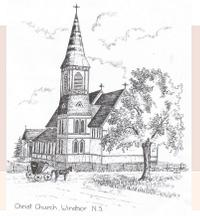


# Christ Church Chronicles

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## Rector's Ramblings



had to laugh.

But there it was, side by side, in a wonderfully ironic and amusing juxtaposition. *The God Delusion*, by Richard Dawkins, an attack on religion in general, and our little book, *Gates of Heaven: Sweet Love Remembered*, about the history of the Parish of Christ Church, stood together, side by side, on a shelf in *The Box of Delights* bookstore in Wolfville. You have to love the humour and wit of bookstore people! And the insight! In a way, there is no greater testimony to the reality of God than the quiet sentinels to the Divine Presence signaled by the Churches in our land. And with this, well,



**WELCOME** to the first edition of the Christ Church Chronicles!

Have you got a copy of *Gates of Heaven*? If not, then be sure to do so. They are available for only \$ 20.00 - autographed free of charge! They make (a) most wonderful Christmas gifts, and (b) quite splendid reminders about the Parish for those who, though far away, and, perhaps, from long ago, still retain a sense of connection to the Parish (and

who would welcome, I think, a holy reminder of the place of their baptism or confirmation or marriage, or of the burial of a family member or loved ones); a reminder, in other words, of their very own identity in the body of Christ.



With this first edition of the Christ Church Chronicles, we wish to connect with all who have any connection to the Parish, be it ever so fleeting, recognizing that in our busy and fragmented age, the remembrance of who we are in the sight of God, is most necessary, salutary, and simply delightful! In other words, here is a letter from home! So let us know of anyone whose address or email you know who might welcome a little newsletter from Christ Church.

## Parish News



Christ Church is also handsomely featured in the 2009 classical Anglican Calendar for the month of October. The watercolour sketch by the artist Peter Bresnen is based upon a photograph taken by Rod and June Kershaw and offers a lovely exterior view of our Church. These calendars are exceptional value at only \$ 6.50 per calendar and serve, once again, as excellent gifts and as reminders to family and friends of Christ Church, and of the constant round of prayer and praise that belongs to the life of the Church.

We're in the movies! Christ Church was the setting for a movie filmed in Windsor called *The Gospel and the Blues*, produced by eMotion and Jealousy Pictures. The Parish Hall was used for three days in late October as the base camp for the film and production crew while the Church itself was used for an entire day of shooting. We will keep you posted about the dates of the film's airing.



## *Parish News (cont'd)*

“Operation Clean-Plate” at King’s-Edgehill School has resulted in the outstanding gift of \$ 500.00 given to the Parish for our little Food Bank which operates out of the Parish Hall. At the School, students have been encouraged to be less wasteful and more mindful of what they consume. The reduction of food waste is a very measurable quantity resulting in financial savings that have, in turn, been passed on to various Food Banks. The School is to be commended for its initiative and enterprise in this manner. We are most grateful for the gift which helps us to help others.

The Organ is one of the outstanding features of the Parish. Installed in the early 1890s, it survived, along with the Church itself, the Great Windsor Fire of 1897. We have been working steadily, part by part, to restore and enhance its functionality. Work has been done to stabilize the operation of the two chests - the Great and the Swell. This Fall, work was done on the Swell, which resulted in much of the interior mechanisms of the organ being laid out in the clerestory nave of the Church. That was an education in itself! We are pleased with the results and hope that we can continue in the larger project of the restoration of the organ to its full sound.



Christ Church in the Hall! In an effort to be good and responsible stewards of the resources entrusted to us as trustees of the Parish, services during ‘the heating season’ are being held in the Hall. This year we began on November 9<sup>th</sup> with the intention of returning to the Church for Advent Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, then back to the Hall until Christmas Eve and Day, when the services will be in the Church. After that the long winter sojourn of services in the Hall will continue until Palm Sunday when, after the Blessing of Palms in the Hall, we will process to the Church for the service of Litany. Bishop Sue Moxley will be with us for that occasion. The spiralling oil costs dictate that we take what prudential measures we can to stay on budget and to live within our income.



Speaking of Bishops, the Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the Rt. Rev. Ron Cutler, attended the Advent and Christmas Services of Lessons and Carols at Christ Church and at Hensley Memorial Chapel on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The service at Christ Church was for Grades 7-11 while the

service at the Chapel was for the Grade 12 students, the graduating class of 2009.

The various programmes of outreach and hospitality to the Parish continue to be very well supported. The popular Newfoundland and Irish Evening of Musical Entertainment, splendidly organised by John and Emma DeVenney, was well received, as was the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Talent and Variety Show, held in October. Many thanks to Eric Nott for his hard work in lining up the acts for the programme.

The Parish Grounds are well maintained and a testament to the hard work of many. The Parish is grateful to Steve Sanford, who has done a wonderful job of staying on top of the mowing. Bev Morash, our stalwart sexton, has done more than yeoman service. Jacoba Morash and Marilyn Curry have contributed to the fine floral display that has become a regular and expected feature of the Christ Church gardens.

And so, on it goes, all to the Glory of God and for the Good of his Church and People. It is all about our life together in the Body of Christ. For that may God be praised!

Fr. David Curry

