

EMMANUELIGHT

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2012! NEW YEAR - NEW CHALLENGES!

"For I know the plans I have for you", says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11.

Once again we are facing many new challenges in the year 2012!

A big thank you to Peter Masson who left on January 6th for Florida and worked very hard to complete the year-end for 2011 and pass on the financial records to our new Treasurer, Maggie Veltheer to finalize. Maggie is the Treasurer for St. Mary's Anglican Church and is a member of their parish, so you may not see her at Emmanuel too often. Her work will be done behind the scenes and we appreciate her willingness to take on this extra job.

It will soon be time to say farewell to someone who has become very special to us and who has shared his many gifts and talents so generously. Through wind, rain, snow, the heat of the summer, and the stormy weather he has made it to the church on time! Thank you Paul -you will be very much missed!

During the month of January there is a great deal of work being done on the rectory to prepare it for our new incumbent. Many thanks to Grant Goodwin who has spent a lot of time there doing many of the jobs that needed doing and supervising the contractors.

Do remember to pray for Chris King as he prepares to move to a new parish and a new home here in Richmond Hill.

Rectory Clean up Day

**Saturday, January 21st
9 a.m. to 12 noon**



The Rectory is in the process of being painted and the bathroom renovated.

Moving day is planned for Wednesday, **January 25th** and we want to make sure the house is clean and inviting for Chris King when the work is completed.

Many hands make light work!

MISSION LUNCHEON

Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

**The Mission Committee have invited
The Rev. Wendy Lywood from L'Arche Daybreak
To speak at the 10 a.m. service
on Sunday, January 22nd.**

**Following the service there will be a luncheon to
give you an opportunity to ask questions and
learn more about her ministry at L'Arche.**

UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM!

Rectory Renovations

Our new incumbent, the Rev. Canon Chris King is moving into the rectory on or about January 25th, 2012. We are in the process of renovating the rectory and want to keep you updated. John Read, Regional Dean of York Central Deanery, came for a required visit of the rectory on May 25, 2011. He gave us a list of items that we are required to fix or update. As well there are other items that we will be replacing. The list is extensive and costly and we have received quotes for the work that must be completed and hired contractors to complete the work before Chris comes. The following is a list of items, with the approximate cost, that we are endeavouring to complete and the jobs that we have already completed.

Jobs Required to Complete

Approximate Cost

Complete renovation of main rectory bathroom. (receiving quotes)	\$ 6,000.00
Replace carpet throughout the rectory. (receiving quotes)	\$ 1,400.00
Paint entire interior of the rectory. (receiving quotes)	\$ 5,000.00

Window treatments. We've had some sheers donated and will have a better idea of approximate costs at a later date.

Jobs Already Completed

Replaced furnace and air conditioner.

Replaced kitchen stove.

Replaced kitchen dishwasher.

Replaced kitchen sink and faucet.

Total cost for jobs already completed: \$ 8,100.00

As you can see the work will be costly for our parish. We would appreciate your prayers as we get the Rectory ready for Chris. We would like to thank all those who have made contributions toward the cost of repairs to the rectory. We greatly appreciate your support.

If you are able to contribute, above your regular offering, please check "Designate" and **Rectory Renovations** on the church envelope with the amount you wish to contribute. The amount for your regular offering can be included in the same envelope. It is important that you don't take money away from your general giving to Emmanuel and only give over and above your regular offering if you are able to. Thank-you, for your continued prayer and financial support for the rectory renovations.

Closer to Chris' move in date, there will be an opportunity for yummy home baking/cooking to be prepared and placed in the Rectory as "**welcome treats**" for him. If you have any questions please feel free to speak to any of the Wardens.

Christmas Offering

The Christmas Offering was divided between the work at Dancing Waters, Tyendinaga Reserve (Murray and Ann O'Coin) and Emmanuel International (Don & Rachel Sayers).



~ ~ FROM PASTOR PAUL ~ ~

This will likely be my last chance to write to you, as my time at Emmanuel Church, Richvale draws to a close. As you will all know by now, Canon Chris King is coming on February 1st to become your new pastor and the incumbent of

this parish in Richmond Hill. I hope you will all be out to welcome him on Sunday, February 5th.

My first Sunday here was January 16th, 2011, and the year has gone by swiftly, as we said farewell last summer to two fellow workers in ministry here: Jonathan Springthorpe (now back in New Brunswick) and Bruce M. Douville (now working in the Soo, his hometown).

There are so many people to thank for their help and support, beginning with Sheila Craig, the parish administrator, the churchwardens, Monique Taylor and Bruce Corbett and their deputies, Debbie Dawe and Joanna Guy. Not to forget the Treasurers, Cathy Dunn and Peter Masson. Then there are those who gave me transportation, especially Henry Crane, along with many others. Also, I must thank Pat Crane for her hospitality. I cannot forget my colleague, Brian Parker and his cheerful assistance, as well as Graham Upcraft and his musical contribution, and adaptability on short notice. I appreciated all who helped with the coffee hour, and Sylvia Reiss who organized the Seniors' Lunches—fine events to be sure!

The servers, chancel guild members (who cleaned up after me on occasion), Leah Stephenson, who baked bread, etc. There are so many to thank God for, “so

great a cloud of witnesses” (*Hebrews 12:1a*) indeed!

I want to express my gratitude, as well, for the privilege (*which I may not have again*) of baptizing two children: Chase (*in October*) and Charlotte (*in November*). It is a rare gift to be able to share in such public celebrations and then to rejoice again, this Epiphany season, at the Baptism of Christ (*Mark 1:4-11*).

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Please be assured of my thanks to all of you, who in many different ways have helped and supported me over these last twelve months. I have not walked alone, but with the Wednesday morning study group members, and many others whose service and active participation make this congregation a place of welcome and care.

Thank you Dr. Ruth Copland, Elaine Pallister, Ernie Rogers and all those others who have helped and guided me along the way. And a last “Thank you” to those who joined Angelina and Mona Lim for the Dim Sum Sunday lunches. What a treat, and a good time together for all!

You will be missed, but I know that you will be in good hands with the coming of Chris King.

“The Lord prosper you. We wish you well in the name of the Lord.” (Psalm 129:8, BAS, P.887)

Paul G. Walker

Vital Church Planting Conference
February 2–4, 2012
St. Paul's, Bloor Street, Toronto

This Conference is all about being church in ways that serve and attract people to God. Chris King, (our new incumbent) Has attended before and found it well worthwhile. He would like to go this year and take someone from Emmanuel with him. The Registration is \$250 for the full Conference —Saturday only is \$65. Check it out on the website <http://vitalchurchplanting.com/>. If you are interested in attending please speak to Debbie Dawe (905-508-5029).

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am BAS HC	2	3 1pm Bridge	4 10:30 am Service at Leisure World	5	6	7
8 10am BAS HC	9	10 1pm Bridge	11 10am Study, Communion & Healing Prayer (C.E. Bldg.)	12	13	14
15 10am BAS HC	16	17 1pm Bridge	18 10am Study, Communion & Healing Prayer (C.E. Bldg.)	19	20	21 Rectory Clean up day 9-12 noon
22 10am BAS HC GP-Wendy Lywood Mission Lunch	23	24 1pm Bridge	25 Moving Day 10am Study, Communion & Healing Prayer (C.E. Bldg.)	26	27	28
29 10am BAS HC Special Lunch Food Bank Sunday	30	31 1 pm Bridge				

February 2012

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			1 10:30 am Service at LeisureWorld	2	3	4
5 10am BAS HC	6	7 1pm Bridge	8 10am Study, Commu- nion & Healing Prayer (C.E. Bldg.)	9	10	11
12 10am BAS HC Dim Sum Lunch	13	14 1pm Bridge	15 10am Study, Commu- nion & Healing Prayer (C.E. Bldg.)	16	17	18
19 10am BAS HC Pre Vestry Mtg	20	1 1pm Bridge Pancake Supper	22 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service	23	24	25
26 10am BAS HC Vestry Meeting Food Bk Sunday Lent I	27	28 1pm Bridge	29 10am Study, Communion & Healing Prayer (C.E. Bldg.)			

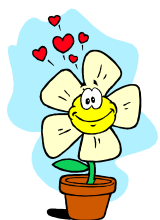
WELL DONE EMMANUELIGHTS!!

Richmond Hill Food Bank Collection Progress Report

Can we collect a ton and a half? *YES WE CAN!!!*

Month	This Year		Last Year	
	Lbs.	Kg	Lbs	Kg
December	308	140	164	74
November	283	128	343	156
October	515	234	498	226
September	172	78	203	92
August	237	108	204	93
July	211	96	164	74
June	306	139	213	97
May	349	158	187	85
April	298	135	220	100
March	283	128	230	104
February	386	175	149	68
January	201	91	243	110
Grand Total	3549	1610	2818	1279
Are we there yet?	118%	107%	94%	85%
% of year to go	0%	0%	0%	0%
Ahead or behind	18%	7%	-6%	-15%

MEMORIAL FLOWERS



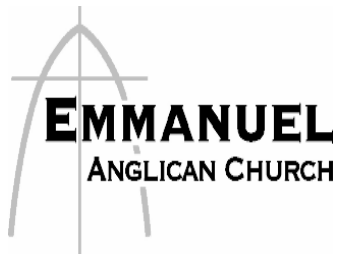
Families can place memorial flowers in memory of someone or to honour a special event or anniversary any Sunday (except during Lent). Choose a date that is special for you and put your name on the 2012 Flower Calendar at the entrance to the Church.

For more details please speak to Marg Kloosterman.
905-508-0493

FOODBANK DONATIONS

During 2011 the Parish of Emmanuel did an amazing job of collecting donations for the Food Bank—a grand total of 3,549 lbs. along with donations totaling \$1,265. A big “Thank You” to all and a special thank you to Henry Crane who keeps track of everything and delivers all the food to the Food Bank each month.

The next collection date is
Sunday, January 29, 2012.
Many are thankful for your generous support.



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UPDATE FROM THE SAYERS IN SOUTH AFRICA
"THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT"



Mziuanda, Mzimasi, Zukiswa, Zukiswa, little Tamara and house parents, Beauty & Themba

This week Beauty and Themba moved into the new African Hope Trust Safe House and then miraculously, 3 days later we welcomed 5 siblings into the home! We did not expect to have the children referred to the house so quickly but it is very exciting that they will now enjoy a Christmas as family for the first time! The children have a terrible past of neglect and abandonment and had not expected to ever be together as a family again.

We want to again thank all of our supporters and prayer partners who enable this ministry to happen. It has been a very fruitful term. We are coming home to Canada on Furlough in March and would like to see all of our friends and supporters. Please pray for the ministries in S.A. in our absence. There is much to hand over and lots that can happen while we are away.

Prayer is important to us!
For prayer requests that come up during the week, we have a group of people who are happy to pray for different issues or needs in your life.
To contact the Prayer Chain, please call Sue Merry (416-781-8336 or Phyllis Wallace (905-884-9832).

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Deadline for Notices and articles for the February 2012 issue is **Sunday, Jan. 29th**.
They can be sent to Sheila Craig at the Church Office.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!