

# Crosstalk



The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

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PHOTO: COUNCIL ON AGING OF OTTAWA

**Dave Rockburne, Karen Wilson, and Rev. John Stopa.** Mr. Rockburne and Mrs. Wilson were recognized by the Council on Aging of Ottawa, on March 26, with the Celebrating Seniors Award for their volunteer work.

## Volunteers Receive Celebrating Seniors Award

BY COUNCIL ON AGING OF OTTAWA

Two dedicated parishioners of St. Thomas Woodlawn, in the Parish of Fitzroy Harbour, were recently honoured by the Council on Aging of Ottawa. Karen Wilson and Dave Rockburne were each given a Celebrating Seniors Award for 2018. This award recognizes, according to the description given, 'the significant contributions that seniors make in our community each and every day. Our communities and the people living in them are better off as a result of their generous gifts of time and talent.' There were 44 such awards issued.

The lunch time event took

place on Monday, March 26, 2018 at the St. Elias Centre. Karen and Dave were originally nominated for this award by The Rev. Canon Hilary Murray, while she was the Incumbent of the Parish.

David Rockburne is an active member of the St. Thomas, Woodlawn church community and he extends that sense of community to those who cannot be there. He is a man with a great sense of humour who loves life. He is dedicated to serving to serving and supporting seniors in our community. Several times a month, he makes visits to seniors in intensive care units, long

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## Innovation Pays

BY GARRY SMITH, Chair of the Diocesan Innovation Fund Advisory Panel

Earlier this year the Diocese established an Innovation Fund to assist parishes and deaneries to explore courageously new ways of delivering ministries in the community. The Fund seeks to support innovative and forward-thinking projects that will not only benefit the immediate participants but also serve as a seed for the whole Diocese. The funding for each application is limited to two consecutive years for a maximum of \$10,000 each year. Applications will be received by the Diocese twice a year and grants will be subsequently awarded by the Bishop with advice from the Innovation Fund Advisory Panel. Each of the approved projects is unique to the needs of the proposing parish and is intended to provide an essential capability that has not been provided or available in the past. Each project is time limited, one to two years, and will provide the necessary training and resources to permit the parish to sustain the momentum into the future. Does your parish need a kick-start to get an idea going?

The Innovation Fund has been authorized to provide grants to a total of \$50,000 in each of 2018 and 2019. The Innovation Fund places

### Applications Approved by the Innovation Fund Advisory Panel

- **Integrated Marketing Plan** Proposed by Good Shepherd, Barrhaven, will raise awareness of the Anglican presence in this rapidly developing area of the Diocese through the use of multi social media resources. Working with an established local marketing enterprise the project will lay the foundation for a long-term digital presence in the community.
- **Francophone Congregation Launch** Submitted by St. Albans, seeks to establish a viable francophone congregation in the downtown core. A two-year project with funding to support the unique needs of the francophone community including music, communications and liturgy.
- **Developing a New Area Parish.** Submitted by Gleggarry-Prescott Parish, will fund the training of lay worship leaders and pastoral care providers in the new four-point parish in Eastern Ontario. With one priest appointed as Incumbent, the training of lay leaders is essential for the viability of this new parish.
- **Re-imagining Parish Ministry.** Submitted by the new Parish of South Carleton and is a two-year project to kick-start the integration of four individual congregations into an area parish. Funding will support lay leader training, development of a digital presence, and centralized administration.

great importance on sharing of lessons learned by projects across the Diocese. Each approved project must submit a brief project activity and financial report within three months of its completion. The effectiveness of this Fund to promote and support innovative initiatives will be assessed and consideration given to continuing the program in the next budget cycle.

Examples of eligible projects might include: a community outreach program

working with partners in the community, use of social media to increase the Anglican presence, innovative joint ministry options, partnering in areas of refugee sponsorship, social justice, evangelism, or ecumenical and interfaith relationships. Your ideas, your efforts, your resources plus a helping hand from the Diocesan Innovation Fund will help you realize your dreams.

Read more about the Innovation Fund: "Building Community Through Innovation" on p. 3



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# The Poverty of a Single Word

By The Rt. Rev.  
John Chapman

Richard Rohr is one of our very best teachers of prayer, contemplation, and the spiritual life. I used the opportunity of my Sabbath Leave to read more of his work and, as always, I was assisted by his insights and spiritual wisdom.

The following is an excerpt taken from his book *Dancing Standing Still* which I wholeheartedly recommend, but in the meantime, I thought that this short section might assist your post-Easter attention to your life of prayer and contemplation.

*God cannot be captured in any form of words that we could control or ideas we could formulate, but is like the very air, breath, spirit in front of our mouth.*

A Jewish scientist who was also a rabbi told me something I had never learned in all my studies of the Hebrew Scriptures. He explained that the word Yahweh – the sacred Jewish name for God, which we had been told meant I AM – was unutterable and literally unspeakable for the Jewish people. The word Yahweh was often substituted with Adonai or Elohim. In the

“God cannot be captured in any form of words that we could control or ideas we could formulate, but is like the very air, breath, spirit in front of our mouth”

– Richard Rohr

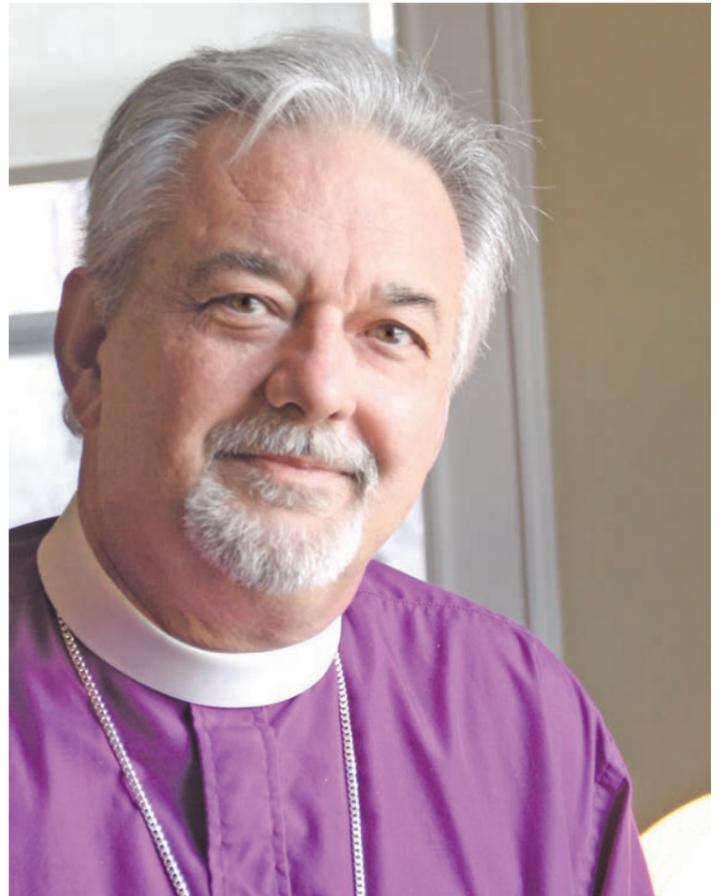
Hebrew text, the vowels of Yahweh are not printed, just the consonants, and readers fill in the vowels with their eyes and mind. That much I knew, but he took it one step further. He pointed out that even the consonants used in the word Yahweh are the Hebrew consonants that do not allow us to close our lips or use our tongue. In fact, the sacred name Yahweh is an attempt to imitate and replicate the sound of inhalation and exhalation! This is what the great teachers of meditation have always taught us: God cannot be captured in any form of words that we could control or ideas we could formulate, but is like the very air, breath, spirit in front of our mouth.

The word that archetypal religion came up with for God, for the great I AM, was a word mimicking breath itself, unspeakable because it is only breathable. It is the one thing we have been doing since we came out of our mother's body, and the one thing that will only cease when we die

and pass into the eternal I AM. Air, breath, wind, and spirit are always beyond us yet totally around us, within us, and we share in them equally. It is the same air that we all breathe, and yet each of us receives it intimately. No one controls it! It is the utter democratization of religion and offers equal access to the Divine. There is no African or American way to breathe. Hindus and Christians breathe the same air.

I teach this wherever I go, and probably more than anything else, people write back to me that it has changed their entire prayer life and their very capacity for presence to God. Now they pray with conscious loving choice – even while they sleep. Simply inhale, Yah, and exhale, weh, with mouth open, lips and tongue relaxed.

As John Main says, this is “the poverty of a single word,” a word that is hardly a word at all, our very breath. It can't be spoken; it can only be breathed. Though, as



we now understand the autonomic nervous system, it is really done to us. We are just the reeds, the instruments, the flutes of God, allowing ourselves to be played.

Silent meditation is the most foundational naming of our mind problem, offering of an answer, and naming of the mystery within us. There is nothing to possess or claim, just a constant experience of our incapacity to pray at all. Eventually we know that we are being prayed through, and all we can do is allow it, like breathing itself. It is a way to

follow Paul's twice-given advice to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess 5:17). It is the best actual church reform that I can imagine, because it comes from the bottom up and the inside out.

In the “prayer beyond words,” which Jesus clearly teaches (see Matt 6:1-6), we move beyond any attachment to, infatuation with, or defense of any single form, and go back to the poverty of a single word and the simplicity of our every breath.

+ John: Ottawa

## Clergy News and Updates

Bishop Chapman is pleased to announce the formation of a new Area Parish, which will encompass the parishes of Holy Trinity, Hawkesbury; St. John's, Vankleek Hill; and St. Michael and All Angels, Maxville with the Parish of Grenville/Calumet and the Chapel of St. Paul's, Fengvale. This new Area Parish will be known as the Parish of Prescott-North Glengarry; effective April 22, 2018.

A Service of Ordination to the Diaconate will take place, God willing, at Christ Church Ca-

thedral on the Eve of the Feast of the Visitation, Wednesday, May 30, at 7pm; when Bishop Chapman will ordain Jarrett Carty a Vocational Deacon, and Michael Gibbons and Susan Lewis Transitional Deacons. Clergy are invited to vest; the liturgical colour will be white. The Masters of Ceremony will be the Rev. Canon Hilary Murray and the Rev. Gregor Sneddon. The Rev. Deacon Peter Cazaly will preach. A reception will follow in Cathedral Hall. All are welcome. Please keep the ordinands in your prayers.

### Rev. Susan Clifford

has been appointed Regional Dean of the Deanery of Pembroke; effective April 23, 2018.

### Ven. Pat Johnston

has been appointed Archdeacon of West Quebec; effective May 01, 2018.

### Ven. Gerry Peddle

has been appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge of the Area Parish of Renfrew-Pontiac; effective May 01, 2018.

### Rev. Doug Richards

has been appointed Incumbent of the New Area Parish of Prescott-North Glengarry; effective April 22, 2018.

## NEWS

# Building Community Through Innovation

By Garry Smith,  
Chair of the Diocesan  
Innovation Fund Advisory  
Panel

The Diocese of Ottawa has recently initiated the Innovation Fund; a reward program for parishes and deaneries that are prepared to take risks. This fund will provide grants of up to \$10,000 a year for a maximum of two years to kick-start an innovative program or activity. So, how do you know if the program being considered by your parish is an “innovative” project?

It definitively cannot be a new roof for the rectory or a fresh coat of paint for the church; but beyond that, the project will be dependant on the unique circumstances and ideas from your parish or deanery. Perhaps, a community outreach program where none has existed in the past, or the use of social

media to increase the parish's presence in the community could be considered worthwhile.

Priority will be given to parishes that demonstrate they are working towards the objectives of Embracing God's Future, the Strategic Roadmap of the Diocese; working collaboratively within the community, embracing change, and taking risks. We need to be seen doing the good works that we espouse.

The Church's place in the community was brought home to me last year during the *Doors Open* program. Several visitors remarked that they drove past the church every day but had never really noticed it, and we have a large dynamic electronic at the road that's hard to miss.

So, how do you know if the program being considered by your parish is an “in-

novative” project? Perhaps the first clue is in the commitment of the parish to proceed with this particular project and to commit financial resources to it, knowing that it might not succeed. A “drop-in centre” in collaboration with another community group, a community cupboard project, a youth program, a wellness centre; only you know what is important to your congregation and community.

This is a grass-roots initiative, it starts with you. Are you willing to take a risk, to do something that will make a difference in your church and community? Then check out the Innovation Fund, and make your application.

For Guidelines and Application Forms, please visit:  
[ottawa.anglican.ca/finance/#grants](http://ottawa.anglican.ca/finance/#grants)

# Interfaith Group Sees Progress in Fight Against Homelessness

By Anglican Journal

Members of an interfaith group formed to fight homelessness in Edmonton are making strides in terms of both learning how to work with one another and in their awareness of the housing potential of their property, attendees at a gathering of the group heard March 27.

Formed in 2011, the Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative (CRIHI) includes groups from a variety of spiritual traditions, including Anglicanism. Recently, connection and co-operation on homelessness have improved between these groups in Edmonton, said Christian Reformed Pastor Mike Van Boom, the CRIHI's housing ambassador. Faith communities also are increasingly aware, he said, that the land they own might be used as housing, he said.

Van Boom said he recog-

nized there are challenges in getting diverse groups to work together on homelessness, but added that overcoming these challenges is a priority. The government, he added, often takes the “quality of the partnerships involved” into account when it decides on funding for new projects. Another priority for the CHIHI, he said, is for it to move from looking at homelessness “from a broad, city-wide perspective” to getting “boots on the ground,” and “to energize local communities, to engage local temples, mosques, churches and gurdwaras.”

The meeting also heard from representatives of the Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Moravian, Unitarian, Muslim and Jewish communities, as well as followers of Indian spiritual leader Sathya Sai Baba.

The Messenger

# Fredericton Bishop Plans Fourth Annual Diocesan Walk

By Anglican Journal

For the fourth year in a row, David Edwards, Bishop of the Diocese of Fredericton, will be heading across one of the Diocese's Archdeaconries on foot to visit parishes, pray with local Anglicans, and bear witness to communities on the route.

From May 23 to June 5, Edwards will be making his way through the Archdeaconry of Woodstock, which covers the province of New Brunswick's northwest, including the upper reaches of the Saint John River.

According to a tentative schedule released by the Diocese, his pilgrimage will begin with evening prayers at the Church of St. Luke in Woodstock, followed by a 20.6 km walk to Hartland the following day—plus a walk across the town's famed covered bridge. The following days will see the Bishop

doing at least in the teens of kilometers each day, with several days of more than 20 km of walking. Some sections of the route will involve driving.

Highlights will include a visit to the McCain Foods factory in Florenceville; attending a meeting of the diocesan council at Camp Brookwood, an Anglican youth camp; and a visit to a potato packing operation. The pilgrimage will include sections through a nature preserve and other walking trails. It will finish up at All Saints Anglican Church, Magaguadavic.

Members of the public are invited to walk alongside the Bishop for one or more days.

Information on how to participate, and more about the pilgrimage, can be found on Edwards's blog, at [anglican.nb.ca/wp/pilgrimage](http://anglican.nb.ca/wp/pilgrimage).

The New Brunswick Anglican

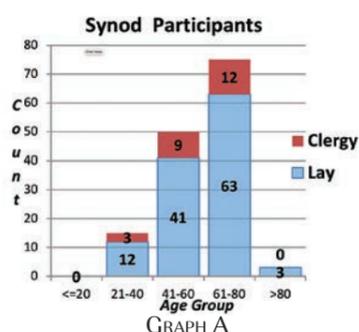
# Bringing Decision Makers Together

Synod 2018

By Graham Sheppard,  
Synod Management Working  
Group

The 137th Session of Diocesan Synod takes place Nov. 02-03 with an opening Eucharist on Nov. 01. This is a gathering of both clergy and lay representatives of the parishes comprising our Diocese. Often labeled the annual business meeting of our Diocese, the people who attend represent the expertise, experience and commitment of Anglicans within the Diocese of Ottawa. One objective is to bring together folks who can provide the many and varied perspectives of our people.

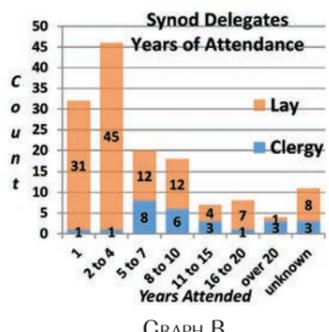
Each year, Synod Management Working Group (SMWG) circulates a questionnaire to all Synod delegates to obtain their feedback on Synod; the people that attend, the most and least valuable aspects of the agenda, etc. Graph A takes a look at Synod delegates, their age and years in attendance. In



2017, over 50% of those in attendance responded to the questionnaire (58% of lay, 33% of clergy). The following information is based on these responses.

As illustrated in Graph A, most who attend are primarily senior citizens; above 60 years old. While younger people are represented, this is an alarming void in youth participation.

Graph B illustrates Synod representation by years of attendance; illustrating that most Synod delegates have less than five years experience at Synod. This may be seen as a positive attribute as the regular rotation of Synod delegates enable new and fresh ideas to come forth; and



may be attributed to policies on representation that most parishes have adopted, being regular rotation of delegates after two years in attendance.

How does your parish participation compare to the age and attendance distributions above? What is your parish doing to ensure Synod embraces all perspectives of the people comprising the Diocese? The SMWG urges parishes to consider how they are represented at Synod. These are the people that can influence the decision making of the Diocese, learn about innovative practices in other parishes, and bring back this knowledge to their home parish to foster God's work among us.

NEWS

## Giving Our Thanks & Praise

presented by Susan Graham Walker,  
Resource for Mission, Anglican Church of Canada

Saturday, September 22

9am - 3pm

St. John the Evangelist, Ottawa  
(154 Somerset Street West)

Clergy and Lay representatives from the Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa Centre, and Ottawa West Deaneries are invited to Giving Our Thanks & Praise - a presentation and workshop on congregational resources for a faithful, intentional, and generous response to God's Mission.

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Includes:

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Evelyn Presley and Leslie Worden participating in the packing of Bales for the North.

## Remembering Evelyn

By Leslie Worden and Marni Crossley,  
ACW Coordinators

Dear Friends,  
Sadly, in April, we mourned the passing of Evelyn Presley, our 20 year veteran Bales to the North coordinator.

Evelyn suffered from diabetes and heart problems, but never let her health get in the way of her zeal for her church, her husband Ron and her dogs Elvis and Della.

Thanks to Evelyn's persistence and good humour, the Bales program kept going when we had money for postage, and when there was no

money. Evelyn tried to phone each of the 10 small communities in the north once a year, to stay in touch, and to explore new needs. Then she would tweak the list we sent to our supporting parishes.

It was during Evelyn's leadership that we first teamed up with the Northern Shopper, for Eastern Arctic communities, Project 60 and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, for the Western Arctic.

The Bales programme is set to continue, but we've lost a tireless worker, and we've lost a friend.

## Niagara to Host Triennial Cursillo Conference

By Anglican Journal

A keynote speech by Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, will be among the highlights of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Triennial Conference, which will be hosted by the Diocese of Niagara this year.

Themed "Behold, I am doing a new thing," this year's conference will take place June 22-24 at Renison University College in Waterloo, Ont. Participants will have a choice of attending two out of three workshops: "Discernment," led by Sr. Elizabeth Ann Eckert of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine in Toronto; "Your Spiritual Autobiography," led by Canon Peter Davison of the Diocese of Niagara; and "Labyrinth," led by Lori Haskings-Barber, a certified trainer in the use of spiritual labyrinths.

Also expected to attend the conference are repre-

sentatives from the Anglican Foundation of Canada, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund and the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer.

The conference will include a business meeting, during which the next national executive of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat will be elected.

More information on the conference can be found at [www.anglicancursillo.com](http://www.anglicancursillo.com).

The Cursillo movement aims to support and encourage Christians through short courses in areas such as grace, faith, evangelism and Christian community in action. Brief talks are followed by discussions by participants in small groups. The movement originated in Spain in the 1940s; the first meeting of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo was held in Toronto in 1977.

Niagara Anglican,  
The Saskatchewan Anglican



## St. Mark's 50th Annual Art Show

By Anglican Journal

2018 was a very special year for St. Mark's annual art exhibit and sale. On April 7, the event celebrated its 50th anniversary.

The art show is a fundraiser for the parish's Circle 2 womens group. This year, Circle 2 voted to direct the profits to Cornerstone Housing for Women, as part of the parish's commitment to help furnish a room in the new 42-unit affordable safe housing community being developed on Princeton Avenue.

As always, there was a great display of art from lo-

cal artists. This year also included creations from local artisans, as well as hung art, which proved a great success.

The art show was officially by Leslie Worden, a member of the Cornerstone board, and a friend of St. Mark's since 1984, when she and Rev. Gordon Worden and their family became part of the parish. At the official opening was Georgia Roberts, organizer for the event and also a Cornerstone board member, and Rev. Jessica Worden-Bolling, St. Mark's incumbent.



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## NEWS

# Opportunity to Become Cathedral Chorister

Do you like to sing? We do! And for Boys and Girls from age 7, a Christ Church Cathedral choristership is a wonderful opportunity.

By James Calkin, Director of Music and Organist at Christ Church Cathedral

Spring is Recruitment Season for the Cathedral Girls' Choir and the Choir of Men and Boys! A time to tell our story, to meet new friends and to welcome the next generation of Cathedral Choristers, boys and girls, into our Choir Family.

Week by week, month by month, season by season, year by year, a remarkable community of girls, boys, men and women, the Choirs of Christ Church Cathedral, prepare and sing countless liturgies, concerts and special events in our Diocese. The Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys, the Cathedral Girls' Choir (along with the new Voces Cathedrae mixed adult ensemble) are, collectively, a treasured element of Cathedral life as well as a core outreach ministry that, vitally, has provided a gateway to faithful service for countless boys and girls.

The Choir of Men and Boys is unique in Canada and one of only a handful like it on the continent. Under the leadership of Andrew McAnerney, these choristers are custodians of a rich tradition; one in which boys and young men are called to leadership and faithful service through art and song



PHOTO: SUBMITTED

*Christ Church Cathedral choristers rehearsing for an upcoming performance.*

and enjoy a camaraderie and team spirit in partnership and under the mentorship of some of Ottawa's most distinguished alto, tenor and bass singers.

The Cathedral Girls' Choir is now approaching its 20th anniversary and remains the only ensemble of its kind in Canada. Our 25 girls, ranging in age from 9-19 are a spirited and bubbly group that joyfully maintains a vibrant schedule of liturgical singing, concerts and travel both on its own as well as in partnership with the Men and Boys. James Calkin continues in his direction of this Choir which he has led since 2012.

Through membership in our Cathedral Choirs, Girls and Boys from a variety of backgrounds and from across the National Capital Region are offered a world-class musical education free of charge, opportunities to lead, to travel and to be introduced to a life of faithful service in a range of historic and contemporary settings. Both

Choirs have toured Canada, the UK, continental Europe, and the United States multiple times and have participated in numerous royal, national and civic events.

Come and experience for yourself all we have to offer:

- **June 02, 2-5:30pm: Be a Chorister for a Day.** As part of Doors Open Ottawa, we invite all boys and girls aged 7-12 to join the Cathedral choristers for a rehearsal and evensong.

- **July 08, 10-3pm:** As part of Music and Beyond Festival's "Family Music Expo", join our girl and boy choristers in short rehearsals and mini-performances throughout the day.

*For more information on the Choirs and to register your interest for either open event, please contact:*

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# Furthering Connections Through Social Media

By Debbie Tweedle, Sandra Clark, and Ellie Young, Ottawa Diocesan Altar Guild Executive

The executive of the Ottawa Diocesan Altar Guild were looking for a way to put parishes that needed liturgical supplies in touch with those who had unneeded extras. The result of the search is a new Group within Facebook. The Group is called "Diocesan Altar Guild" and was created for us by the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa.

Surplus supplies (altar linens, priestly vestments, hardware/earthenware, and small furniture pieces) are the intended items to be posted. In past years, these donated items would be brought out to the Annual Altar Guild General Meeting by parish Altar Guild members. If a new home was not found among the other attending parishes, the items were

taken back home for another year.

The new Facebook venue will allow us to post available items throughout the year and fulfil needs in a timelier manner. It also allows for a wider audience, should the need arise outside the Diocese. In the past we have been able to send a number of items to parishes in the Yukon and Nunavut as well as locally in our own Diocese.

Other benefits of the Facebook Group will be to allow Altar Guild members throughout the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa to sharing expertise, ask questions, and offer ideas related the work of the Altar Guild.

Many thanks to Stephanie Boyd for helping us get up and running, and to all who join us in our quest to serve.

Blessings.

*Visit the Group at:  
facebook.com/groups/adoAltarGuild*

# Growing Partnerships are Investing in Youth

By Donna Rourke, Youth Internship Program Coordinator

YIP is the acronym for the Youth Internship Program; a new ministry that was initiated and developed by some parishioners at St. James, Manotick in collaboration with the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, St. Alban's and Trinity, Bank Street. YIP has grown under the generosity of St. James, Manotick; Trinity, Bank Street; All Saints, Westboro; St. Paul's, Kanata, St. Helen's; the Diocese and private donors (in excess of \$20,000). YIP has also received a grant from the Anglican Foundation and we are currently featured as a case for support within Today 4 Tomorrow. Together with our partners we work to deliver this ministry which is an innovative way of being church.

The YIP Steering Committee would like to thank

All Saints, Westboro for their very generous donation of \$5000.00 to the 2018/2019 YIP Year. All Saints, Westboro is the newest named partner of YIP.

Our goal is to be an inclusive and diverse ministry within the community and beyond our church walls. This new ministry is for all youth in grades 11- first Year University or college across the Ottawa diocese.

Our youth learn to be a part of a working community with an opportunity to challenge themselves in a safe and caring environment. The paid internship is a powerful starting point for entering into and opening up to a transformative experience.

*See p. 11 for more information about the Youth Internship Program*

*To become a partner, please contact Donna Rourke  
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# Learning Event has Potential to Reach Across the Diocese

By Leslie Giddings, Learning Facilitator

In April, Child and Youth Ministry Leaders gathered for a learning event and used technology to connect to folks who couldn't be with us in person.

Our format was designed to make large group

conversations, presentation materials, and small group conversations possible for participants physically in the room and participants using the internet to connect remotely.

Anyone who is a children's ministry volunteer, Sunday school teacher, youth leader,

Messy Church volunteer or coordinator is welcome to connect to this group committed to ongoing learning.

Starting in the Fall, a monthly gathering of this community of practice will be offered. Support to learn how to use the technology is available in advance.



PARISH NEWS

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term care facilities and their homes, letting them know that they are not isolated or forgotten. He makes a point of getting to know each one personally. Additionally, he takes a leadership role in the church helping with building maintenance, special events, and weekly responsibilities. He feels a strong sense of responsibility to give back to the community, one that he knows and loves so well.

Karen Wilson is a vibrant member of the Parish of Fitzroy Harbour in Woodlawn. She coordinates the Anglican Church Women's group organizing catering

for the many church social events. Karen sings in the choir and is an active lay assistant during Sunday worship. However, it is her regular visiting of senior parishioners which she feels is her most important role. On a monthly basis, Karen brings fellowship and spiritual support to each of a number of parishioners. Karen, in her own way, is a pastoral visitor, bringing our church community into the homes of these isolated members. Karen has a special gift for connecting with seniors which is seen in her dedicated service to them.

**Nearly 200 Gather for Ecumenical Walk of the Cross**

**By Mark Buccino, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Walk Organizer**

For 33 years, the Christian Churches in Kanata have come together on Good Friday for an Ecumenical Walk of the Cross. Hosted by St. Paul's Anglican Church, this year's event included colder temperatures and nearly 200 Christians from various area churches.

The walk began with a welcome given by Rev. John Bridges and a scripture reading by Rev. Kerri Brennan.

Walkers were invited in groups of eight to take their turn carrying the large, and heavy, cross through the



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**Rev. Kerri Brennan and Rev. Canon John Bridges participating in the carrying of the cross during this year's Ecumenical Walk in Kanata.**

planned route. The cross carried was the same cross that was carried on the first walk

in 1985.

Scripture readings, prayer, and reflection were offered along the way at predetermined stops along the route. Readers included Rev. John Wilker-Blakley and Councillor Marianne Wilkinson from St. John's Anglican Church, Fr. Rick Lorenz from Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, and Mark Stalter from St. Paul's Anglican Church.

This walk continues to be a unique event in Ottawa as it brings together people of faith of varying denominations to commemorate Christ's final hours.

**Contemporary Middle East Through the Scholarly Eyes of a Palestinian Christian**

**By Sharron Hanna**

Thanks to an invitation from Rev. John Organ, Rector at St. Martin's, parishioners there and at All Saints, Westboro are getting set to welcome Rev. Dr. Yazid Said, Islam Scholar, Anglican Priest, and Missioner who will be in Ottawa the third week of June to give a series of talks sharing his reflections on Medieval Islam and the Contemporary Middle East.

Yazid is an ordained Anglican priest, formerly with the Diocese of Jerusalem, now with the Diocese of Liverpool, England where he is Islam Lecturer at Liverpool Hope University. Considering his priestly and academic credentials, Yazid arrives well equipped to deliver the talks

and is uniquely placed to offer scholarly insight from his perspective as a Palestinian Christian.

After completing classical studies in Arabic and English Literature at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Yazid studied theology at Cambridge, where he completed a PhD at Corpus Christi College Cambridge and served as the Honorary Assistant Chaplain. His doctoral thesis was on the medieval Islam theologian Abu Hamid al-Ghazali who lived from 1058 to 1111. Yazid held a variety of post-doctoral fellowships and was a research fellow at the Centre for Islamic Theology at Tubingen University in Germany. He has lectured on Islamic Studies at the

Mater Dei Institute of Education, Dublin City University and was recipient of the Gumble-Woods scholarship at the Tantur Ecumenical Research Institute in Jerusalem where he completed his book *Ghazali's Politics in Context*, published in 2013 and republished in paperback in 2017. Between 2011 and 2014 Yazid was an affiliated member of Faculty at McGill University in Montreal.

For his part, Fr John is hopeful that people throughout the Diocese will take advantage of this special opportunity to see the contemporary middle east through Dr. Said's scholarly eyes.

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## REFLECTIONS

## A Humble Prayer

*Father hear my humble prayer  
As I wander here and there.  
Thy presence find along the way,  
To guide and strengthen should I stray.*

*Keep me in Thy loving care,  
Is the first petition of my prayer.  
Close to Thee both night and day,  
That is where I want to stay.*

*Bless my friends and family too,  
May they know my love for You.  
May they find Thy presence near  
And then have nothing else to fear.*

*Bless all who stand in special need,  
Help us their cries of help to heed.  
Help us bring them close to you  
And so attain a clearer view.*

*Help us listen, watch and pray  
And never from they side to stray.  
To live for you and do Thy will  
And this endeavor to fulfill.*

- Very Rev. William Edward Harrison

## NEWS

## Algoma Parishes Offer Worship Services for Developmentally Challenged

**By Anglican Journal**

Three parishes in the diocese of Algoma are partnering with a local special needs charity to offer worship services for people with developmental challenges.

For roughly a year, the parishes, all in Ontario's Muskoka region, have been working with Community Living South Muskoka, a registered charity that serves individuals with development disability and their families, to provide the twice-monthly services.

The services are held at St. Thomas's Anglican Church, Bracebridge; the lead clergy is the Rev. Margaret Morrison, of Lake of Bays Anglican Parish; and St. James's Anglican Church, Gravenhurst supplies a musician and prints the service bulletin. Clergy from St. Thomas and St. James also participate. Community Living South Muskoka publicizes the ser-

vices, offers transportation and supplies any needed support workers.

Each service begins with a review of sermons from previous gatherings, with questions addressed to congregants such as, "Who loves each and every one of us?", "No matter how old we are, we are all children of \_\_\_\_?" and "Who built the ark?"

There are then prayers, hymns (often performed with actions and hand-held instruments) and a sermon accompanied by slides. The service concludes with a gathering to enjoy snacks.

In December 2017, 17 congregants were awarded certificates recognizing what they had learned of the Old Testament.

Morrison says she would be happy to share the homily slides with anyone interested in offering similar services in their parish.

Algoma Anglican

**By Rev. Canon Stewart Murray, Incumbent at St. Barnabas, Ottawa**

Summer is fast approaching and after a long winter we are looking forward to enjoying the wonder and beauty of God's creation in all its splendour that is summer in Canada. For many, summer is a time of holidays from school and work and of a slower pace of life. In our Church communities many of the regular programmes and activities are reduced or put on hold until September. I remember well the lazy days of summer as a child, when days seemed to be almost endless and the worries of homework and regular routines were put aside. This change of pace brings a gift of time and the opportunity to refresh our spiritual lives as well.

An opportunity that I enjoy on Sunday mornings while on holiday is going to different churches to share in the Eucharist. I am always impressed by the diversity and by how each parish has made the Eucharistic celebration a reflection of their particular community. Whether it be a service lead by a praise/worship team or the quiet said Eucharist of the traditional 8am service, I am touched by the faith and hope that the service embodies. In every parish that I have had the privilege of worshipping with, I have found the welcome to be genuine and helpful. I have learned a lot about the value of diversity

## A Change of Pace

**"Not everyone enjoys the music of a praise band or the choral music of organ and choir, yet they both are needed and are a valued part of our life together as a Diocese."**

in worship and have seen how Christ makes himself known in the breaking of Bread in the midst his people. In my summer sojourn I have also enjoyed hearing homilies from both clergy and laity and have been challenged and encouraged by what was shared.

Another opportunity that the slower pace of the summer months has given me is some time to explore different spiritual disciplines. I have always loved the daily offices of the Book of Common Prayer and struggled with adapting to the offices in the Book of Alternative Services, but during the summer I have used the BAS offices to help me become more familiar with their rhythm and format. This spring, I was introduced by a good friend to the Anglican prayer beads or 'rosary'. The Anglican prayer bead sets consist of thirty-three beads divided into groups. There are four groups consisting of seven beads with additional larger beads separating the groups. The number thirty-three signifies the number of years that Christ lived on the earth, while the number seven sig-

nifies wholeness or completion in the faith, the days of creation, and the seasons of the church year. This aid to prayer will help focus my thoughts and reflections and I look forward to learning to practice this form of prayer this summer. I find it very helpful to explore similar disciplines that are outside my normal routines and experience, both to help me grow in my spiritual life and also to experience what others have found of value in their faith journey. One of the gifts and challenges of our Anglican tradition is the diversity of expressions of faith and practice that are part of our identity. The gift is the variety of expressions and not a forced uniformity that enables people to find a community that nurtures their walk with Christ, the challenge is that we have to avoid the temptation of saying my tradition and my experience must be the standard for everyone. Not everyone enjoys the music of a praise band or the choral music of organ and choir, yet they both are needed and are a valued part of our life together as a Diocese.

Finally, the more relaxed pace of the summer gives us the opportunity to reconnect with family and friends. To spend time with those that we love and who love us. So often in the business of our lives we fail to simply enjoy being with those most precious to us and fail to tell them of our love for them.



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REFLECTIONS

# Who Do You See When You Look In The Mirror

By Nicole Cayer, Communications Coordinator OACM

It would be naïve to believe we as human beings would get along with each other in all situations. Everyone has their own personalities, and it's inevitable that disagreements will happen. It's how we respond that makes the difference.

I once had a misunderstanding with a co-worker. With these misunderstandings came a lack of communication, which resulted in our egos stopping us from resolving the issue.

It was a difficult time. I didn't know how much longer I could handle the toxic environment. It was getting to the point I was feeling sick about going to work.

We spent a year and a half experiencing this negative environment. We were both angry, and both resented each other.

When you're unhappy for 8 hours a day, it's hard to turn your happy side on during the remaining hours of the day. The negative energy was leaking into my personal time. I felt my energy was moving over to the dark side and it was consuming me.

I spent time in introspection and realized things weren't getting better because I hadn't truly forgiven her. On the surface, I was acting as if things were fine, but deep down I knew they weren't. Things would not



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improve unless I figured out how to forgive her.

I had enough and begged God to tell me what to do. I remember saying aloud: "God I will do anything to make this work, please tell me what I need to do, and I'll do it. Give me a sign"

The next day God gave me a sign of what I needed to do.

The next day when I looked at my coworkers face, I saw something I hadn't seen before.

I saw God.

I saw God in her and I saw that she was a human being who was hurting—just like me. A part of me thought I may have had a small part to do with this hurting, and this rocked me to my core.

My intention was never to hurt anyone, it's not who I am, and it's not what I believe in. So, I humbled myself and shared what was on my heart. I shared what I thought I did to contribute to our toxic environment. I apologized for my behaviour and made it clear if my ac-

tions hurt her in any way, this was not my intention.

God didn't design me to be angry and resentful. God designed me to love, respect, and be good to all people.

Reading the Book of James, particularly Chapter 1:19-27, reminded me of this past event in my life.

James describes an analogy of looking in the mirror to show the more we follow the Gospel, the more we will become true to who we are and find true happiness.

The mirror could represent two things:

1. Self-examining our own behaviour, as we spend time in introspection, we learn who we truly are. If we take our eyes off whom we are, we are much more influential in allowing external factors affect our behaviour. We lose focus of our goals and let our emotions (anger, resentment, etc.) get the better of us.
2. God is in all of us and we were designed in the image of God. When we look in the mirror, we are looking at God and we have access to this divine, this goodness, and this patience. All we have to do is trust and follow the Gospel.

James says whoever believes in the Gospel but doesn't follow the Gospel, is someone who is forgetting their purpose and what God designed them to be.

Following the Gospel,

'looking in the mirror' and examining our own behaviour will shed light on ourselves and show us if we are in fact living as the person God designed us to be: humble, forgiving, patient and reflective.

The mirror is a reminder of who we are today and who we are meant to be in God.

When you look in the mirror, whom do you see? Do you see God in the mirror? How is your behaviour with others? Are you living out the Gospel?

When we are angry, we cannot forgive and we end up forming a grudge. It will start small and grow. This becomes toxic and we lose focus of what our purpose is and who God designed us to be.

James reminds us to get rid of this anger. He tells us to be humble—and listen to that nudge inside you telling you to forgive. Only then will you find true peace and happiness.

Since that day I humbled, our relationship became better than ever.

I can't say we won't ever have another disagreement, but what I can promise is I will continue to look in the mirror, remembering the Gospel and being the person God designed me to be.

A person who is reflective, patient, humble, loving and forgiving.

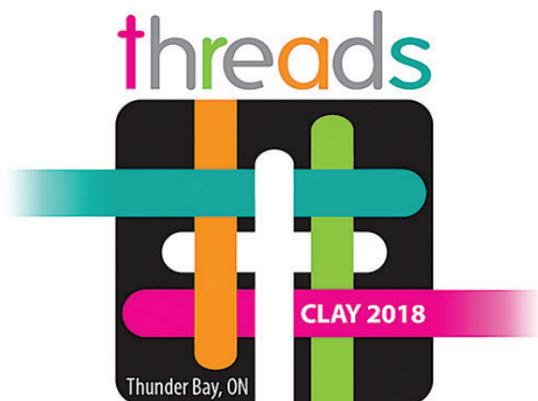
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## LIFELONG FORMATION

# Meet the Interns

By Donna Rourke,  
Youth Internship Program  
Coordinator

This is another amazing group of young people who are committed and passionate about social justice issues and being a part of a new expression of youth ministry: the Diocesan-wide Youth Internship Program.

Robert Woods is a grade 12 student at St. Peter's Catholic High School in Orleans. His work site placement as a YIP intern is with AMR; or All My Relations, which is an organization that promotes Diocesan-wide events about reconciliation. Robert has attended Epiphany, Gloucester for over 10 years. Along with 5 other youth from Epiphany, he went to CLAY in Prince Edward Island. Robert also participated in Ontario Youth Parliament last year in Peterborough and plans to attend again this coming February. Robert is excited to go to university next year and study a range of topics in the social sciences.

Michelle attends St. Helen's, Orleans and is a part of the youth group there. She attends Beatrice-Desloges Catholic High School and is in the 12th grade. She speaks French, English and some



Kirundi. She comes from a family of 7 and is the oldest of 5 kids. Fun fact about Michelle is that she loves to read fiction stories, and watching romance and comedy movies in her spare time. She is now a part of the Diocesan-wide Youth Internship Program and is doing her work placement at Centre 454.

Aimé is 18 years old and attends St. Patrick's High School. Her placement is at Marochel Manor, a Long Term Care Facility. She attends the Church of the Ascension. She attended the national youth event called CLAY in 2016 and absolutely loved it. Aimé hopes to be going back this year again. Her first language is called Lingala. She also speak Frenchs as well as English. She has a good understanding of other

languages but doesn't speak them fluently. One interesting fact about her is that she reads the bible everyday which helps her in everyday life and keeps her closer to God.

Faith is 17 and currently a grade 12 student from Barhaven working towards her high school diploma. She hopes to attend university in Ottawa or Kingston this fall. Her YIP placement is taking place at KAIROS because she is interested in international relations. Faith speaks English and French. She attends St. James, Manotick and was a member of their F.A.I.T.H team when she was younger. She has attended CLAY twice. One fun fact about her is that she hopes to one day live in Australia.

*The Diocesan-wide Youth Internship Program (YIP) is a new and innovated way of being church that delivers youth ministry that matters. The goal of this ministry is to be an inclusive and diverse program for the young people of our Diocese.*

*To support the work of this program, please visit: [today4tomorrow.ca](http://today4tomorrow.ca)*

## Building Relationship to Empower Youth

By Donna Rourke,  
Youth Internship Program  
Coordinator

In a time when our youth are so connected electronically and at huge risk of isolation, our interns, in our midpoint evaluation, say the best part of the Youth Internship Program (YIP) is the personal relationships; the very intentional relationship with me, their mentors, their placement supervisors, each other and the faith formation team. When asked, what we could do to make this experience better, each intern said they would like to see monthly faith formation sessions. These outcomes have been consistent with every cohort.

Going into 2018, Ven. Ross Hammond and Rev. Arran Thorpe, both founding members of YIP and members of this diverse and dynamic faith formation

team decided to retire from YIP. It was with much sadness, but understanding, that the YIP steering committee accepted their resignations. Our thanks and profound gratitude has been conveyed to them both for an outstanding job.

The current Faith Formation team includes the Rev. Geoff Chapman, Rev. Kerri Brennan, Rev. Rhonda Waters, and myself. These dedicated and passionate priests make a real difference for our interns.

I asked Ross to share a short reflection about his experience with YIP before he left for retirement. This is what he said: "Working with the Youth Interns as a Faith Formation leader reinforced for me the vast possibilities God has made available to us through our young adults. When we shared our per-

sonal 'faith stories' I learned about how we each respond to God in a way and context that is truly unique. When we explored why the concepts of 'faith' were important to us, the conversation was especially rich, suddenly full of depth and nuance, most of which was initiated by the interns. When we talked about our ongoing faith journeys, the focus was not on the past, but on the future – full of energy and expectation, and yet already moulded by experience of being part of the kingdom of God."

*New Intern positions will begin in September.*

*To apply, to have an intern at your parish or community group, or to donate please contact Donna Rourke [donna-rourke@ottawa.anglican.ca](mailto:donna-rourke@ottawa.anglican.ca)*



## Habitat for Humanity

Eric J, YIP Intern for Habitat for Humanity Reflects on his placement

By Donna Rourke,  
Youth Internship Program  
Coordinator

One of the aspects about the church that is always so prominent is the sense of community it gives. So much is done to ensure that we help each other out, whether it be as individuals or as a diocese as a whole. Communities are built on reaching out to each other, and including others in our group. Extending a hand to those in need is so important in keeping the community strong.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization whose primary goal is strength, stability, and independence through affordable home-ownership. We carefully select hard-working families and work with them in a process that can take up to a year and a half to build a home that's right for them. Since building a home takes so many resources (both financial and physical), it is with the generosity of the community that we can make these builds happen.

That's where you come in. Whether you want to get your whole parish involved, or just you as an individual, we will accept any help you wish to give gratefully. We appreciate all kinds of support, whether it's donating, helping with construction, or even just making lunches for the workers on the site. Much

of our administration costs are funded by our hardware thrift-shop, Restore. This opens up more opportunities to help out, either by volunteering at one of these stores or by donating hardware to this store. For larger companies that wish to sponsor us, we thank them by organizing a build day for them, which is a day where 10 of their employees can come spend the day helping out at the build site, an event which allows for some great team building.

Overall Habitat for Humanity is a great way of giving back to the community. If you feel led to giving in some way to this organization, feel free to contact our Director of Development, Shawna Blanchard, at [sblanchard@habitatgo.com](mailto:sblanchard@habitatgo.com), check out [habitatgo.com](http://habitatgo.com), or contact Eric at [habitatforhumanityyipintern1@gmail.com](mailto:habitatforhumanityyipintern1@gmail.com)

Eric attends St. Helen's, Orleans and is a part of the youth group there which helps out within the community by doing things such as making sandwiches for the homeless. He also does other odd jobs around the church, such as being a backup AV tech, or helping to do yard work on the church grounds. It was through the church that he heard about the Youth Internship Program, and through that found a placement at Habitat for Humanity. In his free time he enjoys programming and playing music as well as playing squash and playing video games.

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# The Detective Wears a Collar

By Glenn J Lockwood

What do murder and clergy detectives have to do with the Christian message?

It's a question that often has puzzled us. During Synod each year, the Friends of the Archives hold a mammoth book sale in the marketplace. Here we sell books brought in by clergy and laity that don't fit the criteria of our specialized library at fire sale prices (\$1 per book).

This book sale has become quite a tradition over the past twenty years. A surprising number of the books brought in fall under the category of 'the clerical murder mystery.' It will be no surprise to educated readers (we assume Crosstalk has no other kind) that detective novels are a popular branch of English literature. What many of us fail to realize is how large a sub-category there is of clerical detective fiction.

Why this is so may seem a bit of a mystery. After all, Christianity tries to point us away from the world of sin, and especially the cardinal sin of murder. Why do so many murder mysteries feature church settings and clerical detectives? Why, so often, does the detective wear a clerical collar?

Many of these mysteries, where the detective wears a collar, are set in the past. Take for example, Susanna Gregory's *A Killer in Winter: A Matthew Bartholomew*

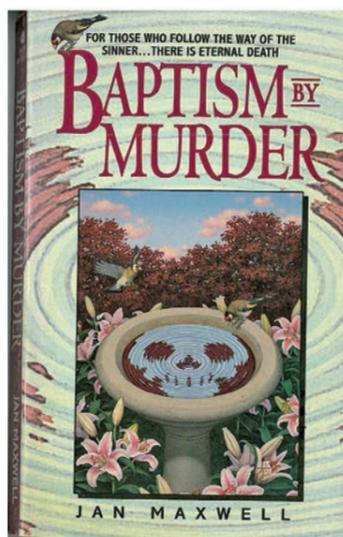
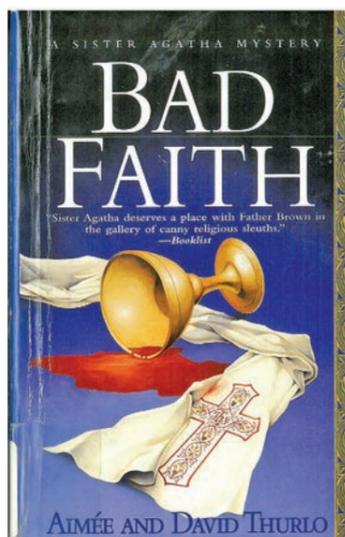


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**Clerical Murder Mystery Novels, the theme of the upcoming Friends of the Archives Talk by Patricia Bays, on September 18 & 25.**

Chronicle. The blurb on its back cover states: "Christmas 1354, and in Cambridge the winter is as bad as anyone can remember. But however cold the weather gets, for two individuals it is about to get even colder. A drunken attempt at blackmail by Norbert Tulyet, errant scholar of the Franciscan Hostel of Ovyng, leaves him dead at the hostel door. And in St. Michael's church, a second unidentified body holds an even greater mystery. For Matthew Bartholomew, the murders would be difficult to solve at any normal time of the year, but now he has a further serious distraction to deal with. Philippa Abigny, to whom he was once betrothed, has returned to Cambridge with the man she

left him for, the merchant Sir Walter Turke. Bartholomew hopes that the couple's stay will be brief, but he is about to be sorely disappointed. For not only does the mysterious body in church turn out to be Walter's servant, but events conspire to ensure that Walter will never leave Cambridge again...."

There's *Baptism by Murder* by Jan Maxwell. The blurb on the back of this paperback reads: "Church treasurer Leroy Boyd's nose was decidedly out of joint when he spoke to Rev. Eldon Littlejohn about the handling of church funds. And while the young pastor did his best to put Leroy's fears to rest, someone else did an even better job. For Leroy was found the next morning, floating

face down in the baptistery font, with a bullet hole in his chest. Unfortunately, with no suspects in line, all eyes focus on the outspoken Rev., whose views on salvation have made both friends and foes among the faithful. But while sorting out the truth to save his own neck, Eldon Littlejohn discovers that claiming Divine guidance can be the perfect cover for a sinner with some shameful secrets and a grand scale scheme for redemption." Hmhmhm.

And on and on the examples go. There are the Father Anselm mysteries, the Father Brown mysteries, the Father Mark Townsend mysteries, the Matthew Bartholomew mysteries, the Sister Fidelma mysteries, the Knights Templar mysteries, the Sister Frevisse Mediaeval mysteries and the Brother Cadfael mysteries, to mention only a sample of the genre.

The mayhem only grows when a group of short stories featuring these clerical detectives are put together in an anthology. Take, for example, *Thou Shalt Not Kill*, a collection of short stories featuring Father Brown, Father Dowling "and a host of other ecclesiastical sleuths." The blurb on the back cover goes into overdrive: "Father, Son and Holy Whodunit! From the best of Alfred Hitchcock's *Mystery Magazine* and Ellery Queen's *Mystery Magazine* comes this divine

collection featuring ecclesiastical sleuths that's second to none. Raph McInerney's Father Dowling has a devil of a time trying to explain the exhumed body in a parishioner's backyard. Ellis Peters sheds some light on an ethereal visitation and puzzling theft in Brother Cadfael's monastery. G.K. Chesterton's Father Brown solves the theatrical murder of a beautiful actress surrounded by jealous admirers. With seven other stories of the pious and the perfidious, this anthology is sinfully good reading."

Which only prompts a Christian to reiterate the obvious question: what do murder, mystery and clerical detectives have to do with Christianity?

For an answer, mark your calendar for the evenings of 18 September and 25 September. Patricia Bays has long had an interest in detective novels, and offers fascinating insights into these novels. She will be sharing those insights as a fundraiser for the Friends of the Archives at the Great Hall of Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks Street, Ottawa).

*The Friends are charging a fee of \$20 for the two evenings combined. Patricia's talk each evening begins at 7:00 p.m. To reserve your seat, call (613) 680-8585.*

*And, oh yes, appropriate refreshments will be served.*

## Caelis Academy Ensemble

By Matthew Larkin

As readers of Crosstalk will know, Ottawa's newest choir began operations late last summer, and our mandate was to provide musical and educational opportunities for young people at the highest possible level. This was to be achieved in a steady schedule of weekly rehearsals and monthly performances, featuring sacred (and occasionally secular) choral masterworks in concert and liturgical events.

Through the generous hospitality of Trinity Anglican Church, the Rev. Arran Thorpe (the Rector of Trinity), and Fabien Tousignant



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**The Caelis Academy Ensemble performing at St. Bartholomew's.**

(Trinity's Director of Music), we were able to secure rehearsal, storage, and office facilities for the choir, and we have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the parish community, contributing a Christmas Carol Service (and two Choral Evensongs)

to their already busy musical calendar.

We presented our inaugural concert at Trinity in October (featuring works by Bach, Buxtehude, Handel, and Purcell) with special guests, the Ottawa Baroque Consort, and followed that

up with "Sounds of War", a Vimy Ridge retrospective envisioned and inspired by Garth Hampson, in November. Adding to an already busy fall term, we performed Haydn's "Missa in Tempore Belli" alongside Seventeen Voyces Chamber Choir at St. Matthew's Church, and another concert of Baroque masterpieces at Southminster United Church in December.

Returning to Trinity for our winter concert, we offered "Lumen ad Revelationem" (a musical meditation on the life of Christ from Christmas to Candlemas) in February, and then presented a monumental undertaking

(financially and otherwise) in March, performing a reconstruction of Bach's St. Mark Passion (again with the Ottawa Baroque Consort) at Southminster. We celebrated with our Queen on her 92nd birthday, with a High Tea and Concert in her honour at St. Bartholomew's Church on April 22nd. Our next concert is titled "The Silence of Eternity", and will take place at Southminster on Friday, May 25, at 7:30pm. This concert features special guest baritone David Pike, and explores the sounds of peace in works by Bernstein, Esenvalds, Finzi, Lauridsen, Near, Parry, and Whitacre.

## NEWS



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*The Choir of Christ's College, Cambridge who will be performing at St. Bartholomew's on July 06.*

## Choir of Christ's College, Cambridge to Sing at St. Bartholomew's

By Ruth Honeyman

St. Bartholomew's is pleased to host in concert one of Cambridge's finest mixed-voice ensembles. Recent CD recordings and concert reviews stand as testament to its ability and broad repertoire. BBC Music Magazine: "fresh voices, precise pitching and chording, expert pacing."

Christ's has enjoyed a rich musical history. Lady Margaret Beaufort, the college Foundress, left a bequest in support of College music on her death in 1509. The Chapel Choir was originally made up of male voices, the upper parts being sung by trebles. Before Christ's College admitted women in 1979, sopranos and altos from other colleges sang the upper parts, and the choral sound developed through "the quality of the female undergraduates

who bring precision, sensitivity, and increasingly mature musicianship to the upper line." - Church Times

The Choir maintains an extraordinarily broad repertoire, ranging from complex renaissance polyphony to challenging contemporary works. All members benefit from regular vocal training by excellent singing teachers paid for by the College. Former Christ's choristers and organists are professional singers and musicians, performing with ensembles such as The Sixteen and Ex Cathedra.

Join us Friday, July 06 at 7:30pm at St. Bartholomew's (125 MacKay Street). Programme will include works by Parry, Tallis, and Howells. Tickets: \$25 General \$20 Students arsonova.ca

## REFLECTIONS

## Prayer Matters

### What About the People Who Are Unable to Come to Church?

By Paul Dumbrille, Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Representative

It is easy for us to forget the members of our church who are not to attend worship services, or other events, due to the limitations imposed by age, illness, isolation, or disability. Regardless of the mobility restrictions that people may have, they can enjoy God's Divine Presence in prayer, and their lives can also be enriched by staying connected to a parish worshipping community.

*The real widow, left alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day; (1 Timothy 5:5)*

1 Timothy 5:5 refers to widows continuing to pray "night and day", in hope. I suggest that widowers, elderly persons, and others cut off from the mainstream of activities by illness, handicap or isolation can also be encouraged to pray for the concerns and people of the parish, and the world.

To provide both encouragement in prayer, as well as a connection to a parish or congregation, the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (AFP) has a suggestion whereby a person who cannot get out much becomes an "Alongsider." As part of their prayer activities, an Alongsider includes prayers of Intercession for the concerns of the parish or congregation to which they are connected. These concerns are provided to them through regular contact with the parish. This could be done as part of the pastoral care activities of a parish. In encouraging a person to become an Alongsider, the parish priest or representative, would build on the person's present prayer life and practices, while at the same time trying to widen their horizons and see their prayer ministry as a calling to serve God in this special way. Intercession for the parish needs, is at the heart of the program.

For the Alongsider effort to work, there must be an ongoing commitment on the part of the parish to have active, continuing, and regular

### Giving the Gift of Prayer

To all those who must stay within  
And cannot get about,  
Your prayers can open many doors  
for those who are without.

For those more active in the world  
Entwined in time's dread clutch,  
Beseeching God on their behalf,  
It can accomplish much.

Out in the world, as life goes on  
So many are distressed,  
Whose pain and fear, distractions too,  
Can through your prayers be blessed.

So, give the gift that you can give  
Because you have the time;  
To intercede for those who toil  
It is the gift sublime.

contact with the participants in the program. There must be an individual, or group, whose responsibility it is to maintain effective contact with the Alongsider. One thing they do not need is to be buoyed up by the potential of this shared ministry and then let down because of lack of effective follow-up. Some parishes have a primary commitment to working with those who are confined through visitation programs to people in their homes or in long term care homes. This is done by clergy and/or lay ministers who have made this an ongoing ministry. In other cases, there may be a group that would welcome Alongsiders as its primary concern.

This program is founded on the belief that Christian people who can no longer actively participate in worship or other Church programs can pray. Intercession can become their primary ministry. They become a vital part of the parish, through their prayers, "alongside" the rest of the congregation. If potential participants can see how much their prayers are needed, they can be motivated to become Alongsiders. The way in which potential participants are "recruited" to this ministry will depend on the circumstances of the individual, and of the parish. It is important that they understand what they are being asked to do, and that any questions they may have are answered. To assist them AFP can provide a pamphlet

describing the program as well as a small packet that contains prayer suggestions appropriate to an Alongsider that can be given to them. They should also be given the contact information of the parish person who is providing them with guidance about what they are being asked to pray about. The person who is their contact should:

- Provide the Alongsider regularly with prayer requests;
- Inform the Alongsider of answers to prayer and other pertinent information;
- Provide information and suggestions about Intercessory prayer and subscriptions to daily Bible study materials if appropriate; and
- Answer any questions the Alongsider may have.

Another key element of the program is to provide information to the members of the parish about the purpose of the Alongsiders ministry, the method of operation, the people taking part in it, and of the contribution they are making to the Church. The ways of doing these things will depend on the parish. It would be beneficial to include the names of the Alongsiders in an appropriate way during the Prayers of the people in worship services. Some parishes display the names of the Alongsiders on a bulletin board or wall chart.

For more information, please contact Paul Dumbrille [afp@ottawa.anglican.ca](mailto:afp@ottawa.anglican.ca)

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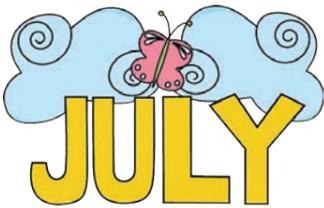


**June 21**

**Medieval Islam:** At 7pm at St. Martin's (2120 Prince Charles Rd). A series of talks on contemporary Middle East and Medieval Islam reflected by a Palestinian Christian delivered by the Rev'd Dr Yazid Said.  
Info: [smartinsottawa.ca](http://smartinsottawa.ca)  
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**June 24**

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Info: [worshipconference2018@gmail.com](mailto:worshipconference2018@gmail.com)  
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**August 13-17**

**Guided Contemplative Retreat:** At Galilee Centre (398 John St N, Arnprior). This 5-day retreat is ideal for those seeking an extended time away from routines to allow for guided reflection on their relationship with God and self.  
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COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Canada Summer Jobs Hiring Phase Begins

By Belle Ryan, Food Program Coordinator, The Well

On April 26, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labor, and her colleagues, along with staff from The Well, served breakfast to our clientele. After serving breakfast, the Minister made an announcement to launch the hiring phase of Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ). Clients from The Well, as well as CSJ employers and students were all present for the announcement.

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**Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour serving breakfast at The Well on April 26.**

REFLECTIONS

Common Prayer

By PJ Hobbs

One of the ingredients into the essence of Anglicanism is the call to daily prayer. At the time of the Reformation the first Book of Common Prayer provided services most often associated with the monastic life of monks. While conflating a number of services into Morning and Evening prayer, an expectation was set for a life of daily prayer not only for monks and clergy, but also for common, lay folk as well. The church bell would ring in time to allow the congregation to gather in the morning and evening each day with Holy Communion to be received at least once a week. A professor of mine once mused of the farmer who would hear the church bell ringing and although he could not make his way to the village chapel would know the church was at prayer and he would take a knee in the field.

Anglicanism has had many versions of the Book of Common or other worship resources (most notably for us the Book of Alternative Services) that continue to follow this pattern of daily worship patterned on the ancient church and monastic communities. Whether in large congregations, small groups, households, or as an individual our practice of common prayer is an invitation to place ourselves in a wonder-filled tradition of daily prayer.

To be sure not all of us live and pray as if we are subur-

ban monks. It is also clear that those receiving the first Book of Common Prayer did not entirely comply with the life of daily prayer its framers envisioned, though some of course did and some still do. Some contemporary scholars suggest that a more relaxed, flexible and diverse approach to the rubric of daily prayer can be followed, one that is in fact more in keeping with the practice of the early church. There are no doubt pastoral practitioners who expect and keep a stricter adherence to the rule of common prayer, though likely with few adherents.

Yet our Anglican ethos, drawing for sure on the much broader experience of the Church both ancient and modern, is blessed with a rich tradition of common prayer that is steeped in ritual, scripture, prayers and litanies, marked by a daily pattern of prayer and praise. To Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Sunday Eucharist can be added Prayers at Mid-day and Night Prayer (Compline) and, perhaps, a mid-week Eucharist. Though the offerings are many, I lean more to the flexible and diverse rule of life where individuals explore and discover what works best for them.

I was once cautioned by an Elder not to be too quick to appropriate the traditions of other cultures and religious, spiritual practices. He said, "You have your own ways, your own tradition. It is rich and blessed. Embrace it

and explore its depths. Then we can talk. You will find we have much in common and much to share." These wise words renewed my desire to delve deeper into our Anglican practice of common prayer and to discover how others integrate it into their lives. I cherish Morning Prayer alone very early in a new day and find Mid-day prayers or a quiet noon hour Eucharist an important pause in the day. Others love Evening Prayer and especially when offered at church with music and song. Over the years, folks have shared with me the practice of closing the office door at work to take time to pray. For others, the day begins and ends with the reading of scripture. Still others speak of a day marked by moments of stillness and silence brought to a conclusion by saying the Lord's Prayer. Some make frequent use of our Book of Common Prayer. Others find resources online. Some remain strict to the form. Others take a more relaxed approach. No surprise, we are a diverse church.

We are indeed blessed by a rich tradition of daily prayer; one that allows us to explore the depths of faith, one that grounds us in the ebb and flow of life, one that marks our days, bringing us into the fullness of God's Grace. And ultimately one that sends us out in service and witness to the world God loves. It is a way of life and prayer that we can all share in common.

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**Naive or Likely Explanations**

By **Glenn J Lockwood**

The interior of Saint John's, Glen Almond, as photographed by Brian Glenn on 30 October 2007. The Quebec Commission de toponymie informs us:

**Glen Almond** This hamlet belongs in the municipality of L'Ange-Gardien, fifteen kilometers north of Buckingham. Irish and Scottish-origin settlers located in this neighbourhood in the second half of the nineteenth century. A post office operated under the name of Glen Almond here from 1886 to 1970. The word glen is Celtic in origin and signified either a narrow valley or a small valley. The family name Almond was well known in the region, hence explaining how this name came into being.

This explanation seems too simple. While a few Almond family members resided on the Ontario side of the Ottawa River, we may wonder whether or not it was named after Glen Almond in Scotland. In the Perthshire section of *Beauties of Scotland* published in 1806, we read:



The next river to the north [of the Earn River] is the Almond or Almon. It rises at the upper part of a glen in the Grampians called the Narrow Glen. It traverses the parish of Monzie and Foulis; and proceeding by Logie-Almond, Methven, and Rodgerton, falls into the Tay above Perth, after a course of nearly eighteen miles. It is remarkable for fine white trouts; its banks are bold and rocky, and exhibit much picturesque scenery.

Glen Almond in Perthshire, we are assured, had "many waterfalls; on some of which extensive machinery has been erected, and there are several bleachfields on its banks."

Formal Anglican worship began at Canada's Glen Almond in 1899. There may have been earlier worship services. In 1899, Julienne Lonsdale sold land for a church to Bishop Bond of Montreal and building soon began. In 1903, it was recommended that a missionary be stationed at Glen Almond under the superintendence of the incumbent of Buckingham, but this recommendation seems not to have been acted upon. At least, not for a while. On 26 June 1904, Saint John's Church, Glen Almond was consecrated by Coadjutor Bishop James Carmichael of Montreal. In 1907 the Montreal Synod Journal noted Glen Almond would need special attention, as no clergyman yet had been

ommended that a missionary be stationed at Glen Almond under the superintendence of the incumbent of Buckingham, but this recommendation seems not to have been acted upon. At least, not for a while. On 26 June 1904, Saint John's Church, Glen Almond was consecrated by Coadjutor Bishop James Carmichael of Montreal. In 1907 the Montreal Synod Journal noted Glen Almond would need special attention, as no clergyman yet had been

found who was willing to go and serve there.

In 1911, the Mission of Glen Almond was created consisting of Saint John's, Glen Almond, and a congregation at Hall's Schoolhouse. A resident clergyman arrived, but the mission became vacant from 1913 to 1918. In 1918 Glen Almond was moved back to the Parish of Buckingham, three years later it was transferred to the Parish of Poltimore, and thirteen years after that it was transferred from the Deanery of Saint Andrew to Clarendon. From 1956 to 1961 the Parish of Poltimore was vacant, and in 1962 Saint John's Church was closed, only to be reopened 21 years later as a point in the Parish of Buckingham.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed Paul Dumbry's article on Praying for Spiritual Leaders (April 2018) and will use its suggestions when composing Prayers of the People. I noted under Day 4 (pray for your spiritual leader's ability to communicate effectively) the bullet point "Ability to enable and quip others." No doubt the author intended to say 'quip others'; however, as a teacher of com-

munications, I was delighted to see this profound typo. One of the most powerful tools in my classroom kit is the ability to teach through humour. Fortunately, I have heard many a homily made memorable with a funny story or humorous turn of phrase. So, I'll remember to pray for our spiritual leaders to use humour in communicating effectively. Won't you join me!

Colleen Mayo-Pankhurst

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**May 24**

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**May 26**

**Create the Path:** From 9:30-3pm at St. John's, South March (325 Sandhill Rd). A Pilgrim's Way guided silent retreat day, walking centred around the Labyrinth. Registration: \$35 Info: 613-728-1242 coeo.community

**Moving Forward with**

**Reconciliation:** From 9:30-3:30pm at Christ Church, Bells Corners (3861 Old Richmond Rd). Melanie Delva, Reconciliation Animator for the Anglican Church of Canada, will give the opening plenary. Info: 613-232-7124 x 222 allmyrelations@ottawa.anglican.ca ottawa.anglican.ca/amr

**Spring Fair:** From 9-2pm at All Saints, Westboro (347 Richmond Rd). Feat. acclimatized perennials, flea market treasures, books, and baking. Info: 613-725-9487 allsaintswestboro.com

**May 31**

**Barbeque Chicken Dinner:** From 5-6:30pm at St. Aidan's (934 Hamlet Rd). Tickets must be purchased in advance. Ticket: \$13 Adults \$7 Children aged 6-12 Free for children under 6 Info: 613-733-0102 staidans@bellnet.ca staidans-ottawa.org



**June 01**

**Labyrinth Walk, Theme Adventure:** From 7-9pm at St. Luke's, Ottawa (760 Somerset St West). Introduction and Labyrinth walk; followed by refreshments at 8:30. Note: last walker entering into Labyrinth is at 8:15. Suggested donation: \$10-20

Info: 613-235-3416 office@stlukesottawa.ca pathadventures.com

**June 02**

**Doors Open Ottawa Cafe:** From 9:30-3:30pm at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St). Coinciding with this annual event, the Cathedral Women's group will host a cafe in the Great Hall. Take a break from your tour to enjoy the sandwiches, muffins, and refreshments. Info: 613-236-9149 cathedral@ottawa.anglican.ca ottawa.anglican.ca/cathedral

**Spring Yard Sale:** From 9-12 at St. John's, South March (325 Sandhill Rd). Feat. bone china, garden gnomes, collectables, clothes, books, and jewellery. Info: 613-592-4747 forwardmarch@sympatico.ca parishofmarch.ca

**June 05**

**EfM Graduation Service & Celebration:** At 7pm at St. Thomas, Stittsville (1619 Stittsville Main St). Join in a celebration of the Education for Ministry graduates from our Diocese. Refreshments to follow after the service. Info: 613-836-2878 stthoms@magma.ca

**June 06**

**Compline Night Prayer:** From 7:30-8pm at Good Shepherd, Barrhaven (3500 Fallowfield Rd, Unit 5). A quiet, contemplative service of night prayer before end of day. Enjoy silence, reflection and prayer in the benedictine tradition. Info: 613-823-8118 goodshepherdbarrhaven.ca \*This event also occurs June 20

**Choral Evensong, Caelis Academy Ensemble:** At 5:30pm at St. Bartholomew's (125 MacKay St). Matthew Larkin bring his Caelis Academy Ensemble to sing Evensong in celebration of the Coronation of the Queen, on June 2, 1953. Info: 613-745-7834 stbarts@bellnet.ca stbartsottawa.ca

**June 06**

**Choral Evensong for Spring:** At 6pm at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St). Join us for the final evensong of the season. Info: 613-236-9149 cathedral@ottawa.anglican.ca ottawa.anglican.ca/cathedral

**June 08**

**Broadway Bound - Take 2:** At 7:30pm at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St). Join the Cathedral Girls' Choir for an entertaining evening of Broadway favourites sure to appeal to young and old alike! Refreshments, cash bar, and silent auction. Tickets: \$25 Adults \$15 Students/Youth Info: 613-236-9149 x 20 cathedral@ottawa.anglican.ca ottawa.anglican.ca/cathedral

**June 09**

**Open Table:** At 5pm at St. Thomas, Stittsville (1619 Main St). Full course meal served Buffet Style. Come and enjoy fellowship and a tasty meal. Free will offerings accepted. Info: 613-836-5741 stthoms@magma.ca stthomasstittsville.ca

**Parking Lot Sale & BBQ:**

From 8-1pm at St. Thomas (2345 Alta Vista Dr). Treasures and books, etc on BAC tables. Spaces available for \$20 includes table. Info: 613-733-0336 stt2@magma.ca stthomasaltavista.ca

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**June 10**

**Living Water, Healing Streams - Open House:** From 2-4pm at Living Water, Healing Streams (673 Crooked Side Rd, Ashton). Come and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship in natural surroundings and learn more about Christian holism. Info: 613-523-9528 livingwaterhealingstreams.ca

**June 12**

**Tuesday Church:** At 7pm at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St). Sensory-friendly worship for individuals and families with special needs, and anyone else who want to enjoy worship just as they are. Info: 613-236-9149 cathedral@ottawa.anglican.ca ottawa.anglican.ca/cathedral

**CALENDAR**

**June 15**

**Cornerstone's Celtic Celebration:** At 6:30pm at All Saints, Westboro (347 Richmond Rd). Delicious home-style cooked eats, live music, Irish dance lesson, and door prizes. Tickets: \$20 before June 01 \$25 June 01 to event Info: http://bit.ly/2KCcuqFg

**Fish Fry:** From 4:30-7pm at Holy Trinity, Metcalfe (8140 Victoria St). Eat-in & takeout available. Tickets: \$16 in advance \$18 at the door Info: 613-425-1080 613-821-2873

**June 16**

**95th Annual Lawn Supper:** From 4-6:30pm at St. John's, South March (325 Sandhill Rd). Home-cooked food, live entertainment, fun activities for children; intriguing items and services on auction. Invite your family or a friend and come share in this community tradition, ongoing since 1923. Tickets: \$15 Adults \$5 Children under 12; family rate available Info: 613-592-4747 march@magma.ca parishofmarch.ca

**Workshop: Connecting**

**with a Younger Generation:** From 9:30-2pm at Faith Lutheran Church (43

Meadowlands Dr W). An inter-denominational program affiliated with the Christian Council of the Capital Area. Designed to provide insights and practical advice based on the principles of pastoral care. Info: 613-232-7124 x 222 picatic.com/NextGen

**June 17**

**Strawberry Tea & Silent Auction:** From 1-4pm at Blackburn Hamlet Community Centre (190 Glen Park Dr). Hosted by St. Mary the Virgin, Blackburn. Quality items, delicious strawberries. Pre-purchased adult tickets quality for a draw. Tickets: 10\$ Adults 5\$ Children under 12 Info: 613-824-0904

**June 19**

**Medieval Islam:** At 7pm at All Saints, Westboro (347 Richmond Rd). A series of talks on contemporary Middle East and Medieval Islam reflected by a Palestinian Christian delivered by the Rev'd Dr Yazid Said. Info: smartinsottawa.ca

**June 20**

**Praise & Worship (Ultreya):** At 7pm at Andrew Hayden Park (3169 Carling Ave). Info: oacm.ca \*This event also occurs July 18 & August 15

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