

THE ANGLICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CANADA

GUELPH / WATERLOO CONGREGATION

UPDATE

April 1, 1997

March

Following is the schedule for April:

- April 6 - **Easter I** - Father Logan will be the celebrant
- April 13 - **Easter II** - Bishop Mercer will be the celebrant (**More about the Bishop's visit, early next week.**)
- April 20 - **Easter III** - Father Braby will be the celebrant
- April 27 - **Easter IV** - Father Logan will be the celebrant

A couple of reminders:

- (1) All Services are at the Grand River Hospital (K-W Health Centre) at 835 King St. W. in Kitchener.
- (2) Matins is said at 10:00 a.m., and the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 10:30 a.m.

For your information, 12 individuals were present for the Holy Eucharist on March 2, 15 were present on March 9, 10 were present on March 16, 13 were present on March 23, and 14 were present on March 30, 1997.

As you probably know, Father Braby is having surgery on April 7 - please remember him in your prayers.

The Website for the ACCC is up and running - the address is <http://www.zeuter.com/~acc/> - a copy of the Homepage, Main Menu, and the Message from the Bishop is enclosed. The Web Master is Father Mansfield - Parry Sound. The site is excellent - well worth visiting. It has Links to several other sites, including that of our Sister Church in the U.S. - The Anglican Church in America.

While searching for a book in my *library*, I came across a book that I hadn't referred to in years, entitled **Anglican Services - A book concerning ritual and ceremonial in the Church of England** (Published in July of 1953). The book, as the subtitle implies, sets out rules/guidelines/standards of ritual and ceremonial. The Preface to the book reads as follows:

“ Let all things be done decently and in order ” ; so wrote St. Paul to the Church at Corinth. And indeed this must be the guiding principle of Christian worship, for God to whom this worship is offered is a God of order and not of chaos. Moreover, this worship is essentially corporate; and this implies of necessity an agreed manner of carrying it out; for so only can we avoid that confusion which, as we have seen, is contrary to the nature of Christian worship. So have arisen most of the accepted customs of ritual and ceremonial.

Some few ceremonies, notably those surrounding the reading of the Gospel at Mass, have been introduced for their own sake: but, far more often, that which has come to be described as “ correct” is only the particular manner of performing this or that act which centuries of experience have shown to be the most practical and reverent.

Many of the details of Christian worship first came into use as matters of practical necessity or convenience. But now, though often necessity no longer urges, Christian instinct is reluctant to acquiesce in their disuse; for they are reminders that the Church of to-day is one with that of past ages, and they recall to us the goodness of our heritage.

More excerpts from this book in future issues!

Also enclosed is an article from **The Rock** - Culture of Vice - a commentary on the current cultural war. The Rock is published (quarterly) and edited by The Right Reverend Robert Crawley, SSC, our Suffragan Bishop. A flyer is enclosed in the event that you wish to subscribe to it.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for UPDATE, or require transportation, be sure to give Ted Bowles a call (in Guelph - (519) 824-8999), or me. Please join us at the Services as often as you can!

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