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***To know Christ and to make Him known in
worship, fellowship and service.***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I've got to be honest, I really don't see the attraction but it sure seems to be there. This young Justin Bieber is really causing a stir in the world of Pop music and entertainment! So much so that someone who got close enough to exchange a "high-five" with "The Bieb" stated that she was never going to wash her hand again. Even more, she referred to herself as a real "belieber".

I don't remember all the fuss that was made over Elvis – I was far too young when he hit the world stage and set the entertainment world on its ear. But, over the years I have heard about it and have seen film clips and news clips that show a similar stirring among fans. Elvis, The King ruled for quite a while and I am certain that in the minds of some, he still does!

Ah! And the Beatles...The Fab Four! I can remember when the Beatles first came to North America. I really was still too young to be interested myself but my older brother was sure interested and he even got to take his girlfriend to Maple Leaf Gardens to see them perform. It was the Beatles first concert in Toronto, September 7, 1964. Though I was not a teenager, I knew there was something important about these guys because of the huge fuss being made over the boys from Liverpool with their long hair and different music. I got to watch them on T.V. when they appeared on The Ed Sullivan Show – it was a really fine "show" that night.

And that guy Jesus, you know, the one with the long hair and sandals from Nazareth. He sure rocked the world in his day, didn't he? Matthew got it all down in writing to o. Matthew tells us that great crowds came from great distances just to be with and follow Jesus 4:25 – see also 8:1 and 19:2 for stories about great crowds following Jesus), that great crowds gathered around him (13:2) and that the authorities feared the crowds who followed Jesus because they regarded Jesus as a prophet (21:46). Mark also talks about the crowds that followed Jesus (note 10:1) and Luke tells us how the crowds pressed in on Jesus (8:42). So popular was Jesus that the Pharisees proclaimed, "Look, the world has gone after him!" (see John 12:19). Yes indeed, according to his adversaries the **world** wanted to follow Jesus. Now that is "star" status.

But Jesus has more than star status and he has more to offer us than the latest fad or craze. Jesus didn't come to be adored or swooned over; he came to share God's great love with us. Jesus didn't come to entertain; he came to offer us life.

And what about longevity? Don't get me wrong, I have nothing against The Bieb, The King or The Fab Four but will they still be drawing in the people in the year 4011? My bet is on Jesus.

Rev. Ric Miller

CARPETS AND DOORS!

During these snowy and slushy months we encourage you to enter the church via the **south** (main doors) or **north** doors. Large carpets are in place to soak up the water and hopefully prevent any slips or falls.

When visiting the Church during the week we would also encourage you to enter by the **north** door. The buzzer is more easily heard in the office for quick access as well as providing the extra safety features of having windows in the door and carpets in the hallway.

SENIORS' LUNCHEON

The next Seniors' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2011: 11:45 am - 1:15 pm. A three course meal including salad, hot entrée, dessert, tea or coffee for \$8 per person will be held at Gordon Graydon Secondary School "Skylight Café", 1490 Ogden Avenue. To reserve a seat please call Ellen Shilton at 905-276-7443 **BEFORE, SUNDAY, FEB. 13TH**. Rides available upon request.

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study, led by the Rev. Richard Miller is studying the books of the 12 Minor Prophets (Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi). These twelve books are the last books in our Old Testament. All are most welcome to join in this very interesting study. The group meets at 10 am following the 9:15 Mid-week Eucharist.

The Ministry of Healing will be offered during the 8:30 and 10:30 am services on Sunday, February 20, 2011

St. Luke's "Keeping In Touch" Ministry (KITS)

Telephone caregivers are needed for the "KITS" group. If you would like to help with this important ministry, or if you would like more



information, please call Olga Mathews at 905-278-3019. The Annual Meeting for the KITS group will be held on Sunday, Feb. 13th immediately following the 10:30 service.

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PARISH LIBRARY

Take a minute to look at the book collection in the Parish Library. The collection has been recently reviewed, sorted and tidied up for easy use. There is lots of good reading available for all to learn and to enjoy!

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Recently we received a "Reflection from Archbishop Colin Johnson" in which he encourages all members of the Diocese to consider our

responsibility to those 400,000 in our communities who rely on food banks month after month. We can encourage governments as they prepare their annual budgets to increase social assistance payments to enable the recipients to purchase healthy fruits and vegetables.

We also can continue to fill our "Food Chest" to overflowing with non perishable nutritious food. They often especially require infant formula, peanut butter, tuna, soups, etc.

For further information on Diocesan suggestions check out Page 10 of the Feb. "Anglican".

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A Reminder

The "Threads of Love" group will meet on **Thursday, February 24th**, 1:30 pm rather than their usual meeting time of the second Thursday of the month.



ST. LUKE'S USED BOOK SALE
Saturday, February 12, 2011
9:00 am till 12 noon



Bring your unwanted used books to the church by Wednesday, February 9th. to be included in the Feb. 12th. sale. Then come along on February 12 and pick up a pile of new-to-you books to read on these cold winter days. All proceeds will go to support local outreach programmes. Books will be sold at very reasonable prices so please do not bring in any valuable books.

For more details please speak with Lois Marshall.

Sunday, February 20, 2011 – St. Luke's Annual Vestry Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the parish of St. Luke's (Vestry) will be held on Sunday, February 20th, 2011. A sandwich lunch will be provided immediately following the 10:30 am service (donations to Outreach would be appreciated) and the meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. Everyone in the parish is invited to attend and participate in this very important annual meeting.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



All parishioners, neighbours, friends, are invited to a delicious Pancake Supper in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, March 8th, 5 pm – 7 pm. Tickets will be available shortly at a cost of \$7.00 for adults and \$2.00 for pre-teens.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Begin your Lenten Journey by attending Ash Wednesday services, Wed. March 9th.

9:15 am – Holy Eucharist
7:30 pm – Holy Eucharist


The imposition of Ashes at both Services.

FEBRUARY AT ST. LUKE'S


Every Week

Sunday,	8:30 am 10:30 am	Holy Eucharist – Coffee Hour Holy Eucharist-Coffee Hour, Nursery, Church School
Wednesday	9:15 am 10:00 am	Mid-week Eucharist Bible Study – Studying the 12 Minor Prophets
Thursday	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Joy in the Morning Bible Study Joy Music Team

Special Events

Mon. Feb. 7	7:15 pm	Advisory Board
Sat. Feb. 12	9:00 am	BOOK SALE – TIL 12 NOON 
Sun. Feb. 13	12:30 pm	“KITS” Annual Meeting following the 10:30 am Service.
Tues. Feb. 15	1:30 pm	Dorcas Group
Wed. Feb. 16	11:45 am	Seniors Luncheon-Gordon Graydon Secondary School
Sat. Feb. 19	9:30 am	Worship Group Meeting
Sun. Feb. 20	12:30 pm	ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING <i>A light lunch will be served following the 10:30 service.</i>
Thurs. Feb. 24	1:30 pm	Threads of Love

LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH

Mon. March 7	1:30 pm	Pastoral Care Group – at the Shiltons.
Tues. March 8	5 pm-7pm	 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

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