

Crosstalk



The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

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Nominees for bishop announced

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Five clergy members have been nominated to become the 10th bishop of the Diocese of Ottawa in the Episcopal election to be held on March 14, 2020. Their names will be familiar to many parishioners because they are all currently serving in the diocese.

The nominees are:

The Ven. Peter John Hobbs, Director of Mission for the Diocese of Ottawa

The Ven. Brian Kauk, Area Parish of Mississippi Lake, Archdeacon of Lanark-Arnprior

The Ven. Kathryn Otley, Territorial Archdeacon, Carleton Deanery

The Very Rev. Shane Parker, Dean of Ottawa and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral

The Rev. Mark Whittall, St. Albans Church, Ottawa

Details about their nominations and ministry experience are included in our feature on page 6.

Although it is still possible for other clergy to be nominated right up until the day of the election, only these five (nominated before the deadline of Jan. 12) have received a list of questions about their call and ministry from the episcopal election committee:

1. The Diocese, embracing urban and rural parishes and ministries, celebrates diversity and strives to be meaningfully engaged with the world God loves. How would you provide spiritual guidance and practical assistance to the lay and clerical leadership of our diocese as Bishop?
2. The Anglican Church has done a lot of work towards reconciliation with Indigenous People. How would you further this work in the Diocese of Ottawa?
3. What do you consider to be the most significant challenge facing the Diocese of Ottawa today, and how would you begin to address it if you become Diocesan Bishop?

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Archdeacon Valerie Kerr of the Diocese of Niagara brought stories and tough questions to the Jan. 29 Bishop's Clergy Day. The day, whose theme was "Truth, Reconciliation, and Indigenous Ministry," was attended by 60 priests of this diocese and guests. See story, page 8.

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Paddles used to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Chelsea, Quebec. See story, page 3.

Funding fuels Ellwood House expansion plan

BY DAVID HUMPHREYS

The vision of St. Thomas the Apostle parish in Alta Vista to expand Ellwood House came a step closer to realization with a \$100,000 funding commitment from the City of Ottawa.

Ellwood House is the affordable housing project developed 32 years ago through a partnership with the parish and the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa. Now, the parish and Ellwood House want to add 38 new units to the existing 30.

The new funding will allow Ellwood to complete planning requirements and other activities to prepare submissions for capital grants, including Action Ottawa and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

"We are working to support the outreach mission of St. Thomas and the diocese in developing 38 affordable and accessible apartments for seniors in our community," says Janice Horton, chair of the Ellwood House board of directors.

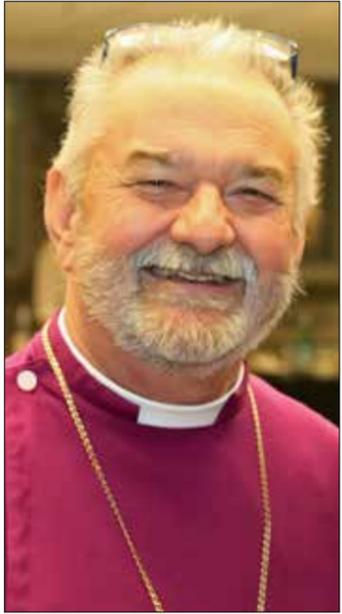
In recognition that the plans are not for a separate building, but an extension of the existing building the project has been re-named The Ellwood House Extension. The Ellwood House Board of Directors, who will be managing the entire program on completion has taken an active role in its development, supported by the diocese and St. Thomas the Apostle parish.

The Ellwood board sees the project as a further contribution to meeting the "emergency need" for affordable housing in Ottawa. It will also be a significant contribution to the diocese's current goal of creating 125 new affordable housing units to mark its 125th anniversary next year.

The Homelessness and Affordable Housing Working Group (HAHWG) is in the process of following up on feedback from 71 parishes that participated in Welcoming Homes —Diocesan Workshop on Affordable Housing last May. Many parishes have signalled their interest in supporting the diocese's campaign in various ways.

BISHOP'S GREETING

PHOTO: ARCHDEACON CHRIS DUNN



The Rt. Rev. John Chapman, Bishop of Ottawa

I am deeply honoured to have been “sent,” through the power of the Spirit, to serve this Diocese of Ottawa

I assume, as I look at the calendar, that this is likely my last article for *Crosstalk* as your Diocesan Bishop – yikes, that is a lot to absorb for me. My problem is that I am having such difficulty figuring out how to manage my emotions about leaving, how to leave, what to hope for, what to plan, and how to support the bishop who follows to the best of my ability, without getting in the way of what is new and exciting. And most significantly, I am having great difficulty figuring out how to articulate all of this in written or oral form. So, I have been wracking my brain thinking of the great men and women I have had the pleasure of meeting, learning from, or reading, to see if they might say anything helpful. Maybe somebody else may have a way of saying what is clamoring around in my head and heart that is clear and linear.

To this end, I actually had some luck, and, stumbled upon a quote by Theodore Roosevelt which was cited in one of my favourite books written by an Episcopal colleague, the Bishop of Texas, Bishop Andrew Doyle.

Roosevelt writes (and my apology for the sexist language of the day):

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at

the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat.

Bishop Andrew continues,

... God is praying that labourers will go into the fields, for the harvest is great and the labours are few. Our call is to step forward as leaders committed to a future Church engaged in the mission of God. ... We in the Episcopal [Anglican] Church must raise a loud shout and respond to God's prayer, affirming, "Our Church is alive! And here I am Lord, send me."

I am deeply honoured to have been “sent,” through the power of the Spirit, to serve this Diocese of Ottawa. It has been my privilege to pray with you, to preach to you, to stand in solidarity with you for those who have been disadvantaged from our unjust processes and systems, to lead you as your bishop and chief pastor and most of all ... to care for you all and the wonderful clergy of our diocese. Thank you for sharing your lives with me as your Bishop and with Catherine, and thank you for your care for us these past many years.

Catherine and I plan to retire in the diocese so expect to see us in your pews from time to time.

May God bless you and may God bless the ministry of our diocese.

Bishop John

STAFF NEWS

Celebrating 20 years of preserving our treasures



Top - Brian Glenn and Spruce Riordan



Left - Dr. Glenn Lockwood

Friends of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa Archives surprised Glenn Lockwood with a gift to mark his 20th anniversary as Diocesan Archivist during their annual general meeting on Nov. 3. Lynn and Brian Glenn were joined by Spruce Riordan to present the Archivist with a plaque thanking him for finding and preserving archival treasures. After thanking them, Lockwood quickly turned the group's attention to Riordan, who had recently stepped down as chair, thanking him for more than 14 years of service to the Friends.

PARISH NEWS

Up the creek with a paddle in Chelsea Celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



PHOTO: BARB GAGNÉ

By Marian McGrath

On Sunday, Jan. 19, the three churches in Chelsea, Que., St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church (SMM), St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Parish, and Grace United Church, came together at SMM for lunch and an ecumenical service – in French and English – to celebrate the “Week of Prayer for Christian Unity”.

The theme for this year's Week of Prayer was “They showed unusual kindness” (Acts 28:2) based on the perilous sea journey by Apostle Paul, which ended in a shipwreck on the shores of the island of Malta, where the Maltese showed Paul and the other survivors “unusual kindness.” The Rev. Cathy Davis, interim assisting priest (SMM), Fr. Dan Kelly (St. Stephen's) and Rev. Natalie Istead (Grace United) jointly planned the ecumenical service. Istead prepared the “Prayers of the People” bearing in mind the image of all Christians being in the same boat and paddling in the same direction. She needed paddles or oars as “props” for the Prayer Leaders.

When Davis asked the SMM Congregational Council whether anyone could bring paddles or oars to the ecumenical service,

the Council members chimed in unison: “Which kind?”

Since Chelsea residents are blessed with the Gatineau River, Meech Lake and the Kingsmere Lake as their playground, in any given basement in the middle of winter one is likely to find paddle-board paddles, kayak paddles, rowboat oars, racing canoe paddles, dragon boat paddles, racing scull oars, canoe paddles for lily-dipping, or any combination thereof.

When Istead arrived at SMM for the ecumenical service, there was a pile of paddles waiting for her. She selected eight paddles and gave one to each of prayer leaders from the three churches. On each paddle was affixed one of the following words: *Reconciliation, Illumination, Hope, la Conscience, Strength, l'Hospitalité, Conversion, Generosity.*

When Istead was asked which of the words on the paddles was the most significant for her for Christian unity, she replied: “I think that the most important part of Christian Unity is hope. When each church puts our hope in Jesus, we can keep our different identities while still having the most important thing in common.”

The liturgy for the ecumenical service included the following introduction for the “Prayers of the People”:

We cannot face the storms of life alone. A boat moves forward when all row together. In the face of difficulties we recognise the need to pull together and to unite our efforts.

Given that at SMM, the people's warden, Barb Gagné, the head of the altar guild, Renie Nielsen, the treasurer, Jake Blair, and the Synod representative, Marian McGrath, are members of



PHOTO: BARB GAGNÉ

(L to R) Rev. Natalie Istead, Grace United Church; Sheilagh Murphy, St. Stephen's; and the Rev. Cathy Davis, Interim Assisting Priest at SMM.

Suzanne Gibeault, the communications warden for St. Stephen's, who was a prayer leader and had the paddle with “Illumination”, said: “I think it is wonderful that we can come together once a year as part of the Chelsea Christian community to share a time of prayer and fellowship as we join with Christians worldwide in celebrating a week of our shared belief in Christ.”

the same dragon boat team, “The Dragonflies” at the Cascades Club, and many other members of SMM have been members of past dragon boat teams on the Gatineau River, Team SMM knows how to pull together and paddle against the current.



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Demonstrating solidarity with the hungry

By Elizabeth Kent

A big thank you to all who walked, talked and donated at the Walkathon on Sunday Oct. 6 to demonstrate once again community support for the Centretown Emergency Food Centre on the corner of Argyle and Bank. This annual community fundraiser helps the centre meet the demands of neighbours going through a rough patch in their lives. This year's event raised \$21,000 for the centre.

During registration at the back of Jean Pigott Hall, the day's main event started with a concert given by the Aello Singers, who practice at First Baptist church on the corner of Laurier and Elgin. This talented, youthful choir is fairly new on the Ottawa music scene. They have made their mark with an acapella selection of beautiful yet highly challenging music. Many of the singers live in Centretown and so their contribution really added to the community feeling.

The Walk-a-thon is put on by a subcommittee of the Centretown Churches Social Action Committee, comprising 22 churches in the five wards of the city core. I am a member of St. Matthews in the Glebe and chair the sub-committee.

Several of the member churches try to assemble teams of walkers whose pictures on church bulletin boards remind church goers and visitors throughout the year of engagement with the community food centre.

The music making, the buzz around the registration area, and the picture taking came to an end when our handsome highlander from St Patrick's Basilica on Kent Street piped in the speakers for a few words of welcome and purpose. The councillor for Centretown, Catherine McKenney, shared her strong conviction regarding the importance of bringing more affordable housing into the central core of the city as a significant step in reducing the necessity of a community service such as the Centretown Emergency Food Centre.

The piper then led the walkers into Confederation Park for the start of a Sunday afternoon stroll around the parliamentary precinct which gave walkers an occasion to enjoy this year's spectacular autumnal colours on a glorious fall day.

The catchment area for the Emergency Food Centre runs from Wellington Street to Billings Bridge, and from Lyon Street in the west to Main Street, including Lees Avenue, in the east. Please join us again next year on Sunday Oct. 4. Thank you for your support!



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Worship conference coming to Ottawa

By Leigh Anne Williams

This summer, Anglicans and Lutherans will gather for the triennial National Worship Conference, which will take place in Ottawa from July 13 to 16.

The theme of this year's conference is "Subversive story, song, symbol: Worship in an Age of Spectacle." Expanding on that, the conference website adds: "In a day where spectacle once again fuels politics, consumerism, and even spirituality, the recovery of liturgical grammar can have the potential to fashion a more vigorous and impactful church today, to shape us as the radical, alternative society that the church was established to be."

This year's keynote speaker is Chanon Ross, program director at Lilly Endowment Inc. and author of *Gifts Glittering and Poisoned: Spectacle, Empire and Metaphysics*.

The Rev. Gregor Sneddon considers Ross' book to be "a must read as we navigate

the future of the Church and the call of Christian witness in the smorgasbord of desire-allurement and manipulation, individualism, and consumerism that occupies the Western narrative."

Debbie Lou Ludolph, Dean of Chapel and director of the Kanata Centre for Worship and Global Song at Martin Luther University College, will be the conference musician.

Archbishop Linda Nicholls, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and the Rev. Susan Johnson, national bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC), will both take part in the opening Eucharist service on the evening of July 13 at Christ Church Cathedral. The closing service will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on Sparks Street.

Lutherans from the ELCIC created the conference more than 25 years ago, and in the spirit of their full

communion relationship with the Anglican Church of Canada, invited Anglicans to join them. The first joint conference took place in 2004. The most recent one was in Victoria, B.C. in 2018.

Pastor JoAnne Lam, the local Lutheran co-chair, is currently serving as the interim priest-in-charge in the Anglican parish of Blackburn-Navan-Bearbrook, and the Rev. Gregor Sneddon, Chair of Liturgy of Canada and the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa Master of Ceremonies, is the local Anglican co-chair.

Those who register before May 2 are eligible for an early bird registration fee of \$375. The regular fee is \$450. Travel and accommodation is not included, but a discounted rate is available for attendees at the Ottawa Hilton Garden Inn, the venue for the conference.

Tickets for a celebration banquet, are being sold separately.



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St. Helen's creates art fair fundraiser

By Brian Glenn and Jill McKinlay

In her charge to the congregation of St. Helen's Parish during the 2019 vestry, Archdeacon Susan Churchill-Lackey challenged us to do something different to enliven the parish.

A small team took up that challenge and envisioned creating a new venue for local and parish artists to display and sell their works of fine art. The resulting art fair will focus on the

work of artists in Orleans and the greater Ottawa east area and take place Saturday, May 30, 2020, at St. Helen's Church, 1234 Preston Dr., Orleans, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The fair will be a non-juried exhibition of fine arts encompassing painting, sculpture, glass, photography, ceramics and mixed-media, with the only stipulation being that the subject matter must be suitable for

viewing in a church environment, by the general public, including children.

As a fundraising event for the church's mission, there is an entry fee for artists based on the number of art works being exhibited and a commission for the church on each sale.

Artists can find information on how to register for the fair, the rules and fees on the website www.sthelensartfair.ca.

While the deadline for artists' applications is May 1, 2020, the planning committee is encouraging artists to register early so that their participation and art work can receive maximum promotion on the website.

The planning committee would be glad to answer any questions from artists or those wish to attend. Please email us at sthelensartfair@gmail.com.

STAFF NEWS

The Rev. Deacon Peter Cazaly, founder and deacon-in-charge of Centre 105, retired on Jan. 31. At the Jan. 26 meeting of diocesan council, Archdeacon PJ Hobbs, director of mission, thanked Cazaly for his "inspired and inspiring leadership"...without which the drop-in centre, which now serves breakfast three mornings a week to as many as 700 people a month, would not exist. The centre also provides social recreation, spiritual care, counselling, and referrals. "It's been a real joy to be going down to Cornwall and to see how the community has embraced this ministry," said Hobbs. "What we really want to say tonight is thank you, Peter."

Darren Graham has resigned as executive director of Centre 454, effective Feb. 21. He is joining the staff of the Youth Services Bureau as director of community services.



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Today 4 Tomorrow success celebrated by Diocese

By Leigh Anne Williams

Diocesan stewardship officer Jane Scanlon reported in the Jan. 26 meeting of Diocesan Council that the Today 4 Tomorrow fundraising campaign surpasses its goal of raising \$300,000 in 2019. The campaign closed the year at \$303,000, a 38% increase over 2018's result of \$220,000.

The T4T campaign supports the Diocese's five community ministries—Centre 454, Cornerstone Housing for Women, St. Luke's Table, The Well, and the Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre—as well as the refugee ministry, Centre 105, the All My Relations Working Group, and the Youth Internship Program.

Scanlon noted that the appeal has about 125 new donors, including 14 new monthly donors. She attributed the success to various efforts, including the T4T newsletter; increased social media

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Jane Scanlon presented a T4T campaign update at last October's Synod.

and communications via email and *Crosstalk*; a very successful Breakfast of Hope fundraiser with matching gift appeal and a first foray into crowdfunding on Giving Tuesday.

She thanked everyone on the council for their support. "It really does contribute to

helping so many people in our community, the most vulnerable people, young people, it's a broad range people that it helps and makes a difference in their lives. I'm very proud of it."

Bishop John Chapman congratulated Scanlon and thanked her for her hard work throughout the year. "A few years ago we hoped that Today 4 Tomorrow would become part of the normal parlance in Anglican households in the Diocese of Ottawa. It would be something .. that we would just do and embrace, and it would become a key resource as we develop further community ministries. And with the increase that you've accomplished in this last year, this looks like a very successful project. We weren't crazy to start it. You've proven that it is a worthwhile revenue resource for us and that's only due to the hard work you've put into this, Jane. Congratulations!"

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Another \$130,000 will help fund our Outreach Ministries. These four ministries are diverse and do so much to serve so many people: indigenous peoples, people struggling with poverty, refugees and young people.

Thank you for sharing to build a better community for everyone.

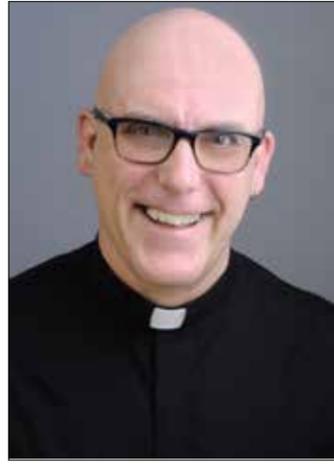
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Nominees for Election of the 10th Bishop of Ottawa



Archdeacon Dr. Peter John Hobbs

Director of Mission, Diocese of Ottawa
Ordained deacon – May 27, 1992, Ottawa
Ordained priest – Dec. 9, 1992, Ottawa

Ecclesiastical appointments

2013-present: Director of Mission, Bishop's Office.

2001-13: Incumbent, Christ Church Bells Corners, Nepean, Ont.

1995-2001: Incumbent, Parish of Chelsea-Lascelles-Wakefield, West Quebec

1992-95: Assistant Curate, St. Matthias, Ottawa

Sessional and adjunct teaching experience

2014-present: Senior Lecturer, Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA

Jan. – June 2012: Acting director, Anglican Studies Program, Saint Paul University, Ottawa

2006 – 2014: Sessional professor, Faculty of Theology, Saint Paul University, Ottawa

Diocesan appointments and involvement

2013- present: Director of Mission

2005- present: Episcopal Appointments Comm.

2016-18: Monthly contributor, *Crosstalk*

2012-14: Chair, Embracing God's Future Task Force

2005-13: Archdeacon of Carleton

2011-13: Chair, Case for Support Team, GIFT

2011-13: Member, Leadership Team, GIFT

2008-13: Member, Financial Affairs Committee

2005-07: Member Diocesan Stewardship Council

2006-07: Member Diocesan Executive

2005-06: Co-ord. Chair, Advocacy Justice Camp

2003-04: Member, Budget Review Task Force

2001-04: Member, Episcopal Commission on the Delivery of Ministry

What gifts would this nominee bring to the office of Bishop?

- Rooted in Anglican spirituality, justice
- Able to minister to people of all ages and backgrounds
- Excellent priest, liturgist, preacher
- Collaborative leader focused on positioning the Diocese for the future
- Lifelong learner with breadth of education
- Committed to developing new models of education and ministry
- Engaging the greater community in the work of the Church
- Capacity to forge partnerships across Diocese and sectors

Nominated by:

(Clergy) The Rev. Kerri Brennan, the Rev. Canon John Bridges, the Rev. Caroline Ducros, the Rev. Carol Hotte, the Rev. Tim Kehoe, the Rev. Canon Stewart Murray, the Rev. Arran Thorpe, the Rev. Canon John Wilker-Blakley;

(Lay) Ron Brophy, Mallory Green, Jim Lynes, Melanie Martin, Marian McGrath, Kathy Pearle, Mark Stalter



Archdeacon Brian Kauk

Archdeacon of Lanark-Arnrior, Area Parish of Mississippi Lake

Ordained deacon – June 11, 1996, Ottawa

Ordained priest – Dec. 8, 1996, Ottawa

Ecclesiastical Appointments

Oct. 15, 2017: Incumbent, Area Parish of Mississippi Lake

Sept. 10, 2017: Territorial Archdeacon, Lanark-Arnrior

Aug. 15, 2016: Incumbent, St. James', Carleton Place

Feb. 1, 2008: Incumbent, St. Mark's, Ottawa

June 17, 2005: Regional Dean, Stormont

Nov. 12, 2001: Incumbent, Parish of Winchester, Chesterville, Crysler & South Mountain (now Parish of North Dundas)

May 1, 1999: Assistant Curate, Christ Church Bells Corners

May 31, 1998: Incumbent, Parish of Clayton

June 15, 1996: Assistant Curate, St. John the Evangelist, Smith Falls (then priest-in-charge)

What gifts would this nominee bring to the office of Bishop?

- A strong, kind, progressive and prophetic disciple of Jesus Christ
- An experienced priest and community leader well-versed in the present challenges facing our diocese in both its rural and urban contexts
- A missional thinker capable of working with others to discern the breadth of God's mission for the Church and the practical 'next steps'
- A prayerful teacher, pastor and friend, well-equipped to faithfully shepherd the people of God
- A person of character: integrity, humility, forthright and consistency
- A Diocesan leader in changing times: Community Ministries Committee, Strategic Planning Task Force, Child Poverty Initiative
- Front-line experience enabling transitions such as amalgamations and Area Parishes
- Practices an open, loving faith that is inclusive and respectful of all

Nominated by:

(Clergy) The Rev. Canon Mary Ellen Berry, the Rev. Jonathon Kouri, the Rev. Cathy McCaig, the Rev. Stephen Silverthorne, the Rev. John Stopa;

(Lay) Anne Graham, Mary Holding, Zehaa Kwamena, Cora Nolan, Hilary Rathwell, Leonard Surges, Brenda Vroom

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Archdeacon Kathryn Otley

Territorial Archdeacon, Carleton Deanery, and Incumbent of Christ Church Bells Corners
 Ordained deacon – June 13, 2006, Ottawa
 Ordained priest: – Nov. 23, 2006, Ottawa

Ecclesiastical Appointments

Nov. 2018-present: Territorial Archdeacon, Carleton Deanery
 Nov. 2013- present: Incumbent, Christ Church Bells Corners (program size parish, suburban)
 July 2008-Oct. 2013: Incumbent, Fitzroy Harbour (rural, multi-point parish)
 June 2006-June 2008: Associate Curate and Priest-in-Charge, St. John the Evangelist, Somerset West (inner city parish)
 2009-present: Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario: Provincial Council Clergy Representative
 2011-present: Co-ordinator Ottawa Diocese Summer Internship Program and Curate Supervisor
 2011-13: Regional Dean, Deanery of Arnprior
 2013-present: Homelessness and Affordable Housing Working Group
 2016, 2019: Member, Diocesan Budget Review Committee
 2017-19: Member, All My Relations Committee (Response to Truth and Reconciliation Commission)
 2010-12: Diocesan Council Member
 2008 -10: Member, Diocesan Governance Restructuring Task Force
 2006-12: Sessional Lecturer (2009) and Field Supervisor for St. Paul's University Master of Pastoral Theology

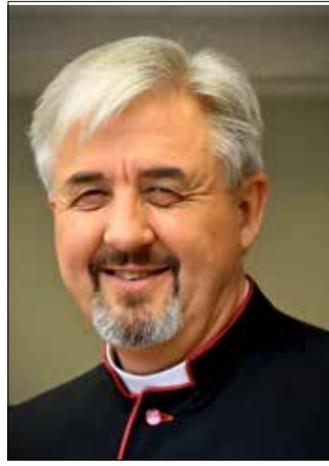
What gifts would this nominee bring to the office of Bishop?

- Leadership skills: promotes a shared vision, is adaptive, accountable, leads by example
- Deep spiritual practice rooted in Anglican identity
- Identifies and empowers leaders (lay and clergy)
- Strong preacher, teacher, facilitator and mentor
- Fosters collaborative partnerships (internal and external stakeholders)
- Imaginative, embraces new ideas
- Manages conflict confidently
- Listens, consults and makes decisions
- Strong pastoral care skills
- Dedicated to the mission of the church

Nominated by:

(Clergy) The Rev. Ryan Boivin, the Rev. Allan Budzin, the Rev. Tamara Connors, the Rev. Mike Gibbons, the Rev. Canon Hilary Murray, the Rev. Rhonda Waters;

(Lay) Marni Crossley, Thomas Jones, Colleen Mayo-Pankhurst, Mary McNeill, Alison Sutherland, Gloria Wilson



Dean Shane Parker

Dean of Ottawa and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral
 Ordained deacon – May 14, 1987
 Ordained priest – Dec. 8, 1987

Ecclesiastical Appointments

1999- present: Dean of Ottawa and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral
 2002-10: Professor (part-time) Pastoral Theology Program, Saint Paul University
 1995-99: Executive Archdeacon and Executive Assistant to the Bishop of Ottawa
 1994-95: Archdeacon of Western Quebec
 1990-95: Incumbent, Parish of Chelsea-Lascelles-Wakefield
 1987-90: Assistant Curate, Parish of Trinity Cornwall

What gifts would this nominee bring to the office of Bishop?

- Experience balancing the depth, breadth, responsibility of high stress leadership
- Respects and loves the rural and urban people and landscapes of our diocese
- Compassionate, creative, innovative, good humoured, able to ask for help
- Has been transformed, grounded and guided by life's challenges and upheld by the Grace of God
- Able to enter quickly into the work currently being done, make hard decisions, bring healing
- Strong academic background and practical experience in theology, sociology, mediation and reconciliation
- Well-connected with government, inter-faith, not-for-profit, and Indigenous partners
- Highly respected and consulted in national and international church circles

Nominated by:

(Clergy) The Rev. Canon Beth Bretzlaff, Archdeacon Peter Crosby, the Rev. Ken Davis, the Rev. Deacon Elizabeth December-Lovell, the Rev. Dr. Mary-Cate Garden, the Rev. Canon Linda Hill, the Rev. Eric Morin, the Rev. Monique Stone;

(Lay) Arlene Armstrong, Lynn Burrirt, Robert Cross, Tom Gardiner, William Passmore, Canon Monica Patten, Shawn Scromeda



The Rev. Mark Whittall

Incumbent, St. Albans Church, Ottawa
 Ordained deacon – May 1, 2008, Ottawa
 Ordained priest – Dec. 4, 2008, Ottawa

Ecclesiastical Appointments

July 2011-present: Incumbent, St. Albans, Ottawa
 Aug. 2008 – June 2011: Incumbent, Parish of Huntley
 2013, 2016, 2019: General Synod Delegate
 2010-12: Chair, Community Ministries Development Committee, Diocesan Council

What gifts would this Nominee bring to the office of Bishop?

- Clear-sighted vision for the future of the diocese
- Committed to social justice and an inclusive church
- Makes the Gospel relevant in the community's life
- Sensitive to the ministry needs of different localities
- Innovative, builds multicultural, multigenerational communities
- Engages young people, empowers everyone for ministry
- Good listener, compassionate, supports staff and volunteers
- Proven experience leading organizations through change

Nominated by:

(Clergy) The Rev. Jonathan Askwith, the Rev. William Byers, the Rev. Susan Clifford, the Rev. George Kwari, the Rev. Colin McFarland;

(Lay) Janet Allingham, Genevieve Bacis, Ron Chaplin, Anna Gow, Mach Luaala, Maelys McArdle, Hugh Nouyen, Myrna Rootham, Robyn Sulkko, Gillian Wallace

Keynote speaker Valerie Kerr poses tough questions at January Clergy Day

By Leigh Anne Williams

On Jan. 29, clergy from across the diocese gathered for a Bishop's Clergy Day on the theme of "Truth, Reconciliation, and Indigenous Ministry."

Keynote speaker Archdeacon Valerie Kerr offered her listeners a challenging mix of truth-telling, story and tough questions, drawing on her multiple perspectives as an Indigenous woman, mother, widow, grandmother, great-grandmother and Anglican priest in the diocese of Niagara, named by Bishop Michael Bird as Archdeacon for Truth, Reconciliation, and Indigenous Ministry.

Kerr structured her presentation around a grumbled question too often overheard in Canada: "Why don't they just get over it?" (with *they* being Indigenous people, and *it* being injustices such as residential schools). Kerr's short answer was "because it is still happening." Then she walked the clergy through a survey of the impacts of Canada's colonialist history that Indigenous peoples have and still do endure.

Residential schools

"How do you get over people taking things away from you, most importantly your children?" she asked. "Right now, in foster care, there are more Indigenous children than attended residential schools. We estimate

180,000. ... We are still having our children taken from us. She recounted learning about something called The Moccasin Project at a conference she attended last year. The project is responding to shockingly high rates of child apprehension across Canada, particularly in the West; many babies are taken away at birth from the hospital. Volunteers make and present Indigenous children removed from their families with a pair of moccasins to remind them of their culture and communities. "We know that because those children didn't get the opportunity to learn from their communities, from their grandmothers, how to care for those babies, but ... I think it would be more beneficial to have some parenting classes. But no, they take the babies at birth."

Treaties

Kerr touched on the subject of treaties, acknowledging that they are a huge topic. Indigenous people understood treaties to be "agreements of peace and friendship and ways to talk about how we were going to share the land and all its resources. And then you get the other side of the story," she said. "You like shiny beads...?" The whole concept of owning the land didn't make sense to Indigenous peoples, she explained. "We were here to look after our mother, the Earth." Never-



Archdeacon Valerie Kerr

theless, promises were made in the treaties, and land was one of them. She used her own reserve of Tyendinaga, near Belleville, Ont., as an example of how those promises were kept. "The land that our reserve is on came to be known as the Mohawk Tract...approximately 92,700 acres on the Bay of Quinte. You know how much we have now? 18,000 acres....What happened to all that acreage?" They needed land for settlers, so they just took the land. They took it back."

"One of the things we were promised was that we would be looked after," which, in a contemporary context, clearly ought to include health care, she said. And yet, Kerr referred to a case in which it took so long for a man from a community in the North to be flown out for care in the South that he died on the way. Unlike other Canadians, Indigenous people, particularly those that live in the North, can't just go to a doctor. They

may have to wait for an official in the federal government to decide whether to spend the money to fly them south for care, she said

Education

"Can you tell me why our children get at least 35% less funding for education than non-Indigenous children? Did your children have to leave home to go to high school?" Kerr asked. It's hard even letting them go off to university, she said, but she explained that many Indigenous communities don't have a high school. "So, if we want our children to have education beyond public school, we have to send them to larger centres. It's very difficult. You know what happens to many of our children in larger centres, after coming from remote communities?" She recommended reading Tanya Talaga's book *Seven Fallen Feathers*, which tells the stories of seven youth who went to Thunder Bay for high school. "Those children died in Thunder Bay."

The Church

Kerr recounted how an elder once said to somebody from the church, "You promised to bring us Jesus Christ, instead you brought the church." And it's a church that has done a lot of damage, she said. So why is she, an Indigenous woman, working for the church?" she asked rhetorically.

"I have a little bit of a different story. My family was very dysfunctional, a lot of abuse, a lot of alcoholism, emotional, physical, spiritual, sexual abuse." But when Kerr was seven, her family moved off the reserve and into the city. "I was very fortunate because I found a safe place in the church." Her family have been members of St. Thomas in Belleville for more than 60 years now. "Slowly, the alcoholism slowed down, and the abuse stopped. It took a long time. That doesn't mean that after that life was all rosy, but it was life," she said. "Having that experience of a safe place encouraged me to try to recreate that safe space for others. If it could happen for me, perhaps I could help others have that same experience, so I've spent the rest of my life trying to do that."

Still here

Reading about how the ways the Canadian government tried to eliminate "the Indian problem" makes Kerr's stomach turn, Kerr said. But, "try as you may, we're still here. And not only are we still here, we are growing and we are becoming more educated, and in turn hopefully, helping others become more educated about us."

Kayla Spagnoli (pictured left), Indigenous provincial anti-human trafficking liaison at Minwaashin Lodge, told the clergy about the lodge's work to help women who are at risk of exploitation in the Ottawa region.

Spagnoli said that people tend to think of human trafficking as it is presented in Hollywood movies with suburban girls being kidnapped and trafficked by international rings of organized crime. But in most cases, she said, people are being trafficked by someone they know—a boyfriend, a friend of a friend, and the vast majority are trafficked within Canada. She added that preventative work, caring for people who are vulnerable, is a more effective way to combat trafficking than the dramatic rescues.

Spagnoli runs two weekly drop-in programs at St. Margaret's Church in the Vanier area. "I couldn't do this work without being able to have the keys to that parish, so I am very lucky, and Minwaashin wants to strengthen our relationship with that parish," she said.

She suggested there are lots of ways for parishes and groups to help, such as donating space for programs, raising money for local programs, donating clothes and toiletries to organizations like Minwaashin, and through advocacy.



Building new relationships

Following Archdeacon Valerie Kerr's keynote address, the Rev. Arran Thorpe of Trinity Anglican Church in Old Ottawa South described his parish's experience taking a step on a path toward reconciliation.

With a grant from the diocesan All My Relations Working Group, the parishioners at Trinity hired a Métis artist to paint a mural on a side of their church. "It has an image of a raven and a turtle and there's braided sweetgrass that goes through the whole mural. And there's an image of Heather Archibald, a missing or murdered Indigenous woman," he said.

"Now we've had a visible witness to our community in Old Ottawa South for the past two years, and the conversations that have caused listening to happen have been amazing," he said. "The thing that undid me the most is when Mikue Michelle, at the unveiling of our mural, took the keys to the church out of her pocket and said, 'If my grandmother could see me now.'" She said she experienced so much healing by painting graffiti, spray paint on a church.

Kerr thanked Thorpe. "It's good for us to hear those good stories, and there's a lot of good stories out there," she said. "For me, it is about relationship. And you worked on a relationship and that's how to approach Indigenous people. It's not about 'We know what you need, so we're going to do this for you. It's about asking 'What do you need? Or do you need anything from us?' Start those conversations."

Kerr added that there are lots of ways for people and parishes to engage. She has been involved with the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund's water project on the Pikangikum First Nation in northern Ontario. It began with a conversation in which organizers asked people in the community if there was something they could do for them. They asked for water and a school, Kerr said.

In the first year, 10 homes were equipped with running water. It may not sound like much, she said, but the benefits to the community were greater because they had people from the community, who they trained while they were outfitting those first 10 houses with water. They were then employed on the next 10 houses. They also started a lumber mill and now they have an elder teaching the youth, so things can snowball and you never know where they'll go."

Right now, we're looking at providing a water truck for a community, said Kerr.

Scenes from the Clergy Day



Clockwise from top left— the Rev. Monique Stone; smudging kit; elder Larry Langlois; All My Relations coordinators with speakers I-r Margaret Lemaire, Archdeacon Valerie Kerr, Irene Barbeau, Kayla Spagnoli, Debbie Grisdale; the Rev. Nash Smith; the Rev. Colin McFarland; (centre) the Rev. Tamara Connors.

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Nominees announced

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4. What are your God given gifts and how do you see them exercised? Who is Christ for you? How would you encourage and equip the saints to embrace a living Anglican tradition in Word, liturgy and sacrament?
5. The Bishop of Ottawa is a highly public position. How would you communicate with the public regarding the diverse issues with which we are struggling today?
6. Tell us about a time when things went right and a time when things went wrong. How did you grow from these experiences?

The nominees' written responses are posted on the diocesan website, and printed copies will be available at regional meetings described below.

In his February *Crosstalk* column, Bishop John Chapman encouraged everyone in the diocese to get involved in the discernment process of the election. Although voting is limited to the members of the most recent Diocesan Synod held in October 2019 and a limited number of retired clergy, all parishioners are invited to meet the nominees at any of four regional meetings being held across the diocese and to discuss their ideas and questions with their Synod representatives.

Dates and locations for the four regional meetings are:

Mon., Mar. 2 (7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.) at Trinity Anglican Church, Cornwall, 105 Second Street West Cornwall, Ont. K6J 1G4 (Nearby deanery: Stormont)

Tues., Mar. 3 (7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.) at Church of the Epiphany, Gloucester, 1290 Ogilvie Road Gloucester, Ont. K1J 1H5. (Nearby deaneries: Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa Centre, Ottawa East, Ottawa West, West Quebec)

Wed., Mar. 4 (7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.) at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Kanata, 20 Young Road Kanata, Ont. K2L 1W1. (Nearby deaneries: Arnprior, Carleton Lanark, Ottawa Centre, Ottawa East, Ottawa West, West Quebec)

Thurs., Mar. 5 (7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.) at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Pembroke, 68 Renfrew Street, Pembroke, Ont., K8A 5R6 (Nearby deaneries: Arnprior, Pembroke)

According to information from the Diocese, the purpose of the meetings is to introduce the nominees to the Diocesan family. Each meeting will be structured in the same way. First, a formal component will include the introduction of nominees and an opportunity for all the nominees to respond to the same question: "What

are your God-given gifts and how do you see them exercised through the ministry of the Bishop of Ottawa?" Then there will be an opportunity for those in the audience to ask the nominees questions to further clarify or explain their written or verbal response to the questions. Following that, there will be an informal time over refreshments for the public to meet with the nominees, ending at 9:30 p.m. sharp. The meetings are open to all, but the election committee asks that priority be given to Synod delegates.

Please note a change in the times for the meetings. They will now begin 30 minutes sooner than originally announced, moving from 7:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A live-feed from each of the meetings will be posted on the diocesan website for those who can not attend in person.

The Election

The Episcopal Election will take place at Christ Church Cathedral on Sat. Mar. 14, 2020.

Registration will take place from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. All are invited to the opening Eucharist service at 9 a.m., with Archbishop Anne Germond as the celebrant. Following the service, the election proceedings, limited to Synod delegates, will begin and voting will continue until a new bishop is chosen.



Notre communauté chrétienne vous accueillera avec grand plaisir!

Grâce à une subvention du diocèse anglican d'Ottawa et du groupe All My Relations, la communauté chrétienne St-Bernard-de-Clairvaux organise l'exercice des couvertures (blanket exercise) qui sera animé par Kairos Canada (Ottawa) et un ancien de la communauté autochtone. L'activité aura lieu en français et est gratuite pour les participants. Thé, café et rafraîchissements seront disponibles.

Les participants marchent sur des couvertures représentant les territoires et jouent les rôles des Premières Nations, des Inuits et, plus tard, des Métis. Les personnes qui animent l'activité assument le rôle des explorateurs et colons européens.

Au moyen de cette activité, les participants pourront explorer ce que signifie la relation 'de nation-à-nation' qui existait entre les peuples autochtones et non-autochtones au Canada, comment cette relation a été endommagée au fil des années et comment on peut travailler ensemble vers la réconciliation.

Quand: le dimanche 8 mars 2020, de 12:30 à 15:30

Endroit: Église St-Alban, 454, av. King Edward (entrée sur Daly), Ottawa

Inscription /information:

Hélène Goulet, goulet.h@gmail.com, 613 728-1242

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

INVITING ALL CHURCH WOMEN AND FRIENDS TO THE ACW ANNUAL!!

9:30 a.m.: Muffins and coffee

10 a.m.: Corporate Communion, hosted by the Rev. George Kwari

11 a.m.: Brief business meeting led by ACW co-ordinators Leslie Worden and Marni Crossley

12 noon: Homemade soup lunch hosted by the Women's Fellowship of St. Stephen's Church

1 p.m.: Guest Speaker: The Rt. Rev. Peter Coffin, retired bishop of this diocese, introducing us to the history of the area, the settlers and the churches that got us to where we are today.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

BALE PACKING

Monday, April 27, 2020
in Richmond. 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 in
St Columba's Anglican Church,
24 Sandridge Rd.
9:00 a.m. to noon.

VANNERS CELEBRATION

Sunday May 3, 2020, 3:00 p.m.
St. Bartholomew's Church,
125 Mackay St., Ottawa -

A commemorative evensong to
celebrate the 100th anniversary of the
"Vanners" Sunday School by Post
mission created by Miss Eva Hasell and
her assistant Miss Iris Sayles.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 2020

You are invited to the **ACW ANNUAL**,
earlier than usual this year.

TIME: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PLACE: St. Stephen's Anglican Church
2821 St. Stephen's Road (north on the
Pinecrest Rd. exit off the Queensway.)

COST: Registration and Lunch
\$10 per person

REGISTER your parish and guests at
acw@ottawa.anglican.ca or
phone Leslie at 613-232-7124.

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so much to look forward to!

See you there!

Leslie and Marni
ACW Co-ordinators

BISHOP'S GALA

Dinner & Silent Auction

ATTENTION: BISHOP'S GALA SUPPORTERS
38th Annual Bishop's Gala is rescheduled
SAVE-THE-DATE: THURS., DECEMBER 3, 2020

In light of several exciting and important events this spring, the 38th annual Bishop's Gala has been rescheduled from May 21, 2020 to December 3, 2020. This is in part due to the increased workload of Synod Office staff involved with the upcoming Electoral Synod, Bishop Chapman's retirement, and the subsequent Consecration of our new Bishop. Not to mention, we will not have a Sitting Bishop until May 31. We apologize for any inconvenience and look forward to welcoming you on December 3 to celebrate our next Bishop.

For more information on the Bishop's Gala or the Bishop's Fund, please contact Heidi Pizzuto, Executive Assistant to the Bishop, at 613-233-7741 or heidi-pizzuto@ottawa.anglican.ca.

If you are interested in becoming a Corporate Sponsor or donating to our fabulous Silent Auction, contact Heidi Fawcett, Diocesan Conference & Events Coordinator, at 613-232-7124 x222 or heidi-fawcett@ottawa.anglican.ca.

In memoriam

Fred Neal

Former Archivist
Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

By Glenn J Lockwood

Frederick Jefferson Neal, of Rosseau, Ontario, died peacefully on Jan. 10, 2020. From 1990-1998, he served as Diocesan Archivist.

Fred was husband to Sarah (née Ditchburn), and father to Darcy (Sylvain), David (Sarah), and John (Nadine), and is affectionately remembered by grandchildren Myriam, Symeon, Emily, Rachel, Oliver, Sophie, Caroline and Audrey and great-grandchildren Joshua, Samuel and Julia. Fred's sister Rowena and his daughter Darcy both passed away in 2019.

Fred was born in Watertown, New York on Oct. 12, 1928, the son of the Rev. Dr. Frederick Jefferson Neal and Elsie May Field. His father was born in England in 1886 and baptized as Frederick John Neal in the Church of England parish of Saint Andrew in Holborn (London). As an adult, he served as a schoolmaster and Methodist minister in Nova Scotia, arriving from England in December 1914, before moving to the States where he served in the Congregational Church in various states.

Fred was raised in the eastern U.S. and Atlantic Canada. He graduated from Mount Allison University and served in the Korean War. Upon returning to Canada, he pursued historical research at the University of New Brunswick before training as a teacher. After marrying Sarah in 1955, he settled in Ottawa where he taught high school for 30 years.

Fred was known for service to others, exemplified by his years teaching in Africa, his work with the Student Christian Movement at UNB, involvement in the Royal Commonwealth Society through which he co-founded the Student Commonwealth Conferences, and Lay Reading at the Church of the Redeemer in Rosseau.

Fred Neal in 2002, at a Parish Council meeting, All Saints Sandy Hill.



PHOTO JANE WATERSTON

In 1987, Fred began a second career as associate archivist at the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, working closely with Jack Francis. In 1990, he was appointed archivist and registrar, a position he held until 1998. He continued to carry a heavy workload as an archivist until he retired to Rosseau in 2003. Even then, Fred worked to have the holdings of the Diocese of Algoma transferred from Laurentian University to a diocesan facility in Sault Ste Marie.

Researchers visiting the Diocesan Archives during Fred's years there were unanimous in their gratitude for his exhaustive research. With some 500 parish registers already in the archives, in addition to those out in parishes, Fred identified the need for a computerized index to help with name searches. He enlisted Fred Meacoe to build a database that allowed archivists and volunteers to keep indexing more and more volumes. Instead of the wild goose chases of the past, researchers could quickly determine whether the person they were seeking was in the parish registers of the Diocese or not. All the while, he kept organizing parish collections, and oversaw the creation of the Wilfred H. Bradley Reference Library.

In testimony to Fred's work, on Nov. 12, 2002, Bishop Peter R. Coffin declared Fred Neal Archivist Emeritus of the Diocese. The bishop paid tribute to Fred's work promoting the network of Anglican archivists across Canada, his

diligence in responding to research inquiries, his work in promoting the archives in exhibits, brochures and articles, his work as Registrar in issuing hundreds upon hundreds of certificates, his training of successor archivists, and his devotion to helping edit two major historical publications on the history of the Diocese.

In recent years, during countless summers cottaging at Lake Rosseau, sailing and playing tennis by day, Fred spent evenings and rainy days by the fire, reading, challenging his mind with large jigsaw puzzles or playing bridge, excelling at both well into his later years.

A lover of family gatherings, what often stood out was not the stories he would share, but the profound interest he had in the stories of others. His laughter and smile were often contagious and there was always a twinkle in his eye when meeting someone new.

He was an outstanding greeter at his Ottawa home parish in Sandy Hill and elsewhere.

A funeral service will be held in the summer of 2020. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Church of the Redeemer (c/o P.O. Box 221, Rosseau, Ontario P0C 1J0).

- with notes from Jane Waterston

HOLD THE DATE

ANGLICAN DIOCESE of OTTAWA

FINDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR YOUR MINISTRIES GRANT WORKSHOP

May 2, 2020
9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Christ Church Bell's Corners, 3861 Old Richmond Rd., Nepean

Learn to find and apply for grants from local, provincial and national foundations as well as government agencies. Sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa and the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at no cost to participants.

The workshop leader is Jody Orr. Jody brings a wealth of experience including six years as the CEO of a major United Way. She opened her own consulting firm, The Chrysalis Group, with a business partner in 1996. She has been consulting to the nonprofit sector for 23 years with a number of specialties, including grant research, writing and resource development.

Check in and coffee are from 9:30 – 10:00 am. The program begins promptly at 10 am and includes a light lunch.

Workshop topics include:

- Government and foundation grants your congregation may be eligible for
- Grants and resources available from the Eastern Synod, ELFEC and the Anglican Church
- Understanding funder expectations (pre and post grant)
- How to develop effective grant proposals

Who should attend:
Priests, Council Members, Treasurers, Finance and Stewardship Committee and all who are interested in generating revenue for their congregation and programs.

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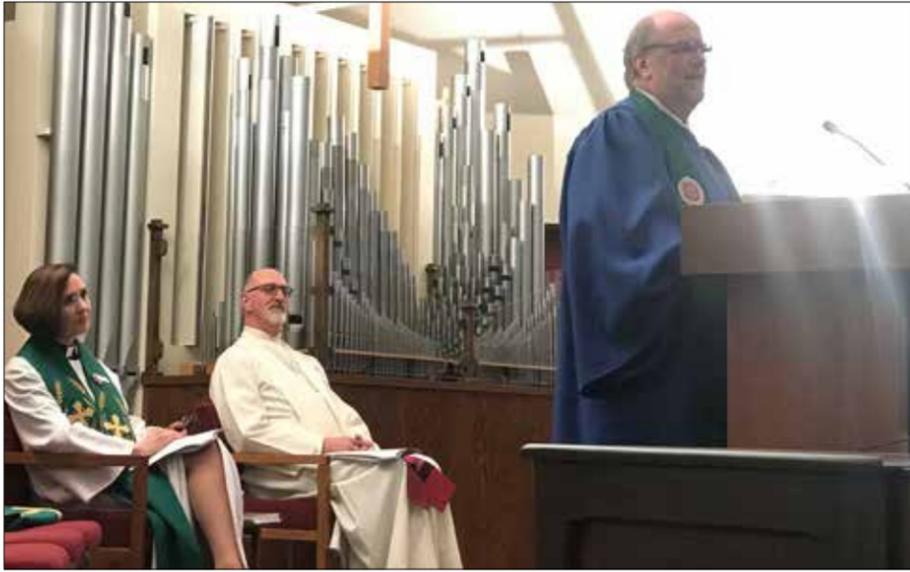
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(L to R) United Church ministers Rev. Cindy Casey and Rev. David Sherwin listen to guest preacher Rev. Grant Dillenbeck at a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service at Kanata United Church. Laurel O'Connor, director of music at St. John's Anglican Church, collaborated on the music for the service. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

STEWARDSHIP

Saying "thank you!"

BY JANE SCANLON



Jane Scanlon is Stewardship Development Officer for the Ottawa Diocese jane-scanlon@ottawa.anglican.ca

Expressing gratitude is so important. We have a great role model for saying "thank you" in Saint Paul the Apostle who regularly used his letters to thank God for his fellow believers and for their gifts; Romans, Philippians, Colossians 1, Thessalonians, Corinthians and Philemon all contain strong statements of thanks. Following Paul's lead we can begin by thanking God for the ways people in our congregations have lived out their faith and shared their gifts.

When people are thanked for their faithfulness, generosity and for sharing their expertise, they will know that they are appreciated, valuable and needed. Here are some ideas for saying "thank you!"

- Include a petition each week in the prayers to thank God for the specific lives and work of one or two people in your congregation.
- Each month identify and thank people who provide leadership.
- Practice random acts of thanksgiving by identifying people on your parish list and sending them thank you notes for their thoughtfulness to others, contributions in the community, special achievements or for any other reason you can think of.
- Send personal hand-written thank you letters.
- Identify people in your congregation who have the gift of thanksgiving. Give them a pile of thank-you notes, envelopes and stamps, and encourage them to use them up and come back for more.
- When large congregation-wide projects are completed say thanks to everyone and describe what has been accomplished.
- Be prompt in saying thank you for gifts received – both financial and non-financial. Immediate thanksgiving expresses strong appreciation.
- Send thank you letters to people who do not give financially.
- Publish expressions of thanks in your newsletter, Sunday bulletin, or post notes of thanks on your bulletin board.
- Organize a thank you trip to a ministry that your congregation supports. This gives people an opportunity to see the good work that is being done through the congregation's volunteer and financial support.
- Say thanks for every gift that is received whether it is through your pledge appeal, or at other times of the year.
- Remember to thank all of your volunteers.

There are many other ways to say thanks. Saying thank you creates a positive culture of thanksgiving in your congregation. At the beginning of each year your leadership could plan how thanks will be given and who will be the thanks-givers. Building up a culture of thanksgiving will result in an atmosphere where people feel comfortable and natural expressing their thanks to God and to each other. As Saint Paul said in 1 Corinthians 3:5-9, "What is Apollos, really? Or what is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, and each of us in the ministry the Lord gave us. I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused it to grow. So neither the one who plants counts for anything, nor the one who waters, but God who causes the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters are united, but each will receive his reward according to his work. We are coworkers belonging to God. You Are God's field, God's building (1 Corinthians 3:5-9)."

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YOUTH MINISTRY

YIP makes a positive impact

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Donna Rourke is Youth Internship Program (YIP) Coordinator

BY DONNA ROURKE

The Youth Internship Program (YIP) started 2020 with a leadership session called SafeTALK; suicide alertness for everyone. This 3.5-hour workshop teaches those who attend to be alert for warning signs indicating risk of suicide. The workshop emphasizes the importance of recognizing the signs, communicating with the person at risk, and getting help or resources for the person at risk. We were very lucky to have one of our YIP mentors offer the funding for this session.

Two days later, the Rev. Geoff Chapman led an amazing Faith Formation session on the Cosmology of the Old and New Testament; always an intern favorite!

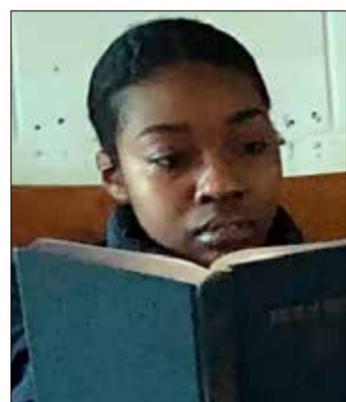
Let me introduce you to two more of our interns.

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Gabby is the YIP intern for Extendicare Starwood. She was an intern for both PWRDF and The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa in the previous YIP year. She is passionate about taking care of the environment and about taking care of others in need. Gabby is planning to attend Algonquin College in September to take the Nursing Unit Clerk program and hopefully find employment through her internship with Extendicare. She is also an artist, dancer, animal lover, and a regular babysitter of two toddlers.

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Michelle is a YIP intern for the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa; she hopes to attend Algonquin College in September. She cur-

rently attends St. Helen's Anglican Church in Orleans and comes from a family of seven. She is the oldest of five children.

Here's what some of our interns are saying about YIP's impact in their lives:

PHOTO ARCHDEACON CHRIS DUNN



Sarah Becoming an intern with the All My Relations Working Group has granted me the opportunity to learn about Indigenous peoples. Through AMR, I discovered KAIROS' 10th annual Covenant Chain Link X event in October. The theme was the revitalization of Indigenous languages. Personally, I learned about how important it is to remind your family that you love them. Since I was young, I never got into the habit of telling my parents I loved them. Since attending Covenant Chain Link, I have slowly begun to tell the people around me that I love and appreciate them. I learned a new *Anishinaabemowin* word that day that I plan to adopt: *gizahgin*, means "I love you," or "you open me."

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Alexander I was interested in applying for another chance at being an intern with YIP and challenged Donna to challenge me. Anyone who knows Donna would know that she would make whatever I was interested in, actually happen! I told her I wanted to learn and do Pastoral Care as I believe that will directly benefit my future career as a chaplain for the military and would be something I could pour my heart into.

Donna registered me for the 10-week Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program. I completed it and received my certificate at the end of November. I have now done some work with the Rev. Stephen Silverthorne and Donna at one of the Ottawa L'Arche communities. I hope to continue visiting in the L'Arche communities as well as begin visiting some

residents in long-term care facilities.

Another great aspect of YIP is the Faith Formations sessions. We get to talk about our faith and real issues which isn't commonly done nowadays. The community building aspect of YIP is also great. We feel like a real community, each of us bringing different views, ideas and skills. Being together gives everyone a better understanding of their faith and the community that dwells within that faith.

YIP is one of the best things that I have done in my life. I am grateful to everyone I have met through YIP and especially Donna, who is a constant source of support in my life and throughout all of this. The opportunity for growth in our YIP community is immense and participating is helping me attain my future careers and my growth as a person.

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Fresh ideas for Lenten practices

Building community during Lent

Lent is traditionally a time of Prayer, Almsgiving and Fasting. The parish of which I am a member has carried out the following suggestion on several occasions to encourage every member of the congregation to make Lent a special time of prayer, as well as to build Christian community within the parish.

During the week of the first Sunday of Lent each person, including children, who enters the worship space for a worship service is asked to legibly print or write their name on a small slip of paper and place it in a basket. Depending on the layout of worship space this may require some volunteers to greet each person as they enter. The basket with the names in it is brought forward at the Offering and prayed over at the altar.

At the completion of the service, as each person leaves, or at some other time in the service, each person, including the children, takes, or is given, one of the slips of paper with a name on it. If the name on the slip is their own it is returned to the basket replaced with another one.

Every person with a slip of paper with a name on it is asked to pray each day during Lent for the person whose name they have drawn. Additionally, they are encouraged to contact the person for whom they are praying and let them know that they are being prayed for. If they don't know who the person is, they are asked to try to identify and meet the person and tell them that they are being prayed for.

This suggestion encourages people to make Lent a time of prayer, as well as help build a sense of Christian community within the parish. — *Paul Dumbrille*

Spending fast

Think about what you usually spend your money on. Do you buy too many clothes? Spend too much on dinner out? Pick one type of expenditure that you'll "fast" from during Lent, and then give the money you would usually spend to a local charity. (*Bustedhalo.com*)

Take something on

How about 40 days of letter writing, 40 acts of kindness, 40 phone calls to the important people in your life. (*Bustedhalo.com*)

Research project

As a part of your Lenten almsgiving, make a point to learn more about a particular social issue (immigration, human trafficking, racism, the environment, public education, child poverty). Give money to an organization related to your chosen issue that supports the dignity of the human person. (*Bustedhalo.com*)

The sound of silence

Try intentional silence. Shut off cell phones, social media, television, radio. Go on a nature walk or seek out other quiet places. (*Ascensionpress.com*)

REFLECTIONS

Light and Darkness in Lent

By the Rev. Canon Stewart Murray

"Lord now lettest thou thy Servant depart in peace... A light to lighten the gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel." These stirring words of the prophet Simeon when Jesus was brought to the temple on the Feast of the Presentation on Feb. 2, are known as the *Nunc Dimittis* (BCP p. 22/BAS p.90). This passage continues the use of the image of light shining in the darkness that is the central theme of the Epiphany season especially in the readings from Isaiah "...those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined." It speaks to our mission as the people of God, who are called to be a light of hope, mercy, forgiveness and healing in our often-dark world.

The question of what it means to be a light in our world today, is one that can help us on our Lenten journey. The easy answer to the question is to speak of our witness as parish communities and as a Diocese, of our commitment to social justice, our desire to be an inclusive place of welcome and a place where all can belong. The hard part of the question is how do we as individuals share the light of Christ? It involves acknowledging how at times our faults hinder the light of Christ from touching others in our world. I know that at



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Canon Stewart Murray is Incumbent at St. Barnabas, Ottawa

times I have been a stumbling block to others, that in those times the light of Christ has not shone through me to them.

In parish ministry one often meets people who have left a parish or have fallen away from the walk of faith because of some deep hurt caused by their experience with other Christians. Perhaps they were troubled by some event in their life and found not help or hope, but judgement or indifference. I know in my journey I have been a source of hurt to others; I have let my frustration and anger cloud and hinder the light of Christ in my life. Part of the Lenten journey is to examine our own conscience and to confess how we have been not a light but a shadow in the lives of others.

The examination of our conscience and reflecting on our call to be a light to others in the world, is not an exercise in self recrimination or seeking to find fault with ourselves, but rather as the saying attributed to Plato states "an unexamined life, is not worth living." Such a time of honest reflection can lead to a deeper engagement with others and with Christ. It is only when we realize our need of His Grace and help that we can open ourselves to His healing presence.

But reflection must lead to action as well. It is easy to resolve to love our neighbour as ourselves, or to be more patient with ourselves and others, while it is another thing altogether to actually do so. We must seek opportunities to reach out to those whom we know we have hurt and seek to be reconciled. We can resolve to listen with our hearts to those whom we meet in the round of our daily activities and then consciously try to do so.

What we resolve to do will depend on the results of our time of self examination; what is important is to be intentional in our journey to be light in the world for those who dwell in the shadows.

O Holy Spirit come in Thy mercy;
enlighten my mind and strengthen my will
that I may know my sins,
humbly confess them,
and sincerely amend my life.



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DIOCESAN ARCHIVES

By Glenn J Lockwood

Prime Ministers' Row

In 1898, Sir Henry Newell Bate purchased land to build a large new church in the east end of Sandy Hill in what was then Ottawa's most prestigious residential district. Negotiations with Archbishop Charles Hamilton bogged down over Bate insisting on the new house of worship being regarded as "private." On 23 June 1898 H.N. Bate & Sons expressed "the greatest regret that we feel obliged to drop the question of building a Church."

Dean John Strutt Lauder stepped into the breach to sort out the impasse and Sir Henry went on to bear most of the cost of constructing and furnishing the ample and highly sophisticated All Saints Church, Ottawa. Sir Henry laid the first stone for the church on 2 April 1899 and the official cornerstone was laid by Archbishop Charles Hamilton on 7 June 1899. Hamilton and the Bishop of Columbia were present at the opening of All Saints', Ottawa on 4 February 1900. The new church was consecrated by Archbishop Hamilton on 1 February 1914. It was the only Anglican church in the City of Ottawa with a carillon of eight bells in the upper tower on which hymns could be played. Mackenzie King's insistence on a caril-

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lon on Parliament Hill may well have been inspired by the one he heard playing at All Saints.

All Saints was not the first Anglican church with which Henry Bate was connected at Ottawa. It was he who on behalf of the nascent Saint Alban's Church had approached the Besserer Estate deep in the winter

of 1865 and purchased the site for a new church there. What was the dismay of the builders of Saint Alban's to learn in the spring that its site at the very edge of Daly Street took a sudden dip off the blue clay into a great pit of sand - thereby upsetting all the plans for building a church costing \$20,000—a vast sum at the time—and

obliging that congregation to build what was claimed to be a much more modest and simple structure.

Bate made his money in a large, very successful family-run wholesale grocery firm probably founded by his father Newell Bate (1842-1909). Bate Sr was a parishioner at Christ Church Cathedral. Bate junior's

general success, commercial activity and civic spirit not only resulted in his being knighted by Queen Victoria. He was also appointed the first chairman of the Ottawa Improvement Commission (today's National Capital Commission) by Prime Minister Sir Wilfrid Laurier the same year that he began building All Saints Church.

All Saints was a few doors from Bate's home at 216 Chapel Street. It was also across Theodore Street (later Laurier Avenue East) from the mansion where Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier resided. Did Bate's plans for building a church that set a new standard in church architecture in the Diocese contribute to Laurier selecting him to improve the appearance of the capital? A scant generation later Bate Memorial Hall was built on the north side of All Saints Church, and opened its doors on 1 November 1934. Less than three years later, the funeral of Prime Minister Sir Robert Borden was held in All Saints Church.

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PRAYER MATTERS

Let us pray for the election of a new bishop

By Paul Dumbrille

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 those who will vote

Ever-present God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who will take counsel in the Synod of this Diocese for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honour and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the one who shall be chosen

Almighty God, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church. Give your grace, we humbly pray, to the one who will be called to the office and ministry of Bishop for your people in this Diocese; and so fill him/her with the truth of your doctrine and clothe him/her with holiness of life, that he/she may faithfully serve you, to the Glory of your great Name and for the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Paul Dumbrille is the diocesan Anglican Fellowship of Prayer representative.

CALENDAR

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Mar. 1

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.

Choral Compline Prayer

7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd (3500 Fallowfield Road, Unit 5) Barrhaven

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Mar. 2

Meet the Nominees for the Episcopal Election

7 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. at Trinity Anglican Church, Cornwall, Ont. (105 Second Street West) (See story. p. 10)

Mar. 3

Meet the Nominees for the Episcopal Election

7 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. at Church of the Epiphany, (1290 Ogilvie Road Gloucester, Ont.) (See story. p. 10)

Mar. 4

Meet the Nominees for the Episcopal Election

7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Kanata, (20 Young Road Kanata, Ont) (See story p. 10)

Mapping the Ground We Stand On

10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at St. Columba (24 Sandridge Rd Ottawa)

This is a new reconciliation tool designed by PWRDF to help Anglicans learn and reflect together about our relationship with Indigenous Peoples. With the help of a large map of Canada, we will explore our place in Canada and learn about the Doctrine of Discovery

and Indigenous Traditional Knowledge.

The two-hour workshop is free. Snacks and a light lunch will be provided. Please register with Diana Poitras at Church of St. Columba (613) 749-5103 stcolumbaanglican@bellnet.ca or with PWRDF rep Jane Maxwell jane.maxwell@sympatico.ca

Mar. 5

Meet the Nominees for the Episcopal Election

7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Pembroke (68 Renfrew Street, Pembroke) (See story p. 10)

Mar. 8

Blanket Exercise

12:30 p.m. à 15:30 p.m. Église St-Alban (454, av. King Edward, entrée sur Daly), Ottawa (see story p. 10) [Hélène Goulet, goulet.h@gmail.com](mailto:Hélène.Goulet@gmail.com), 613 728-1242

Mar. 6

World Day of Prayer

10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Julian of Norwich (8 Withrow Ave., Nepean, Ont.) Celebrate a special service prepared by the women of Zimbabwe which answers the call to Rise! Take your mat and walk.. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the service celebration julianofnorwichottawa@gmail.com (613) 224-7178

Mar. 8

St. Luke's Recital Series: Yunyi Nunu Zhang (piano)

7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. at 760 Somerset Street W., Ottawa Join us for an evening of piano music by Chopin, Beethoven and Prokofiev. Admission by donation. www.stlukesottawa.ca (613) 235-3416

Mar. 11

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 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. joyfulsottawa@gmail.com

Mar. 12

Coffee, Company and Conversation:

Cards and Games Morning 10 am. to noon at St. Mark's (1606 Fisher Ave., Ottawa)

Mar. 14

Electoral Synod - Opening Eucharist

9 a.m. at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St. Ottawa). (See story p. 10)

Mar. 18

Joyful Sound Ottawa

(See details Mar. 11)

Mar. 19

Coffee, Company and Conversation

10 am. to noon at St. Mark's (1606 Fisher Ave., Ottawa) Featuring the Mellon Sisters, a teen singer and pianist.

Mar. 21

Lenten Quiet Day

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (St. Barnabas, 70 James St. Ottawa) "Sacraments - God Tangible" with Fr. Matthew Crane Bring a bag lunch, soup and refreshments provided. More information : parishoffice@primus.ca

Labyrinth Walk

7 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St., Ottawa) We present an introduction to meditative labyrinth walking and offer seasonal themes to focus our time together, providing a rich experience for your first or 100th walk. By donation.

Mar. 22

Music for a Sunday Afternoon

3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at St. John's, Kanata North Celtic music weaves in and out of readings from Ottawa author Darren Jerome's new novel, Lower Town. Master of the mandolin Graham Lindsey and Vocata, a trio of women's voices highlight Jerome's readings for a snapshot of Bytown's history as the toughest lumber town in North America. Admission by donation. Free parking. barbara33@sympatico.ca (613) 592-4747 <http://parishofmarch.ca/>

Mar. 25

Joyful Sound Ottawa

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Church of the Ascension, (See details Mar. 11)

Mar. 28

Retirement reception for Bishop John Chapman (see p. 2)



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