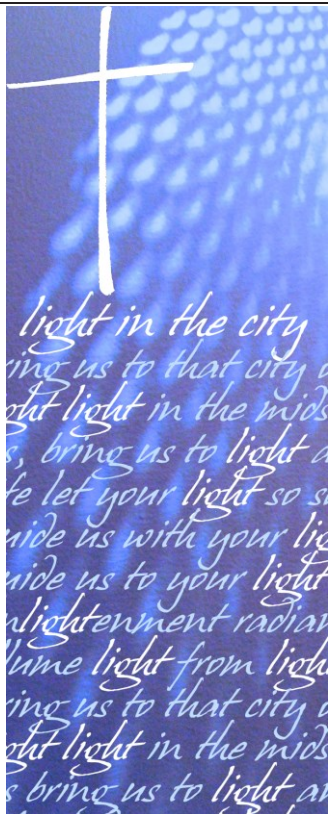


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Bring the full tithes into the storehouse... and I will pour down to you an overflowing blessing. Mal. 3:10.

PASTORAL MESSAGE - Fall is my favourite time of year. Regardless of how good or bad the summer may have been, the autumn brings with it a renewed sense of purpose and an energy that is invigorating. Though we call this season “Thanksgiving”, for Christians, life and living *is* thanksgiving, offered to an awesome God who so generously cares and provides for all our needs. St. Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:5 reminds us that we are *all children of light and children of the day; not of darkness, destined not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.* He encourages us therefore to build each other up in faith and love and to be thankful for the hope we have in our salvation.

It is no surprise then that studies show that those who live in a state of *thanksgiving* whether they be three or 103 display stronger immune systems, have lower blood pressure, are more optimistic and are more generous, compassionate and outgoing people! Such an attitude does not just fall from the sky; it requires from each of us a humble dependence on one another and the acknowledgement that it is from God alone that all blessings flow.

Soon it will be All Souls, Remembrance, Advent and Christmas, great periods in the life of the Church and wonderful occasions to offer God our Praise. The Ascension is abuzz with activity in anticipation of these great festivals: practice for the Fauré Requiem & Bach Advent Cantata can be heard; preparation for our new memorial honouring our Veterans is underway; anticipation for the Toronto Mass Choir’ concert is growing and very soon rehearsals will begin for our Christmas Pageant.

As all this unfolds, the weather is turning colder and the heat from our new boiler will emanate throughout the building protecting us from the elements. God’s timing is always perfect. God knows our needs even before we ask – and will also provide the means to meet that need. Let us give thanks to God for the Ascension and its ministry and let us continue to build each other up in faith and love. Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving. Fr. Nick

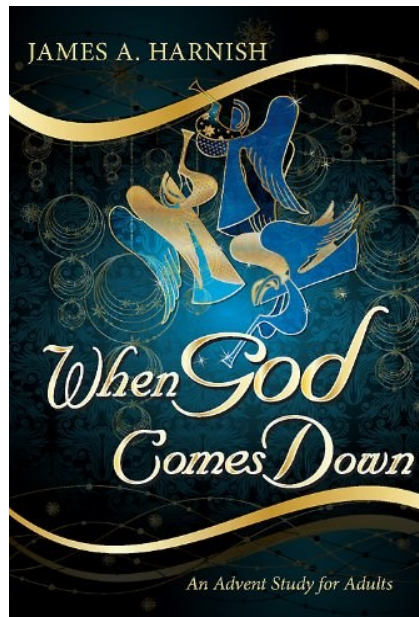
ADVENT STUDY

When God Comes Down

By James A. Harnish

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am
beginning November 27th.

When God Comes Down is a five-week study. Each lesson includes a key Scripture, a brief reflection, discussion questions, a brief prayer and a focus for the coming week. The study will explore the meaning of the Incarnation...God with us in human flesh.



Often our Advent journey is focused on us – our memories, feelings, relationships and experiences. This study puts the focus on God's action in Jesus Christ. It encourages participants to think more deeply in terms of the biblical, theological and spiritual meaning of the Nativity and to apply it to their own lives.

The study looks at the primary characters in the birth stories through whose lives the miracle of Incarnation happened: Zechariah, Elizabeth, Joseph, Mary and Jesus – and one who is not mentioned in the Bible, the innkeeper. Through all these characters, Harnish helps us claim for ourselves the reality of God's presence with us.
Books – \$10.00 each.

Interactive Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 8th
10:30 am

Dress Rehearsal
Saturday, December 7th
9:30 am - 12 Noon



There is a part for everyone. Please sign up when the list goes up to secure your part!! All are invited to share in the Pot Luck lunch following the service. This service provides a wonderful opportunity to invite family and friends to our church.

Weekly at ASCENSION

Monday

Contemporary Choir
7:30 pm

Tuesday

Community Share Food Bank
9:30 am -12 noon
Choir Practice – 7:30 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study – 11:00 am
Eucharist – 12 noon

Thursday

Bible Study – 10 :00 am
Choir Practice – 7:30 pm

Saturday

Community Share Food Bank
9:30 am -12 noon

In Memoriam

Joyce Comrie
Jean Snell

May their Souls & the Souls of All the Faithfully Departed through the Mercy of God Rest in Peace and Rise in Christ's Glory.

COMING EVENTS & SPECIAL SERVICES

Requiem for All Souls
Saturday, November 2nd - 4:00 pm

featuring
Gabriel Fauré's Requiem
All are welcome to this service of prayer and reflection and to give thanks to God for those who are in his presence. A wine & cheese reception follows the service.

The Toronto Mass Choir
Saturday, November 16th - 7:00 pm
Tickets \$40 – Children 12 & under \$15

Available at the Church Office or
through eventbrite.ca
All proceeds will go to
fund our new heating system.

Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 1st - 10:30 am
featuring

Bach Cantata BWV 140
Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme
Wake up, the Voice calls us
With choir, soloists and orchestra

Interactive Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 8th - 10:30 am
Followed by a pot luck lunch

Christmas Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 22nd - 4:00 pm
All are invited to a Yuletide reception following the service.

Christmas Eve Family Service
Tuesday, December 24th
7:00 pm Carol Sing
7:30 pm Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25th
Said Holy Eucharist - 10:00 am

Carnival Dinner & Fete
Saturday, February 15, 2014
Entertainment by the Vibes
Steel band & DJ. All proceeds will go
to fund our new heating system.

Project Update on Our New Boiler System:

As we all know, after 57 years the church heating system finally needed to be upgraded. During the last few years we have struggled with the repair, maintenance and reliability of our single low pressure steam boiler and its piping and controls and having exhausted all options the time came when our only option was to replace it.

At our July, 2012 Vestry Meeting, we agreed to retain an engineering firm to review the whole project, prepare a scope of work, tender for the job and select a contractor. A Special Boiler Committee was convened, comprising of: Fr. Nick, Andrew Gledhill, Ian Paul, Peter Cranston, Jack Jones, Ronald Joshua, Bill Hullah and Malcolm Wood. This review process increased the costs but would ensure a better result and the selected engineering firm would also design and supervise the whole project; after first working with one engineering firm we switched to John Angus & Associates whom we felt was a better fit for the size of our engineering firm we switched to John Angus &

FINANCIAL DETAILS AS OF OCTOBER 11th, 2013

COSTS

Engineering costs (LKM-SNC Lavalin & John Angus Associates)	35, 736
Contractor - Nor-Line Plumbing & Mechanical Ltd.,	<u>211, 785</u>
Total Project Costs	247, 521

PAYMENTS TO DATE

Engineering Firms	28, 225
Contractor	<u>157, 872</u>
Total Payments	186, 097

FUNDING PROVIDED BY

Parishioners (<i>change jars; donations</i>)	(rounded) 10, 000
Rectory Fund (<i>released from the Diocese to fund Boiler</i>)	35, 000
Borrowed from M & M Fund	64, 000
Borrowed from Other Funds and Funds in Trust	<u>77, 097</u>
Total	186, 097

AMOUNTS STILL OWING

Outsiders:

John Angus & Associates	7, 511
Nor-Line Plumbing & Mechanical Ltd.,	<u>53, 913</u>
	61, 424

Ourselves: (<i>Borrowed from M7M Fund & Other Funds</i>)	<u>141, 097</u>
Total	202, 521

Associates whom we felt was a better fit for the size of our project; but both the engineering firms recommended switching completely to hydronic (hot water) heating which would mean converting the steam radiators in the church to hot water, the parish hall was already heated via a steam to hot water heat exchanger. The committee spent many hours working the details, meeting the engineers, reviewing the quotations and making site visits to view reference projects.

We solicited bids from six contractors, but only two submitted final bids. The quoted cost to add new boilers and fully convert to a hot water system was prohibitive at \$328,000 + HST and a decision was made to install one new hot water boiler to directly service the Parish Hall and the classrooms below and to defer the Phase

2 replacement of the low pressure steam boiler heating the church to another time, but with two boilers at least we would have some resiliency against failure. We signed a letter of intent with the contractor submitting the lowest bid for the reduced project and were

shocked when they withdrew their bid at the last minute saying that there was a misunderstanding about the quoted price; fortunately Nor-Line was able to take over the job an at short notice and we signed an agreement with them for \$191,760+HST, otherwise we would have missed the summer work season and the installation would have had to be delayed until 2014.

In order for the installation work to be done it was necessary to move Seneca



(before)



(after)

Hill upstairs to the Parish Hall during July and August so that Nor-Line had complete access to the basement, as it was critical that they finish their major construction work so that Seneca Hill move back into the basement by the last week of August and our other renters Amadeus and Jusco Gymnastics could start back in the Parish Hall in September. During the first week of this move we were hit by a heat wave and the Wardens had to install portable AC units in the parish hall in order to make the conditions bearable. This whole process has been an ongoing struggle with a variety of challenges and we would like to thank Seneca Hill and the parishioners for their understanding, Nor-Line for doing a very professional top quality job and meeting very tight deadlines and Graham MacDowall our engineer in helping to guide us through the process.

After the end of August Nor-Line and their contractors continued to work inside the boiler room and finally on Oct 17 we had the official start-up and training and turn-over of our hot water boiler and controls; Nor-Line also started up the low pressure steam boiler heating the church but after a few days had to shut it down; they then performed a thorough cleaning and it is now operational again; continue to keep this boiler in your prayers. This was a very challenging project with a number of surprises along the way and there is still Phase 2 to be completed sometime in the future; but we now have a modern, energy efficient hot water boiler for the Parish Hall with sophisticated controls that can be remotely programmed and scheduled over the Internet; if there is anyone who has not had a tour of the new boiler room please see the Wardens.

It was important that we proceeded with this project to upgrade a critical piece of our building infrastructure, if we were to have an extended failure of our heating system during the winter it is something that both the parish and our tenants might not be able to recover from.

As the financial details show, (see opposite page) we owe \$61,424 to our suppliers and contractors, which must be paid and delays in paying them will result in interest charges. We have also borrowed from ourselves and from other restricted funds in the amount of \$141,097 which must be replaced.

We are all partners in this project and everyone's help is needed to meet these financial commitments. Beginning October 18th, the Rector began a direct appeal to parishioners with the intention of paying our outside creditors before the year-end. As of October 24th, \$29,390 has been raised through the generosity of several parishioners; we thank these members for the blessing of their gifts. Replacing the boiler is a huge project for the Ascension; it is a generational project that many will benefit from over the next decades and as with all things it is done fully dependent on God's faithfulness and goodness.

We ask that each one prayerfully consider a special gift towards this financial need. If a onetime gift is not practical, please consider increasing your monthly giving's by \$50, or your very best amount, each month for the next six months. If you have any questions, please speak to any committee member.

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New Logo for the Ascension

(see page 1, top left hand corner)

A new logo that will feature prominently on all our service bulletins, letter head and envelopes and website has been designed by noted artist Mauricie Snelgrove as part of our Deep Water Fishing Outreach. Using feed back collected from past Parish Conferences, the Deep Water Fishing team lead by the Rev. Ian La Fleur, Barbara Rochard, Joise Gibbs-Kennett and Fr. Nick developed the motto "Light In the City" to describe the Ascension's ministry to the surrounding community. The new logo features a cross suspended above the words *Light in the City* on a blue background. Maurice is a member of St. James' Cathedral. Maurice's commissioned portraits and watercolours hang in public and private collections in Canada, France, Scotland, Mexico, Italy, Australia and the United States.



Thank you to all who participated in this boiler fund-raising effort. We raised over \$4,500 so far!!