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Challenging ideas, sincere prayers, magnificent music and a lively levée: a new decade begins in the Diocese of Ottawa

Primate reflects on Christian identity in 2020

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Archbishop Linda Nicholls, who was elected Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada at General Synod last July, continued her predecessor Archbishop Fred Hiltz's tradition of delivering the sermon at the New Year's Day Eucharist Service at Christ Church Cathedral in Ottawa. As many people are forming and trying to follow new year's resolutions, the

Primate reflected on her own challenges as a church leader and more broadly on the challenges of following Christ in this new year and decade.

She began by recounting how a German man offered her "a profound lesson in Christian identity" early in her ministry. After a service close to Remembrance Day when the congregation had sung the national anthem, he told her he "would

never attend church again when that is happening." As someone who had seen much of the church in Germany co-opted into Nazi nationalism during WW2, he experienced the singing of *O Canada* in the midst of worship as a confusion of identity, she said. "He awakened me to the disturbing question—Where is our primary citizenship? Are we clear about our call in Christ first?"

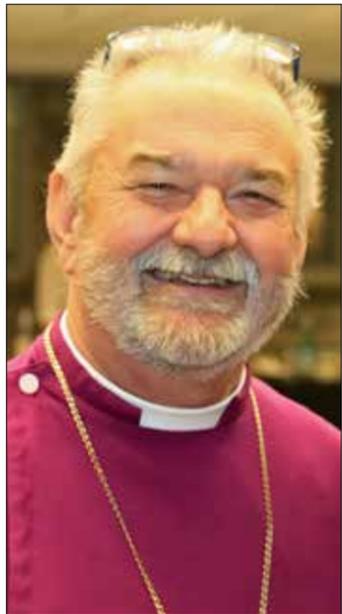
The Primate noted that the congregation was gathered on the feast day of the Naming of Jesus, the eighth day after his birth, when he was formally named as Jesus, "the One who Saves." We gather as those who by baptism, through water and the signing of the cross on our forehead, know that we are marked as Christ's own forever—called to follow the way of Jesus."

What it means to bear the mark and the name of Christ, Nicholls said, is "powerfully summed up in Philippians where we are called to have the same mind in us that was in Christ Jesus 'who though he was in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited – but emptied himself and became obedient to the point of death.'"

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BISHOP'S GREETING

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**The Rt. Rev.
John Chapman,
Bishop of Ottawa**

With a joyful heart I prepare to watch the diocese launch a new era

Soon I will prepare to retire as the Diocese elects a new bishop. It is with a joyful heart that I prepare to watch the diocese launch into a new era with new and exciting leadership.

The election of a bishop is no small matter. Need I remind you that in the Anglican tradition we are not, while some may wish we were, a democracy. We invest in our bishops enormous responsibility and authority. After all, they wear the mantle of the Apostles who have gone before us; they faithfully shoulder the responsibility to be chief pastors in our midst, our teachers, guardians, and interpreters of the faith, and primary leaders working with the people of God as we discern together the will of God and the mission of God's Church. While the bishop is our theologian, our preacher, our teacher, our pastor, and leader, above all else, a bishop is a lover of the people of God no matter their stripe, ability or status. How fully will our bishop love us and those we have

yet to meet, is an essential question we must ask ourselves prior to March 14, 2020. Will she or he laugh with us, cry with us, pray with us, and hope with us, as we struggle to be faithful stewards of our baptism?

On March 14, you (through our members of Synod) will gather as a Synod under the able leadership of the Metropolitan Archbishop, The Most Rev. Anne Germond. While it is the delegates of the October 2019 Synod who will actually vote, you all have voice. Opportunity will be given to each member of the diocese to read thoughtful responses offered by those "running" for election. As well, you will have opportunity to hear each candidate address the people of the diocese in three open forums which will be held throughout the diocese. If I may be permitted, at this late stage of my episcopacy, to offer one rather pointed directive to the people of the diocese, and it is this—show up, ask questions,

listen, and above all else, pray! You have opportunity to speak to those voting as members of Synod. You have opportunity to speak to the candidates. Take full advantage of this opportunity. Take the time to share with candidates and electors your thoughts and your prayers. We have such a wonderful diocese, and I am confident that the Holy Spirit will be actively present and working in your midst throughout the days leading up to and including March 14. Listen for the still small voice that will guide your listening, speaking, and conversation.

What follows is a portion of the prayer of consecration of a bishop found in the *Book of Alternative Services*. It is a weighty prayer filled with hope and promise trusting that the Holy Spirit has chosen well, while at the same time, reminding the new bishop of the weight of his or her responsibilities. I've never forgotten this prayer. It scares me even today.

It reads ...

Almighty Father fill this your servant with the grace and power which you gave to your apostles, that he/she may lead those committed to their charge in proclaiming the gospel of salvation. Through her/him increase your Church, renew its ministry, and unite its members in a holy fellowship of truth and love. Enable him/her as a true shepherd to feed and govern your flock; make her/him a wise teacher, and steadfast as a guardian of its faith and sacraments. Guide and direct her/him in presiding at the worship of your people. Give him/her humility that she/he may use their authority to heal, not to hurt; to build up, not to destroy. Defend him/her from all evil, that, as a ruler over your household and an ambassador for Christ, she/he may stand before you blameless.

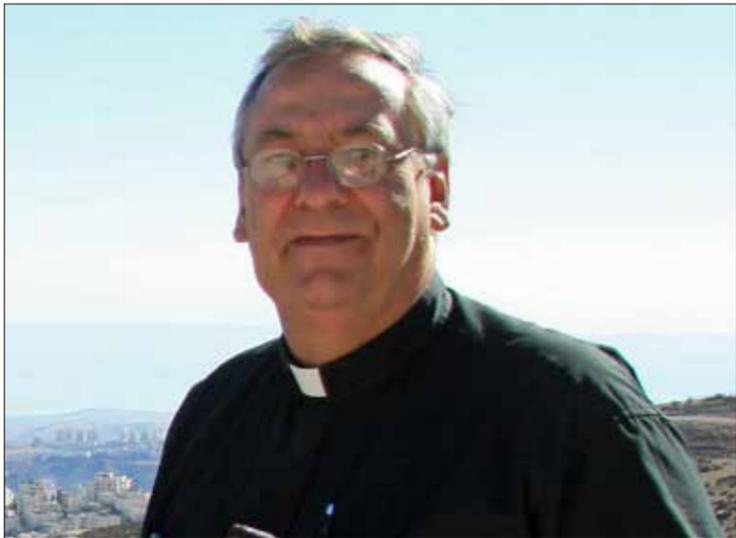
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I will faithfully and intently keep the diocese in my prayers these next weeks, trusting in the Holy Spirit as our next bishop is selected by God's faithful people. Peace my brothers and sisters and God speed.

+John

CLERGY NEWS

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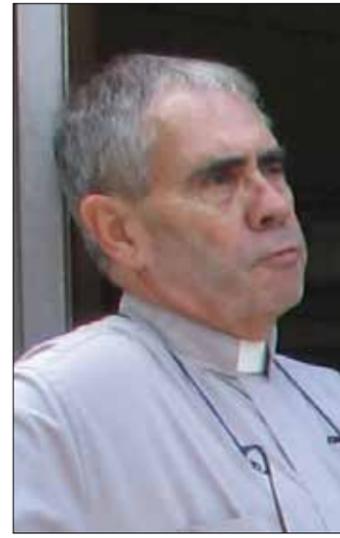
The Rev. Canon John Bridges, Incumbent of the Carleton West Ministry Team, which includes St. Paul's (Hazeldean-Kanata), St. John the Baptist (Richmond) and Christ Church (Ashton), will retire effective May 31, 2020. Ordained in 1985, Canon Bridges previously served in St. Aidan's (Ottawa), St. Matthew's (Ottawa), the Parish of Buckingham (Quebec), St. Luke's (Ottawa), and St.

Barnabas (Ottawa). He also served as Regional Dean of Clarendon (now West Quebec), Chaplain of the Ottawa Fire Department, Chair of the Clergy Development Committee, a Minor Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, onetime Territorial Archdeacon of Carleton, and as a resource person and guide on trips to Jerusalem, among many other ministries.

The photo above, taken at Mt. Scopus.



The Rev. Deacon Peter Cazaly, Deacon-in-Charge and Chaplain of Centre 105, a drop-in centre based at Trinity Church, Cornwall, will retire effective Jan. 31, 2020. Prior to founding Centre 105, Cazaly served the Diocese as Chaplain for Centre 454 in Ottawa.

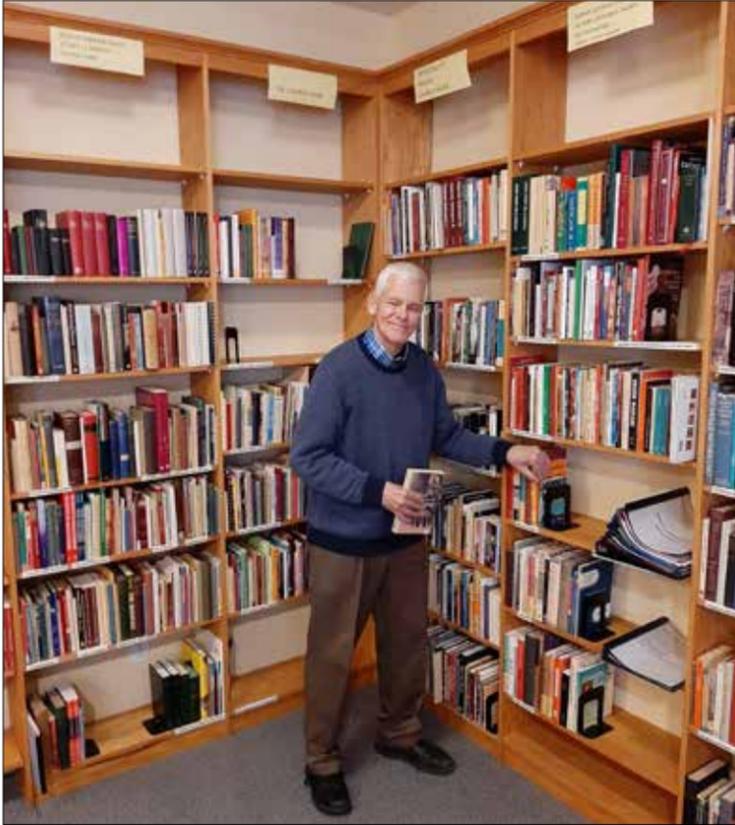


The Rev. Canon William Fairlie (born 1942) passed away on Jan. 3, 2020 following a head injury in July. Canon Fairlie began his ministry after graduating from Union Theological Seminary (NYC), as curate of the Episcopal Church of St. Stephen's in Lynn, Mass. He returned to Canada in 1971 as a member of the Canadian Forces chaplaincy, serving for 25 years at CFB Gagetown, New Brunswick (where he met and married

Anne), Canadian Forces Germany, Chilliwack, BC, Air Command HQ in Winnipeg, Army HQ in the Montreal area as the Senior Chaplain for the Army and finally National Defense HQ, Ottawa as Director of Pastoral Activities. He left the Canadian Forces as a Lt.-Col. and joined the staff at Christ Church Cathedral for 12 years as the Pastoral Vicar. From there he served as an interim priest at All Saints, Westboro, and Incumbent at St. Margaret's, Vanier where he officially retired after five years. Most recently, he was honorary associate priest at Epiphany Anglican Church in Ottawa, a volunteer at the Shepherds of Good Hope (Managing Alcohol Program) and the Bishop's appointed chaplain to Centre 454.

Canon Fairlie and Anne are parents to Andrea (Craig) and Cameron, and adopted family to William Robertson (Robyn).

PARISH NEWS



By the book

Dennis Boyd (left) has spent the last two years reorganizing and cataloguing the parish library at St. Barnabas Church in Ottawa's Centretown. Building on the work done by Hope Clement, he has made the library attractive and the wide range of books and other materials accessible to the parish.

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Hundreds attend pre-Christmas reading and concert at St. Matthew's in the Glebe

There was a fabulous turnout for *A Child's Christmas in Wales*, presented Saturday, Dec. 14, on a freewill offering basis in Ottawa's Glebe. More than 500 people came to hear Dylan Thomas's poem narrated by former CBC host Rob Clipperton, with characters interpreted by parishioner Mary Glen. Much of the music was by John Rutter and it also included carols for the audience to sing. The choir was accompanied by a brass orchestra with tympani.

—Notes from Peggy Nankivell

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Hulse, Playfair & McGarry celebrate 60th anniversary of the West Chapel Above: Mayor Jim Watson presents the Sharon McGarry with a 60th anniversary certificate flanked by Patrick McGarry, Tom Flood (left) and Ottawa Councillor Theresa Kavanagh and Bishop John Chapman (right). Left: Bishop John greets Rabbi Eyton Kenter of Kehillat Beth Israel Congregation and Fr. Ihor Okhrymchuck, Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral.

Bishop rededicates chapel in Ottawa's west end

On Dec. 6, Bishop John Chapman officiated at a service to bless and rededicate the West Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry on Woodroffe Ave. in Ottawa, marking the funeral home's 60 years of service to families in Ottawa.

Hulse, Playfair & McGarry bought the former St. Martin's Anglican Church, which had closed in 1953, renovated it extensively, and opened it as the West Chapel on Dec. 6, 1959.

Mayor Jim Watson and Bay Ward Councillor Theresa Kavanagh also brought greetings and presented the company with a framed 60th anniversary certificate.

Clergy of several faiths were in attendance, as well as former and current staff of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry who were acknowledged for their support and care for families.



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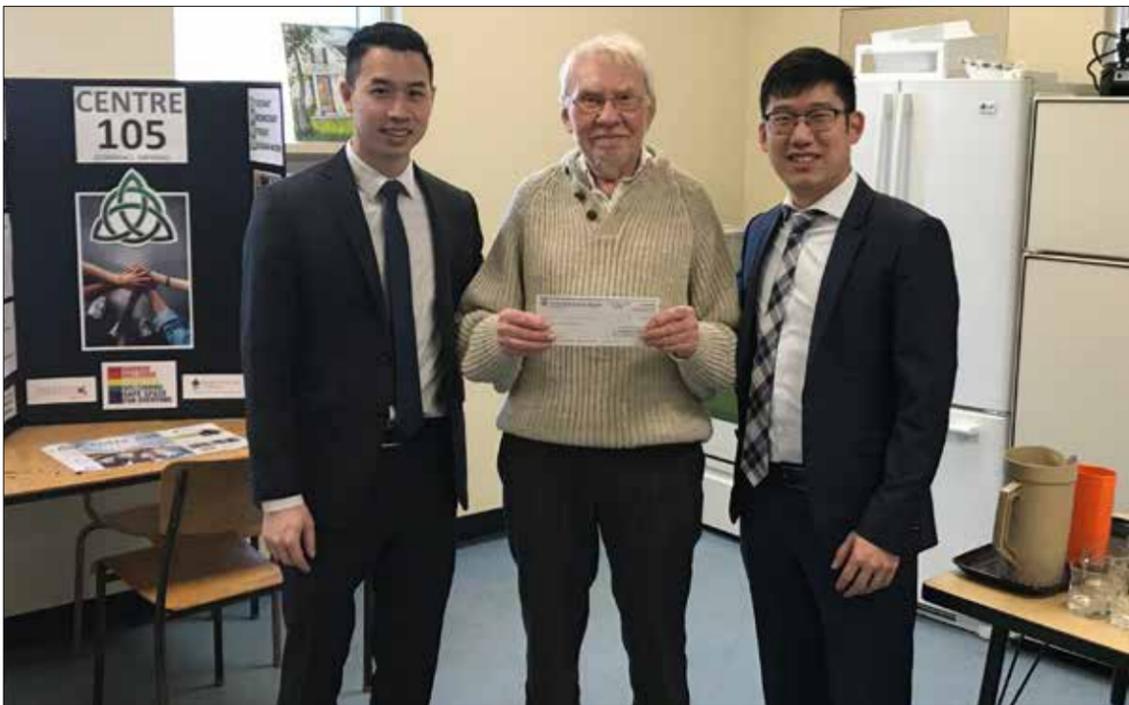
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COMMUNITY MINISTRY NEWS

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Centre 105 gets a boost

Leigh Anne Williams

The Rev. Deacon Peter Cazaly, chaplain and deacon-in-charge of Centre 105 in Cornwall, Ont., was delighted to receive a \$25,000 grant from Ecclesiastical Insurance just before Christmas, which will help support the Centre's operations in 2020.

Centre 105 provides breakfasts three days a week to people in need, as well other services such as laundry facilities and regular access to a public health nurse and a legal aid lawyer. It was one of 10 charitable organizations chosen to receive a Community Impact Grant from the insurance company.

"We thought this was a very worthy cause," Ecclesiastical president David Huebel told *Crosstalk*.

Calvin Choi and Leonard Sole from Ecclesiastical Insurance came to Cornwall to present the Rev. Deacon Peter Cazaly with a \$25,000 cheque for Centre 105.

"We want to help people who are struggling daily," he said. According to information from the company, Ecclesiastical Insurance began awarding the grants in recent years to help support "registered charitable organizations with projects designed to help vulnerable and under-represented people who suffer from poverty, homelessness, abuse or other life crises.

Huebel explained that Ecclesiastical Insurance is owned by a charitable trust Allchurches Trust, "so a share of our profits go to the greater good. Faith-based business is something that we insure, so it's a big part of what we do. And we want to go beyond insuring businesses and provide wherever we can."

This year was the first time that information about the grants was posted online; 73 organizations applied. Cazaly credited diocesan stewardship officer Jane Scanlon for finding out about the grants, suggesting he apply, and helping with the application process.

Cazaly also thanked parishioners at St. Helen's Anglican Church in Orleans whose generosity allowed staff at Centre 105 to give Christmas gifts to the people who come to the drop-in centre. In the new year, St. Helen's also provided money to the Centre replace a washing machine that broke down.

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Archbishop Linda Nicholls, January 1, 2020.

Thus, she continued, “our initial questions of how we will live in 2020 as children of God in Jesus Christ within this country of Canada must include what will I need to do to empty myself to address the call to love God and neighbour?”

As a leader in the Anglican Church, Nicholls said she is becoming ever more aware of the effects of colonization. “I need to empty myself of the assumptions that cling to my view of the world that are rooted in aftereffects of presumed white superiority; and the privileges that I have and continue to enjoy because I am a settler. Those assumptions only come to light in relationships with those who have been the victims of colonialism—so I need to be in relationship and listen and listen again without defensiveness to see the web of racism and effects of colonialism that still live in us and the structures around us.” She added that she is “committed to helping our church acknowledge and address the effects of embedded racism that continues to insidiously affect our lives – Indigenous and non-indigenous; black and brown and white; settler and newcomer; immigrant and refugees.”

Looking out more broadly still, the Primate continued: “As a human being in a world so deeply altered by climate change, I need to empty myself of the expectations that that I can continue to live as I have always done. I have to work harder at the changes of habits and lifestyle that though small will keep me awake to the overall impacts and make me willing to accept even deeper changes, higher costs to truly change the trajectory our world is on.”

Self-emptying is not a concept with currency in our society, she acknowledged. “We are rather urged to self-fulfilment through what we want or believe we need. The Christian call is sacrificial. And we engage in the full knowledge that in Christ the whole community is called to the same – for each other – and the result is not loss but gain, not death but life.”

Returning to her opening question about Christian identity, the Primate added, “As we grapple with the difficult questions ahead for our country, we do it from our first and primary allegiance to Jesus Christ willing to empty self, willing to give up for others, seeking the common good in partnership with any and all seeking the same and speaking up for the least and most vulnerable whom others might be willing to sacrifice for the sake of expediency or power.”

This will not be a place of comfort but of discipleship, she warned. But she added, “It is a discipleship that that results in life affirming joy. It says we bear the name of Christ. It is branded on our bodies in baptism. It is branded on our hearts through the love of God that forgives, renews and saves. It is the hope we proclaim to the world around us. May we have courage to live into that name!”

Levity at the levée

Friends, food, fellowship and a chance to meet the new Primate brought clergy and parishioners from around the diocese to the 2020 Levée, hosted by Bishop John Chapman and Catherine Chapman together with Dean Shane Parker and Katherine Shadbolt Parker in Cathedral Hall on January 1, 2020.

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Archdeacon Michelle Staples met up with two friends including organist and conductor Dr. Deirdre Piper (right).



Carol Whittall (St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Albans), the “retired” Rev. Rhondda MacKay (Julian of Norwich), and Marilyn Brownlee (St. Stephens).

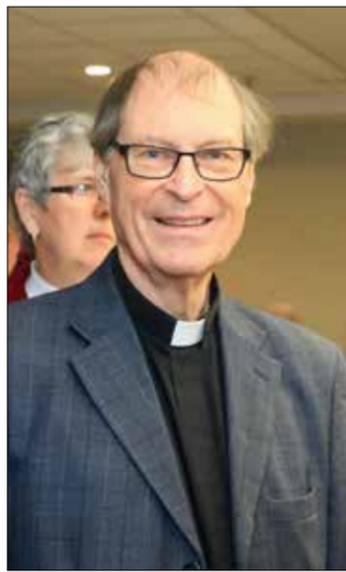


The Rev. Carolyn Seabrook (South Carleton), Catherine Chapman, Heidi Fawcett.



The Rev. Canon Doug Richards helped spread the Cathedral's wonderful hospitality.

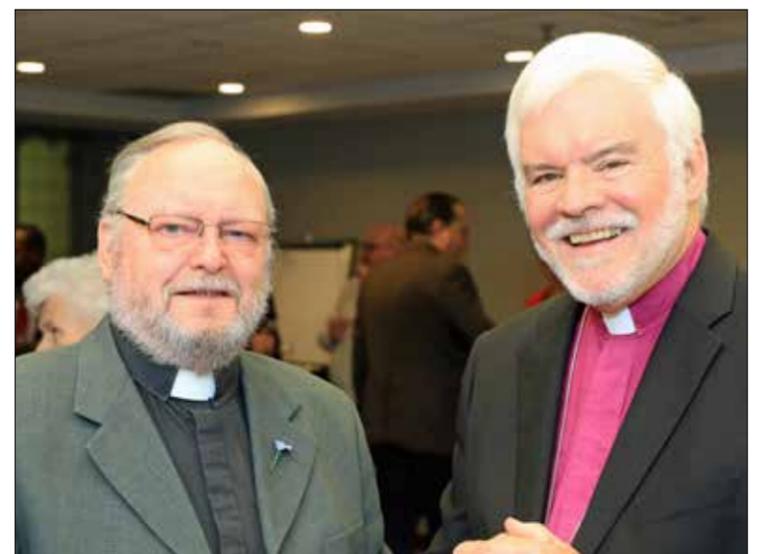
Executive Archdeacon David Selzer, Dean Shane Parker.



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COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

St. Luke's Table: "I was hungry, and you fed me"

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Every weekday, about 150 people in one of Ottawa's poorest neighbourhoods, come through the doors of St. Luke's Anglican Church on Somerset St. and make their way downstairs where the staff at St. Luke's Table welcome them for breakfast and/or lunch. And there are plans to renovate the space to offer more help soon.

A lunch program began as a parish ministry of St. Luke's and became one of the Diocese of Ottawa's five community ministries about five years ago.

Executive director Rachel Robinson says that the participants who come to St. Luke's are among the most disenfranchised people in the area. Although most are not homeless, many live in rooming houses in terrible conditions. "I think they would probably have better living conditions in a shelter," she told *Crosstalk*. "People tell us that they share a bathroom with seven other people, that they don't have working smoke detectors, that they have infestations of bed bugs and cockroaches, that windows get broken and repairs don't get done."

Gentrification in the area is part of the reason why those conditions don't improve. "Because the land is so valuable around that neighbourhood," Robinson explains, "it's not really in the landlords' interest to renovate housing for rooming houses. If they were going to invest in the property, it would be tearing it down and building new houses or selling it to be developed, so there's no incentive for landlords to renovate their properties."

Prior to becoming the executive director for both St. Luke's Table and The Well, which serves impoverished and marginalized women from the basement of St. John the Evangelist on Elgin Street, Robinson was the manager

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Rachel Robinson



Program developer Sally Breen



Mikey volunteers regularly.

at Cornerstone's Housing for Women's Booth Street residence. She wishes that there was more housing for vulnerable people run by non-profits or the public sector. "I'm sure there are some good private landlords, but if you've got a pressure for profit, there's going to be a different set of priorities than if you are a non-profit like Cornerstone."

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While it can't provide housing, St. Luke's Table does alleviate some of the impacts of poverty by ensuring that the people who come get at least one nutritious meal a day. Robinson says participants are about 90% male, but there are some women and "occasionally a couple of children come in with their mums or grandparents or fathers." Robinson says they are people getting by on very low incomes. Most are on some sort of social assistance, but she outlined the math on just how difficult it is to live on that. Ontario Works provides a shelter allowance of approximately \$350 for rent and about \$300 to live on for the month. The Ontario Disability Support Program provides about \$485 for rent and \$600 for all other expenses in the month.

"Often they are vulnerable, and they are in the situation they are in because they might have other challenges," she explains. "For example, they might have a mental health problem or an addiction, which is why they may not be able to work, or they may have some other disability. If you have an addiction, if you smoke for example, it's impossible to live on that amount of money, so they don't have money for food, and they come to St. Luke's Table."

Although the program and need for it have grown, the basement of St. Luke's has not been renovated to accommodate cooking for and feeding 150 people

daily. Robinson says St. Luke's Table is currently fundraising to upgrade the kitchen to allow more room for cooking and more efficient serving. She hopes the work can be done by the end of 2020, but there is still a long way to go in the fundraising campaign. About \$50,000 has been raised, but Robinson estimates about \$100,000 more is needed. This capital project is separate from funds to operate the program.

The City of Ottawa provides 70% of the operational funding, but St. Luke's Table is still responsible for raising the funds for the remaining 30% of its budget (a portion of which comes from the Diocese of Ottawa.) The strategic plan also calls for adding showers and laundry facilities, which people living in rooming houses often don't have access to.

Robinson says St. Luke's Table would also like to start expanding services to weekends and evenings. "A lot of people come to us on Monday morning and they are really, really hungry."

She explains that on the weekends when St. Luke's is closed, people who come during the week would have to "travel downtown to shelters to get food, which can be difficult if you haven't got money and you have to walk or if it is very cold." The City is reviewing the services offered by day programs, she said.

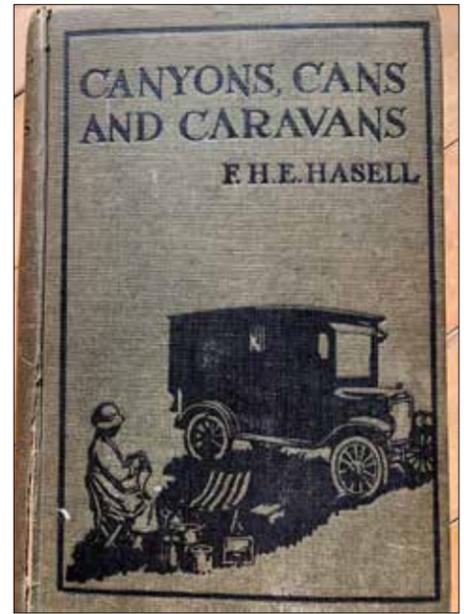
Aside from providing food, Robinson says St. Luke's Table provides another essential service.

"We are breaking social isolation. We are providing a sense of community and connection with other people." Four staff members—a team leader and three social support workers—try to connect participants with resources and people who can provide various kinds of support, including physical and mental health, housing, and practical necessities such as help replacing lost identification.

The sense of community is also created by the people who come to St. Luke's Table. "One of the things that really impresses me is that people really want to participate, and they want to contribute and be productive," says Robinson, noting that many of those who come for a meal, also volunteer.

"They'll put the chairs away, they'll wipe the trays, they'll move things around, put things out for lunch, and they take a lot of pride in doing that. ...If they are given the opportunity, people will contribute. They are very protective of the space and the staff."

Participants also support one another. Robinson recounted how someone who recently retired from the Well said that she was struck by the way people at both the Well and St. Luke's "have got one another's backs and when one person is struggling or has got a problem or is feeling down, others will really rally round and support them." And you do see that on a day to day basis."



PHOTOS FROM JANE FYLES AND EVA HASELL'S BOOKS

Service will honour Vanners' work

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

A remarkable part of Anglican and Canadian history will be celebrated at a commemorative evensong service on May 3 at St. Bartholomew's Church in Ottawa. One hundred years after the intrepid Miss Eva Hasell and her stalwart friend and assistant Iris Sayle began their ministry bringing Sunday School lessons to children and support to their parents in rural and remote areas of Canada, they will be honored and remembered.

Hasell was born into a wealthy, aristocratic family in northern England, but she spent devoted much of her life to supporting the fledgling Anglican Church in Canada, primarily by running a Sunday School by Post program for children, supported by travelling caravan missions that fanned out across the country every summer from 1920 until the 1970s. She commissioned the Ford Motor Company to specially design vans for those summer missions that had to be rugged enough to get through rutted country roads, mud holes and rocky terrain, yet comfortable enough for a Sunday School teacher and driver to work and sleep in for the summer months. Even so, books she wrote describing her mission are full of stories about mishaps, mud, and many miles walked.

Hasell began the travelling mission in 1920 in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle and at the end of the summer gave the van to



Jane Fyles today.

PHOTO LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

the Diocese to continue the work. Soon, she was invited to other dioceses, and the ministry expanded into a network of teachers and drivers travelling across Western Canada. At its peak, it included 32 vans, and the volunteers became known as "Vanners."

Jane Fyles was 16 when Hasell spoke about her ministry at All Saints Church in Winnipeg in 1940. Fyles was inspired. "I heard about the program, and I wanted to be part of it," she told *Crosstalk*. Hasell was looking for someone to replace a driver who was sick and couldn't do the planned trip through southern Manitoba. Fyles volunteered. Hasell thought she was a bit too young for the job, but Fyles says, "She didn't really have a choice. I was the only person who came forward...."

They asked if I could drive, and I sort of fudged it a bit and I said I sort of could, but I certainly didn't have a licence," Fyles recounts.

Fyles went to Ford to pick up the car and asked them to teach her how to drive. After a brief lesson, she drove off into the city to get a licence, and a few days later she and a teacher were following a map that listed all the farm families they were to visit south of Winnipeg.

Fyles says the summer was a wonderful experience. The families they visited were isolated. The children received Sunday School lessons each week in the post, completed the lessons and returned them to the ministry's headquarters in prepaid packages. When the teachers visited in the summer, they had prizes and awards for them. "Whatever

L-r: Jane Fyles at 16; Volunteer Blanche Pittman with Eva Hasell; one of Hasell's books

they learned about the Christian religion, I don't know," said Fyles who was only in charge of driving the van, "but they were connected. And I think that was the genius of it. All of a sudden, they didn't feel like they were out in the middle of nowhere because it was very lonely for the parents and everybody," she said.

"When we drove in past the gate, you'd see the kids bouncing: 'The van's here, the van's here.' They were all excited, and we felt so welcome." Although Fyles and the teacher cooked their own breakfasts before setting off or ate canned food for lunch, she says she doesn't remember ever cooking a dinner because they were always invited to stay.

Breaking the isolation and connecting people was an important aspect of the ministry for adults and children. Hasell's books also describe connecting people in the area, so that if a family was in need, she could let neighbours or others know that they needed help.

Occasionally, she used her own connections to help. When she met an impoverished mother of five who would die without a surgery, Hasell wrote to the president of the Daughters of the Empire for British Columbia. "They paid the woman's expenses to Vancouver and the hospital fees," she reported, and the woman returned home cured.

The caravans were making stops in more established communities by the time Garth Hampson, first encountered Hasell and Sayle in Vegreville, Alberta in 1963. They invited local children for a week of Bible study, singing and teaching. The response was

ecumenical with Anglican, Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Indigenous children attending together. Hampson and his wife Eleanor invited Hasell and Sayle to stay at their house and listened to stories of their travels. "I had just come out of the Arctic, [where he was posted with the RCMP], so I knew what hard slugging was, and I was really blown away that these two elderly women—they would have been in their 70s at the time—were still roaming around the countryside doing this van work."

The friendship continued when the Hampsons moved to Ottawa, and the ladies stayed with them when Hasell received her Order of Canada award in 1968. [She also received an Order of the British Empire from George V and a Doctor of Divinity from the University of Saskatchewan for her teaching.] Sayle died in 1973, and Hasell in 1974.

Hampson has worked to ensure their work is not forgotten, raising funds for a bronze plaque installed at Christ Church Cathedral in 1998. Now, in time for the 100th anniversary, he is organizing the commemorative evensong service, which will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 3 at St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, (125 Mackay St., Ottawa). Dr. Matthew Larkin will be conducting the Anglican Chorale of Ottawa. Those who attend will hear a little about the extreme conditions the Vanners experienced in remote parts of Canada 100 years ago when former CBC broadcaster Rob Clipperton reads some excerpts from Hasell's diary entries. All are welcome.

FROM THE EDITOR



Leigh Anne Williams

Lent begins

Write to *Crosstalk* and tell us what creative Lenten practices you find most meaningful.

We would love to share them with other readers in the March issue. Please write to Crosstalk@ottawa.anglican.ca.

REFLECTIONS

A light to lighten the Gentiles

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Canon Stewart Murray is Incumbent at St. Barnabas, Ottawa

By the Rev. Canon Stewart Murray

After the lights and wonderful sounds of Christmas, the dark and cold of a Canadian winter can seem especially bleak. The period after Christmas and before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday is simply called Sundays after the Epiphany. This is a time when we are invited to reflect on what it means to share and to live the Good News of Christmas in our daily lives.

Epiphany was when the wise men, gentiles not members of the House of Israel, came bringing the famous three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child. The word itself means “to make manifested or to show forth.” The coming of the gentiles represents the unfolding of God’s plan of salvation in that all nations were being called into fellowship with the living God made known in Jesus Christ. How we as individual disciples of Jesus and as parish communities

live out Epiphany will take many different forms. At the heart of our responses will be the conviction that Jesus is the loving and human face of the living God, seeking out the hearts, minds and imaginations of all people. Our response will seek to be open to sharing the hope that we find in the promises of God in Christ as found in both the Old and New Testaments. Our responses will always include loving service to our neighbour and the wider community.



One wonderful illustration of the meaning of the Epiphany is found in the celebration on Feb. 2—the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Luke 2:22ff) also known as Candlemas. When the prophet Simeon holds the Christ child in his arms he proclaims:

“Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.”

In the service, candles are blessed and distributed to the people and with the candles lit, we are reminded that we are called to be the light of Christ in our world. A single candle can illuminate but a small corner of the world, but the blaze of thousands candles illuminates the world.

The light of Christ helps us to see ourselves and one another clearly. To see ourselves as part of the plan

of salvation, not alone in the darkness, often afraid of what the darkness holds, but together in the light of God’s love. We nurture the light in ourselves and in others through sharing in the Sacraments, in prayer, in study and in fellowship that encourages and supports one another.

Each candle, each person, is part of the plan of God’s salvation for the world. Let us all do our part this Epiphany season to share the light and to dispel the darkness in our world and in the hearts and minds of all people.

PRAYER MATTERS

Praying as we prepare to elect a new bishop



Paul Dumbrille is the diocesan Anglican Fellowship of Prayer representative.

I encourage us all to include prayers during the process of the selection of a new Bishop for the Diocese of Ottawa. I offer the following prayers for this purpose.

For Guidance by the Holy Spirit

Send forth your Holy Spirit, O Lord, and raise up for us a servant of your own choosing: a Bishop to lead and guide us; a shepherd of wisdom and strength, compassion and grace, holiness and learning, with vision and the commitment to build up your Church and unite your faithful people around the love of him who offered himself for us and for all the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Those Discerning a Call

Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit you have knit your servants into the one body of Jesus Christ. Look with favour upon those who might offer themselves for the ministry of Bishop as they discern a new call in Christ’s name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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DIOCESAN ARCHIVES

By Glenn J Lockwood

Saint Matthew
and Queen Anne

The first service of the congregation of Saint Matthew's Church was held on 9 January 1898 in Moreland's Hall in an area emerging as the Glebe residential district. A new wooden church was built and the first service in the Saint Matthew's Church, Ottawa we behold here was held on 17 July 1898. The church was enlarged and dedicated on 17 July 1903 and then again on 22 September 1908.

Fortunately for members of this parish, the Queen Anne Revival style of architecture was one that lent itself to numerous additional fillips and additions. This style was prevalent in late 19th century Britain and North America and featured a romantic reinterpretation of the earlier Queen Anne style of more than a century earlier. It incorporated details and elements of many other styles, such as Flemish, Romanesque, Adam Style and Second Empire.

Those who admired what was essentially a style of residential architecture described its typical elements as including robust, busy,

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asymmetrical exteriors, often with contrasting materials and/or textures between levels; gabled, hipped or mansard roofs, dormers, scrollwork brackets, and trim, porches, bay and oriel windows, turrets, and exuberant carving. United States and Canadian examples also included exuberant wood shingle, stone, stucco, and clapboard buildings with bold multi-colour schemes. Those less

taken with the style, like the late Ken Lefolii, simply described it as “borrowing from any source that looked good.”

The Queen Anne Revival tended to be applied to houses, especially large houses, as, for example, the mansion designed by a young architect, George Bayly, in 1893 for William Hutchison, managing director of the McKay Milling Company at 71

Concession Street (later Bronson Avenue), which three generations later became known as Roper House—the administrative centre of the Diocese of Ottawa.

The first Saint Matthew's Church was a comparatively restrained piece of design when compared with the oriel windows, terra cotta shingles, bay and oriel windows on the big house at 71 Bronson Avenue. The

height of the basement wall suggests that there was a parish hall with Sunday School rooms below the house of worship. Little did they anticipate the growth that was overtaking their neighbourhood in the next generation.

By 1925, Saint Matthew's had outgrown this building and required a new house of worship—one that would dwarf the church we see here. Was it any wonder after the exuberance of their first church, that they settled for something more permanently built of finished stone, with decidedly cleaner lines? The first sod was turned for the new larger church on 4 May 1929 and on 6 July of that year, Bishop John Charles Roper opened the new Saint Matthew's. On 21 December 1930, he dedicated the new house of worship, barely two months after Black Tuesday on Wall Street in New York inaugurated the Great Depression and the bleak years of the 1930s.

If you would like to help the Archives preserve the records of the Diocese and its parishes, why not become a Friend of the Archives? Your \$20 membership brings you three issues of the lively, informative Newsletter, and you will receive a tax receipt for further donations above that amount.

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

ACW New Year's Resolution

We are often asked about the aging of the ACW. What happens to groups as we get older? What would happen if we no longer had a president? Or a treasurer? Would we have to disband? What should we do when we disband? Where should we spend our money?

Originally, in 1966, ACW meant Anglican Church Women. Today, take a look at the ways that our women's groups make a positive impact in our churches, in our communities and in the wider community. In fact, the ACW could stand for All Church Women, since we usually invite friends and neighbours to our endeavours. It could stand for All Church Workers, when the husbands and

handy men pitch in to help out. ACW was formed to be a welcoming place for all the church women's groups of the day—The Family Life groups, the Guilds, the Women's Fellowship groups. All are welcome and all are included. We should perhaps rebrand to AIW – All Interested Women.

No matter how you use the initials, church groups are often in trouble these days because members are getting older. Fewer people drive at night, and everybody's been president or treasurer at least once before. So now what?

My first message is, you *don't* have to fundraise to keep your group going, and you *don't* have to have A PRESIDENT. You can meet

in the afternoons instead of at night, and just enjoy each other's friendship after all these years. You could also have an Elders' Fair on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, where you could share/teach your knitting skills, your quilting expertise, or your talent with jam making. Younger women or church neighbours might love to learn those skills, and you'd be getting to know each other at the same time.

ACW are in it for the friends, not just the funds!

Meanwhile, ACW and friends, we have an exciting spring coming up as usual. Join us for any or all of these important events. Bring a friend, and come to everything that interests you, whether your group has a president or not.

— Leslie and Marnie

Wed., April 22, 2020

You are invited to the **ACW Annual**, earlier than usual this year. The meeting will be held at St. Stephen's church, on 2821 St Stephen's Road, in the neighbourhood of Pinecrest Rd. and the Queensway. The Rt. Rev. Peter Coffin, retired bishop of this diocese, will be our guest speaker, so gather a carload. **Register** your parish and guests at acw@ottawa.anglican.ca.

Bale collecting should be in full swing by now, so pick your team and your packing date.

Mon., April 27, 2020
Bale Packing in
Richmond.

Wed., May 27, 2020
Bale Packing at St
Columba's. 24 Sandridge
Road in Manor Park.



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Marni Crossley, co-organizer (with Leslie Worden) of the diocesan ACW, was pleased to meet Canada's new (and first female) Anglican primate, on New Year's Day.

CALENDAR

Feb. 2

Sung Matins

9:30 a.m. at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St.) Sung morning prayers are offered in the Quire on the first Sunday of each month.

Feb. 4

Days in the Wildwood

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist, Lancaster (20788 South Service Road South Lancaster) A day of fellowship, study, worship and meditation in our scenic setting. This monthly event is free and open to anyone looking for a casual retreat experience. Drop in for a few minutes or stay for the day. Everyone is welcome! The Rev. Patrick Stephens: thereverendpatrickstephens@gmail.com (613) 933-3991 ext 22

Hook, Knit and Stitch

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at All Saints Greely (7103 Parkway Road, Greely, Ont.) A time for crafting where everyone is welcome, regardless of experience, every second week. Bring your own supplies and enjoy being creative with friends and neighbours. Grace Jones — allsaintsgreely@gmail.com (613) 821-2530

Feb. 5

Joyful Sound Ottawa

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Church of the Ascension (253 Echo Dr., Ottawa) Ascension is excited to introduce Joyful Sound Ottawa, a community choir for people with dementia, their caregivers, and youth (ages 15-22). Under the skilled direction of Anne Longworth, choir members will make beautiful music and build meaningful relationships. No musical experience required. Meeting Wednesdays from Feb. 5 to Apr. 29. Cost: \$75/adult; free for youth. joyfulottawa@gmail.com

Feb. 6

Coffee, Company and Conversation

10 am. to noon at St. Mark's (1606 Fisher Ave., Ottawa) Our seniors' drop-in program celebrates Black History Month. (613) 224-7431 stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca www.stmarksottawa.ca



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Hook, Knit and Stitch

For details: see Feb. 4.

Feb. 8

Singing for Suppers!

7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St., Ottawa) Pub and karaoke by Cathedral choristers in support of St. Luke's Table and the Dalhousie Food Cupboard. Entrance by free-will offering, cash bar.

Feb. 9

Taste and See Eucharist

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at All Saints' Westboro with St. Matthias, Ottawa (347 Richmond Road) What makes Taste and See different? Real bread and real wine, silence, singing, movement, and a contemplative emphasis. All are welcome. office@allsaintswestboro.com (613) 725-9487

St. Luke's Recital Series: Coro Capriccio

7:30 p.m. at 760 Somerset St. W., Ottawa Coro Capriccio (chamber choir) will perform some of the most beautiful and memorable Renaissance works that inspired and sparked an everlasting love of a cappella polyphony in the western world, featuring works by Tallis, Byrd, Monteverdi, Browne and more. Admission by donation, music@stlukesottawa.ca (613) 235-3416

Feb. 12

Joyful Sound Ottawa

(See details Feb. 5)

Feb. 13

Coffee, Company and Conversation

10 a.m. to noon at St. Mark's, Ottawa (1606 Fisher Ave.) Valentine's "Hearts and Flowers" with Jamie Anderson, a well-known guitarist and songstress (613) 224-7431

Feb. 14

The Healing Art of Self-Care

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St.) Ottawa Join a small circle of participants for a deeper dive into the experience of labyrinth walking with intention. Seasoned facilitators create a safe space to gently hold and guide the sessions. Limited to a maximum of 20 participants. For pre-registration (required): Josephine/Hilary at 613-236-9149 or email info@ottawacathedral.ca. Registration Fee: \$30-40

Feb. 18

Hook, Knit & Stitch

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at All Saints, Greely, Ont. (7103 Parkway Road, Greely Ont) See details Feb. 4.

Feb. 19

Joyful Sound Ottawa

(See details Feb. 5)

Feb. 20

Coffee, Company and Conversation

10 a.m. to noon at St. Mark's, Ottawa (1606 Fisher

Ave.) Cards and Games Day for seniors' drop-in.

Hook, Knit & Stitch

See details Feb. 4.

Feb. 22

Coldest Night of the Year

— Cornerstone fundraiser See story, next column

Feb. 23

St. Luke's Recital Series: Opus Three

7:30 p.m. at 760 Somerset St. W., Ottawa Opus Three (flute trio: Cathy Baerg, Diana Lam, Loyda Lastra) will perform a selection of their favourite compositions for flute trio. Admission by donation. music@stlukesottawa.ca (613) 235-3416

Feb. 25

St. Mark's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at St. Mark's (1606 Fisher Ave, Ottawa) Serving whole wheat, gluten-free and regular pancakes, and sausages. Adults \$8, children under 12 free, if accompanied by an adult. For advance tickets: call (613) 224-7431 or email stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca or get them at the door.

Feb. 26

Ash Wednesday Joyful Sound Ottawa

(See details Feb. 5)

Feb. 27

Coffee, Company and Conversation

10 a.m. to noon at St. Mark's (1606 Fisher Ave. Ottawa) Plaid, a lively musical group featuring Leslie Worden on accordion, playing with various other musicians and instruments, will entertain.

Supporting Cornerstone on the Coldest Night of the Year

On Feb. 22, people in Ottawa will have a new opportunity to support Cornerstone Housing for Women. Cornerstone is having its first annual advocacy and fundraising walk in Westboro, taking part in the Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY), an event that raises money for charities "serving hungry, homeless and hurting people" in communities across Canada.

Walkers (teams or individuals) can register on the Coldest Night of the Year website, and individuals or businesses wishing to become a sponsor can contact Cornerstone Housing for Women.

The walk will begin at All Saints' Anglican Church Westboro (347 Richmond Road, Ottawa). Registration begins at 4 p.m. followed by an opening ceremony at 5 p.m. with the walk beginning at 5:15 p.m. Between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. a light meal will be served to all walkers and volunteers.

Cornerstone runs the only emergency shelter in Ottawa specific to homeless women, as well as four supportive housing communities. About 1,000 women become homeless in Ottawa each year. Cornerstone is able to help almost half of them (200 women each day).

Registration:

- Children 0-10: Free to participate (but you'll need to raise \$75 to earn a toque)
 - Youth 11-17: Fundraise \$75+ to earn your CNOY toque or pay the \$25 fee
 - Adult 18+: Fundraise \$150+ to earn your CNOY toque or pay the \$25 fee
- cnoy.org/location/ottawawestboro

Black History Month "Let your Rejoicing Rise"

10 a.m. at St. Mark's (1606 Fisher Ave., Ottawa) celebrates Black History Month four Sundays in February. The Rev. Julian Campbell welcomes guest speakers Denise Moore Isaacs, the Rev. Deacon Elizabeth December and the Rev. Hillary Murray. Holy Eucharist followed by refreshments and entertainment with the London Trio Plus (gospel singers), and Caribbean Voices and Panharmonic Steelpan. (613) 224-7431 stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca www.stmarksottawa.ca