

## *A Centenary Prayer*

*Great is your faithfulness, O God our Father, and great is our joy at this time as we anticipate the centenary of this parish, established to show forth your glory and dedicated to your Advent.*

*We thank you for the witness it has maintained down the years as a centre of Christian witness and worship, teaching and service; we thank you for all who have loyally serviced it as laity and clergy; we thank you for the continuance of its life and work at the present time.*

*Accept these our thanksgivings, O God; multiply your blessings upon us today; and lead us forward in the power of your Spirit to fresh ventures of faith in the days to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God now and forever. Amen.*

## *The Advent's Centenary Anthem*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

## Centenary Calendar of Events

Here are just a few upcoming highlights:

### **November 28 Advent Sunday 10:30 am Inaugural Centenary Service**

- Guest Preacher – Archbishop Terrence Finlay
- Special music - History book launch
- Luncheon

### **Sunday, December 5**

- BCP Matins & Holy Communion 10:00 am  
'Wycliffe-style' Liturgy common in the  
Advent's earlier years

### **Sunday, December 19**

- Church School Advent Presentation 10:00 am

### **2011**

**Sunday, January 9** The Baptism of the Lord  
10:30 am Joint Service at St. Mark and Calvary  
with Area Bishop Philip Poole  
followed by a Pot Luck luncheon

### **Sunday, February 13**

Sung Eucharist 10:30 am  
with Archbishop Colin Johnson  
followed by an International Luncheon

## Centenary Mementoes & Christmas Gifts

- ❖ Advent Tote Bag with Centenary Logo, \$15.00 each
- ❖ *At the Edge: 100 Years of Life at 'the Advent' 1911-2011*

A special Centenary project filled with historic photos and based on original records. A keepsake for yourself, and a wonderful way of sharing the Advent's story with the next generation and new members to come. \$35.00 each.

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# Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday





**Church of the Advent**  
*Celebrating 100 Years 1911–2011*  
*Sharing our Memories*  
*Growing our Legacy*

Dear Parishioners and all Friends of the Advent,

It soon will be time to wish our wonderful parish a happy hundredth birthday. Our Inaugural Celebrations begin, fittingly, this Advent Sunday, November 28, at 10:30 am. A longtime friend of the parish, Archbishop Terence Finlay will be our Guest Preacher. A Luncheon follows.

Young or old, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity. You will find in this brochure just a taste of the good things that are in store. But first a few thoughts about our motto: 'Sharing our Memories: Growing our Legacy.'

Sharing our memories. When Jesus fed the multitude he told his disciples to "gather up the fragments that remained so that nothing be lost." The miracle and blessing was not just for those present at that moment, it was something for generations to come to share as well. As Christians we are called to remember, and to bless God, and to share what we have received.

We will be inspired and encouraged as we discover where the parish has come from and what is has come through. It is a story of the "little engine that could" with adversities faced and achievements won through grit and resilience of spirit.

To assist us in our task of preserving and transmitting the Advent's story for future generations, a book is in

preparation, entitled "*At the Edge: 100 years of Life at 'The Advent' 1911-2011.*" You will find more information and an advance order form included in this brochure.

Each event and each gathering through our Centenary year will be an occasion to enrich this harvest of memories. By participating you will help make history as well as be a part of it. A warm welcome awaits you.

Yours in Christ,

The Centenary Committee:  
Barbara Franklin, Chair,  
Norman Baker, Honorary Chair,  
Fr Jonathan Eayrs, Yvette Leander, Joy Scott,  
Joyce McKenzie, Dianne Izzard, Linda Jamieson

**Growing our Legacy**  
**The Advent Centenary Endowment Fund**

As we become more and more aware of the sacrifices and the dedication of the women and men who built our community of faith, the debt we owe them grows greater and greater.

We see how they laboured not for themselves alone but for those who would come after them; just like the heroes of faith who are praised in chapter 11 of the Letter to the Hebrews in the New Testament.

We are not just isolated islands; we are part of a great chain of life. We have received from those who graciously gave, and so we in turn, with perfect justice, are called to give so others may receive.

We can never truly repay the debt we owe those who have loved and sacrificed themselves for our sakes: but there is something we can do.

As Woody Hayes, the great American football coach, put it: "You can never pay back; but you can always pay forward."

That is what the "Advent Centenary Endowment Fund" is about. It is a way to build a bridge between the legacy we are enjoying at the Advent, and the generations to come. An endowment provides stable, long term funding so your parish can continue its ministry and mission, even through the "lean years." Contributors will know their donations will form a foundation for the future.

Planned giving means making your Church part of your estate planning. A confidential, personal consultation is available by appointment, to discuss how you can make a legacy gift in your own name or in memory of a loved one. Become a founding member of the Advent Endowment Fund: the perfect birthday gift for your parish's 100th!

**Book Launch this Advent**

Written to mark the Anglican Church of the Advent's Centenary anniversary, *At the Edge: 100 years of Life at 'The Advent' 1911-2011*, is a documentary narrative of a parish on the northwest perimeter of early Toronto. Surrounded by railways and stockyards, the Advent's is a story of the "little engine that could" with adversities faced and achievements won through grit and resilience of spirit.

Richly illustrated with historic photographs, *At the Edge* provides a window into the life of an overlooked neighbourhood and its original settlement. Through interviews and personal reflections, the new pioneer settlers who have been welcomed to the Advent provide their own perspectives.

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