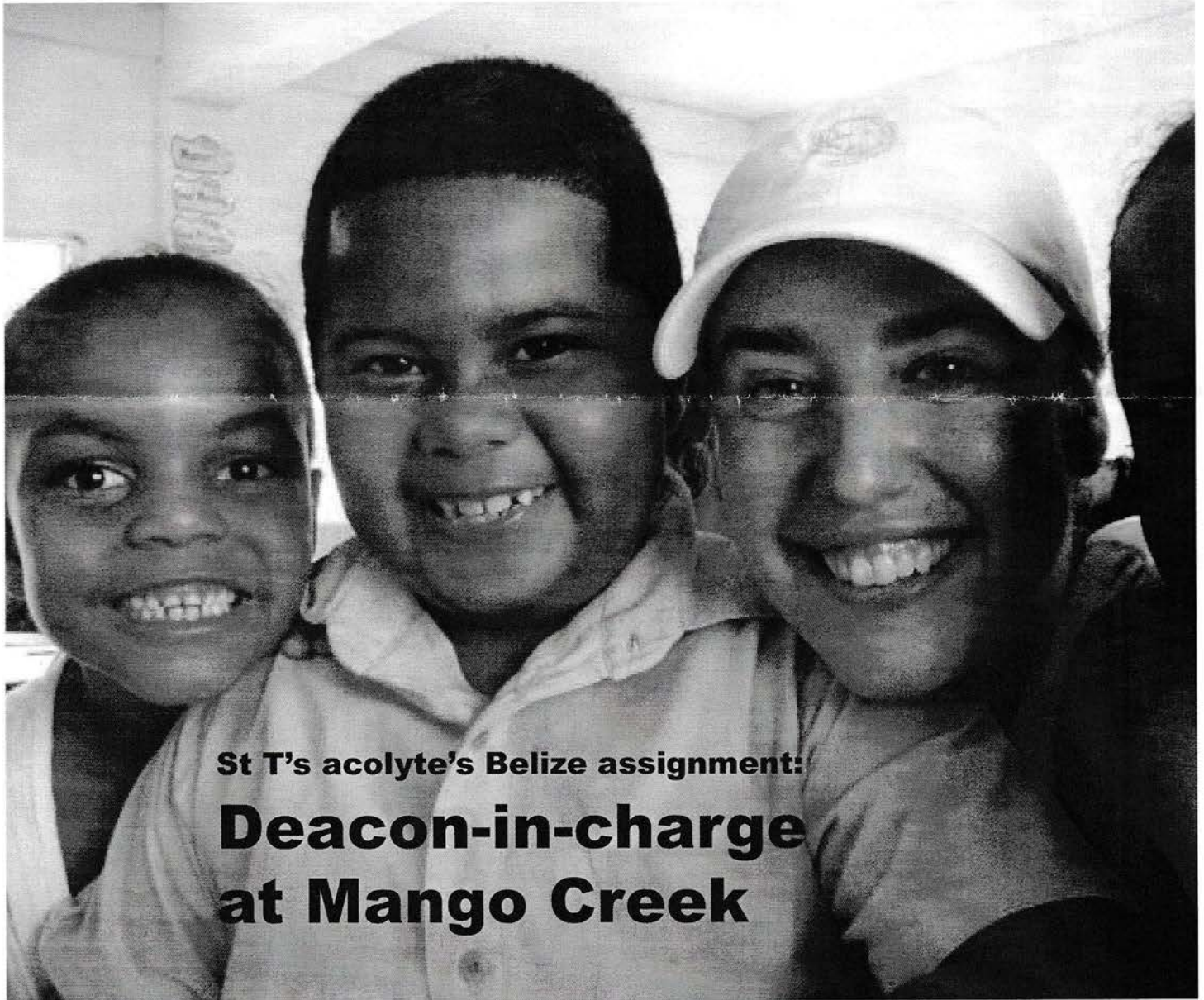


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It has been a joy worshipping with you since the beginning of May. For those of you I haven't met my name is Matt Adams and I am an intern from the Diocese of Toronto who will be serving at St. Thomas's until the end of July.

I recently graduated from the Master of Divinity program at Wycliffe College. Previous to being at Wycliffe I completed a Bachelor of Arts in Drama from the University of Guelph. I have had a keen interest in theatre, writing and acting over the years, as well as being heavily involved in sports, camping ministry at Ontario Pioneer Camp and work with those who have special needs.

My wife Laura and I will celebrate our third wedding anniversary

this July. Laura is just completing her third year of teaching at a private girl's school in Toronto. Laura is from Toronto originally and I am from Fergus, Ontario, but we have happily embraced calling Toronto home for the past couple of years.

I have been thankful for all of your support and encouragement thus far and I look forward to learning more from you and St. Thomas's this month. God bless!

MATT ADAMS

Worship

SUNDAYS:

Masses 8am (BCP, Said Rite); 9:30am (BAS, Modern Sung Rite); 11am (BCP, Solemn High Rite)

Said Mattins: 10:30am

Solemn Evensong & Devotions: 7pm

WEEKDAYS:

Daily Mass 5:30pm Mon & Fri;
12:15pm Tue & Thu; 7:30am Wed;
10am Sat

Mattins: weekdays 8:30am; Sat & statutory holidays 9:30am

Evensong: 5pm Mon, Thu & Fri;
5:15pm Tue & Wed

Meditation follows Wed Evensong, finishing at 6pm

Confessions: At times announced, or by appointment with any of the parish clergy.

New from the St. T's Poetry Series Friday Night at the Movies

St. Thomas's kicks off its film program with a summer series with themes celebrating the riches of our planet and the triumphs of the human spirit. Parish hall, 7:15 p.m. Admission is free.

July 11: Amazing Grace

The story of one of the greatest victories of social justice, the British abolition of slavery in 1807.

August 8: Planet Earth: David Attenborough

A BBC & Discovery Channel production, described by its makers as "the definitive look at the diversity of our planet".

September 12: Smoke Signals

Two young Native American men, Thomas and Victor, joined by a terrible tragedy, go on a road trip to retrieve the remains of Victor's long estranged father.

Music



Sounding the trumpet

A trilogy of organ concerts marked the completion of the new Festival Trumpet stop, which now lives in the space behind the Lady Chapel on the north side of the Choir.

• I played the first one on May 14, opening with the Fanfare by John Cook, then playing the Bach Passacaglia and the Serene Alleluias by Messiaen, as well as the Second Symphony for Organ by Louis Vierne.

• The Organist and Choirmaster of Coventry Cathedral, Kerry Beaumont, played on May 21, and included a marvellous improvisation

on 'Salve Regina.'

• On May 28, Aaron Tan, a brilliant young virtuoso who is also studying nano-engineering at the University of Michigan, played a stunning recital including music by Sir Ernest MacMillan, Petr Eben, Bach, Dupre and Vierne.

The upper octaves of the new trumpet, while loud in the Sanctuary, is quite less so in the Nave. The builder hopes to rectify this by having these pipes rebuilt over the summer to improve the power of that register.

JOHN TUTTLE

BATTLE OF THE CHOIRS

The finals of the CBC National Competition for Amateur Choirs took place on April 30 (see story, right). Here is what the choirs sang:

ST. MARY MAGDALENE'S

- O sacrum convivium, Thomas Tallis
- Drop, drop, slow tears, Stephanie Martin
- Sanctus/Benedictus, Healey Willan

ST. THOMAS'S

- Kyrie (Mass in G), Francis Poulenc
- When David heard that Absalom was slain, Thomas Weelkes
- God be in my head, Philip Radcliffe

CHOIR MAKES FINALS OF CBC COMPETITION

The recent 2008 CBC choral competition for amateur choirs was a very memorable experience. True, St. Thomas's didn't win, but finishing second behind our sister Anglo-Catholic parish, St. Mary Magdalene's, took the sting out of it. It was a very close contest, and the more good choirs that are out there, the closer these contests will be, and that is how it should be.

What was memorable for me was the category for mixed youth choirs, and the performance put on by the Cawthra school choir from Mississauga. The choir was performing difficult repertoire: the Sanctus from Poulenc's Mass in G Minor, and the Agnus Dei from a double-choir mass setting by Frank Martin. In both cases, this choir of teenagers offered stunning performances, performances which showed both technical skill and perhaps more significantly, an emotional understanding of these liturgical works.

When Cawthra was announced as the winning choir, there was an eruption of joy and excitement by the kids in this choir. This victory was very important to all of them, and will be a treasured memory. What this evening proved to me was that in an age of "dumbing" down, these kids proved that there is still a place for challenging repertoire, performed at a high standard, and that young people are more than capable of meeting this challenge, and deriving satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment from doing so.

I can only hope that at least some of these young singers will apply their gifts and passion in a church choir setting, and that there will be churches and choirs worthy to receive them. JOHN MEADOWS

Parish celebrates marriages, awards

The bells of Saint Thomas's are ringing more frequently than usual this summer, pealing for joy at the nuptials of parishioners being joined together in holy wedlock in record numbers. Lindsay Squire and Meredith John Scourfield-Thomas were married in April, with guests flying in from England, France, and the United States for the celebration.

In May one of our 8:00 parishioners, Meryl Zavitz, and Michael Balmforth were married in the Lady Chapel, followed the next day by choristers Suzanne Brooks and Andy Coultres. In June chorister Heather Fitzgerald and Jeremy Tankard were married in the Lady Chapel. Two more weddings are scheduled for August; Graeme Kennedy and Sabrina Kwon, and Ed Tuttle and Kellie Foster.

STUDENT NEWS

Students of all ages received degrees and awards at convocations across the province this spring. Hugh Anson-Cartwright received the degree of Doctor of Letters from Trent University. John Lawson received the degree of Doctor of Sacred Letters from Trinity College. Diane Simpson received her Masters of Urban Studies from Guelph University. Matt Adams received his Master of Divinity from Wycliffe College.

Numerous awards were showered upon St Thomasites who have not yet completed their studies. Maggie Helwig, working toward her Master of Divinity, received an astonishing four awards from Trinity College. The Diocese of Toronto awarded The Bishop Terence Finlay Award to another parishioner working toward his Master of Divinity, Alain

Brousseau. The Rev'd Chelsy Stevens (see cover story page 5) has been elected Senior Student (head of college) at Wycliffe for the coming academic year.

Patrick Ronaldson, whose doctoral work has been to study the way in which blood receives HIV drugs, has accepted a research fellowship at the University of Arizona. His wife Doreen Rapanos will begin graduate studies in Education there this autumn. We wish Patrick and Doreen well, and God's blessings, in their move this summer.

Adam Bulicz, a grade five student, has won a \$1000 scholarship from Prime Mentors, in recognition of an outstanding presentation on Black Smokers (undersea volcanoes). Adam was nominated for the award by his mentor, a retired geologist, with whom Adam spent an hour each week working on the presentation.

Students from various disciplines are key to the success of Saint Thomas's Out of the Heat Programme. They participate and share the leadership of the Thursday afternoon Sandwich Bee, and on Friday evenings. While they are too numerous to mention, it is worth expressing our gratitude to non-parishioner students from Trinity College, particularly, Alison Falby, Paul Servos, and Brenda Stewart, who provide regular assistance with our food ministry. We are grateful also to the high school students from Camp Caring, who have helped with the Sandwich Bee.

Congratulations to all our graduates and award winners, and thank you to all the students who participate in the life of St Thomas's.

FR MARK ANDREWS

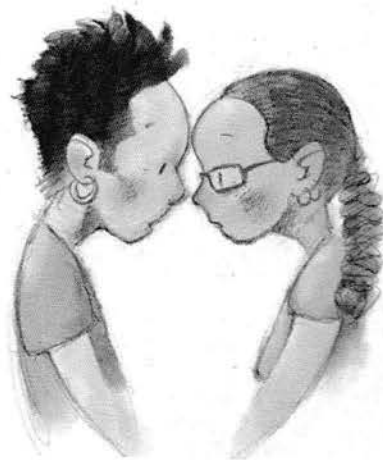


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Weddings

Lindsay Squire and Meredith John Scourfield-Thomas, April 26
Meryl Zavitz and Michael Balmforth, May 30
Suzanne Brooks and Andrew Coultres, May 31
Heather FitzGerald and Jeremy Tankard, June 13

Baptisms

Dana-Lynn (Lidkea) Kelso (Adult Baptism) at the Easter Vigil, March 22
Christopher Michael Stickel, son of Micah and Elizabeth Stickel, January 19th
Emmet Noel Francis Reid, son of Teige Francis Dagmar Reid and Siobhán Noelle Dungan, June 8
Sophie Anne Martin, daughter of Hopi Martin and Sara Beth Martin, June 22

RIP

Lillian Mae Dauphinee
(July 19, 1923 — January 3, 2008)
Captain David Astle R.N. Ret.
June 16, 1916 — April 10, 2008

Trip to Belize 'a true blessing'

In November 2007, I was one of five theological students from across the country to be selected to do my summer internship overseas with the Theological Students International Internship Program run through the Anglican Church of Canada. My summer destination: Mango Creek, Belize.

Located in Central America, Belize shares borders with Mexico to the north, Guatemala to the west and Honduras to the south and has strong Central American roots as well as Caribbean roots. The country is home to the Mayan, Garifuna, and Creole people, all very diverse cultures that make Belize what it is.

Mango Creek is located in the southern part of the country, in the Stann Creek District. The village, located inland and only a 10 minute water taxi ride from the Caribbean is home to approximately 7,000 people (Belizean, Creole, Mayan, Garifuna and Chinese) and most recently a Canadian deacon.

I'm serving as the Deacon-In-Charge of the small congregation of St. Michael and All Angels. My first month here was an emotional rollercoaster as I tried to deal with my transition, homesickness and the heat of the summer. My summer work was up in the air, and I had no idea what was expected of me or even how to go about beginning my work.

I came to Mango Creek straight from my studies in Toronto – and while in Toronto I kept myself busy, a normal day involved me being on the go all the time.

This is not the type of lifestyle that people live here. In fact they look at you like you have three heads if you're constantly on the go, all the



Dozens of children stop by the rectory in the afternoon.

time. Hammocks on the veranda and locals hanging out down town enjoying the "slow life" over a bottle of Belizean beer is not an uncommon picture. It's a lifestyle that I have had a hard time getting used to, but am slowly embracing... I think I'll have it mastered by the time I have to leave.

My ministry in Belize has involved, working closely with the Independence Primary School (grades 1-8), volunteering in classrooms, teaching scripture lessons and assisting teachers and the administration. The school has 800 students enrolled and employs 31 teachers. It has been a blessing working with the children and a great encouragement to watch them as they learn. I've also been given the chance to incorporate the Gospel into the education at the school, which has been a wonderful experience. Being so involved with IPS means that all of the children

know who I am, and it's impossible for me to walk around town and not hear little voices calling out "Hi Miss Chelsy" as they zoom past me on their bicycles, or run up to me for their daily hug! It's been an incredible experience. I travel to Placencia (20 minute water taxi ride) every Wednesday morning to lead the Anglican Primary School (120 students) in morning prayer.

I lead a weekly Deacon's Mass at St. Michael's and preach weekly. The number of Anglicans in the village is very large. Unfortunately the number of those Anglicans at St. Michael's on Sunday morning is very low. So I've taken the opportunity to visit Anglicans within the village who can't or don't come to church, introduce myself to them so they know that I'm around. Every second weekend I spend the night in Placencia in the rectory

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Priest settles in B.C.

Belize FROM PAGE 5

St. Thomas's parishioners will be glad to know that Brian Bartley, M. Div. (Hons) graduate of Trinity College in 2006, was ordained a Deacon of Caledonia on December 17, 2007 and appointed incumbent of the Parish of the North Peace in Fort St. John, B.C. Brian was "priested" on April 2, 2008, and charged with the care of a three-point parish. His churches include St. Martin's and Good Shepherd, where he celebrates every Sunday, and St Matthias, which he visits once a month.

Brian and his wife, Kay Paynter, have been very warmly received by their parishioners, who include many young families long awaiting a committed pastoral presence among them. In fact, his congregations were so impressed by Fr. Brian's first five months of service that, at his ordination to the priesthood, they presented him with "a ball and chain" so he could never leave!

The couple are delighted with their new home, a spacious house with more than enough room for their newly acquired pets (two dogs and two cats). After Brian's studies at Trinity and years of making ends meet in a one-bedroom apartment in Toronto, Kay and Brian are enjoying the pristine beauty and space of the North Peace River country. Kay, who is a visual artist and teacher, has been teaching occasionally for the Peace School Board. The ideal position would be teaching at the art school just a short walk from home. Kay's father and grandfather were Anglican missionaries in Sri Lanka where they established an orphanage and school, "Paynter House." Kay and Fr. Brian continue to maintain that facility whose residents



Good Shepherd, Taylor, B.C. is one of the three points.

have increased significantly after the Tsunami. One or both of them make an annual trip to Sri Lanka, where Kay's mother also still lives.

Fr. Brian and Kay view themselves as having a team ministry to the people of North Peace, who have embraced them. As a mature candidate to the priesthood, Fr. Brian brings the practised skills of life experience in addition to those pastoral gifts already affirmed by his new parishioners. He will continue to hone his skills as he pursues the Extension Program for a Doctorate of Ministry at Trinity College. Those of us who were privileged to serve on Fr. Brian's discernment committee, Fr. David Mulholland (Chair), Fr. David Neelands, Ruth Wyllie, Walter Hardacre, Mary Suddon, John Aldridge, Mary Wilson, and I, together rejoice with Brian and Kay. We thank God for the welcoming door He has now opened in their lives. "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes" (Psalm 118, 23). **MARGO SWISS**

on the beach and lead a Deacon's Mass at St. John's in the morning. I immediately hop a boat and head back to Mango Creek to do it all over again! We've also started a weekly Bible study group that meets on Wednesday evenings at St. Michael's to read scripture, discuss it together and pray. As well, the congregation and I are in the process of planning and running a VBS program for children in the village come July. Aside from these "clergy duties" my main goal is to be present in the community building relationships with the children and their parents. It's not uncommon for me to have 20-25 children stop by the rectory on their way home from school for a glass of cold water, time to hang out in the mango tree outside my house and a little homework help! I'm finding the community to be very supportive and grateful that I decided to spend my summer living with them.

My experience in Belize thus far has been a true blessing as I have had the opportunity to build relationships with the community and worship with them as the body of Christ. At the same time, my experience has proven to speed by incredibly quickly. During my first weeks here I couldn't wait to get back to Canada, and all of a sudden it's July 6, and I'm finding myself telling the locals that I don't want to leave. It's been a wonderful experience to be ministered to and to see the face of Christ in the people I've met in Belize. I look forward to sharing more of the experience with you in person. **CHELSEY STEVENS**

www.chelsy-youbetterbelizeit.blogspot.com/

Record numbers attend Doors Open

During Doors Open 2008, St. Thomas's greeted 582 visitors – surpassing our 2007 total of 362 – and making 2008 a record setting year in terms of Doors Open attendance.

Many thanks to Lorne Swan for his painstaking work and revisions on the general handout that we added to our Doors Open lineup this year. Lorne's thinking and efforts over the past year resulted in a handout that has taken our Doors Open participation to a new level of professionalism. It provides important historical and architectural facts about the church and will be used for self-guided tours during future Doors Open weekends and throughout the year. The 2008 "Treasures Brochure," created by Matt Adams, provided visitors with detailed information about the St. Thomas's

treasures we had on display this year at the High Altar and in the Lady Chapel. Many visitors commented on how helpful and informative the brochures were. Thank you, Lorne and Matt.

Robin Kingsburgh's paintings from her circle series were on display throughout the church and a number of guests came specifically to view them. Many thanks to Robin for allowing us to display her work.

John Tuttle ended up giving organ demonstrations on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons which was appreciated by the large crowds that turned out specifically for the demonstrations. Many people planned their Doors Open agenda around the published timing of John's organ demonstration. Thanks to John for his flexibility.

Everyone from the set up team of Father Mark, Barbara Obrain, Matt Adams, Tom Linken and John Gardham to the expert team of volunteers in the church and in the garden (some of whom greeted guests on both Saturday and Sunday) was fantastic. The St. Thomas's team did a superb job at making Doors Open visitors feel welcome and informed. Thank you to church and garden volunteers Melanie Bedford, Lucy Burke, Susan Clarke, Alice Cooley, Mike Degan, Jennifer Grange, Jennifer Heywood, Clair Kelso, Dana Kelso, Anna Kennedy, Rob Kennedy, Robin Kingsburgh, Charles Laver, Peter Neelands, Marilyn Ramsingh, Carol Rivers, Mercia Stacey, Doreen Stanton and Diana Verseghe.

Special thanks to Charles Laver who was on the scene both Saturday and Sunday and was the lead volunteer on Sunday afternoon.

St. Thomas's got involved in Doors Open several years ago because of Marilyn Ramsingh's efforts. We are most indebted to Marilyn for her foresight and to everyone who has contributed over the years to our evolving approach to Doors Open.

We can be extremely proud of St. Thomas's contributions to Toronto Doors Open, particularly in this year devoted to Sacred Circles, Sacred Spaces.

Please note that 2009 marks the 10th anniversary for Doors Open Toronto. Mark your calendar for **Saturday May 23rd and Sunday, May 24, 2009** as we contemplate ways to participate in the 2009 Literacy Toronto theme. With the number of writers and poets that are a part of the St. Thomas's family, the possibilities are endless.

OUTREACH UPDATE

Out of the Cold has successfully transformed into Out of the Heat and we have all returned to St. Thomas's from our time in St Stephen's in the Fields which ran from December to April.

As we return to our familiar grounds, we face new challenges brought on by ever increasing numbers of guests and our responsibilities to provide a meaningful offering to God and the community. Changes have already been implemented to help the project run more smoothly.

Our number of guests has ranged from about 75 to 100 although the numbers are expected to grow.

As always, preparation and clean up remain critical aspects of Out of the Heat and as we try to balance environmental concerns with practical issues of resources, we continue to learn new ways to meet these ongoing challenges.

The Thursday sandwich bee is still

going strong although it can always use more help from those with the time after the 12.15pm Mass. As volunteers come and go, we have found ourselves with a healthy number of folks willing to give their time and effort.

We have been recently blessed with some reaching out from a number of seminarians from Trinity College who have come to contribute their time and energy for Out of the Heat in the last few weeks.

St Thomas's has also been involved with the community. A delegation met with MPP Rosario Marchese to discuss concerns about poverty and the growing housing issues as part of the Homelessness Action Group, based out of Trinity-St Paul's.

We appreciate all those who have contributed to the many efforts of outreach and continue to ask for the support of the parish so that we can continue doing the work of the Lord.

LEEMAN KESSLER

CHARIS KELSO

Wartime peril nourished faith

I was raised as a Plymouth Brethren, which sect I now believe to have originated in the Cromwellian period. To this sect both Roman and Anglican forms of worship were another world.

One of my oldest clear memories is the winter afternoon when we little children of the Waltham Abbey Preparatory School were marched off to Evensong at the Abbey itself; I even remember the hymn that was sung:

*“Over and over, like a mighty sea
There comes the love of
Jesus*

Rolling over me...”

I yearned to return there again, but it never happened.

I believe now that my father had been in touch with the school so that I should be excused this that I wanted so much to take part in. The odd thing here is that my father was only a Plymouth Brethren as my mother would not marry him until he became one!

Anyway, fate, the movements of our family and one thing and another brought my period with the Plymouth Brethren to an end at 11 years of age. From then, until the time of my appointment on board *HMS Worcestershire* at the end of 1941, all religion in my life was but a faint memory.

On *Worcestershire*, we had an Anglican chaplain. However, all I remember of Sunday was divisions (the church parade) and the order “Fall out, Roman Catholics” which was followed by Morning Prayer from the Anglican Prayer Book.

But I never missed: those early years of (forced!) devotion had sown something in me never to be eradicated.

Worcestershire was the sole escort for the giant troop convoy that brought across the Indian Ocean the reinforcements that enabled General Wavell to thrust Rommel right back into the Libyan Desert. What a field day the Japanese might have had if they had known – they had already sunk *Prince of Wales* and *Repulse*.

Who knows? It may have been



our prayers rising out of the lonely ocean that saved us from what I now know to have been a truly uncertain and dangerous situation.

When it was all over, I knew that I had a weary way ahead of me with little to guide me, as I intended to leave the sea shortly after I had passed my Master's Certificate Foreign Going – which I did in Vancouver in 1946. There, I occasionally went to various churches, though gaining little from them.

Events came about some 40 years ago that brought me to what was then the delightful and clean city of Toronto. The lovely countryside, the

summer sun over Lake Simcoe, the fresh brooks full of speckled trout – all this, the new, milder world, caused me to relocate to Toronto with no regrets, though my religious life remained virtually nil.

So here is where I come to St Thomas's. In the early 1970's I stood as a candidate for Alderman in what was then Ward 5.

I did not expect much of a result – but surprisingly, I didn't do too badly.

Previously, a friend who was a crossing guard at Huron and Bloor had suggested I should go to the small church south of Bloor on the east side of Huron.

Thus, he said, if I identified myself with them I might draw more of the Catholic vote, as this was how they were known to the west of that area, and have a church identification. So I followed his advice, not necessarily out of worldly and cynical motives!

I have attended St Thomas's Church ever since, glad to have the right and privilege to kneel before my Maker; glad and uplifted to watch my prayers drift Heavenward in the cloud of incense; proud to be part of this fervent and inspiring congregation; as it was in the beginning and as it shall be for ever and ever. **DAVID ASTLE**

David was committed to God's keeping at a Requiem Mass held at St Thomas's on April 17, 2008. He was 91. Several years ago, he gave this memoir to the former editor of the parish newsletter for publication after his death.