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EVENTS

EXAMINE THE ISSUES

A day to examine issues facing the church, "The Way Forward, what's an Anglican these days, where do we go from here". To be held at Bill & Becky Creese's farm near Holstein Ont., on

November 6,
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Speaker is Michael Edward, President of the PBSC and Member of the Anglican Essentials Executive.

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Niagara North's Annual General Meeting

The date has been set
January 30, 2005, 3:00 PM
St. Luke's in Hamilton
followed by a pot luck supper.

Everyone is invited to attend the
Candlemass following, at 7:00 pm

Sue Careless at Nassagaweya (And tales of minor miracles!)

The Niagara North Branch and friends at St John Nassagaweya had a fantastic great time. The weather was all we could ask for, the Evening Prayer service was all we could ask for, the superb sermon by Sue Careless was all we could ask for, the gourmet feast (to us anyway) afterwards was all we could ask for, and the people who crammed into the parish hall for the camaraderie, food, and theological session were all we could ask for. But we didn't ask. Hearing stories of scheduling conflicts, stories of unobtainable barbeques and stories of impending food shortages, we put our trust where it is always best placed, and He blessed us with all we could have had asked for.

The clergy (Canon Master's, Deacon Phipps, Sub-Deacon Parent) were out in force, there was an acolyte (Jacqueline Nusko) on hand for the processional, the organ and organist (Alva Middlebrook) gave us their all and we sang with gusto and delight at the opportunity of singing some grand old favourites.

In her address, Sue Careless stretched our minds and gave us wonderful insights into the glories of the Book of Common Prayer. The liturgy was to the highest standards. On a more prosaic note the commercial barbeque was a minor miracle in its magnificent size and cooking capacity, never mind its unheralded appearance on site where (anonymous, as usual) cooks churned out the patties and tube steaks, which accompanied the rest of the incredible feast. A feast that had appeared so wonderfully, it reminded us of loaves and fishes at another feed. Perhaps also it having been the Feast Day of Saint Wenceslas had something to do with the abundance?

There was one hitch though. As sometimes at these wonderful BBQ's at St John there were too many people for the parish hall! This left some of us out of the great theological outpouring that whirled around our guest Sue Careless during dinner. Many of us had to settle down to eat in the lounge where the tone of the proceeding was quickly reduced to laughter and repartee. It was all typical Prayer Book members out having a great time promoting the BCP.

We wish to thank Sue Careless for coming out to educate us and strengthen our resolve to get the church back to its roots and *raison d'etre*.

We again thank all the wonderful people at St John for their help, monetarily and otherwise. We wish to thank all those who came from near and very afar and who swelled our numbers so famously.

We most of all, thank Our Lord, Whom without His Blessing and help, none of this could have happened.

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Rumour Plagued Wine Tour is Another Failure!

Dear readers.

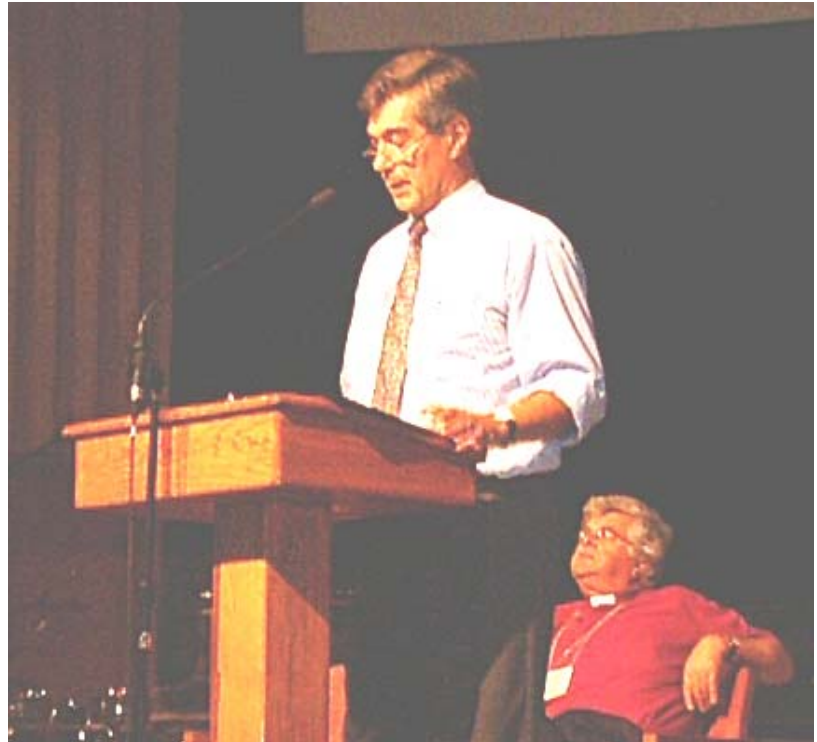
We have done it again. We have failed miserably. We have to announce that in spite of our best efforts of our crew of stalwarts, our quest for the perfect Communion Wine will have to be done again (and again, we hope).

Nevertheless, this was probably one of the best of our quests. In spite of being smitten with the worst turnout imaginable, the activities of the Niagara North Branch of the Prayer Book Society of Canada were carried forth within the strict guidelines set down for these events as found on pages 737-745 of the 1962 BCP. This was in spite of the rumours put out by persons unknown and known, that we would cancel our effort because of the conflict with Synod 2004. (This is an unimaginable option for us; as such worldly events are ignored by the likes of Niagara North!) These rumours were only brought to our attention on the eve of this **Great Expedition**. There was little we could do as our newsletter was published, our hosts were ready, and so we sallied forth. We felt like Gideon's army to say the least.

The hilarity factor buoyed and steadied us in our resolve to find the delights of Birchwood, Lakeview Cellars, and other Beamsville & Jordan area wineries. It kept our hearts intrepid as we descended on St John's of Jordan (More on this later).

Afterwards we dined in style at Butterballs (our beanery of choice) and we then headed home with a collection of memories of the best quest yet and a collection of the most unsuitable communion wines ever!

The Essentials "Way Forward" Conference in Ottawa



Michael Edward addressing the conference with Bishop Donald Harvey of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador in the background

In spite of the advertising and timing logistics that would have put anyone else off, the "Way Forward Conference" was incredibly well run, more than well attended and simply, a tremendous success.

Actually this Conference has been like a boulder dropped into the troubled pool of consciousness for the Anglican Church. Over seven hundred souls from across the entire nation attended this conference, which is a huge statistic by Canadian standards. The resultant tidal wave has been reaching far and wide, and now, every day, one hears of the affect around the world.

The phalanx of Anglican world leaders present, who, by their very presence, spoke of the Anglican Christian World's strong faithful backing of the Conference's aims. Anglicans in Canada, indeed in the world, now live in a different dimension because of "The Way Forward Conference". We can say with surety "He is on the move".

The Essentials Canada Council members have to be praised for their splendid efforts.

The Prayer Book Society of Canada, of which Niagara North is a Branch, is one of the three organizations that back Essentials Canada

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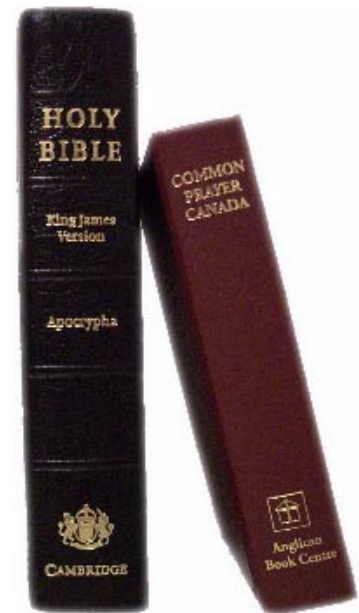
Saint John's of Jordan Church Tour Report



When the official and very singular Niagara North van pulled up to St John's, and they and us were apprised of the situation, immediate friendships were formed and an hour and a half tour of the historic church began.

We are partly to blame for the extended length of the presentation as our crew was so fascinated by the many aspects of the history and the accoutrements of the building. There was everything from the original collection pole and church key, to such exotica (for a low churchman that is) of an Icon and a BVM with fresh flowers beside her. To those of us who worship in sixties Anglican "Danish Modern", the idea of worshipping in such a historic and beautiful place was to remind us of #10 on page 69 in the BCP. (a pause here as some of you look that one up.) We cannot thank the tour guides, Ralph Richardson and Cy Armstrong, enough for the effort they put into the presentation.

Those of you, who missed this tour, missed a treat, but wait! Yes we will try to do it again. We hope there won't be another interference with our important work this time.



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Developments at St George's West Hamilton

Further to our last report on the "Ruin of St George's, a tale of their success, we have to give you sad but happy news. Seems the new church building is almost full now and is not big enough to handle the continued growth in membership.



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ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTH CONFERENCE 2004

As you look at the pictures here, you can get a glimpse of the wonderful times of the St Mike's Youth Conference held in Durham. This year, Niagara North members not only supported the Conference with administrative help, supplies of liturgical "Holy Hardware" etc., but some of our executive attended the conference as "Michaelites". Seen below in the group shot are Rebecca Hunt, Niagara North's Recording Secretary, David Nusko, our Webmaster and Katherine Raybould, our Publicity Secretary.

With a lot of monetary assistance from PBSC branches, private donations and incredible volunteers, this independent conference is able to present "Classical Anglicanism" to all these young people.

For those wanting to know more about the Saint Michael's Youth Conference contact your local branch or look up the web site at:

<http://www.geocities.com/stmikesontario/>

