

THE ANGLICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CANADA

GUELPH / WATERLOO CONGREGATION

UPDATE

May 28, 1997

Following is our schedule for June:

June 1	Trinity I
June 8	Trinity II
June 15	Trinity III
June 22	Trinity IV
June 29	St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles and Martyrs

A couple of reminders:

- (1) All Services are in the Chapel 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. (The Litany on the first Sunday), and the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 10:30 a.m.

Father Logan has kindly agreed to celebrate all the Eucharists in June, unless otherwise committed. (Father Braby, because of cataracts, will be unable to celebrate the Eucharist with us until sometime in August - he is scheduled to undergo surgery in early August.)

For your information, 19 individuals were present for the Holy Eucharist on May 4, 13 were present on May 11, 13 were present on May 18, and 7 were present on May 25.

A couple of "thank you's":

The first to The Rt. Rev. Robert Mercer, CR (I) for his pastoral visit on April 12 and 13. (There is a brief commentary about it on our ACCC website.) There was an almost complete turnout of the congregation (only those with baby-sitting commitments or those suffering from ill health were absent) for a wine and cheese welcome for the Bishop on the evening of April 12. On Sunday the Bishop celebrated the Eucharist (our first Pontifical Low Mass - with sermon and hymns.) The Bishop's visit was enjoyed by all of us. It gave us another opportunity to meet with our Father in God. (The Bishop had previously been to meet with us at our Information Meeting on November 20, 1996, as a result of which our congregation was formed.)

The second to Father and Mrs. Braby for the new chalice, paten, ciborium, altar crucifix, and lavabo bowl which were presented to our congregation earlier this month and which have been used at every Eucharist, since.

As promised, another excerpt from Anglican Services - A book concerning ritual and ceremonial in the Church of England (Published in July of 1953):

Liturgical Colours

332. The liturgical colours are five in number, namely white, red, green, purple, and black. A sixth, rose-pink, is used on two days of the year only; cloth of gold and cloth of silver have a place, but on account of their intrinsic value and not their colour: blue and yellow have no place in the colour sequence.

The Meaning of the Colours

333. The use of the colours is briefly, as follows:

White, signifying light, joy and triumph, is used on feasts of the Godhead, Our Lord (except those commemorating His redemptive work), All Saints, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all saints who are not martyrs. It is also used generally on non-liturgical occasions of thanksgiving.

Red, the colour of fire and of blood, is used on the feasts commemorating Our Lord's redemptive work, on feasts of the Holy Ghost, and of martyrs.

Green, the colour of nature, symbolising hope and growth, is the neutral colour, and is used on all days for which no other colour is required.

Purple, symbolising repentance, is used in the penitential seasons and generally on occasions of supplication or humiliation.

Black, which should not be regarded as symbolising mourning, but rather very great solemnity, is used on Good Friday, and at services of the dead.

The Colour Sequence

334. In greater detail, the colour sequence is as follows. In reading this table, it should be borne in mind that Matins as a service properly precedes Mass, and therefore a colour which is given to be used "until Mass inclusive" on a certain day is also to be used at Matins; in fact with exceedingly few exceptions, the colour at Matins is the same as at Mass. Moreover the first Evensong of a feast, *i.e.* the Evensong which is sung on the eve of the festival, has the same colour as the day itself; therefore a colour set to be used "on a certain feast" would be used for Evensong on the eve as well as at Matins, Mass, and Evensong on the day; ...

Enclosed are the following:

- (1) Chapter I "Why Bother About Doctrine?" from a small book by A.W.G. Duffield entitled The Faith In Plain Terms.
- (2) An article by St. Vincent of Lerins "On the Development of Doctrine" - from the Internet - <http://www.episcopalnet.org/>
- (3) An excerpt from "Theology and the Year 2000 - the Centrality of Experience" by The Rev. Dr. Peter Toon which appeared in The Machray Review, Number 4, published by The Prayer Book Society of Canada.

The following paragraph is taken from an account by Bishop Edwin Barnes (one of the Church of England's "flying bishops") about his November, 1996 visit to Canada and the U.S. - from the Internet - http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/francis_gardom/CANARICH.TXT (This page is linked from our ACCC website.):

Liberals [within the established church], though, seem to see every issue in terms of "rights": the right of women to be ordained, the right of gays to be married, the right of priests to express their sexuality in any way they choose. The only ones without rights are orthodox Christians, and at present they are being denied the right to maintain the faith once delivered to the saints. [Politically correct] prayer books and hymnals are being insisted on (presumably because the Almighty has a right to be addressed as "Mother"), and those doubtful about the ordination of women within the catholic priesthood are being treated as non-persons. In Washington and also in Canada I met with Anglicans who have joined one or other "continuing" church, as the only way open to them of living in the Christian tradition of their baptism.

"Part of the price for fidelity to the Gospel may be that we are labelled reactionary, extremist, fundamentalist or mindless and dismissed as a dying breed." - from an article by Gerry O'Brien, a lay member of the General Synod representing the Diocese of Rochester (England) - from the Internet - same location as above *except_gardom/XSYNMAY.TXT*

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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P.S. Don't forget to visit the ACCC website [<http://www.zeuter.com/~accc/>] on a regular basis - Father Mansfield, the webmaster, is constantly updating it.