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## Mind the Gap

**George Sumner**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
 Greetings in Christ! A year ago Wycliffe College welcomed Kevin Van Hoozer, professor of systematic theology at Trinity Evangelical Seminary in Deerfield, Illinois, to come to the college to talk about doctrine and scriptural interpretation for our SEAD conference. Van Hoozer is a esteemed evangelical scholar in a chair of one of the flagship conservative evangelical seminaries. In preparation for his visit I read and profited from his The Drama of Doctrine. The surprise that the book held, however, was its influences: Van Hoozer has been a keen reader and interlocutor with sources such as the French philosopher of hermeneutics, Paul Ricoeur, the Roman Catholic systematic theologian Hans Urs

von Balthasar, and my own Doktorvakter, the Lutheran historical theologian, George Lindbeck. Now none of this is very surprising for a contemporary theologian, but it is something a new phenomenon for a leading North American evangelical intellectual. You see, these are the very same sources you might expect from a mainline theologian, the same writers you might encounter in the ecumenical journal Pro Ecclesia (whose new editor is someone named Mangina). This small example illustrates a larger trend, that among Nicene, generally traditional Christian scholars it has gotten hard to tell the teams apart. Catholics and Protestants, evangelicals and postliberals, tend to read the same books and engage in the same conversations. I had a



similar experience when we searched for a theologian last winter (and found someone named Radner). Evangelical Anglicans from the four corners of the world, were all writing dissertations on the kind of writers Van Hoozer was citing. There are still markers, lines in the sand, to be sure, but they aren't what they were, and they don't divide evangelicals off from other thinkers who take the great tradition of Christian doctrine to be true.

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### Accessing Wycliffe College Online and Web-Enhanced Courses

**Tom Power**

In partnership with the University of Toronto, Wycliffe College has developed a course website for each course offered in-class (web enhanced), as well as a number of fully online courses. Instructors will be using these websites to post course information, communicate with students, post grades, and have discussion forums. To access

these courses, follow the instructions below.

**STEP #1**

You will need a UTORid and password.

Create your UTORid at <https://www.utorid.utoronto.ca>

You will need information on your T-Card to do this,

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so have it handy.

### STEP #2

Once you have your UTORid and password, go to the course site at <http://portal.utoronto.ca>

There you will see the different courses you are registered for. Click on the relevant course link and follow the announcement instructions. Bookmark the course link.

### Computer Hardware and Browser Requirements

You may find it helpful in advance to review computer hardware and browser requirements, and how to navigate the features of the online courses.

Make sure that your computer has all the requirements to view the courses you are enrolled in.

Go to

[http://www.portalinfo.utoronto.ca/Faculty\\_Staff/Self-Help/Computer\\_Hardware\\_Requirements.htm](http://www.portalinfo.utoronto.ca/Faculty_Staff/Self-Help/Computer_Hardware_Requirements.htm) for the checklist of requirements.

Go here

<http://swiftwind.rcat.utoronto.ca/portal> to check that your browser is compliant.

### Finding Your Way around the Courses

Finding out about how to navigate around the web-enhanced and online courses is easy.

Go here

<http://www.portalinfo.utoronto.ca/studenthelp/studentselfhelp.htm> for information on course navigation, communication tools, discussion board, assignment submission, and other useful

information.

### FAQ

Answers to some basic questions can be found here

<http://www.portalinfo.utoronto.ca/studenthelp/studentfaq.htm>

### Contact

For T-Card:

<http://www.utoronto.ca/tcard>  
416-946-8047

For UTORid:

[help.desk@utoronto.ca](mailto:help.desk@utoronto.ca) 416-978-HELP

For Blackboard:

[portal.help@utoronto.ca](mailto:portal.help@utoronto.ca)

For online courses:

[thomas.power@utoronto.ca](mailto:thomas.power@utoronto.ca) or  
416-946-3526

**This year's  
Sacristans are:  
The Rev. Alexandra  
Meek Sharman and  
Peggy Scott**

## Message from your Sacristans

To All Wycliffe Students,

Welcome to the Fall Term at Wycliffe. It is a joy to reconnect with old friends and to meet new ones. As co-sacristans for this school year, let us introduce ourselves. Alexandra Meek Sharman is a third-year M.Div. student recently ordained as a transitional deacon in the Diocese of Edmonton. Peggy Scott is a second-year M.Div. student and postulant from the Diocese of Louisiana. Our role is to encourage the spiritual life of Wycliffe students by assisting those leading and participating in the services of worship within the Wycliffe community.

One of the distinguishing marks of the Anglican Reformation was bringing the devotional life

of the monastic and clerical orders into the Daily Offices of prayer and scripture reading for all persons, regardless of their vocation or station in life. Anglicans also welcome to the celebration of the Eucharist all who profess Jesus as Lord and Saviour and whose denominational structures permit their participation. Wycliffe honours this gift of tradition by encouraging its continuation.

Morning Prayer is held at 8:30 a.m. each Monday through Friday in Founders' Chapel. Evening Prayer is at 5:30 p.m., beginning September 10th, on four days each week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A service of Holy Eucharist is offered on Wednesdays beginning at 4:45 p.m. This year

our praise and worship group will provide music for our Tuesday Evening Prayer service. Faculty members will be preaching on the book of Daniel at our Thursday Morning Prayer service. On major Feast Days, a service of Holy Eucharist will be held in place of either the Morning or Evening Prayer services. All Wycliffe students are encouraged to attend and to participate in the servant leadership of these gatherings. And we really mean *ALL*—full-time, part-time, some-time; Anglican or non-Anglican; basic-degree or advanced-degree students; residents or non-residents.

Our Sacristan duties include

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encouraging the timid, coaching those new to the Daily Offices through unfamiliar territory, and finding the answers to questions. The Rev. Mark Andrews will serve as our Warden for the Fall Term and the Rev. Canon Linda Nicholls will serve as our Warden for the Winter Term. Father Andrews and Jack Hattey, our Music Director, will provide three formalized training sessions, each of which will be offered twice on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30-3:00 p.m.

### Participating in the Daily Office

Sept. 19th/Oct. 3rd

### Leading the Daily Office

Oct. 10th/Oct. 17th

### Serving at the Holy Eucharist

Oct. 31st/Nov. 14th

First-year students are required to attend one session of each class. Anyone is welcome to attend. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board next to the Chapel entrance. Watch for more details in later editions of the *Morning Star*.

Our Sacristan duties also include scheduling worship leaders for the Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer and scheduling readers, greeters and servers for the weekly Eucharistic services. M.Div. students are required to participate and will be scheduled to lead services of Morning and Evening Prayer. To help us prepare the schedule, we ask that you complete the **Worship Schedule Form** which is included in this publication and return it by Sept. 14th to Peggy Scott, via

Resident mailbox 321 or by e-mail. With your help we can prepare the schedule for the entire term and get it to you the following week so that you can plan your study and preparation time accordingly. All students leading the Daily Offices should send their service outlines—no later than the Thursday preceding the week in which they will serve—to [rector@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:rector@stthomas.on.ca) [Yes, we know this is a change from the past—but it is the new way!]

We look forward to a great year. Please contact us at any time that we can be of assistance to you. Contact Peggy at [peggy.scott@utoronto.ca](mailto:peggy.scott@utoronto.ca) or Alexandra at [alexandrameek@hotmail.com](mailto:alexandrameek@hotmail.com)

God's Peace,

The Rev. Alexandra Meek  
Sharman & Peggy Scott

## Mind the Gap (cont.)

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Meanwhile, back at the megachurch, the situation is quite different. For in the ministry journals and conferences of evangelicals in North America, the preoccupations are thoroughly practical. The question is how to make churches grow, an important question indeed. I don't mean to say that there are no differences or debates: for example, the divides over politics are real. But there is a general disinterest in the kind of theological trends I described in the previous paragraph. As a result those systematic theological trends among evangelicals don't seem to have had much of any effect on how evangelical churches see themselves or conduct their

business. It all makes for a strange moment really: just when people are saying that the mainlines have lost all influence, the intellectuals of the emergent evangelical sounds like conservative mainlines.

It is always hard to understand the actual relationship between ideas in the theological world and changes in church life. Perhaps the former will have a time-release, delayed effect. Or it may be that the two social worlds are in an extended state of disconnect, running along parallel tracks. If the latter is true, then one might argue that evangelical church practice is not tapping into the deeper wells of doctrine, and will at some point run dry. You can have all the growth technique you like, and results may well come, but vitality

for the church is enhanced when the message preached is bolstered by theological work (if you doubt this, just look at the aridity of modernist Anglicanism). Surely schools claiming the label of "evangelical" which combine a place in the systematic trends of our day, and a passion for evangelism, have a role to play.

Peace,

*Georget*

George Sumner

Principal

**"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."**

## From the Registrar's Office

Marie Soderlund

If you need to talk to our Registrar, Marie Soderlund, you can find her in room 226.

### *Important Dates to remember:*

**September 21, 2007:** Last day to add a course for this semester

**September 23, 2007:** Last day to receive a 100% refund for courses dropped. Note: If you drop out of all courses on or after September 10, you will be charged a \$189.00 cancellation fee. Please see Student Account Information for details.

### *Fee Payment*

Once you receive an invoice from the University of Toronto, you should pay your fees as soon as possible, either at the bank or by direct banking. If you are receiving a bursary from Wycliffe College, we will be sending in

that amount in the middle of September, and it will be credited to your account.

### *Mailboxes*

Every student has a mailbox at the college. Residents' boxes are in the Porter's Lodge; day students' boxes are in the cloakroom (Basic and Advanced Degree boxes are in separate locations). Your mail is placed under your number. Please make sure to check your mailbox regularly.

### *Student Handbook*

The 2007-2008 Student Handbooks have been distributed to all new students. Those who did not receive one at Orientation will find it in their mailbox. It is also available on the college

website. **Please note:** It is the responsibility of each student to be familiar and to abide by the policies and regulations stated in the Handbook.

### **Email Addresses**

If you have not already done so, please activate your Utoronto email address this week. Remember to update your ROSI record with this address.

### *Registering for a Summative Exercise/Thesis*

Guidelines for registering for an MTS summative exercise, an M.Div. and M.Rel. thesis are posted on our website. Look under "2007-2008 Academic Year".

Alternatively, you can pick up the guidelines from my office.

### **This Week at Wycliffe**

#### ***Monday, September 10th***

First day of Classes

#### ***Wednesday, September 12th***

3:00 p.m. - Wednesday Event

Bishop Claude Miller, Dio. Of Fredericton

"Ministry as Sacrifice"

@ Principal's Lodge

4:45 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Preacher/Celebrant - Bishop Claude Miller

6:00 p.m. - Community Dinner

Refectory - please sign-up at the Front Desk

#### ***Thursday, September 13th***

8:30 a. m. - Morning Prayer

Preacher - The Rev. Dr. Merv Mercer

### **Bursary Opportunity**

#### **ELLEN MARY KNOX SCHOLARSHIPS**

Applications are now available at the Front Desk for the Ellen Mary Knox Scholarship. Deadline to submit completed applications is October 31st. Applicants must be Anglican students studying theology at Wycliffe College for ministry in the Anglican Church of Canada. The executors of the Ellen Knox Estate will evaluate and contact the Scholarship winners.

Forward your completed application to the Principal's Office for his comments and that office will submit the applications.

If you are new to Toronto and are looking for a place to worship, talk to our friendly Front Desk staff—they have maps and the names of Churches in the area that may interest you.

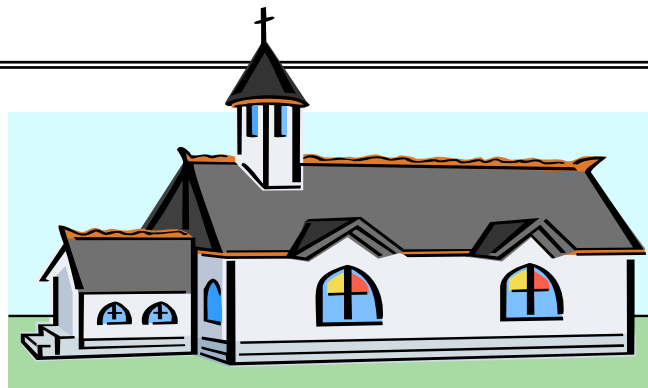
Some Anglican churches within easy distance are: St. Paul's Bloor St., Little Trinity, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Thomas', Messiah and Church of the Redeemer.

come and join us at

# the bridge

**a service of worship, learning and spiritual nourishment**  
**Sundays at 9:30 am**  
**st. paul's bloor street**  
**227 bloor st. east**  
**we would love to have you join us**

**[www.stpaulsbloor.org](http://www.stpaulsbloor.org)**



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## Notes from the Front Desk:

### LUNCH:

Come and get your lunch cards at the front desk. Lunches are available for the Wycliffe community for \$2 when you buy a \$10 or \$20 lunch card. *Please note that individual lunch tickets are now \$3.*

### LOCKERS:

Lockers are available for a \$5 deposit fee. Please come to the front desk to sign up. If you are keeping your locker from last year, please let the front desk staff know by filling out the orange form taped to your locker.



### COMMUNITY DINNER:

Community Dinners take place on Wednesdays following Holy Eucharist—this is a free event for the whole family. Please sign up before Wednesday at 10 am on the list provided at the front desk.

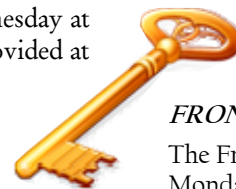
### COMMUTING STUDENTS:

Are you traveling from out of town and will need to stay overnight at the college on a regular basis? Come speak to the front desk staff- we may have a room available for you at a reasonable rate.

### RESIDENTS:

We require a \$20 key deposit

from all residents. If you have not paid, please come to the front desk as soon as possible. The deposit is refundable at the end of the year when you return your key. Anyone who has not handed in their medical form must also do so promptly. Thank you!



### FRONT DESK HOURS:

The Front Desk is open Monday—Friday from 8:00—8:00, opening at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to accommodate Wine Before Breakfast, and will stay open later if classes require.

The desk is closed on Saturday and open Sunday 9:00—2:00 for the Toronto Chinese Bible Church.

**Attention All AD Students:**

Advanced Degree Students are encouraged to join the faculty in a seminar each year that seeks to bridge the divide between Biblical and theological studies. It is also a good chance for students to meet and interact with a variety of professors. Please join this fall for a discussion of Neil MacDonald's Metaphysics and the God of Israel. (You can get the book from Crux). Please read Part I, chapters 1-4 and 6. The book brings analytic philosophy to bear on questions like the role of historical criticism, the narrative theology of Hans Frei, evolution, natural theology, and the problem of the concept of eternity for God's action in the world. Something for everyone! We will meet from 1:15-2:30 in Cody Library on the following Wednesdays:

October 17th and November 14th

**Six Nations Anglicans**

The Six Nations reserve near Brantford is by far the largest reserve in Canada by population, and it has five Anglican churches. Last year several folks from Wycliffe and Trinity, mainly students in the course "Anglican History and Theology," visited there. We're planning another visit this year for Saturday, October 13. The Anglican rector, Norman Casey, will welcome us as he did last year. We'll have a tour through the Woodlands heritage museum, visit the building of the, visit the Mohawk chapel, which is the oldest church in Ontario, as well as some other churches, and end with multicultural Anglican worship. Members of the Wycliffe community are all welcome (up to some numerical limit not yet determined). Kindly RSVP to me at [alan.hayes@utoronto.ca](mailto:alan.hayes@utoronto.ca).

# Welcome Back!!

**Spiritual Mentor  
Program at Wycliffe**

## *Dare to Deepen...* The Wycliffe Spiritual Mentoring Program

*The Wycliffe Mentoring Program* offers all Wycliffe students the opportunity to meet with a spiritual mentor/director once a month for a private hour-long session. This is a great opportunity for you to deepen Christian formation through further integrating your theological study and personal spirituality.

In his book, "Working the Angles" Eugene Peterson hails the giving and receiving of spiritual direction, along with prayer and Bible reading, as the main elements of Christian ministry today.

Come out to our Spiritual Mentor Introduction Evening, hear a bit about the background of our mentors,

and chat with them afterwards.

*Spiritual Mentor Introduction  
Evening*

*Tuesday, September 25, 2007*

*The Reading Room*

*7:00 to 9:00 p.m.*

If you find someone who is a good fit for you, you can meet with that person once a month from September through April. Wycliffe College provides each mentor with an honorarium, so there is no monetary cost involved for the student.

There will be biographies of the mentors available in the Reading Room on Tuesday at 4:30 preceding the evening. Please contact Mark Regis

([mark.regis@utoronto.ca](mailto:mark.regis@utoronto.ca)) if you have any questions about the program.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>This Week's Chapel Schedule</b>	8:30—M.P.	7:30—WBB	8:30—M.P.	8:30—H.E.	8:30—M.P.
	Praise	8:30 - M.P.			
	5:30—E.P.	5:30—E.P.	4:45 - Eucharist	5:30—E.P.	5:30—E.P.

Day	Morning Prayer/WBB	Evening Prayer/Eucharist
Monday	Christine Curley	Kari Marcelle
Tuesday	WBB - MP—Matthew Irving	Dick Black
Wednesday	Dexter Hinkson	Preacher/Celebrant - The Rt. Rev. Claude Miller Sub-Deacon - Dick Black Server - Michael Caines Intercessions - Jeff Hooper Cantor - Liz Sipos OT Reader - Mark Regis NT Reader - Matthew Adams Greeter - The Rev. Alex Meek Sharman Warden - The Rev. Mark Andrews
Thursday	Preacher - Merv Mercer MP - The Rev. Alex Meek Sharman	Basil McLeod
Friday	Alan Getty	Sheila Van Zandwyk

Chapel News and Notes

**Music & Morning Prayer**

If you are a pianist, or organist, and would like to practice your craft at Morning Prayer services each week, please let either Alex Meek Sharman or Peggy Scott know. You can also touch base with Karen in the Principal's Office (Rm. 104).

**Chapel Training**  
(Wednesdays 1:30-3:00 p.m.)

Participating in the Daily Offices  
Sept. 19/Oct. 3

Leading the Daily Office  
Oct. 10/Oct. 17

Serving at the Holy Eucharist  
Oct. 31/Nov. 14

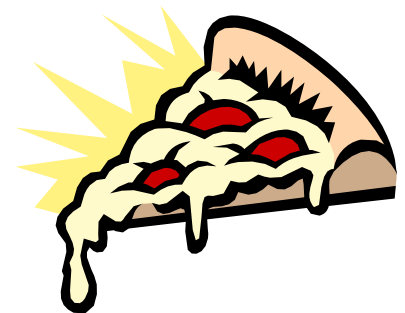
(Sign-up sheets will be posted outside Founders' Chapel)

# SEPTEMBER 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9 College Retreat	10 \$2.00 Lunches & Classes Begin	11	12 WE—Bp. Claude Miller Fredericton “Ministry as Sacrifice”	13	14	15
16	17 Friends of Wycliffe	18	19 WE - Marney Patterson	20	21	22
23 AD Pizza Night @ Principal's Lodge	24 Fellowship of the Rings	25 Spiritual Mentors Evening	26 WE - Alan Hayes— Inaugural Lecture—TST Exec Dir. Installation	27	28 Board Mtg.	29
30	1 October	2	3 WE—Quiet Day	4	5	6

## Attention All AD Students!!

You and your families are invited to the Principal's Lodge for a Pizza Night on Sunday, September 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Karen at ext. 3521 or [karen.baker@wycliffe.utoronto.ca](mailto:karen.baker@wycliffe.utoronto.ca) by Thursday, September 20th @ 4:00 p.m.



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