

# Crosstalk

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## 150th Celebrations in Stittsville

BY BARBARA BOTTRIELL

When Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of Canada, doused the children gathered round the baptismal font with water at St. Thomas Anglican church in Stittsville recently, the children all laughed and ducked away as the water came at them. It was a great source of amusement for the whole congregation.

The occasion was a Service of Thanksgiving for the 150 years of parish ministry of St. Thomas. Archbishop Fred was the guest speaker at a gala Homecoming dinner the night before, and gave the homily and celebrated the Eucharist at the service on Sunday, October 30th.

It was almost 150 years to the day that the first St.



PHOTO: JOHN BOTTRIELL

*The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, asperging the children during the Service of Thanksgiving for the 150 years of parish ministry at St. Thomas, Stittsville.*

Thomas had its inaugural service on October 25th, 1866. The original St.

Thomas was a pretty white frame church built to serve an agricultural congregation

at a village which came to be known as Stanley's Corners. It served its members well

until 1964 when lightning struck the church and the ensuing fire made it unusable. A brick church replaced it in 1969, built just down the road in the village of Stittsville. When growth of the parish required a larger church, the brick church was attached to the new building and now serves as offices and a council room.

Over 100 former and present parishioners attended the Homecoming Dinner on Oct. 29th at Irish Hills Golf Club on the Carp Road. The sparkling silver, hunter green napkins, and candlelit hurricane lamps provided a lovely setting for many animated conversations among the participants.

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## Scholarship Awarded

BY REV. KEVIN FLYNN,  
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versity

They say that it takes a village to raise a child. Something similar might be said of what it takes to form a priest. Many people, many experiences, many prayers contribute to a person's call and formation. Of course, it takes money as well to pay for fees and living costs during three years of full-time study. The Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen (BAC) has been taking practical steps since 1995 to help postulants for ordination in the Diocese of Ottawa to meet those costs. Receipts from an annual fund-raising dinner become a bursary each Fall for a pos-

tulant. This year's recipient, Simone Hurkmans, received the bursary at the BAC's luncheon November 30 at the Army Officers' Mess. BAC president, Don Butler, made the presentation. Simone is a student in the Anglican Studies Program at Saint Paul University, completing her final year of study for the Master of Divinity degree.

Buying a ticket to the BAC's fund-raiser in May translates into the immediate pleasure of an enjoyable meal on a Spring evening. We can be thankful that, in the longer term, it translates into a share of the ministry exercised by its recipients and so extended into the lives of countless others.

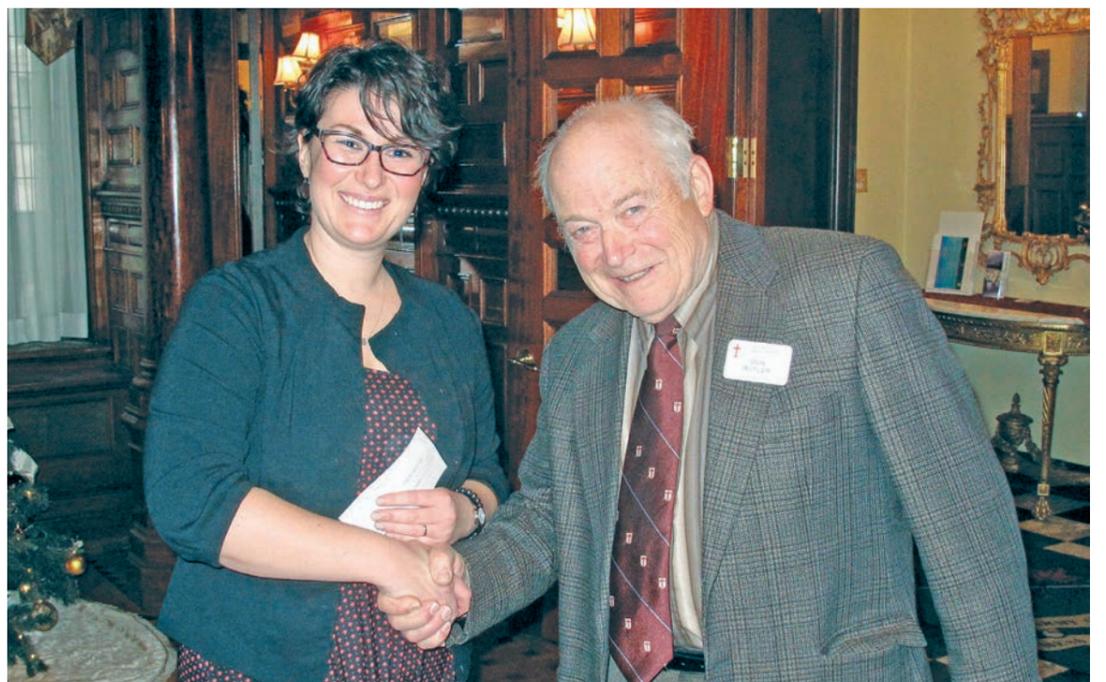


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*BAC President, Don Butler, presenting the BAC's annual bursary to Postulant Simone Hurkmans; November 30, 2016.*

EPISCOPAL GREETING

# A Blessed Epiphany

**By The Ven. David Selzer,  
Executive Archdeacon**

There is a curious day, observed in the Church's Calendar on 6 January, called the Feast of the Epiphany. It has ancient roots in its observance, probably in the third century from Egypt, where the day relates to the Egyptian god Osiris, the day on which it was believed the sun-god made his appearance (the word 'epiphany' is used here) and was honoured with light, water, and wine. This manifestation evolved into Christian terms where Christ appeared (his birth), where Christ was recognized as Messiah by the magi (their appearance and their gifts), where Christ was made known in his Baptism, and where Christ manifested his divinity (the miracle at the wedding in Cana – ordinary water becomes wine.)

"Epiphany" – a Greek word – means manifestation or appearance. The day became for us Christians a feast of the Incarnation, with the gospel stories of the magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the wedding feast

at Cana. At its root, to have an 'epiphany' means to have a powerful religious experience, as related in the Gospel narratives. That experience is when one suddenly feels that one understands, or suddenly becomes conscious of, something that is very important to one's own life, a transformative event.

The poet Maya Angelou says about 'epiphany': "It probably has a million definitions. It's the occurrence when the mind, the body, the heart, and the soul focus together and see an old thing in a new way." (From Elise Ballard in *Psychology Today*, 2011). As people of faith, it is when the 'a-ha' moment takes hold of our life and refuses to let us go until we see God's presence knitting everything together.

May you, in your life of faith as a follower of Jesus, be empowered and transformed by many epiphanies of God.



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## Clergy News and Updates

**Mr. Michael Garner** has been recognized as a Postulant of the Diocese of Ottawa; effective November 14, 2016.

**Rev. George Kwari** has been appointed Incumbent of the Parish of St. Stephen's, Ottawa; effective January 15, 2017.

**Rev. Doug Richards** has been appointed the Clerical Secretary of the Diocese; effective December 06, 2016.

**Rev. John Wilcox** has been appointed member of Diocesan Council, as per By-law B.3.08.5; effective December 06, 2016.



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Education for ReconciliACTION; published in the December 2016 edition of Crosstalk was submitted by Krista Hum, Diocesan Youth Intern

## NEWS

# An Evening with PWRDF African Partners

By Rev. Patrick Stephens,  
Christ Church Seaway

As a member of the our diocesan Primate's World Relief and Development Fund Working Group, I have become familiar with the names of people and places involved in the work of relief and development. Programs too, have been known to me through some of their many and various acronyms. The capital letters of such handles as WHO, ACT, VHN, PIH, MNCH, GAC, and even PWRDF can be disorienting to say the least!

Recently, some of those acronyms became personal for members of our diocesan family. On November 7, I had the privilege of attending an event hosted by our Ottawa PWRDF Working Group at Christ Church Cathedral during which two representatives of two PWRDF partner agencies shared about their work. The two speakers are directly involved with the implementation of the Maternal, Newborn and Child



PHOTO: REV. PATRICK STEPHENS

(L-R) Zaida Bastos, Director of PWRDF's partnership Program; Dr. Joel Mubiligi, Partners in Health (Rwanda); Sophie Matte, Villiage Health Networks (Burundi); Richard Libroek, External Funding Manager for PWRDF; Bart Dickinson, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator for PWRDF

Health initiative of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund in Africa. Both speakers were in Ottawa to meet with Government of Canada officials regarding their work but were able to spare a few hours to talk about the work of their organizations with supporters of the Primate's Fund.

Ms. Sophie Matte ad-

ressed the group on behalf of Village Health Networks, Burundi. She gave a very candid report on the challenges faced by rural residents of that country and underlined the need for long-term support of development initiatives which are beginning to address root causes of poverty, HIV infection, and high rates of mother and child

mortality. Ms. Matte also shared in depth about how the availability of hospital space and trained healthcare personnel is being expanded in areas of that country. Even though it is early in the partnership between PWRDF and Village Health Networks, progress is already being seen in statistics pointing to better availability of maternal and newborn healthcare and lower mortality rates.

Dr. Joel Mubiligi spoke about his work as a physician and his role with Partners in Health, Rwanda. He told us about his own experience of being a child during the 1994 genocide and how his country continues to be traumatized by that violent crisis. Dr. Mubiligi also shared about how his work as a healthcare provider has been central to his understanding of the needs of rural Rwanda. His organization's work in providing hospital services, in training healthcare workers and deploying them strategically in the community has

been successful in decreasing the mortality rates of both mothers and infants. PIH is grateful for the support of the Primate's Fund and plans to continue to expand programs and services in coming years.

Hearing stories from those who minister to the needs of mothers and children in rural Burundi and Rwanda was a humbling experience. I believe that pregnancy, childbirth, and the care of infants is holy and life-giving work. It may be difficult for the anticipation and joy of new life to be held in balance with the realities faced by some of the world's most vulnerable people. Empowering communities to care for the health needs of women and children is the work of the church. Through partnerships with community organizations, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is working for a truly just, healthy, and peaceful world.

## Butterflies a Reminder of Missing and Murdered First Nations Women

By Anglican Journal

In fall 2016, two Anglican churches in Masset on Haida Gwaii sponsored "The Butterfly Exhibit," an art installation honouring the women who have been murdered or gone missing along the Yellowhead Highway in recent decades.

The exhibit, originally organized by artist Christine Haubrick to be shown on National Aboriginal Day (June 21) in Prince Rupert, B.C., was brought to Masset through the efforts of the Anglican churches of St. John the Evangelist and St. Paul.

The exhibit featured 70 original painted panels, many of which were accompanied by short pieces of text about the issue of missing and murdered women, or reflecting on grief and loss. It was housed in the Delkatla Conservancy Museum.

Archdeacon Peter Hamel, who helped organize the installation, offered a prayer at the exhibit's launch.

"We offer our hearts and

our tears as the hurt of victims of abuse echoes within us," he said. "We offer our anger: make it a passion for justice. We offer our skills: use our gifts to end violence... may love be our constant companion."

Between 1969 and 2011, 13 women have been murdered and five have gone missing along the "Highway of Tears," as the #16 Yellowhead Highway between Prince George and Prince Rupert is known. Many of them are First Nations, and many are teenagers.

To date, only one person has been charged in connection with these crimes, and found guilty of the death of one woman. These deaths are part of a much larger pattern of violence against Indigenous women and girls in Canada. In the past 30 years, more than 600 Indigenous women and girls have been killed or gone missing.

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## Outreach Project Teaches Kids To Cook

By Anglican Journal

The kitchen and hall at St. Philip's in Moncton are filled with the savoury smells of garlic, rosemary and chili powder as six Grade 8 students, wearing hairnets and gloves, set the table with bread, butter, cheese and water.

The budding cooks and their mentors say a blessing, and then enjoy the fruits of their labour—vegetarian chili, savoury crackers and banana ice cream.

This is all part of a joint project between St. Philip's and Queen Elizabeth School, which is across the street, to help students learn to cook.

Peggy Gauvin, one of the volunteers who helps run the program, says the project is

an investment with the potential for a lifetime of benefits for kids.

"The main purpose is to promote the use of nutritious foods in people's lives so they can develop confidence in their skills and they can cook a meal" she said. "Food security is important—we're hoping we can teach basic skills with simple, basic ingredients."

The church and the school have a history of working together, and the program grew out of discussions between Janice Irvine Meek, a volunteer from St. Philip's, and the school itself about how the church could be a supportive neighbour.

Meek said the school suggested a learn-to-cook pro-

gram, and after Meek and Gauvin took a community food mentor course, the program "fell into place."

The Rev. David Alston, a deacon at St. Philip's, also volunteers at the program, and says he views it as part of the church's outreach.

"A deacon's role is to be outward-looking, so I'm looking outward with these fine cooks," he said.

As for the students themselves, they said they enjoyed both the food and the community.

"It's really fun, but what I like best is all the people. They're really nice," said Hannah, one of the Grade 8 students.

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NEWS

## Two Languages, One Act of Worship

By Anglican Journal

The combination of both the English and Sinhala languages added an extra dimension to a remarkable worship service on Thanksgiving Sunday at All Saints (Dain City) in Welland, Ont.

Over 65 visitors from the Sri Lankan-Canadian community attended, many from the Greater Toronto Area, and in addition to Anglicans, Roman Catholics and members of other Christian denominations, the guests included Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims.

“They all were friends and relatives of the baptismal party,” said the Rev. Nirmal Mendis, rector of All Saints.

The celebration, conducted by Mendis, included the baptism of Liara Rosey, the infant daughter of a young Sri Lankan family from Brampton.

Mendis has longstanding ties to Rosey’s family—he

is the godfather of Rosey’s grandfather, and baptized her grandmother when he was still serving in Sri Lanka.

The gospel was chanted in Sinhala, and music director Dianne Williams and the choir made a special effort to learn and sing the responses to the gospel in Sinhala. They also learned the tune and words to the offertory hymn—“Ronata Wadina—written by the Rev. Marceline Jayakody, a popular Sri Lankan Roman Catholic priest and songwriter.

Parts of the eucharistic prayer were also said in Sinhala.

“Our visitors were very pleased that they made a request to All Saints before they left,” said Mendis. “They wanted to know whether All Saints would consider hosting a Sinhala service for them at least twice a year.”

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## REFLECTIONS

### Joy

By Rev. Canon Stewart Murray

Throughout the Christmas season the words and the themes that seemed to be everywhere were joy and wonder. They were present not only in the wonderful carols, but in the scripture readings and in the liturgies that were offered. This theme of joy and wonder continues into the Epiphany season that leads us to the season of Lent.

The scripture records that when the wise men finally reach the simple home of the Holy Family, “..they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.” and “..fell down, and worshipped him..” Matt. 2:10-11. The link between joy, wonder and worship is a powerful element in our spiritual lives. Joy is, in the words of the Oxford dictionary, “..a vivid emotion of pleasure, extreme gladness... a sense of discovering something unexpected”. It is a fleeting emotion. The wise men must have been exhausted after their long journey. Disappointed by the lack of understanding of Herod and his courtiers, they could have returned home, dispirit-



ed, but instead they lifted up their eyes, saw the star again, were filled with joy and were able to continue their search for the child.

The times of joy in our life are gifts that bring a new dimension to our experience of the world. Joy lifts us from the mundane of everyday; it opens us to the possibility of a deep way of engaging with the world and our life and ideally leads us to praise God and give thanks for our many blessings. In the fullness of everyday, with the demands of work, family, and the myriad responsibilities we all have, it is far too easy to lose sight of the truth that we are part of something greater than the present day. Or, like Herod and those around him, we

may have preconceived ideas or biases that blind us to the wonder and new possibilities that abound in God’s world. Reflecting on my own experience, I have often been surprised by joy. Standing beside a lake as the sun rose and the stillness of the water was like a mirror, I was filled with a deep sense of joy and wonder at the beauty of the moment and was aware of how small I am in the scale of creation. I have experienced the indescribable joy of holding a child only minutes old in my arms and being humbled that I have been entrusted with such a precious gift. Joy has also flooded me while watching my grandson play trucks at my feet after dinner; it caused me to marvel at the continuity of life and to wonder at my role as a link in the chain of life.

One cannot manufacture occasions of joy or call them up at will. Rather one needs to cultivate a sense of wonder and an expectant attitude - looking for beauty, goodness and hope in the people with whom we live and work and in those whom we encounter in our daily routines.

The Gospel reminds us that Christ will reveal himself through His creation and in the people around us if we have the courage to look. Herod and his followers did not look up and see the star that had captured the imagination of the wise men and thus failed to find the joy that they did at the feet of the Christ child. How often in our journey have we missed the opportunity to do good, to speak a word of hope or to simply be fully present to the people around us? How often have we missed the joy present in the everyday?

As we approach Lent, we have the opportunity to decide that for those 40 days we will look up and see the Christ in the world around us. We will look for beauty in the faces of the people we meet, seek goodness in the world so often marred by injustice and ugliness and be agents of hope in a world so often shaped by despair. Let us together ask Christ for the grace to see the world and each other as He does and open ourselves opportunities for joy and wonder once again.



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PARISH NEWS

## St. Bart's Bazaar Success

By Irene Walker, St. Bart's Bazaar Committee

Every year The Church of St. Bartholomew, known locally as St. Bart's, holds a successful bazaar, with proceeds divided between four charities: Cornerstone, the Garry J. Armstrong long term care facility, Bales for the North (which sends household goods and clothing to isolated communities) and, this year, the sponsorship of two refugee families from Syria. This year, over \$13,000 was raised in total.

Even before the Liberal government's push for resettlement was under way last fall, the people of the church voted overwhelmingly in favour of sponsoring a family. They had heard that St. Aidan's (whose incumbent, the Rev. Linda Hill happens to be married to the Rev. Canon David Clunie of St. Bart's) had sponsored a family who were desperate to resettle other family members, and so undertook to sponsor a sister, brother-in-law and their three children. The first family arrived in the week before the bazaar, held on November 5th, with the other family expected to follow some time in the spring.

Workers at the bazaar were delighted to meet the parents of the newly-arrived family, who managed to pick up a few bargains, and expressed the opinion that Canadians were "very nice

and friendly."

What makes the bazaar a success? Book-lovers and dealers know The Book Room's quality and low prices. Carefully curated by Joan and Tony Kellett, no damaged, dusty or mouldy books make the cut. "We organize them so buyers can find their favourites easily. Our parishioners have wide tastes, and there are lots of unusual finds," says Tony.

Linda Assad-Butcher credits the popular luncheon with adding to the bazaar's success. "Tea with sweets and fancy sandwiches is a ritual from the past we don't see any more, and people look forward to enjoying it with friend."

"Our jewelry table includes estate silver, gold and vintage costume jewelry, 'one of a kind' handmade items, ultra-collectible vintage costume pieces, and a marvellous selection of scarves and purses," says Ruth Honeyman, while Carol Matson, convener of the Gifts Table, sums it up: "Success is due to parishioners' and often their neighbours' generosity in donating attractive items, plus the teamwork of the volunteers, which creates great enthusiasm."

This year the workers had the extra satisfaction of meeting the newcomers to Canada as well, a direct reminder of the reason for all the effort and hard work.

## Upcoming Canoe Trip

By Phoenix Sandrock

All Saints Westboro is hosting a five-day canoe trip in Algonquin Park for youth 14-18! Everyone is welcome. No experience necessary! The trip will be July 10-14 2017 and registration opens

on Feb 20 2017. For more information and updates, like our Facebook page (Diocese-Wide Canoe Trip) here:

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## Candles, Coffee, and Communion

By Rev. Martin Malina and Rev. Mary Ellen Berry

The verdict is in! When the taste-testers from Faith Lutheran Church sampled the brew following the first of our worship services together, it was resolved: Anglican coffee is just as good as Lutheran coffee!

There we have it -- the third sacrament of the Lutheran church (coffee) is honoured as well in our Anglican neighbours in Nepean. Of course, coffee is just coffee; it's not easy to see the difference.

But when you have Lutherans and Anglicans participating together in an All Saints Sunday liturgy, the differences can be more pronounced.

When, for example, the assembly was invited to come forward carrying candles remembering loved ones who are the saints, perhaps the arrangement of the candles revealed another difference among the two communions sharing weekly worship space and time until February. What can the arrangement of the candles suggest about the character of the Lutherans? And Anglicans?

We have to laugh, of course. And whenever the Lutherans express pride in their robust singing and passionate engagement with the Word, an Anglican will quickly point to the paschal candles standing side by side now in the chancel at Julian of Norwich Anglican Church, and quietly say: "Our Paschal Candle is taller than yours, and we use bells in our liturgy!"

Indeed, even though the size of the congregations are closely matched, the worship



space at Julian is more than twice as large as the smaller, circular-shaped sanctuary at Faith (43 Meadowlands Drive West), which is now undergoing a major renovation project started in late October.

The renewal of Faith's worship area has opened up the opportunity for Faith to reach out to their Full Communion partners. Under the Full Communion agreement between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC), signed in 2001, members of both Communions can share in ministry, resources and leadership.

"We couldn't do this with any other non-Lutheran Christian denomination so naturally and easily -- actually worship together. This is so much more vital and enriching for us, than if we ended up renting a room in a church basement, school gymnasium or community centre on Sunday afternoons -- all by ourselves," says Pastor Martin. "And we, at Julian, are enriched by the differing nuances of the Lutheran rite that remind us of the breadth and depth of the

Christian tradition. It is good to immerse ourselves in the richness of diversity," says Mary Ellen.

So, Pastors Mary Ellen Berry and Martin Malina take turns preaching and presiding over the hybrid, Sunday morning assembly. One Sunday, the liturgy follows a Lutheran rite, and the following Sunday the liturgy follows the Anglican rite. "We are both guests and hosts to each other."

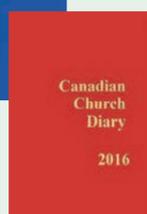
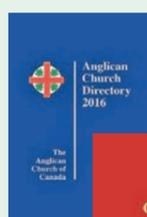
There is no pressure for the two congregations at this time to enter into any formal partnership, which makes this experience a wonderful, joyous, extended "family visit." The members of Faith expect to return to their renovated facility at the beginning of Lent, and soon thereafter look forward to inviting their new found friends to a celebration service at Faith. "And, we'll have air conditioning for the hot summer," boasts Pastor Martin. "And we'll bring lemonade and cookies," counters Mary Ellen, "just because."

Indeed, the Faith membership has been overwhelmed and appreciate the welcome and kindness extended to them by the people of Julian of Norwich. Relationships among the laity are being formed. Even the Sunday Schools are working together weekly and for the Christmas program. Seeds are being sown for future cooperative and collaborative initiatives. And the way is being paved for opportunities which may sooner than later present themselves.

Every Sunday morning, the paschal candles tower in the chancel area, and chalices from both altars are being used to announce and bear witness to the unity we already have in Christ.

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NEWS

# Women's Conference,

The Women's Conference and Pilgrimage to Jerusalem took place November 5-18, 2016. It was a wonderful two weeks in the Holy Land. The delegation from Ottawa were kept very busy, visiting many Christian Churches of different denominations, diocesan ministries and parishes, and observing several archeological sites. However, the warmest and greatest memories were of the "living stones"; the people with whom they met, and being able to see firsthand some of the great work that is being carried out by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

### In the Beginning

It all began at the Diocesan Synod for the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa in 2013 when Catherine Chapman and Shafeeqa Dawani had a dream to further the partnership between our two dioceses. Shafeeqa and her husband Archbishop Suheil Dawani, Archbishop of Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, were in Ottawa as honoured guests of Synod.

### A Warm Welcome

The evening we arrived in Jerusalem, we were met at St. George's Cathedral by Dean Hosam Naoum, who led us in evening prayer. After the service we gathered for a reception with Archbishop Suheil, Shafeeqa, and some of the women from the cathedral. "As people get to know each other across boundaries of distance, religion, faith, and culture, they will be inspired to work together and go further than either one could go alone... To Catherine Chapman, I say, your dream and mine has come true! Thank you."

### Princess Basma Centre for Rehabilitation

The Centre is one of many ministries provided by the Diocese of Jerusalem. Directed by Ibrahim Faltas, the Centre is for children with a wide range of disabilities, emphasizing on those with autism. They work on helping the children and integrating them into regular classrooms. Additionally, the centre is equipped with special rooms for therapy on a one on one basis for visual, audio, and tactile learning. Adjacent to the rehabilitation areas for children is a "Sheltered Workshop" which provides vocational training for adults with disabilities to help them gradually become more independent and integrated into the community. The people in the Workshop carry out different activities such as carpentry and rattan products; the revenue of which goes to help cover the costs of the Centre. Recently, The Princess Basma Centre signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Diocese of Ottawa and the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, to collaborate on assessing and building the capacity of the Centre within the field of the Autism Spectrum Disorder.

### Bethlehem

While in Bethlehem we had the opportunity

to tour the city and learn about some of the hardships that are faced by those in the Refugee Camps. While they feel a lot of anger, they are using art as a way to both process and manage these emotions. The art program encourages the use of theatre, dance, art, and video, to channel their energy and raise awareness.

### St. Philip's Church, Nablus

St. Philip's Church, Nablus, used to be the parish of Archbishop Suheil. This is where the first confirmation took place as described in Acts 8. The Rev. Ibrahim Nairouz, rector of one of the Nazareth parishes mentioned that a church by the same name, St. Philip's in Gaza, was bombed and some people in Ottawa paid for repairs to the roof. Additionally, he shared with us that it was his parish who, a few years ago, had partnered with youth from the Diocese of Ottawa to raise money for a new altar.

### St. Luke's Hospital

St. Luke's Hospital is another ministry of the Diocese of Jerusalem and has been open since 1900; and now has 60 beds and specializes in Neurology. The majority of the patients treated at St. Luke's are very poor and do not have the means to pay; these patients are placed in shared rooms, while those who can afford to pay are given single rooms. They serve a large population of predominantly Muslim citizens in the city of Nablus.

### St. Matthew's, Zababdeh

A new church building, St. Matthew's tower was built in 1993 and the church in 1996, and already they are looking to expand. Archbishop Suheil said, "the church is full Sunday morning, it gives us hope that Christianity will stay in the country". Additionally, the Diocese of Jerusalem has awarded around 100 scholarships for students in this area to cover their expenses for school. St. Matthew's, Zababdeh is currently working in partnership with St. James', Carleton Place.

### Sunday at St. George's Cathedral

Dedicated in 1898, St. George's Cathedral is a beautiful space with sweeping stone arches and striking pipe organ. Sunday morning's the Cathedral is host to two services; one in Ara-



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Shafeeqa Dawani addressing the delegates from Ottawa during the opening reception at St. George's Cathedral.



PHOTO: SUSAN LOMAS

Group photo at St. Luke's Hospital, with Salwa Khoury, Director of public relations; Dr. Walid Kerry, Director of the Hospital



PHOTO: SYLVIA GILES

Traditional lunch of Musakhan; chicken and sumac spices served on a baked pita

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NEWS

# Pilgrimage to Jerusalem

bic, and one in English. It was a delight to be able to participate in the Arabic service, officiated by Dean Hosam, where the hymns were sung in English and Arabic at the same time. There was a small congregation of Palestinian Arabic people who sat in the front pews. We watched and listened as the Dean, from a high pulpit, gave his sermon in Arabic, smiling and looking down at those people. Then, looking towards us, Dean Hosam proceeded to deliver his sermon in English; with the same smile and easy way of speaking. He talked about how the Archbishop of Canterbury had said there were three priorities in being a Christian: prayer, reconciliation, and evangelism and witness. He gave a little laugh and said how everyone gets uncomfortable when we talk about Evangelism. But, he said, it was really just showing our love for Jesus to others in our actions.

## St. George's High School

Despite the many struggles and challenges that come with having to cross checkpoints to get to and from school, the high school students with whom we met were all ambitious and positive about their futures, hoping to go to universities in other parts of the world. One student mentioned that his goal is to study international law, he wants to go away to learn and then come back to help his country.

## Majma Gathering in Jordan

Catherine Chapman travelled separately for two days to attend the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem's annual Majma (Diocesan Synod) in Jordan. Catherine spoke at Majma, bringing greetings from our Primate, Fred Hiltz; Bishop John; and also spoke on behalf of the Women's Conference; presenting a quilted wall hanging that was filled with prayers from Ottawa. While at Majma, Catherine also has the opportunity to have lunch with a gathering of women from Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, and the West Bank.

## Nazareth

We were delighted to once again be joined by women from the Diocese, as some of the women from Christ Church, Nazareth, came to our Guest House dinner. Inspired by our visit, the women led us all in singing together "We Shall Overcome".

Overwhelmed by the warmth and hospitality of our partner diocese, our reflections and highlights below cannot convey the emotions that were shared. It was amazing how we all got along so well, Christian women meeting with such different backgrounds and lives... such a warm group of women who made us feel so special and welcome and seemed to appreciate our coming to visit them so much. We encourage you all to ask engage with us, ask us your questions, and pray for our friends in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

## Witnesses

"When your trip comes to an end, I hope, that you will go back to Canada with a taste and an aroma of our faith, culture, hospitality, dreams, stories, situations, and witness to our Lord Jesus in the Land of the Holy One" – Shafeeqa Dawani

## Prayer of the Cathedral, St. George the Martyr in Jerusalem

Gracious God, your love knows no limits. Fill our hearts with your compassion, open our eyes to your presence in the world, enlarge our minds to understand your will. Take our hands and minister through them, take our words and speak through them, and direct our feet in the paths of justice, peace, and reconciliation that Christ may be revealed in us and the world may believe. Amen.

## A Changed Perspective

"This gathering and your visit to our land reminds us of the breadth, width, and height of God and of our humanness"

"This past Sunday I walked through rain, hail, and snow, to get to church. It was miserable. But after visiting a refugee camp and listening to teenagers share their stories and struggles of crossing check-points, I found myself feeling thankful that Mother Nature is all that stands between me and attending church, crossing the city for work, and/or visiting with loved ones."

## Shukran! Thank You

Thank you to Catherine, Shafeeqa, Archbishop Suheil, all the members of the planning team, and Rev. Canon John Bridges; without whom this shared experience between our two dioceses would not have been possible.

*Prepared By Lynn Meredith and Stephanie Boyd*

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*Rev. Fuad and Dean Hosam bringing some musical fun to the evening's gathering.*



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*Group photo at St. John's Episcopal School, Haifa, with Canon Hatem Shehadeh and Wajeh Awad, School Board Member. St. John's is currently working in partnership with St. Bartholomew's, Ottawa.*



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*St. Peter's Fish Lunch.*



RIGHT PHOTO: SUSAN LOMAS  
*Cindy Hurst-Boyd presenting one of the quilted wall hangings, filled with prayers from Ottawa.*

LEFT PHOTO: STEPHANIE BOYD  
*Catherine Chapman and Shafeeqa Dawani; planners of the Women's Conference*



REFLECTIONS

# The Light Shines

By PJ Hobbs

It was one of the last warm, sunny days of autumn, so I went for a walk. There was plenty of yard work afoot as folks hurried to be ready for cold and snow. At one home, lumber was being set out to reassemble for another year one of the grandest nativity scenes in the neighbourhood. From the same house, blasting from the open garage door was the rock classic "Roadhouse Blues" by The Doors. Passing by I thought, "God sure is doing some interesting work in that household."

Quite the juxtaposition, the now timeless tableau of stable and manger alongside the lyric, "The future's uncertain and the end is always near." That is just the point, perhaps a divine wake-up call on a nice day; Jesus comes into a world of uncertainty in which a pending, radical change is anticipated. For sure the long haul of history demonstrates the futility of holding fast to the notion that the end of time is right around the corner (but it might be). The Bible is, nonetheless, steeped in the vision of a transformed future that is longed for and urgently needed. Millions today still live lives wrought with desperation, urgently yearning for change, a new reality, a new Jerusalem.

There are those who for

a confluence of reasons suffer more because of race, poverty, physical ability, religion, sexual orientation, gender, and even place. There are many people who are vulnerable or disempowered, experiencing pain, barriers, violence, and abuse systematically and/or at the hands of another person. Many from the perch of privilege, myself included, have taken for granted that advances have been made, and are progressing along nicely, to ensure just and equal rights for all. The year 2016 will be remembered, by me at least, as the time when focus was sharpened on the sad truth that there is much, much more to do.

Jesus' invitation to his first disciples is the same to us, "Follow me." It is as if to say, "The life I live among you is the life our creator God wills for us all; it is doable though tricky. So follow me, I will show you." Compassion, love, healing, justice, prayer, peace, reconciliation, forgiveness, prophetic teaching, and self-sacrifice mark the life of Jesus; and he bids us "Follow me." The story of those who follow include many tales over the centuries in which hatred, injustice, indifference, and indecency are confronted with the way of Jesus and in so living have changed the world. We are indeed surrounded by so

great a cloud of witnesses.

The way of Jesus transcends any particular time and space, any single person or nation. The way of Jesus is lived out and embodied in every possible context, responding to global events and to the local, day-to-day life of schools, homes, neighbourhoods, works places, and congregations. Wherever we find ourselves there is a need for the way of Jesus. Now, as much as ever, leery of our own complacency and complicity, we are called to follow Jesus, immediately, as did the first disciples, and urgently, as if the end is near.

It will not always be easy. So we watch for those wake-up calls that God is at work in unexpected, interesting ways. There will be times, as always, when we will be brought up short, as many have been recently, surprised by the decency, malice, even hatred, of others. As followers of Jesus we hold firm to eternal truths that fuel our hope, strengthen our resolve, and guide our actions for a future, however uncertain, that is rooted in God as embodied by Jesus. I am reminded of one such eternal truth, perhaps a lyric from long ago, "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5).

STEWARDSHIP

# Theology of Money

A Resource for Study and Discussion

By Jane Scanlon, Diocesan Stewardship Development Officer

On the Theology of Money is a booklet, developed in 2016 by Faith, Worship and Ministry of The Anglican Church of Canada. It presents a thought-provoking essay on the meaning of money and how it functions in our world, including biblical, historical, theological and ethical perspectives. The goal is to "help the Church to understand the relationship between faith and the monetary systems in which we live our daily lives," and to point to alternatives that are found within our faith. Also included in the booklet are musical and liturgical resources, guides for group discussion in churches and a series of questions for personal or group reflection.

The title of the essay is Non Nobis, Domine (Not to us, Lord) and is taken from the opening of Psalm 115, where the psalmist states: "not unto us, O Lord, but to you be the glory. Let us not make idols of anything, and let us keep your sovereignty as Lord over our lives, above anything else that might try to claim to be our ruler. Do not let us be ruled by forces that do not serve your will." The essay notes the significance of the Occupy Wall Street movement in 2011, which brought attention to the reality of the top one percent holding most of the world's economic wealth and denying a huge percentage of the world's population access to even a basic standard of living. Market forces are dominant in our world leaving many people impoverished while feeding the greed of others. We are all negatively affected by this - the rich, the poor and everyone in between. Becoming increasingly conscious and spiritually healthy are some steps towards a viable alternative.

The essay examines two key questions: "What is money within the present economic system, and what is money within God's economy of salvation?" It explores the church's current relationship with money through the lens



STEWARDSHIP  
*A way of life*

of faith and seeks in this clear alternatives and a pathway for change. The scriptural vision of human life is "a vision of enough" and this vision is presented as the best counter-cultural choice to living in a market-driven world where there is "never such a thing as enough." This vision is exemplified by the early Christian community as described in Acts 2:44-45, where all goods were held in common, and none were in need.

In fact, there is enough for all of us in God's creation, although our consumer society in which money and material goods are worshipped can lead us to think falsely that we always need more. However, even when we engage in consumer activity, we can bring some mindfulness and balance to this by making choices that lead to greater spiritual health, for example:

- grow a vegetable garden
- repair a damaged shoe rather than buy a new pair
- make our own clothes or jam or music or bread and so on
- recycle and reuse items such as clothing
- volunteer and make a donation that helps to change people's lives

As this list indicates, there are many small possibilities and choices that can be made which together can result in a big change. We are challenged, now, to consider our own personal call to action. This essay with its food for thought and reflection questions is an excellent place to start.

On *The Theology of Money* is available at: <http://bit.ly/2g729py>

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**DIOCESAN ARCHIVES**

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**Two Cornerstones**

**By Glenn J Lockwood**

We are told that under the ministrations of the Reverend Anthony J. O'Loughlin, two strong churches emerged at North Gower and Manotick between 1872 and 1884. He also held services in Osgoode. His successor, the Reverend James Frederic Gorman, built the first Saint Paul's Church at Osgoode in 1886 on land donated by Adam J. Baker.

Elizabeth Tomkins of Manotick wrote in her diary that the corner stone was laid on September 18th, when a picnic also was held to raise funds to help pay for building the church. The Honourable Thomas White, a cabinet minister in the federal government, was invited to do the honours, and he did not disappoint, for the remarkable sum of \$250 was raised that afternoon. As the Anglican congregation in Osgoode at that time was very small, the building of this frame church was considered a momentous achievement.

The sum charged by William John Moses to build a frame house of worship was



\$525. In 1887, Osgoode was a part of the Parish of Manotick, with the other two congregations being located at Manotick and Kars. According to local legend, Saint Paul's Church was not consecrated, and here

the parish story becomes somewhat murky. It later was claimed that the building could not be sold when a new larger church was built, even though it was. The number of people attending Saint Paul's Church grew.

And grew. By 1911 the Reverend D'Arcy Thomas Clayton raised the question of enlarging the house of worship. Two years later, sketch plans for a new church were examined by the vestry, and it was decided to canvass the congregation for subscriptions to build a new church. By 1913, a new site had been donated by Harry Boyd. It appeared in September 1916 that construction of a new church would proceed, but in 1918 Vestry decided that "financial conditions resulting from the continuance of the war made it inadvisable to proceed with the new church during the current year."

Fair enough, but space was becoming a problem, as by war's end the old Saint Paul's was too small to comfortably seat everyone. Five years before the war broke out a Ladies Guild was organized, and they began raising the necessary funds to build a new house of worship.

The cornerstone for the new Saint Paul's Church that we see here was laid on 12 August 1924 by the Reverend D'Arcy Thomas Clayton. It was built of granite-finish concrete blocks known by the

trade name of Boyd Block or Duro-stone. Saint Paul's was opened and dedicated by Bishop John Charles Roper on 14 December 1924. The old frame church was sold in January 1925. Bishop Robert Jefferson consecrated Saint Paul's Church, Osgoode, on 30 October 1949.

In 1958, Osgoode became part of the Parish of Kars. The fortieth anniversary of Saint Paul's was celebrated on 13 December 1964. The photograph we see here is believed to have been taken about that time. The name of the parish changed to Kars-Osgoode in 1979. The centenary of first forming this church was celebrated in 1986..

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**COMMUNITY MINISTRIES**

**A Chance To Give Back**

**By Stasha Labonte, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director, Centre 454**

Memories of the Centre's Annual Christmas Party are still fresh in everyone's mind. The day was enjoyed by everyone who attended and would not have been possible without the generous support of donors and volunteers.

This year, all those who contributed to the party will receive a special thank you. Centre 454 plays host to a number of talented artists-including Aren G. Aren par-

ticipates in all of the Centre's artistic programming. He paints and draws and also works with several computer programs to produce digital art.

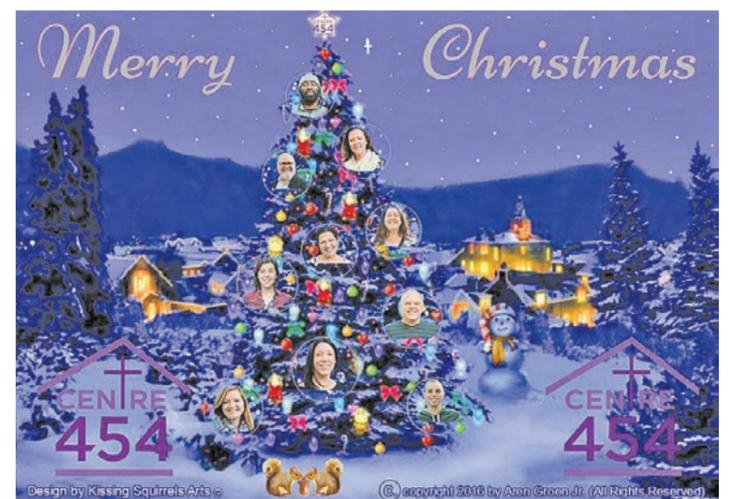
In early fall, Aren approached staff with a wonderful idea he had for a Christmas thank you. "It's my chance to give back to Centre 454" says Aren "And to show everyone who helps out with the party- and all year long- that they are appreciated."

Over the following months, Aren and the staff

worked together to assemble the photos required for the project. Once these had been gathered, Aren was able to produce a one of a kind image to be used to let all those who support Centre 454 know just how thankful we are. Best wishes for a happy and safe 2017!

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## 150th Celebrations...

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Our parish priest, the Reverend Jane McCaig, welcomed the dinner guests and expressed her thanks to the 150th Anniversary Committee for the exceptional work that had been accomplished in planning the many activities for the year of celebration. Bishop of Ottawa, the Right Reverend John Chapman introduced the primate and mentioned how well-respected he is on the international scene.

In his speech, Archbishop Fred brought a world view of Anglicanism that we don't always hear about. He covered ten things that he thinks are important characteristics of Anglicans and included examples of the Canadian church's support of fellow Anglicans in Cuba under difficult circumstances, and stated that in response to the global refugee crisis, Anglican churches in Canada have raised over 20 million dollars and have sponsored 678 refugees.

Certificates of congratulation to St Thomas were



PHOTO: JOHN BOTTRIELL

### St. Thomas, Stittsville.

presented on Saturday by both the federal member for our riding, Pierre Poilievre, and the MPP for our riding Jack Maclaren. A proclamation from the City of Ottawa was presented at the reception after the service on Sunday by the Councillor for Stittsville, Shad Qadri.

Legacy projects created for the 150th anniversary

were a wall hanging entitled "Seasons of the Church" by parishioner Susan Lomas, a set of three paintings of each of St. Thomas' three buildings by parishioner Warren Blackburn, and a book entitled "The History of St. Thomas Anglican Church, Stanley's Corners-Stittsville" authored by parishioner Barbara Bottrill.

## Exploring Faith Through Leadership

Lizzy Jones

By Krista Hum, Diocesan Youth Intern; Communications

The Youth Internship Program, a St James Manotick initiative, gives teenagers a unique opportunity to explore their faith through leadership, faith development, humanitarian work and a Christian mentor. Each intern is given a placement suited to their skills and interests and Lizzy Jones' placement is an in depth look at the story of what creates a community and what brings everyone together.

Lizzy is a first year music student at uOttawa and is looking forward to the long term project that she has been tasked with. Her placement is with the three-point parish at Metcalfe, Greely, and Vernon, a congregation that finds themselves looking at an uncertain future. The parish community has decided

that it's important to record their history and see where they're headed. There will be two aspects to this project, aptly named: Where we've been and Where we are. The completed project will be a book with the possibility of a video aspect to complement the written work. Lizzy will begin interviewing the parishioners in January and has already come to appreciate the different views of everyone from the parish and how willing they are to share their experiences. By doing this placement, Lizzy feels as if she is honoring the many memories of this community by making sure their identity is not lost in the whirlwind of changes coming up in the near future.

Throughout this placement Lizzy is hoping to learn a few things for herself. She's learning how to network and how to sustain herself over the span of a long project. She's also hoping to take

away a little bit of advice from these parishioners. She's hoping to learn how to make sure her faith stays strong in her future despite the trials she may be put through. While this placement is a positive experience in terms of her professional and spiritual life, Lizzy has also found that this project is already affecting her personal life. The project is helping her realize how much support she has surrounding her and how many people hope to see her succeed at her task.

The internship has only just started and the worth of this project has already made itself clearly evident in not only Lizzy's life, but all the parishioners involved as well. As the year progresses and the project continues to develop, only the best of courage and luck can be hoped for towards the placement and Lizzy herself.

## Moosonee's New School of Ministry

By Anglican Journal

On January 27, the diocese of Moosonee will launch its new school of ministry for local parish leaders who feel called to take on more formal roles in the church.

The diocese's theological education task force, chaired by (ret.) Assisting Bishop Tom Corston, has been working to establish the school, following concerns about increasing vacancies in parish leadership, particularly among ordained clergy.

While the diocese will continue to encourage seminary-trained clergy from southern Canada to come north, the task force also concluded that many parishes already have leaders who could be raised up with some "in-house" training.

The school of ministry is a year-long program that will include four long weekends throughout the year. Each weekend will include lectures led by diocesan clergy who have seminary training on topics such as sacred theology, Scripture, church histo-

ry, prayer, liturgy, preaching, evangelism and pastoral care.

The program will also include sessions on Indigenous teachings and priorities as well as a presentation on the church's programs and policies.

Between weekend sessions, the participants will be required to work on a field placement project with the guidance of their local minister, and to serve actively in their own parish's ministry.

At the end of the program, participants will be offered ordination. If they decide they want to be ordained, they will undergo an examination to evaluate their suitability before being presented to the archbishop as candidates for ordination.

Financing for the program, including travel and accommodation costs, will be provided by the diocese. Invitations have already been sent to every congregation in the diocese to encourage those interested in the school of ministry to apply.

Northland

## 125th Anniversary of Lads' Brigade in Newfoundland

By Anglican Journal

On October 17, Bishop Geoff Peddle, of the diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, launched, *The Church Lads' Brigade in Newfoundland: A People's Story*, at the Church Lads' Brigade Armoury in St. John's.

The book was written to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Church Lads' Brigade (CLB) in Newfoundland. The CLB is the oldest and largest Anglican youth organization in Canada. The CLB is known nationally for its regimental band.

At the launch, the crowd

was welcomed by Col. Keith Anrs, governor and commandant of the CLB. Peddle and Gary Cranford, president of Flanker Press, the book's publisher, both gave short addresses, and Peddle read from a section of the book.

Peddle also presented a copy to the Hon. Frank Fagan, lieutenant governor of Newfoundland and Labrador. Following the launch, Peddle signed copies of the book, and light refreshments were provided.

The launch followed the annual CLB anniversary parade at the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

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## LIFELONG FORMATION

# Learning Event for Leaders and Youth

**By Krista Hum, Diocesan Youth Intern; Communications**

On November 5th, a Children's and Youth Ministry Forum organized by the Dioceses of Montreal and Ottawa took place at St. James Anglican Church in Manotick. Participants (leaders, volunteers, and youth from the two Dioceses) were invited to for a day of inspiration, encouragement and skill building. The goal of the Forum was to equip youth and leaders to create worship opportunities in their parishes that are meaningful, authentic, and accessible to all generations. The day featured group learning and Ted-Talk style sessions focusing on subjects like: Slam Poetry In Worship,

Writing Prayers & Litanies for Your Community, Homily Writing, Exploring the Gospels Through Drama & Song, Telling Bible Stories with Godly Play, Liturgy 101, and more. There were two main speeches at the event based on the themes of liturgy and gospel, youth and leaders alike from both cities soaked in the words.

Mark Whittall, one of the adult participants spoke to his experience saying, it "was great, well-organized with interesting workshops and good liturgy tying everything together." Some of the workshops he got the privilege of participating in were Drama and Slam Poetry, which shows the diversity of the activities offered at this

event. This event was useful to adults as well as teenagers, though he would have liked to see more advertising and summarizing of what the event's direction was to be.

Linda Privitera, one of the workshop leaders at this event enjoyed seeing the variety of activities for everyone to take part in and was particularly glad to be engaged with the community from the Montreal Diocese. She stated that the day, "was a day of equipping the saints for their ministry." The day was an overall positive experience, even though some did find that the only way to get involved in the liturgy was through music and would like to have presented some of the things they had learned and worked

on during the event.

Throughout the ongoing year, the planning team will continue to develop their promotion events and work up to their youth conference in the spring. While there will always be good and bad things to every event, the positive experiences overshadowed anything else and gave youth and leaders an experience that will leave them hoping for more.

*The CYM Forum is generously sponsored by: Anglican Diocese of Montreal, Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, Children and Youth Ministry Challenge, DYC Ottawa - Diocesan Youth Conference, Mtlyouth Montreal.*

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## REFLECTIONS

## Prayer Matters

### A Way of Life

**By Paul Dumbrille, Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Representative**

People sometimes ask: "How can I lead a Christian life when faced with the busy demands, temptations and choices involved in living in today's world?" Christian writers throughout the years have suggested that we establish and follow a Rule of Life. I admit that this phrase puts me off a bit, because the word, Rule, suggests that everybody must adhere to a particular regimen. Referring to a Way of Life is more useful to me. The first Christians were known as followers of "The Way" (Acts 9:2). What might a Christian Way of Life look like?

#### Regularity and Accountability

In today's culture, the busyness of life, instant communications, constant interruptions, and seemingly endless choices, make it difficult to establish any sort of routine. The rate of change in our culture is fast, and often disconcerting. Many of us flee to our churches in search of some comfort in the familiar, only to find that they, too, are not the same as they used to be. We can't control the world around us, but we



can control our reaction to it. For our spiritual sanity and growth, we can put some regularity into our prayer life, our way of learning, our fellowship life, and our worship life. This requires an element of self-discipline. Without self-discipline, there is unlikely to be Christian discipleship. Regularity and self-discipline do not mean rigidity. We need to be accountable to God, to ourselves, to others we know, to the Church, and to the world we live in.

#### The Way of Prayer

A Christian Way of Life includes a regular time for quiet prayer. Although I often fail at this myself, I know that if prayer, in its many forms, can become as consistent as eating regular meals, we will be immeasurably spiritually nourished. We are all unique; consequently the ways in which we regularly

practise prayer will be different. I hope in these Prayer Matters articles that I give some useful suggestions on different forms and styles of prayer. Suffice to say, regular times of prayer and meditation are an essential ingredient in a Way of Life. Prayer is being accountable to God.

#### The Way of Study and Reflection

St. Paul said, "Have this mind in you which is in Christ Jesus." A Christian Way of Life involves nurturing our mind, seeking the truth through study and reflection. Prayerful study of Scripture and the writings of others is essential to spiritual growth. Study and reflection of visual art, movies, videos, Facebook entries, podcasts, to name a few, are also sources of learning and growth. One of the great advantages of today's technologies is that these genres are now readily available to us at little or no financial expense. However, discipline and care are needed to choose those things that are useful for our inner growth. Often the recommendations of others are very useful (see the Way of Fellowship below). Some of us will benefit from taking formal courses from institutes of learning. Additionally, Christian edu-

cation events, Parish and Diocesan newsletters, Facebook pages, newspapers, and emails provide opportunities for study and reflection and are valuable sources of spiritual growth. Time taken for study and reflection is being accountable to ourselves.

#### The Way of Fellowship

The Way of the Christian Life is not a solitary endeavour. It involves the fellowship, encouragement and companionship of others. Probably the best way to practise the Way of Fellowship is to be part of a small Christian fellowship group. Such things as participating in a regular Bible Study, being part of a Prayer Group, belonging to what the Cursillo Community calls a Group Reunion, are good ways of regularly praying, learning from each other and encouraging each other. It is in small fellowship groups that we can hear of useful resources for study and reflection. We need to remember to let Christ be the leader in a group. Jesus said: "Where two or three are gathered in my name there I am in the midst of them." Fellowship is being accountable to others.

#### The Way of Worship

The Christian life always leads into the whole experi-

ence of the Body of Christ; a Way of Life always includes the corporate worship of the Church. Anglicans have a rich tradition of corporate worship that has been shaped by the past, nurtures us in the present, and looks to the future. The Christian who establishes a Way of Life comes to the liturgical acts of the Church (worship) with the fervour that makes them spiritually alive and also ignites the faith of others. Worship is being accountable to God through the Church.

#### The Way of Christian Action

The Christian Way of Life is not solely one of belief and trust in God; it is the way of getting beyond ourselves and serving others. It is a Way of responding to the needs of others, and showing the world what the Christian response is to the troubles and needs of those less fortunate than ourselves. The word we often use these days is "Mission". Our Mission is to help others and to bring the Christian message of love, reconciliation, and peace to those whom we encounter. Christian Action is being accountable to the world we live in.

## CALENDAR



**Cathedral Services  
December 24  
Sung Eucharist for All  
Ages:** At 4pm. With the Christmas Pageant.

**Choral Eucharist:** At 8pm. With the proclamation of the Christmas Gospel.

**Festive Choral Eucharist:** At 11pm.

Info: 613-236-9149  
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### December 19

**Blue Christmas:** At 7pm at Church of the Ascension (253 Echo Dr). Christmas can be a difficult time of year. This quiet service offers a moment of peace and stillness in the midst of the season.

Info: churchoftheascension.ca

### December 31

**Welcome the New Year & St. Bart's 150th:** At 8pm at St. Bartholomew's (125 MacKay St). Ring in our 150th Anniversary Year of Celebration with a glittering evening at St Bart's. A concert of favourite opera arias begins our magical evening, followed by dancing, a tempting buffet, an amazing silent auction and wonderful door-prizes! Greet the New Year with a glass of sparkling wine and the ringing of the church bells! This event will sell out very soon so please reserve your tickets now as space is limited.

Tickets: \$100  
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### January 01

**New Year's Levee:** At Christ Church Cathedral

(414 Sparks St). From 2-4pm, preceded by Holy Eucharist at 12 noon with His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, in attendance.

### January 04

**Reel Faith:** At 6pm at St. Margaret's (206 Montreal Rd). Finding God at the Movies: Romero. A simple supper followed by viewing and discussion of movies with a spiritual dimension. All are welcome. No charge to attend but free will donations gratefully accepted to cover food costs. Free parking available in the lot on the east side of the church.  
Info: 613-746-8815  
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### January 14

**Open Table Dinner:** At 5pm at St. Thomas, Stittsville (1619 Main St). Hot meal, everyone welcome. Free will offering.  
Info: mapilgrim@hotmail.com

### January 15

**St. Luke's Concert Series:** At 7:30pm at St. Luke's (760 Somerset St W). Duo Rideau, Catherine Donkin & Amélie Langlois, invites you to a delightful evening of piano duets: piano four hands for the price of two hands.  
Info: 613-235-3416  
music@stlukesottawa.ca  
stlukesottawa.ca/connect/recital-series

### January 21

**Robbie Burns Nite:** At 5pm at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St). Held in the Great Hall, cocktails begin at 5pm with a catered meal to follow, completed with haggis and all the trimmings. Entertainment will feat. Songs of the Immortal Bard, the necessary toasts, and lots of participation. Tickets: 613-236-9149  
613-824-2350

### January 29

**Ascension Jazz Series:** At 7pm at Church of the Ascension (253 Echo Dr). Betty Ann Bryanton & Pierre Monfils; Two artists who share a love of jazz standards and abundant laughter marry a warm, clear voice with gorgeous guitar.  
Info: churchoftheascension.ca

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### February 01

**Ordination:** At 7pm at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St). God willing, Rev'ds Ryan Boivin, Mary-Catherine Gardner, and Victoria Scott will be ordained to the Priesthood. Clergy are invited to robe and the liturgical colour is white. The Master of Ceremonies is The Rev. Canon Catherine Ascah, assisted by The Rev. Gregor Sneddon, and The Rev. Canon Catherine Acah will preach. Please keep the ordinands in your prayers.

**Reel Faith:** At 6pm at St. Margaret's (206 Montreal Rd). Finding God at the Movies: Chocolat. A simple supper followed by viewing and discussion of movies with a spiritual dimension. All are welcome. No charge to attend but free will donations gratefully accepted to cover food costs. Free parking available in the lot on the east side of the church.  
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### February 03

**Labyrinth Walk:** At 7pm at St. Luke's (760 Somerset St W). Introduction and labyrinth walk  
Note: last walker entering into labyrinth is at 8:15pm  
Refreshments 8:30 - 9pm  
Suggested donation \$10-\$20 or best offer is most appreciated. Donations go towards the upkeep of the Labyrinth and St Luke's parish.  
Info: 613-235-3416  
stlukesottawa.ca

### February 11

**Stewardship Café:** From 9:30am - 2pm at St. James, Manotick (1138 Bridge St). The Café will provide opportunities to learn more about stewardship, to gather

new ideas and to have peer-to-peer conversations. Tools and resources for parish stewardship ministries will be available. Lunch is provided.  
Info: 613-232-7124 x.225  
jane-scanlon@ottawa.anglican.ca

### February 15

**Restorative Retreats:** From 1-3pm at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St). Living in Relationship. Gather with like-minded colleagues, find refreshment and sanctuary. Participate in the guided practice of walking meditation in the labyrinth. Take time for renewal and return to work with increased capacity. Tea and snacks provided.  
Info: 613-818-1754  
christine@deaconchristine.ca



### May 07

**Congregational Resource Day:** At St. Helen's (1234 Prestone Dr). This year's theme is "Worship That Works". More information will be available shortly.

### May 18

**Bishop's Gala:** At 6pm at the Hampton Inn and Conference Centre (200 Coventry Rd). The Bishop's Gala, formerly the Friends of the Bishop Dinner, will begin with cocktails 6pm followed by dinner at 7pm. A silent auction will be available throughout the evening. All proceeds will benefit the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

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