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St. Aidan's is...

- ... a caring church - with opportunities for building relationships with others
- ... a biblical church - we treat the Bible as God's word
- ... a Jesus-centered church - knowing Jesus is at the heart of the Christian life
- ... a worshiping church - different styles, but each bringing us to the Father
- ... a church that does all of this in the power of the Holy Spirit

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Thank You for a Successful Parish Conference on Oct. 28/29

Many thanks to all those who helped make the Parish Conference "Listening to God" such a wonderful success.

Here are some pictorial highlights from the Conference...

"Be still, and know that I am God"
Psalm 46:10



"Seek first the kingdom of God"

"Speak Lord your servant is listening"



November/
December 2011

To know Christ and to make Him known.



The Window

Dear Friends by Pastor Brett

Preparing for Change

Dear Friends,

God is so amazing! His grace is being shown through what is now unfolding concerning the challenges and opportunities the parish will be facing over the coming months. First, we are so grateful that he has provided a very good and faithful priest to come and guide the parish during the Interim period in the person of Jonathan Blanchard (see article on him elsewhere).

Secondly, we are amazed at God's timing for the process of transition. For example, at our Vestry Day Away in October, we were delighted to be led through a discovery exercise in "Preparing for Change" led by Dr. Stan Amaladas of the U of M, an expert in this field and active parishioner at St. Igna-

tius Church. The experience was so positive that Vestry has asked Stan back to do the same thing for the whole parish on Saturday morning, November 26. Please see the weekly bulletin for details.

This exercise will be a valuable follow-up to our Parish Conference on "Listening to God" (October 28/29) and a good lead-in to the discernment process the parish will be undergoing when Jonathan arrives in February. The timing of all this is amazing as it allows you to work through ahead of time some of the changes about to occur without pre-empting the work that Jonathan will be doing with the congregation once he arrives. The conclusion to all of this – God is in charge!

Allow this knowledge to be one means of encouragement for you as you go through the next few

months of change at St. Aidan's. Change will involve grieving the loss of one who has been your pastor for the past decade and adjustment to new leadership. Change will also involve opportunities to see areas of the parish that need rejuvenating or redirection and new ways God wants to open up for you in the next stage of your life as a church family.

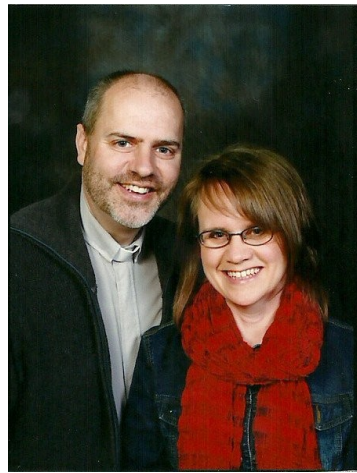
Before his Ascension, Jesus said, "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). Remember this as you prepare for change - God is with us in all the changes and ups and downs of life – as individuals and as a congregation. God is amazing!

Yours in His service,

Pastor Brett

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Interim Priest: Jonathan Blanchard

Born to missionary parents in Pakistan, Jonathan has always felt a strong call to Christian ministry. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Manitoba in 1990 and went on to receive a Master of Divinity from Wycliffe College in Toronto in May of 1995.

Jonathan was ordained a Deacon at St. Peter's on the Rock, Kirkland Lake Ontario in the Diocese of Moosonee in the fall of 1995. He remained in Kirkland Lake until December of 1995 and then moved to Lethbridge, Alberta, where he worked in the financial services industry. During this time Jonathan and his wife Deanna welcomed their first child, Samantha. In the late summer of 1996 they moved to Winnipeg where Jonathan spent two years as a teacher's assistant. God continued tugging his heart toward clergy ministry and so he answered a call to coordinate and implement a Vacation Bible School program in the Diocese of Moosonee for the summer of 1998. After that summer Jonathan and Deanna welcomed their second child, Timo-

thy to their family and moved on to finish Jonathan's curacy at St. James in Geraldton, Ontario. His experience leading VBS and ministry in Geraldton was very positive and reinforced the calling to clergy ministry that God had placed on his life.

Jonathan was ordained as a Priest in 1999 and spent the next year as Assistant Priest, and then 6 months as Priest in Charge. In January of 2001 he became Rector of St. Mark's Iroquois Falls and Priest in Charge of St. John's Matheson. During five and a half years in Iroquois Falls and Matheson, he grew spiritually and learned much. After this time Jonathan and Deanna felt God leading them to a new ministry in British Columbia. Once again they packed up their family and headed west. Jonathan served as Assistant Priest for 11 months and then as Interim Priest in Charge for 9 months. He has since served as Associate Priest for the past 3 and a half years. The experiences over the past 5 and a half years have been extremely formative and have had a strong impact on his min-

istry. Jonathan, along with Deanna, Samantha (15) and Timothy (13) are looking forward to coming back to Winnipeg and are excited to see how God will continue to mold and use them in the coming months in St. Aidan's.

Welcome
St. Aidan's
Interim Priest

The Reverend
Jonathan
Blanchard

Coming to St.
Aidan's
February 1st,
2012

St. Aidan's Christian School - MVP

When you play a great game, the coach notices! Or in this case, the staff at St. Aidan's Christian School. When students attend regularly, work hard and get along well with others, they score! And the coaches and their teammates cheer them on.

Each month, one student is nominated as "Student of the Month" based on his or her attendance, effort, achievement and behaviour. In addition to public acknowledgement, each MVP receives a gift card from Portage Place.

Knowing they are doing a

good job, and that others appreciate their effort and accomplishments, spurs students on to be the best team players they can be. Others notice and are proud of them! Go St. Aidan's Go!

Meet Terry, the MVP for September 2011, who received the award for:

- being respectful to staff and students
- excellent attendance
- taking initiative with doing his assignments

- having a positive attitude toward his studies

Congratulations, Terry. We're proud of you!

By June Spencer
Volunteer Career Coach



*St. Aidan's
Christian School*

We are passionate about potential.

Every young person has gifts and abilities which can be developed in a safe and nurturing environment.

At St. Aidan's Christian School we help students realize their potential.

Adult Christian Education Opportunities

EDUCATION FOR LIFE CONTINUES IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER: Maturity in Christ: valuable lessons from the life of Joseph -

In-depth Bible study and discussion series led by John Dean. The aim of this series is to help to strengthen our commitment to the Lord as we look to him for the future of St. Aidan's, and to fill us with renewed love for him

and joy in service. The remaining sessions are:

- Growth in Maturity (God's presence, God's process, God's proving ground, God's patience, God's power, God's productivity)
- Proofs of Maturity I (Servant heart, Humility, Discernment, Wisdom)
- Proofs of Maturity II (Total forgiveness & The final blessing)

Each talk is followed by a time for questions and discussion.

Contact: Ellen Spencer at 489-6654 for information.

No pre-registration required.

Alternate Wednesdays:
Nov. 9, 23, Dec. 7
7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Library.





Christmas Services 2011

Nine Lessons and Carols, Dec. 18:

Christmas cake and eggnog will be served after both later services.

St. Aidan's traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday morning, December 18, at 10:00 a.m.

Please publicize this widely and invite your family and friends to this beautiful service!

Invitations to hand out are available at the church and on our website.

Christmas Day, Dec. 25:

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion with carols.
Sermon: Pastor Ken

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24:

- ✚ 5:00 p.m.: Family Service with communion
- ✚ 8:00 p.m.: Holy Communion (Contemporary)
- ✚ 11:00 p.m.: Holy Communion (Traditional)

Christmas cake and eggnog will be served after both later services.

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24:

Please bring your friends and welcome any visitors sitting near you!

- 5:00 p.m.: Family Service with communion
- 8:00 p.m.: Holy Communion (Contemporary)
- 11:00 p.m.: Holy Communion (Traditional)

Sermon (at the two later services):

"God Has Spoken"- Pastor Brett



Holiday Notes:

- ✚ On Dec. 25th there will be NO 8:30 a.m. service and the later service will be at 10:30 a.m.
- ✚ On Jan. 1st services will be held at regular times: 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Nursery will be offered on Jan. 1st but not on Dec. 25th.
- Children's Sunday School may be offered on Jan. 1st (see bulletin for update) but not on Dec. 25th.
- Youth Sunday school will not be offered on Dec. 18th, Dec. 25th nor on Jan. 1st.

November/December Sermons

We begin November by concluding our Fall series on "Christian Leadership" from 2 Timothy; we then hear two sermons on stewardship and in Advent focus on the lectionary readings from Isaiah: "Preparing the Way."

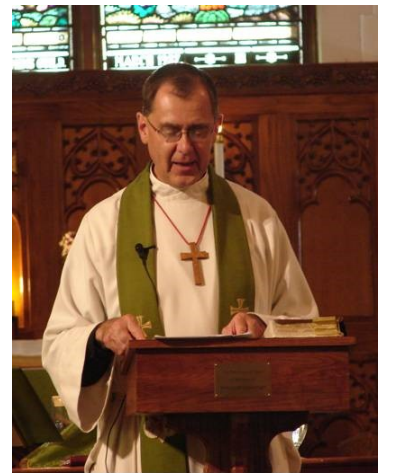
Nov. 21 (Reign of Christ) – Commitment Sunday – "The Sermon on the Mount" - Pastor Ken

Nov. 27 (Advent 1) – "Please God-Restore Your Ruined Reputation" (Isaiah 63:15-64:9) - Don James

Dec. 4 (Advent 2) – "Two Great Questions for God" (Isaiah 40:1-11) - Pastor Brett

Dec. 11 (Advent 3) – "An Inspired Job Description" (Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11) - Pastor Brett

Dec. 18 (Advent 4) – The "O Antiphons" (at 8:30 a.m.); Nine Lessons and Carols (at 10:00 a.m.)



SPECIAL NOTES

- **On December 11**, at 10:00 a.m. we will hear a special testimony from Devon Clunis, one of the Winnipeg Police chaplains, and we will also be commissioning Allison Moore as she returns to her mission work in France.
- **On December 18**, we will be dedicating our new elevator at the beginning of the Carol Service at 10:00 a.m.; 8:30 a.m. parishioners are encouraged to stay for this part of the later service. A special effort is being made to bring as many of our shut-ins as possible that day to celebrate. Please speak to Pastor Ken if you would like to help with transportation. The service will be followed by a special reception.

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Our Sunday School by Jacquie Reimer

We Need You!

***Well, we start out in our lives as little children,
full of light and the clearest vision.***

~Brenda Ueland~

Asking for volunteers is a tricky thing because I know life can get incredibly busy and demanding. In fact, I feel a tiny bit of guilt asking due to that. We all tend to be busy with many places, people, and projects knocking on the door of our life asking for attention and energy. It seems to be a common plight these days.

Although I do feel a little guilt, I also know that we cannot run the Children's Ministry program without help. Perhaps instead of asking yourself if you can give up any more time and effort in your life, perhaps you could ask yourself what you would have to receive from being involved in Children's Ministry. You see, the children worship every Sunday morning and in the midst of that worship they have gifts they'd like to offer you. They'd like to offer you the gift of simple faith. Of silence. Of peace. Of playfulness. They'd like to offer you the gift of a fresh perspective

and an invitation to a deeper relationship with God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

All you have to do is "show up." We try to ask very little of you. There will be simple tasks. However, what is really needed is your open-hearted presence.

Our greatest need right now is for people to volunteer once a month as Greeters. A greeter is someone who is trained to assist the Storyteller to create a space in the room for each child's spiritual quest and the working together of the group. As a Greeter becomes familiar with the worship style of the Sunday morning children's groups, there may be opportunity for training to become a Storyteller in the future.

If you are considering becoming a part of Children's Ministry, please do not hesitate to contact us to find out more. We'd love

to chat with you!

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*Jesus said,
"Anyone who
welcomes a little
child like this in
my name
welcomes me."
Matthew 18:5*

Upcoming Events

PARISH EVENSONG:

Sunday, November 27, 7:00 p.m.

Traditional Evening Prayer in the chancel with hymns and Anglican chant and a short address by Dr. Bob Blanchard. Preceded by special musical presentation at 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS TEA FOR 8:30 AM PARISHIONERS:

Sunday, December 11, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

At the Rectory, 34-351 Westwood Drive.

Please call Bethina Badilotti at 775-8377 if planning to attend. Directions as to how to get there will be available closer to the date.

JOINT CITY-WIDE SERVICE:

Sunday, January 8, 2012, 11:00 a.m.

After general agreement on the success of last year's magnificent event, we will once again join with many other Winnipeg churches in a giant city-wide service of worship at the MTS Centre on Jan. 8th at 11:00 a.m. Therefore, there will only be an 8:30 a.m. service that day and no 10:00 a.m. service. This is the third year it has been held and it is hoped that many parishioners will be able to attend this glorious service. Arrangements will be made for those who wish to congregate at a certain point to sit together.

PASTOR BRETT'S RETIREMENT DINNER

January 28, 2012, 5:00 p.m.

Please join us in celebrating Pastor Brett's Retirement on Saturday, January 28th at 5:00 p.m. at Charleswood United Church Hall, 4820 Roblin Blvd. Tickets will be available. Ages 13 yrs. & up—\$20.00/per person; Ages 3 to 12 yrs.—\$15.00/per person.

Evensong

