

Sweet Spring



Dessert
Card
Party!

Bring your friends and your favourite card or board game and have some fun!



Tea, coffee & delicious desserts will be served.

Wednesday May 16th
7:00 pm Tickets \$10

Brought to you by St. Matthew's ACW



ALTAR GUILD EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation to beautify the Church during the Easter season, either as a Memorial for a Loved One or as an act of Thanksgiving, please contact Altar Guild President, Rosemary Hamilton at 905-522-3244 or use the envelope included with your Sunday service bulletin beginning March 4th, 2012.

Prayerfully consider using the enclosed Lenten Envelope to help us meet our Operating Budget.



Welcome to God's Family!

January 8, 2012

Kendra Ellen Newbold

Grand-daughter of Eric & Iris Newbold

and

Sean Allen Watkins

Son of Brad & Aubrey Watkins

Forever In My Heart

John William Hanson
Isobel Florence Turnbull
Robert Cameron Reynolds
Walter Frank Parish
Mildred Ellen Maurice

St. Matthew on-the-Plains



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HOLY WEEK DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday April 1 - PALM SUNDAY

Beginning of Holy Week
8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Eucharist
& distribution of Palm Crosses.

Monday April 2 - 7:30 p.m.

Said Eucharist in Sanctuary.

Tuesday April 3 - 7:30 p.m.

Said Eucharist in Sanctuary.

Wednes. April 4 - 7:30 p.m.

Said Eucharist in Sanctuary.

Thursday April 5 - MAUNDY - 7:30 p.m.

Ceremonial Washing of Hands
& Stripping of the Altar.

Friday April 6 - GOOD FRIDAY - 10:30 a.m.

Join us for Hot Cross Buns and
Hot Chocolate after the service.

Saturday April 7 - Easter Vigil

7:30 p.m. service followed by a
Resurrection Party.

Sunday April 8 - EASTER SUNDAY

Services at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



Dudley Oakes

Organ Recital

Friday March 23rd,
2012

7:30pm in the
Sanctuary

This recital will include compositions by: Bach, Franck, Duruflé and Liszt.

Don't miss this special appearance!

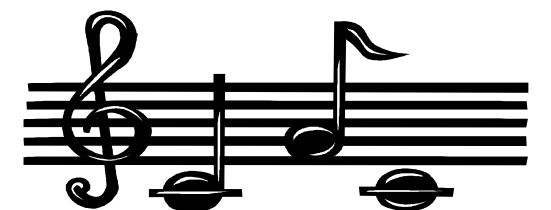
Dudley Oakes is currently the Organist at historic St. Joseph's Church on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. having completed his tenth season as Organist & Choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church, Georgetown Parish in Washington, D.C. last July. An active recitalist and conductor, recent performing activities have included a collaboration with The Washington Bach Consort, solo recitals at Washington National Cathedral and St. Thomas Church, New York City, and a Messiah performance of "unusual distinction" (*portfolio Norfolk, VA*).

Recital appearances, recordings, and broadcasts in the United States, Canada, Australia, England, France, and Germany have repeatedly brought him critical acclaim for his "virtuosity, technical brilliance, musical interpretation and artistry".

Tickets are \$20 Adults & \$10 for Students

A Lenten Study

The next installment of our basic training series will focus on the writings of the medieval English mystic, Julian of Norwich. Julian, who was the first woman to write a book in English, is a passionate and insightful author. Our study of her accessible book, *A Revelation of Love*, will give insights into Julian's own time, the characteristics of mysticism itself, and the spirituality we pursue in our own day. Please join us for one, or all, of the Monday evenings in March. We will gather in the Fireside Room at 7:30. Please see Derek for a copy of the reading packet.



From the Rector's Study

Some of us are on the lookout for an added spiritual discipline in Lent. Let me tell you about one of the focuses for my prayers in this season.

Early in February, members of the four churches on Plains Road gathered for a conversation about a shared outreach project. People from West Plains, St. Matthew's, Holy Rosary, and East Plains talked about who our target audience might be, where we might provide hospitality, and how we might work together. Discussions are at an early stage, but we might well host a weekday drop-in here at St. Matthew's sharing volunteer resources and expertise with our neighbouring churches. It is heartening to imagine the Plains Road churches working together.

This is a big step for our outreach ministry at St. Matthew's. This is a project that has the potential to focus the gifts of many members of our parish in a single program. One of the key goals for me is to develop a way for volunteers to connect with our guests, to listen to their stories, and to gather those stories together so that we can look for patterns. It will be helpful to know what sort of challenges are faced by people who live near us. As we begin to hear people's stories, we can make informed decisions about ways we might be able to offer advocacy and specific support to our neighbours.

So, while we may ultimately host an afternoon drop-in at St. Matthew's for a three month period, and while our guests may eat lunch with us, only part of the goal of our project will be to feed the hungry. I want us to design this project so that there are opportunities for transformation. By grace, maybe we ourselves will be transformed as we hear the stories of our lunch companions. By grace, maybe we will learn how to be in solidarity with our neighbours offering compassion and advocacy. By grace, having invested in offering supportive relationships, maybe we will make a start at addressing some of the root causes of the injustices faced by our neighbours.

Please pray with me. As we offer to God our hopes for this project let us ask God for unity (as four congregations consider working together), for wisdom, and for grace so that we can become the sort of community that acts with compassion and struggles for justice.

Derek



A Quick Reference to Upcoming Events

Monday February 20 / Family Day Office Closed

Tuesday February 21 / M.U. Pancake Supper 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday February 22 / Ash Wednesday 10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. services

Sunday February 26 / Lent I—Choral Matins 10:30 a.m.

Friday March 23 / Dudley Oakes Organ Recital 7:30 p.m.

Sunday March 25 / Mattick March Madness 12 noon in the Church Hall

Sunday March 18 / Mothering Sunday & Family Service 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Saturday April 28 / Giant Indoor Garage Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Rent a table!

Sunday May 13 / Mother's Day Parish Breakfast

Saturday May 12 / Scouts Plant Sale in Parish Hall

Wednesday May 16 / ACW Sweet Spring Card Party 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$10 includes desserts

Sunday June 10 / Parish Picnic at LaSalle Park 12 noon

Sunday June 24 / Symphony Hamilton 3 p.m.



**SATURDAY APRIL 28TH
8:30AM—12:30PM**



The Outreach Committee presents..

**Mattick
March
Madness**

Can you help weed a garden? Can you wash a car? Can you cook a healthy meal?

Join us on Sunday March 25th following the 10:30 am service for a buffet lunch, while you browse a **Time & Talent Auction and Penny Sale**. This is an Outreach Committee fundraiser and it's going to be fun! Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex. Diana Klodt (905 634-3369) is looking for Penny Sale items and Joyce Mattick and Paulene Jodry will be organizing the Time & Talent Auction. Join the fun and offer your services or buy someone's time or talent!