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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Christmas Party  
December 7
- Christmas Pageant  
December 22, at  
10:00 AM Service
- Christmas Eve  
Service 7:00 PM
- Christmas Day  
Service 10:00AM
- Rectory Open House  
Jan 1, 2014, 3-5pm

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# The Journey

At St. Matthew's Church

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## A Message from Our Rector

During my years at seminary, at Huron University College, in London, I was privileged to study under a very accomplished Old Testament scholar, Dr. Gord Hamilton. Professor Hamilton was one of the few instructors who actually began each class with a moment of prayer, and this had a lasting effect on me. I will always remember Gord's opening words, as his class members bowed their heads: "God of grace and wonder..."

I think of those words especially at this time of year, because they serve as a reminder of what the coming season of Christmas/Epiphany is really about. God's *Grace* and *Wonder*, being made flesh, and coming into the world in a completely unexpected manner. Can any of us offer an explanation of what exactly this means? I doubt it. Words will never completely capture the great thing that God has done in sending Jesus to us so many centuries ago.

Our calendars will no doubt become a little busier in the coming weeks, and we will likely find ourselves caught up in the various social occasions of the season. Even so, we can surely find times for quiet reflection. We might pause to consider this Godly gift of *Grace* and *Wonder* — the Christ child who comes into the world bringing light and love. How will we respond? With a song, with a prayer, and with hearts full of love. And perhaps this year we will grow a bit more in our awareness of God's grace, and we will allow ourselves to become lost yet again in the wonder of it all.

I wish you all God's richest blessings throughout the season of Advent, at Christmas, and in the year to come, *Andreas†*



IT'S OFFICIAL!  
We have a  
New Rector!

More on page 6...

The Rev'd Andreas Thiel and The Ven. Kim Van  
Allen during The Service of Induction, on November 3

# Ask the Rector

A regular column in which you get to ask whatever is on your mind. (All submissions will be considered anonymous.)

## Q. What would you like your congregation to know or think about Epiphany?

A. Epiphany... the end or the beginning? You can thank the Church for its insistence on maintaining a 'counter-cultural' calendar. Whereas the world's retailers would have us think that Christmas ends on Dec. 25, the Church proclaims that this is only the beginning of a great period of feasting and rejoicing: The Twelve Days of Christmas. It is during these twelve days that we sing and play our Christmas hymns and carols, looking for opportunities to celebrate with friends and family. All this, to mark the birth of our Saviour, who is Emmanuel — God with us. The twelve days of Christmas come to a close with the Feast of Epiphany (always on January 6). On this day, the focus changes from angelic choirs and shepherds gathering around a manger, to the visit of the Magi — the wise men — who travelled from a great distance. They were foreigners (Gentiles) who demonstrated wisdom and insight as they recognized the infant Jesus for who he was, and so, the Feast is also referred to as **'The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles'**. The Sundays after Epiphany carry this theme further, as we hear of Christ being manifested - "recognized" or "perceived" - by the people who encounter Jesus. Epiphany might mark the end of the Christmas season, but it also points forward to a season in which we hear of Christ's light shining into the world for both Jew and Gentile.

## Q. Were there really horses, camels and elephants in this journey?

A. The biblical sources don't mention anything about particular modes of travel in the story of the wise men, only that they travelled from the east.

Stay tuned for other fascinating questions and answers! *Andreast*

Maybe not in the Bible, but these elephants sure are a manifestation of God's presence in Nature...

## An Elephant Journey

(Condensed from submission) by Paul Allsop

**...And some might say there is no God. Try and tell that to these wild elephants on their Journey to pay respects to their protector. But how did they know?**

**Lawrence Anthony**, author of the bestseller "The Elephant Whisperer", was a legend in South Africa. He bravely rescued wildlife and rehabilitated elephants all over the globe from human atrocities, including the courageous rescue of Baghdad Zoo animals during the US invasion in 2003.

**On March 7, 2012 Lawrence Anthony died.** Two days after his passing, a total of 31 wild elephants had walked over 12 miles and showed up at his home led by two large matriarchs, to say goodbye to their beloved 'man-friend'. Witnessing humans were in awe because of the supreme intelligence and precise timing that these elephants sensed about Lawrence's passing, and also because of the profound memory and emotion the beloved animals evoked in such an organized way. Lawrence's wife, Francoise, was especially touched by this journey, knowing that the elephants had not been to the house prior to that day for well over a year!

**Some things in the Universe can be greater and deeper than human intelligence.**

**For pictures and more on this story, visit** <http://delightmakers.com/news/wild-elephants-gather-inexplicably-mourn-death-of-elephant-whisperer/>

## Interview with Paul Allsop

Paul Allsop is a gentleman in every sense of the word: always ready to provide help and advice with a smile, and pro-actively contributing with his time, talents and resources to the wellbeing of our Parish and the community at large. He has been married to Gwen for almost five decades, and they are proud parents of two boys and grandparents of two sets of twins, whom we have all had the great pleasure to meet at St. Matthew's. One of his latest contributions to St. Matthew's, the winning entry to the "Name our Newsletter" contest, "The Journey", is just another example of his insightful look at the state of our parish, and church life in general. We have had the opportunity to chat with him, and learn a little about his own journey as a Christian and citizen:

**The Journey.** - Could you tell us a little about your history in Faith and volunteering at church?

**Paul.** - I have been a member of 6 or 7 churches as my family moved around. Gwen and I were married at St. Barnabas Church in 1965. In Toronto we were part of a Campus Parish, where our Anglican congregation had its own worship space, but shared facilities with a Presbyterian church. One day, back in Windsor, Bill Hitchcock knocked at my door and invited us to go to his church: St. Matthew's. My brother Gill had been a parishioner there since 1969. We decided to give it a try and we felt right at home; the involvement and passion of the parish community was amazing. I have participated in all aspects of the congregation: parish council member, warden, "Screening in Faith" coordinator, member of the "Safe Church" committee at the Diocesan level, etc. I've decided to slow down recently because I have to be on top of my health check-ups and I do not want to commit to responsibilities that I might not for certain be able to fulfill.

**J.** - Yet you even find the time to cook breakfast at Marlborough School! What do you think of St. Matthew's at present time and into the future?

**P.** - We have so many good friends; St. Matthew's is still an amazing church. The dedication of the people, from founders to newer members, it is just incredible. We do have to look into the future, attract younger families, to be able to boost our vitality. I worry sometimes about some of the parishioners who have been doing so much for so many years, we don't want them to burnout, we need to be a welcoming congregation and be ready for renewal.

**J.** - How about your involvement with the community, some of your current interests?

**P.** - I have been a member of several groups: I've co-chaired The United Way in Windsor, I've been invested into the Priory of the Ascension of Our Lord, and I attend meetings with the Ministry of Transportation on the electrification of transportation in the Province.

**J.** - You own an electric car yourself, right?

**P.** - Yes, a Chevrolet Volt. It takes me around, I can even charge at the Outlet Mall while Gwen and I shop. The electrification of transportation is the future of transportation, it just makes sense. The Ministry of Transportation is currently assessing where to locate more re-charging stations all around the Province.

**J.** - How about the Priory of the Ascension? Are we talking The Knights Templar? What does this group do?

**P.** - Oh, yes, we are a priory of the Knights Templar. We do a lot of humanitarian work, but usually in a very low key fashion, so people don't necessarily hear the name.

**J.** - Well, that is so fascinating! It sounds like it could be another story on its own. We thank Paul for giving us his time for the interview, and a great name to the newsletter, but especially for all the good things he does at and for St. Matthew's. We always have him in our prayers for good health and feel blessed to have him among us.

**God bless you, Paul...and Thank You.**

**T.N.T.** Reserve the first Friday of the month for our TNT ("Theology 'n Tap") meetings, starting at 6:00 pm, at Cramdon's Restaurant. Some come with their children, some with a partner and some by themselves. Come for dinner or just drinks or just good conversation and friendship!!

**Our next T.N.T. night will be January 3, 2014 (no meeting in December)**

Richard Hucal

# Harvest Sunday, October 6

By Margaret Kissau, Sacristan

Thank you to all who brought fresh fruits and vegetables, and canned and packaged goods to share with the Downtown Mission. I know it means so much to them!



Father Andreas stands at the altar which has been adorned with wonderful gifts of fruits and vegetables.



We live in bountiful Essex County as shown by the colourful Harvest Sunday display.

Photography: Gordon Drake

## From Our Parish Council

**Since our last update, there have been two meetings of Parish Council. Several matters were discussed and/or implemented including the following:**

The induction service of Rev. Andreas. A committee was organized to plan the dinner which followed the service. Thanks to the efforts of many parishioners the event was extremely successful and once again demonstrated the talents of many volunteers in our St. Matthew's family.

**The Diocese has formally announced the start of the Renew Campaign on December 1, 2013.**

Details will be forthcoming in the next few months as to how St. Matthew's should participate in this campaign.

The new website is now up and running. Please note it is located at ["saintmatthewswindsor.ca"](http://saintmatthewswindsor.ca)

We will be receiving a final payment on the bequest from the estate of Ken Heath by February 2014.

The charity baskets will be relocated to the Narthex area so that they will have maximum exposure and accessibility.

A quote has been obtained for the completion of the walkway from the rectory to the church parking lot. Additional quotes are to be obtained. In the meantime some patio stones will be installed at the rear entrance of the rectory to address water pooling at the rear entrance as a stopgap until a permanent solution is considered.

Some flooding on the floor in the men's washroom is being addressed by a plumber.

The issue of new and better lighting for the worship space continues to be discussed as a top priority. Details of proposed costs and design are expected shortly.

The annual parish Christmas party will be hosted this year by the Rossi/Weir family on Saturday December 7 at 7:00 p.m. Directions to follow.



Everybody is welcome to attend our meetings, usually the second Wednesday of the month, starting at 7:30 PM, in the choir room. Next Meeting: December 11.





## Special Services this Season



<i>First Sunday in Advent</i>	- Dec 1	- Lighting of the Advent Wreath
<i>Second Sunday in Advent</i>	- Dec 8	- Lighting of the Advent Wreath
<i>Third Sunday in Advent</i>	- Dec 15	- Lighting of the Advent Wreath
<i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i>	- Dec 22	- Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Children's Pageant (10:00 am)
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	- Dec 24	- 7:00 pm Eucharist service
<i>Christmas Day</i>	- Dec 25	- 10:00 am service
<i>First Sunday after Christmas</i>	- Dec 29	- 8:30 and 10:00 am services

(The Lessons & Carols Service is cancelled this year)

**Have you joined our e-mail communication list?** It is the fastest and most environmentally friendly way to receive communications from our clergy. Enroll by sending a request to [saintmatthewswindsor@gmail.com](mailto:saintmatthewswindsor@gmail.com)

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**Also, check out these websites and stay connected at all levels of Anglicanism:**

St. Matthew's Church

Deanery of Essex

Diocese of Huron

Anglican Church of Canada

Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)

[saintmatthewswindsor.ca](http://saintmatthewswindsor.ca)

[essexanglican.awardspace.com/deanery.htm](http://essexanglican.awardspace.com/deanery.htm)

[diohuron.org](http://diohuron.org)

[Anglican.ca](http://Anglican.ca)

[pwrdf.org](http://pwrdf.org)

# Service of Induction, November 3

Text by Sandra Hall

Photography by Gordon Drake

**Wow...does St Matthew's ever know how to throw a good shindig!** With reverence, joy, ceremony, good fellowship and trademark excellent food, that is the overarching feeling after participating in the joyous celebration of the induction service for The Reverend Andreas Thiel!

Bustling bodies and giant grins upon arriving at the Church, 126 guests all excited to participate, many having come from more than an hour's distance. The Chancel Guild clearly had been busy as the Sanctuary sparkled in anticipation. The first strains of Michael Rickett's organ, and Beth Felet's trumpet joined the gorgeous voices of the choir and the Procession began. With great gravitas the crucifers (Matt and Ted), servers (Erica, Rosalind, and Caitlin), choir, and distinguished guests all processed down the aisle. The Venerable Kim Van Allen, Archdeacon of Essex, greeted everyone and began with a welcome and the Gathering of the Community.

The Psalm, the readings (Alisa Yednoroz and Kim MacKendrick), and the Holy Gospel all were echoed in the wise and approachable Sermon given by Father Andreas' mentor, The Venerable Tanya Phibbs. The Prayers of the People (Ann Hucal and Hal Sullivan) were followed by the gifts from the Signs of Ministry: keys to the Church by our Wardens (Jane Patterson and John Rossi), a Bible (Florence and Ladd Richie), a Book of Common Prayer and a Book of Alternative Services (Shirley Cattle and young Julia), the Canons of the Diocese (Paul Allsop and Russ Fields), Oil (Cathy MacKendrick and Jen McAlpine), Water (Andy Hahn and little Max whom, we all agree, stole the show!), Bread and Wine (Margaret Jamieson and Jane Bayne).

The Regional Dean, The Reverend Canon Bryan Girling, then read the License, and then The Archdeacon officially welcomed Father Andreas as the new Rector to the Congregation. Has there ever been a Peace shared at St. Matthews with more jubilation and enthusiasm? After the Offering and the Holy Eucharist joined by the singing of the communion refrain (Let us Be Bread lead by the cantor, Margaret Kissau and Gordon Drake's clarinet), Father Andreas thanked everyone for coming and invited one and all to join for dinner. We received our Blessing from Father Andreas and the Closing Hymn and Recessional led us into the Parish Hall.



## Service of Induction, cont...



In the classic St. Matthew's fashion, the amazing crew of volunteers had prepared a fabulous reception, the Parish Hall decorated and welcoming to one and all. A delicious meal and dessert were shared, and everybody had a chance to visit old friends (such as previous Rector Bill Millman and his wife Delores, and Deacon Bob Chandler) and meet new ones. Members of the Parish Council presented Rev'd Andreas and his wife Anya with brief but heartfelt welcoming words, gifts and flowers.



From all of us in the Congregation, a huge thanks to our Wardens Jane Patterson and John Rossi, and the rest of the selection committee, for spearheading the almost two years of searching for the perfect pastor.

And to Andreas and Anya, our most sincere thank you, as well: we're glad to have you call St. Matthew's home!

## Stone Feast

By Jane Patterson

(Inspired by the sermon during the Service of Induction, and a glowing feeling from being part of this great event)

1 **W**e need a feast, we strongly feel  
To welcome in Andreas Thiel.  
The warden's said "we should celebrate",  
But what could we cheaply put on a plate?

2 They sent for Paul the conjurer  
With a magic stone he'd make dinner appear.  
The wardens gave him a couple of stones  
(a pittance really — we make no bones).

3 He traded the stones for a couple of hams  
And then the magic really began.  
Pauline said — "look what I have found!  
I'll throw in a dish of cheese and hash browns"

4 But it would be a real feat  
To put out more than spuds and meat.  
So some said — I have got some greens,  
Lettuce, carrots, beets, and beans.

5 And so from out of God's great garden  
There sprang an amazing salad bar. Then  
What could come but a sweet treat  
For Shirley brought some cake to eat.

6 And flowers sprang from out of the earth  
And the dinner was full of hugs and mirth.  
To celebrate our God above  
We made a feast of stones and love.

**Thanks to ALL** those kind folks  
who donated their time and resources  
in making our Rev'd Andreas' Induc-  
tion such a success; we are truly  
blessed to have you at St. Matthew's.

*They say that a job well done  
is its own reward,  
but still, you should know  
how much your hard work  
means to those around you.*



# Christmas Bazaar, November 9

By Sophia Savva

On November 9, 2013, a line of excited shoppers formed outside of St. Matthew's Anglican Church for its annual Christmas Bazaar. As always, it bustled with people from all over Windsor and Essex County who were eager to buy homemade crafts, jewellery, knickknacks, desserts, savoury pies, and books.

As parents snooped for deals, their kids did shopping of their own in the Children's Centre, while recorded piano music performed by the Reverend Andreas Thiel played in the background. "I can't find the words," the rector and concert pianist said, when asked how he would describe his first time at the bazaar. "It's amazing." He said he couldn't believe how happy the bazaar made people. A volunteer from Vincent Massey Secondary School commented similarly, "People are so happy. There are so many smiles."



But as Danielle Richer revealed, a lot of work goes into that happiness. Richer, one of the coordinators and many contributors of the Craft Gallery, said that the group started bouncing ideas and making crafts since last January. "It's my therapy," an emotional Richer said, wiping tears from her eyes.



As many other patrons agreed, the handmade bouquets of poinsettias made of wire and nail polish were one of the most impressive creations of the Craft Gallery crew. Among them were Christmas ornaments and decorations made of Popsicle sticks, corks, and light bulbs.



A high school teacher, drawn to the bazaar by its close association to his students, said the variety of the bazaar is his favourite part, motioning at the plethora of different gift ideas around him.

A teenager, who has been attending the bazaar since preschool, enjoyed the food the most. "Not too greasy, very rich," he complimented the gooey grilled cheese sandwich in front of him, as he sipped a "perfectly brewed" coffee with an assortment of books from the Book Nook beside him. He also said the raspberry lemonade cheesecake from the Sweet Tooth Table was "very good, refreshing."



A first-timer to the bazaar, who found out the information about the event from Facebook, said her daughter loved the Children's Centre. Another woman, her arms overflowing with presents, said the same thing about her son, admiring his bounty of toys.

Near or far, young or old, there's something for everyone at the St. Matthew's Christmas Bazaar.

If you didn't get a chance to check it out this year, there is always next year.

Thank you to all the volunteers for their time, efforts and contributions which made this, another successful Bazaar. At press time, we had been able to collect over \$7,800.00 **GREAT JOB EVERYONE...** get some well deserved rest (and re-charge your energy for our Pancake Dinner in March!) 😊





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September 13, 2013

Dear St. Matthews Anglican Church,

**Thank you** so much for your donation of toiletries and personal care items to Hiatus House. We truly appreciate the support you've shown toward our work with families experiencing the tragic effects of domestic violence. We'd like you to know that donations like yours are used directly in our emergency shelter programs by women and children in need.

Hiatus House relies heavily upon community support to maintain our programs. We hope that you continue to support the programs offered at Hiatus House by donating throughout the year. If you have questions regarding the services provided at our agency, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for helping Hiatus House in its mission to break the cycle of domestic violence.

Sincerely,

Thom Rolfe, M.S.W., R.S.W.  
Executive Director  
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## Please remember Hiatus House this season

In addition to toiletries, diapers and non-perishable food, donations of hats, socks, mitts, and books for the children would be greatly appreciated for our next visit to Hiatus House.

**Thank you for your support,**  
Don and Pauline Patterson

## Rev'd Cathy's Corner

St. Matthew's Marlborough Breakfast Programme is up and running for our tenth year. There have been some changes. One is a new Vice-Principal Tim Mosser in charge of the programme for the school. The other one is that we have an increase of about 15-25% in the number of children that we are feeding on Monday mornings. The result is that the purchase of food items this year is going to be higher than last year. So it is wonderful that up to November 12, 2013 our annual St. Matthew's Drive for funds is \$2,042.79. This money goes to purchase the food, make a donation, and be able to provide some socks and hats and mitts for the children. It means that we will be able to buy the food and little extras but may not be able to offer assistance for the purchase of other food items for the other four days a week, such as cereal. Thank-you Thank-you. You are GRRRRREAT!

Giving of yourself is clearly who we are by making a monetary donation, donating 6 dozen muffins for the kids to enjoy on cereal days, and getting up early five times a year to get to the school before 7:30 to prepare the sandwiches, cook them, serve them, and then tidy up. Usually we are out the front door by 8:40am. If this outreach to our inner city kids is something you might be interested in please speak to me and we will get you busy.

People have been putting greeting cards in the Jail ministry box. That is wonderful. The position of Rev John Stevenett, the former chaplain, has been replaced with two part-time folks a volunteer co-ordinator and a chaplain. John held both positions for a full time position. The money collected for the Pastoral Care Committee of the Windsor Jail last Lent will be given to them to assist in purchasing stamps to go on all those cards being taken for the inmates to send to their folks this Christmas. The playing cards, soft-covered books, and toiletry items will be taken over to the Jail for the chaplain's use. He is Rob McGee and the volunteer co-ordinator is June Bondy. More news to follow about our involvement with this ministry.

Feeding the homeless and keeping them warm. At the Synod in London in June the Deacons of the Diocese asked delegates to bring warm hats, mitts, and scarfs to be given to various homeless shelters around the Diocese. I came home with three big bags full. On Nov 10<sup>th</sup> I took them and the left-over food (sandwiches, pasta, and soup) to Street Help Unit 7. When Kim and I took them the items there were other donations there for the folks to get — hot food, cold food, and special treats — like cupcakes and cookies. The volunteers helping that day were very grateful.

# Celebrating this season:

## Birthdays

### December

12 – Ed Carey  
14 – Carol Bulley  
14 – Patty Paraschak  
16 – Andy Hahn  
21 – Linda Boyd  
22 – Sarah Henderson  
27 – Helen Cahill  
28 – Cory Yednoroz

### January

3 – Miranda Canty  
15 – Jessica Hitchcock  
18 – Mary Davis  
18 – Jennifer Hitchcock  
27 – Max Hahn  
28 – Sophia Savva  
29 – Nicole McCabe  
30 – Ella Hahn  
31 – Erica Rossi

### February

1 – Ann Hucal  
1 – Kim MacKendrick  
6- Isabella Chantler  
6- Jennifer Goldspink  
8 – Darren Bernard  
12 – Mark Bernard  
13 – Alan Dalley  
14 – Anya Laurence-Thiel  
18 – Nadia Taqtaq  
25 – Edwin Levergood  
26 – Neil Cowley  
27 – Stephania Allsop  
28 – Dorothy Knappett

## Anniversaries

### December

21 – Scott & Laurie Ritchie

### February

15 – Dianna & John Iannicello

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**Saturday December 7, 2013 at 6:30 pm.–** Our **St. Matthew's Christmas Social** will be held at the home of John Rossi and Patti Weir. Please come and join in the Christmas festivities. Bring your choice of a nibbly or a dessert.

**Wednesday January 1, 2014 from 3:00-5:00 pm.–** Anya and Andreas Thiel invite the parish to a New Year's Day Open House, at the Rectory.

**Saturday January 18, 2014 at 5:00 PM.–** Our 4th Annual Potluck and Talent Show. Come on out if you have a talent you would like to share, or if you like eating and good entertainment. More information: John Rossi or Jen McAlpine.

**Saturday February 8, 2014 at 5:00 PM.–** Our Family Potluck and Games Night. Bring your family's favourite dish or dessert and a couple of board games. This is a fun night, maybe we will have a game of Hide & Seek again! More information: Jen McAlpine.

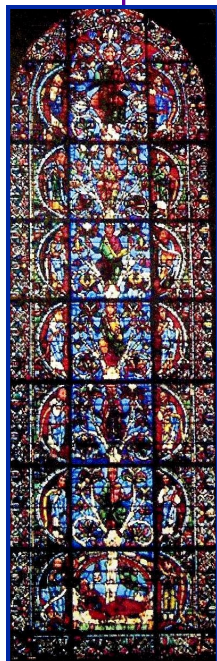
**Tuesday March 4, 2014.–** Pancake Dinner! Mark your calendar to volunteer, invite your friends and also enjoy a delicious meal at St. Matthew's. More details to come soon.

**Saturday March 8, 2014 at 5:00 PM.–** Potluck and Mad Science Demonstration. Great food and interactive fun! Let your friends know and bring them along, there's always lots of room! More information: Jen McAlpine (519-948-1457).

# The Jesse Tree

## The Jesse Tree and Other Advent Symbols

*"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse..."* Isaiah 11:1



The Jesse Tree was the forerunner of the Advent Wreath. In medieval times many people were illiterate and learned from various forms of imagery. The Jesse Tree was considered a poor man's Bible and in 1088 the first one was recorded to teach the genealogy of Jesus. In the season of anticipation of the birth of Jesus, people would also decorate a green tree with symbols of their faith (*chrismos*) relative to the promises of salvation from the Old Testament.

The best glassmakers at the time were in Europe and, in cathedrals and churches, stained glass windows were made to tell of Jesus' family roots. In Chartres Cathedral in Northern France, the window of the Jesse Tree (see left, 1185) is still there today in all of its glory. Another example is in Canterbury Cathedral.

In the New Testament, the lineage of Jesus is traced and recorded by two of the Gospel writers: Matthew 1:1-17, and Luke 3:23-38, in reverse order to one another.

Oldest complete Jesse Tree window; Chartres, France

## THE JESSE TREE

written by Geraldine McCaughrean and illustrated by Bee Willey

Book reviewed by Lauren Anne Wilkinson (age 6) and Sandra Hall (age +18)

Rather than do the typical book review, since this book was written to be read to children, it seemed to us to be logical for the two of us gals to do the review together!

The premise to the book is that a carpenter (named Mr. Butterfield) is carving a Jesse tree inside a church and meets a young lad (named John). Each day the carpenter carves a new symbol to be added to the tree and the young boy comes to see his daily output and learn about the imagery behind each symbol.

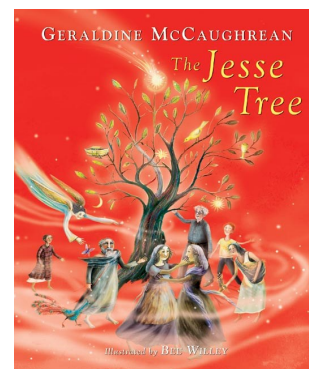
Lauren's favourite thing about the book: The thing I most liked about this book is the guys in the book who helped each other. The crowds who cheered David when a little guy went out on his own to save his people!

Sandra's favourite thing about the book: I enjoyed the illustrations of the carpenter who not only crafted the Jesse tree but also crafted the stories and a friendship with a young boy. I'd never heard of a Jesse Tree before and found the book to be both educational and entertaining.

Lauren's least favourite thing about the book: I did not like the story of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. The fire that God brought to Elijah to convince the people to follow the True God was scary.

Sandra's concern with the book: when reading the book to Lauren I found that many of the chapters relating stories from the Bible had harsh characters and situations. I'm sure this is always a challenge for writers about the Bible, how to bring out the teaching moments without the gruesome nature of our history beating the kids over the head! Always juxtaposing good and bad people in stories brings the tension and the interest, but always is a challenge to any parent. Reading fairy tales to a sensitive child leads to many discussions. While discussions are always a good thing, chats about 'the bad guys' isn't what most parents want for the focus of bedtime reading.

Overall we both liked the stories. The chapters told the verses in an easy-to-understand manner and the banter between the carpenter and the young lad brought the stories to the current day.





Jesus Ahatonhia

Jesus is Born

# The Huron Carol

*'Twas in the moon of winter time  
When all the birds had fled,  
That mighty Gitchi Manitou  
Sent angel choirs instead;  
Before their light the stars grew dim  
And wondering hunters heard the hymn:  
"Jesus your King is born,  
Jesus is born: In excelsis gloria!"*

*Within a lodge of broken bark  
The tender babe was found,  
A ragged robe of rabbit skin  
Enwrapped His beauty round;  
And as the hunter braves drew nigh  
The angel song rang loud and high:  
"Jesus your King is born,  
Jesus is born: In excelsis gloria!"*

*The earliest moon of winter time  
Is not so round and fair  
As was the ring of glory on  
The helpless Infant there.  
The chiefs from far before Him knelt  
With gifts of fox and beaver pelt:  
"Jesus your King is born,  
Jesus is born: In excelsis gloria!"*

*O children of the Forest Tree,  
O sons of Manitou,  
The Holy Child of earth and heaven  
Is born today for you.  
Come kneel before the radiant Boy  
Who brings you beauty, peace, and joy:  
"Jesus your King is born,  
Jesus is born: In excelsis gloria!"*

## Huron Indian Carol

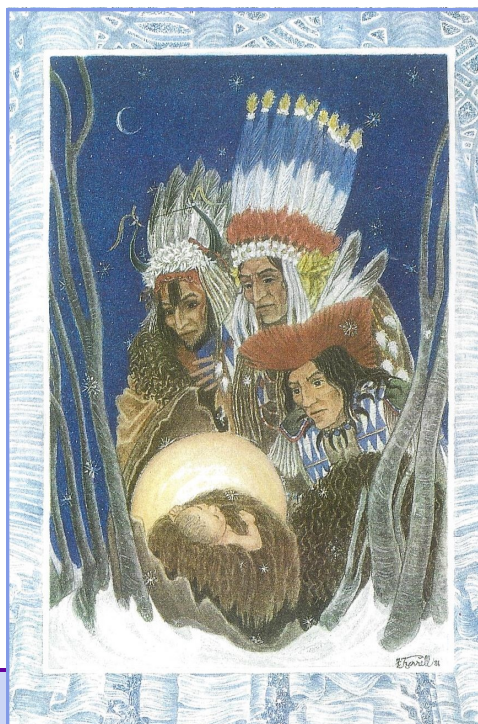
Huron Indian words by St. Jean de Brébeuf ~1593-1649

In my opinion this beautiful carol is a neglected one and is not of the familiar repertoire we sing at Christmas. It is sad, but we have many beautiful renditions to choose from on CD: Liona Boyd, Tom Jackson, Bruce Coburn sings in Wendat...the Huron language (1993), the Toronto Children's Chorus, etc. My own personal favourite is on the Canadian Tenors' CD "The Perfect Gift"; it is wonderful, with muted drums and crunching snow (footsteps), really setting the scene as the Angel choirs sing 'IN EXCELSIS GLORIA'....just listen and enjoy!

Shirley Cattle.

This was the first Christmas carol written in North America. It was written by Father Jean de Brébeuf, who was a Jesuit missionary from Normandy, France. He was sent to bring Christianity to the native peoples of Canada in the early 1600's. He was an erudite man with language skills par excellence, had the ability to relate to the Huron nation (Wyandot) and in their language he wrote many of their historical narratives. The Huron Carol was written in 1643 to bring the story of Jesus' birth to the Huron; after that, it was sung every Christmas. Father Brébeuf evangelized to many, and in one particular year he baptized 200 people.

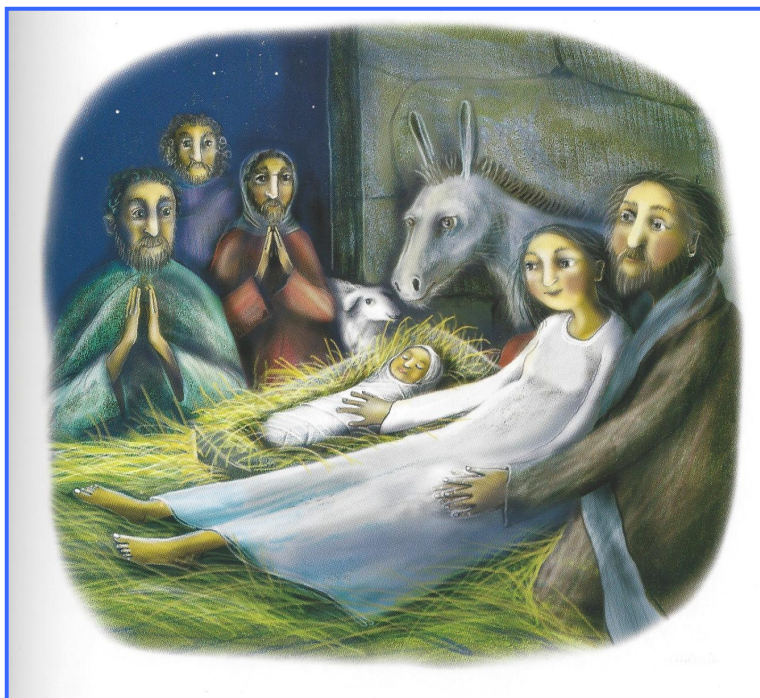
In 1648, the Iroquois nation began their warfare against the Huron. Father Brébeuf and his missionary companion Gabriel Lalemant were captured along with Huron friends in the village of St. Ignace near Midland, Ontario. They were tortured, mutilated, burnt, and eventually eaten. Their passion was one of the most horrifying in the records of martyrdom. Father Brébeuf did not utter a sound through his time of trial. As was expected of missionaries, he and Father Lalemant died in bringing the word of God to the new world. These two missionaries were canonized in 1930. (information from the 'Oxford Book of Saints').



From "The Huron Carol" by Father Jean de Brébeuf  
Illustrated by Frances Tyrrell



**“Wonderful News!  
Wonderful!  
The Saviour of the  
World is Born!”**



From “The Jesse Tree” book by Geraldine McCaughrean and illustrated by Bee Willey

## News from the Pews:

We hope to hear  
from you soon!

**The whole congregation is invited to contribute to this section with their feedback, announcements and suggestions.**

- We thank Sandra Hall and Lauren for their review of the children's book called "The Jesse Tree"..... Sandra spent over 20 years in the business of books. In Toronto, she learned her craft by working in all aspects of producing books. Starting in 1988, she joined a publishing firm making illustrated non-fiction books for a world wide market. Her favourite aspect was to be in charge of all things in production "including travelling to wherever the printing firm was on our fair planet" so she says. She changed her job when she and Jeff embarked on their Lauren adventure. She misses her career in publishing, but as she says "The rewards of parenting far outweigh any responsibilities and challenges of the paid working world!" Shirley Cante.

Please send your articles, feedback and other contributions to Shirley ([davidcandle@sympatico.ca](mailto:davidcandle@sympatico.ca)) or Irene ([irene.savva@bell.net](mailto:irene.savva@bell.net)) or deposit in the box provided in the Narthex. NOTE: Also let us know of any updates needed in the birthday and anniversary announcements; we apologize for any mistakes or omissions.

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