## The Blessing of the Motor Bikes

On the afternoon of May 1, Fr. Philip led a Blessing of the Motorbikes on Glenlake just north of the church. About 20 motorbikes were blessed, many belonging to retired policemen, and the blessings were deeply appreciated.



Photos courtesy of Glen Storey

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Current Church Building

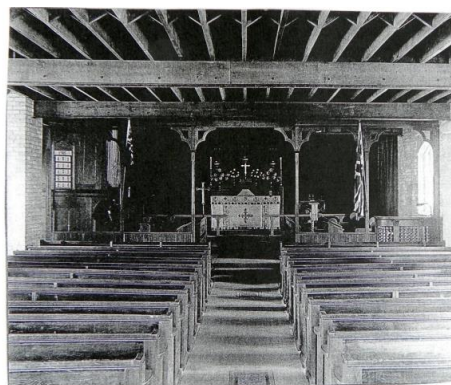
On May 8, the Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil visited St. Martin's to participate in the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the completion of the current church.

St. Martin's was founded on 72 Perth Ave. in 1890, but the original church was destroyed by fire in 1912.



1890 St. Martin's church at 72 Perth Ave.

With the westward movement of the parish boundaries, parishioners chose the current location. Construction began in 1914, and prior to the upper level being constructed, services were held in what is now the church hall. Construction began on the upper level in 1920 and the new church was officially opened on May 5, 1922. The mortgage was paid off in 1959.



Church in the Basement until 1922







**Bishop Asbil Officiating on May 8,**  
photo courtesy Philip Dawson



**Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the  
Accession of Queen Elizabeth II on June 6,**  
photo courtesy Philip Dawson



**Bishop Asbil Cutting 100th Anniversary Cake, with  
cake maker Estella Joseph to the right,**  
photo courtesy Ian Greene



**The 100th Anniversary Cake Baked and Designed by  
Estella Joseph, photo courtesy Philip Dawson**

## Office Renovation

By Fr. Philip



**Renovated Office,**  
photo courtesy  
Lynn McKnight

Since the week following Easter, Lynn McKnight has been hard at work renovating the St. Martin's office space, which included improving storage in the St. Cecilia's room first and setting up a temporary office in the Guild Room. The former office was cleared out for work to begin on May 2nd. The

newly renovated office space has been fully functional since Sunday, June 12 and finishing touches are ongoing in both the office and the St. Cecilia room. With the removal of two closets, the new office space provides a large work space for the Office Administrator as well as two slightly smaller workstations for use by priests and curates, children and youth associates, the treasurer, choir master, wardens, envelope secretary and anyone doing church business who needs temporary use of a workstation. There is also a meeting area just inside the door for small group meetings.

We thank Lynn for her dedication to this project and to all those who offered their help to see this project to completion. We also thank Salvadore and Dion Guzman, the construction contractors for their excellent work on our behalf.