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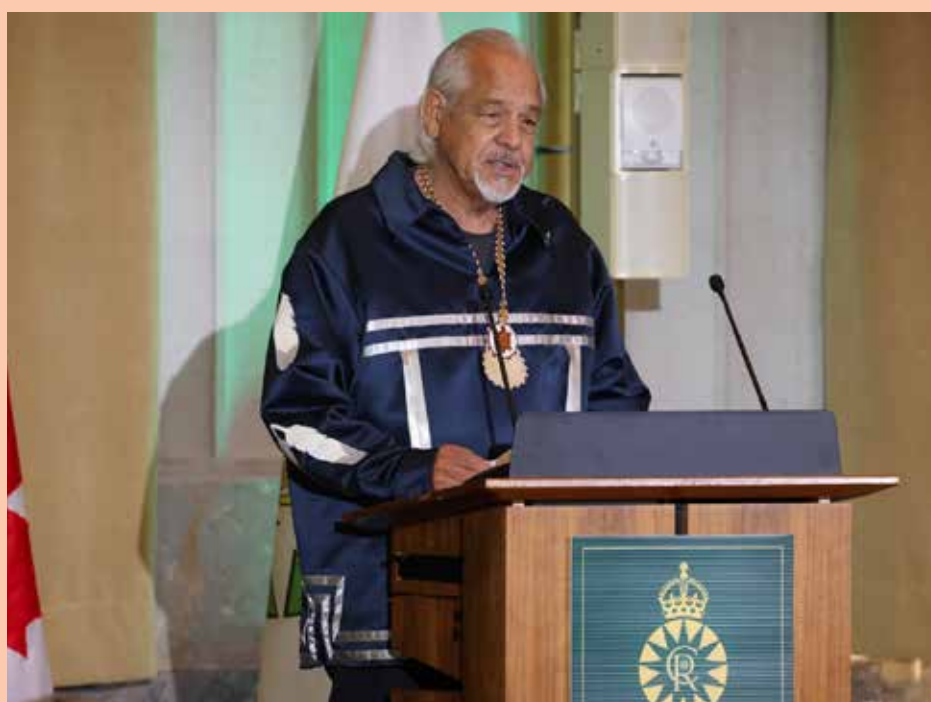


Albert Dumont opens the national ceremony to mark the coronation with an Indigenous perspective

The ceremony to mark the coronation of King Charles III in Ottawa on the morning of May 6 began with remarks from Algonquin spiritual teacher Albert Dumont, who is the city of Ottawa's English poet laureate. He is also Algonquin Indigenous Advisor to Bishop Shane Parker.

As June is National Indigenous History Month, it seemed fitting for *Crosstalk* to share Dumont's words reflecting on the relationship between the Crown and Indigenous peoples historically and looking forward into the reign of the new king.

“From the eastern sky, a new dawn enters Indigenous sacred land. The memories of the oldest pines rise to greet its shimmering light. The trees sway joyfully in remembrance of a happy time long ago, before the power of the British sword destroyed the tranquility of gentle Turtle Island.



Today a vow made from afar brings hope that honour will again grace the circle from which the wampum of peace and friendship is held tightly in the care of Minou Manido, the good spirit. A new day showing itself on the horizon,

bringing forth the heart of an honorable human being who steps forward. His crown he lays before God. The measure of his word, he lays before the people. The blood of our hearts send forth a hopeful song in recognition of Charles III, the

king of the Commonwealth, who promises to strengthen the human bond between the monarchy and all peoples of the Commonwealth.

The voices of our fathers and grandfathers rise. The voices of our mothers and grandmothers rise. We speak, they say, for the dying waters and the poison winds of our homelands. Restore the relationship with them as well as with the people.

King Charles III of the Commonwealth, hear our drum. Respect it as you would your song of life. We sing to honour the commitments you make for a better world for all. We stand together, side by side, and show our souls the creator.

Let the power of the honour song cleanse away the wrongs of the past. The road we walk now together in peace and friendship lives in the song of honour.”

Cornerstone Housing for Women faces funding crisis

BY DAVID HUMPHREYS

The loss of more than \$1 million in federal pandemic funding and inadequate provincial support have combined to create a crisis for Cornerstone Housing for Women's emergency shelter.

The emergency funding over the last two and half years paid for increased staff, cleaning and related pandemic measures. “It was probably wishful thinking that we would be able to maintain it,” executive director Sarah Davis says. “It shone a light on where there were gaps already and showed what we could do if we were funded properly.”

The loss coincides with an Ontario budget that short-changes Ottawa in its allocation of additional

homelessness prevention funding. The budget gives Ottawa an additional \$845,100, compared with \$48 million for Toronto.

Ottawa Mayor Mark Sutcliffe protested to Premier Doug Ford that Toronto is getting almost 60 times as much funding as Ottawa despite Toronto's population being three times larger than Ottawa.

Cornerstone's funding comes primarily out of both federal and provincial programs channelled through the City of Ottawa. The Ontario budget leaves Cornerstone competing with other agencies for a larger share of the funding available to the city.

Adding to the problem, private donations—the other pillar of financial support—have suffered,

apparently because people, released from pandemic restrictions and concerns, have been “out and about” and less focused on the need. But donations can never make up for a shortfall in government funding.

Davis has offered to be a voice for women in homelessness in any joint campaign for a rebalancing of provincial allocations. “In whatever role we can play we are happy to support the city for additional funds or a re-allocation of funds.”

The current increase for Ottawa of \$845,100 hardly covers the needs of one city agency, she said. “I'm really scared for the sector as a whole. The last two and a half years have been nothing but jumping from one crisis to the next.

“With this funding cut women's

lives are at stake. This means women in crisis will stay in abusive and violent situations for longer. They will need more healthcare resources, staying in hospitals, jails and mental health institutions longer.”

The shelter is at full capacity, 57 beds in shared spaces every night and hotels are being used for surplus needs. The capacity was reduced from 61 to allow for distancing during the pandemic.

While demand has increased, the staff has been reduced. Davis talks about staffing struggles, as many have left to work in more permanent jobs in the city. “Every weekend we're flipping a coin to see who has to work.”

FROM OUR BISHOP

Growing hope locally and globally in the Communion Forest

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BY THE RIGHT REVEREND SHANE PARKER

Last year's Lambeth Conference took place in Canterbury, Kent, during the driest July on record. The parched earth and tinder-dry grass had not felt rain all summer, and by August the UK's National Drought Group announced the region would be put into official drought status. The country's Environment Agency declared that the arid conditions were caused by climate breakdown and would likely continue to occur in the future.

A major thrust of the 2022 Conference was giving shape to 10 "Lambeth Calls" on the themes of: Discipleship; Anglican Identity; Safe Church; Science and Faith; Human Dignity; Christian Unity; Mission and Evangelism; Inter Faith Relations; Reconciliation; and Environment and Sustainable Development (the Calls have undergone a process of revision since the conference and were to be released at Pentecost this year).

Day 8 of the Conference began shortly after drought status had been announced and the theme for the day was "Environment and Sustainable Development." Being in the midst of a major climate event

added a sense of urgency to our discussions.

Breaking from the normal pattern of meeting in plenary at the University of Kent, we loaded onto buses and travelled to Lambeth Palace in London. We walked through the gates of the palace grounds and around the main building to the extensive gardens, where a large marquis had been set up—replete with formal table settings. The lawns were brittle and yellow—far from any notion of a typical English garden—and the air was stifling.

After lunch we gathered around a small stage and stood on the hardened earth to witness the formal launching of a global initiative called "The Communion Forest." The unrelenting heat from the sun made the idea of a verdant forest very compelling, and we listened attentively as this proactive initiative was unveiled.

The Communion Forest is intended to be "a practical, spiritual, and symbolic response to the environmental crisis, and an act of Christian hope for the well-being of humanity and all God's creation" (recognizing that climate anxiety, which too often affects young people, is best addressed by meaningful action).

The Communion Forest encourages local activities undertaken by provinces, dioceses and individual churches across the Anglican Communion. It is to be a global act of hope which involves forestation activities to be determined locally so they are "geographically, culturally and environmentally appropriate." The Forest will look very different in different parts of the Communion, and part of the initiative involves the



Scene from the launch of the Communion Forest initiative at Lambeth Palace 2022

sharing of one another's stories.

What might this look like in our diocese? Here are some suggestions from the Communion Forest initiative that could easily happen in our parishes or community ministries: giving confirmation candidates a seedling or sapling to plant or care for; tree growing to celebrate life events; growing indigenous seedlings for others in the community to plant; planting trees on parish lands; creating a tiny garden, community garden, or a micro-forest; getting involved

in a local conservation project; advocating with others to prevent the destruction of a habitat. The possibilities are endless—and as we saw in the April 2023 issue of *Crosstalk*, there are some creative projects already underway!

I heartily encourage everyone, in all parts of our diocesan church, to embrace the Communion Forest initiative, and to share with other Anglicans across the world as we contribute to the care and safeguarding of creation.



Keep in touch with the team at: communion.forest@aco.org. More detailed information and resources are available on the Communion Forest website: communionforest.org

CLERGY NEWS



The Rev. John Holgate was ordained as a priest on May 9, 2023 at St. Helen's Anglican Church in Orleans.

Indigenous Advisors inaugurate Akikodjiwan Room



PHOTO: LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS



On April 25, Bishop Shane Parker was able to meet in-person with all of the Indigenous advisors he has appointed since his election in 2020. (Left to right) Inuit Advisor Deborah Tagurnaaq, Metis advisor Audrey Lawrence, Bishop Shane, First Nations advisor Margaret Lemaire (front) and Algonquin advisor Albert Dumont.

Dumont blessed the Akikodjiwan Room in Ascension House in Ottawa with a smudge of sweetgrass, praying for all those who gather there and for

all of the conversations that will take place within its walls to be positive and constructive. The windows of the room look out toward the Ottawa River as it flows into an ancient rapids and waterfall that is a sacred place for the Anishinaabe Algonquin, who call it Akikodjiwan or Asinabka.



Archbishop Hosam Naoum of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem has been appointed to the Canonry of St. James of Jerusalem at Christ Church Cathedral in Ottawa.

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The Rev. Jarrett Carty has been appointed to be the Deacon Residentiary (part-time) at Christ Church Cathedral, effective Sept. 1, 2023.

The Rev. Stephen Silverthorne has been appointed as a Canon of the Diocese, effective May 2, 2023.

STAFF NEWS



Paul Lex has been hired as the Diocese's new director of Human Resources. PHOTO: SANDRA HAMWAY

Survey will offer view of properties throughout diocese

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

This summer, parishes will be receiving the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa Building Survey, which is intended to create a composite picture of the state of diocesan properties, rather like a jigsaw with each parish filling in its piece of the puzzle.

Putting that big picture together will have a number of benefits, ADO director of property and asset management, Joel Prentice, told *Crosstalk*.

The survey is a Diocesan Council-approved initiative, and the Real Estate Working Group designed the survey in order to better understand the current state of properties throughout the diocese, including church buildings, rectories and parish halls.

"It's an opportunity to open up conversation and dialogue around the current state of fixed assets within the church, and that opportunity ... will enable a collective effort between parishes and the diocese to shore up any deficiencies or concerns," Prentice said. The information gathered



PHOTO: LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Joel Prentice, ADO director of property and asset management, can consult with parishes about ways to improve energy efficiency and reduce operating costs.

"will be used to make actionable improvements in terms of building operations," he said.

"It's not a super complex survey,

but there are some technical elements to it," said Prentice, noting that he will be available to support parishes if they have questions as they complete the survey and welcomed the chance to get to know them. "Whether it's wardens or folks within property committees or whoever is the point person that deals with property within parish structures... it's an opportunity for me to connect."

As results from the survey come in, Prentice said he could consult with parishes to develop things like maintenance plans and calendars for proactive and preventative maintenance efforts.

"When you repair elements of property proactively, you're not waiting until components fail. You're taking stock of what needs to happen in advance." He added that he could support parishes as they consider life cycle upgrades, such as retrofitting, upgrading lighting to LEDs, adding weather stripping and insulation, or upgrading heating and cooling systems.

"Those small changes within one property will make a difference

not only in terms of efficiency, but financially as well in terms of consumption of energy and resources," he said.

Multiplied across the diocese, those changes could also amount to an important way to reduce energy consumption and operate in a more environmentally sustainable way. "Without understanding where we are at today, it's difficult to make declarations and decisions around improving our approach to environmental stewardship," Prentice explained.

He added that if there are projects that may be eligible for some level of government funding, "within a provincial or a municipal or a federal program, those are things that we have our finger on the pulse of and can really assist with in a consultative way."

Parishes may also benefit by connecting with and learning from the experiences of each other, especially if they have buildings of similar vintages that are encountering similar problems, he said.



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PARISH NEWS

St. Albans in Ottawa kicks off masonry repair campaign

BY THE ST. ALBANS MASONRY TASK FORCE

Since early 2022, clergy and parishioners have been seeking funds for necessary masonry work to keep St. Albans safe for current and future users; namely, parishioners at St. Albans, the French-language community of St-Bernard and Belong Ottawa (Centre 454), an Anglican community ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa for those who are homeless or living in poverty — on average 150 people each day. Centre 454 provides hospitality, practical support, social recreation activities, and supportive counselling. In addition to the Centre 454 space, pews and chairs are removed from the church nave six days a week and cots are set up to provide rest for our friends living on the street.

Through the generosity of the Diocese, the Anglican Foundation, the Build Heritage Grant and community members, past and present, St. Albans and St. Bernard have already raised \$295,000 for this work, and there is \$35,000 left to raise. A kick-off event will be held on June 17 at the church.

“Over the last nine months, St. Albans has made important decisions to become a sustainable

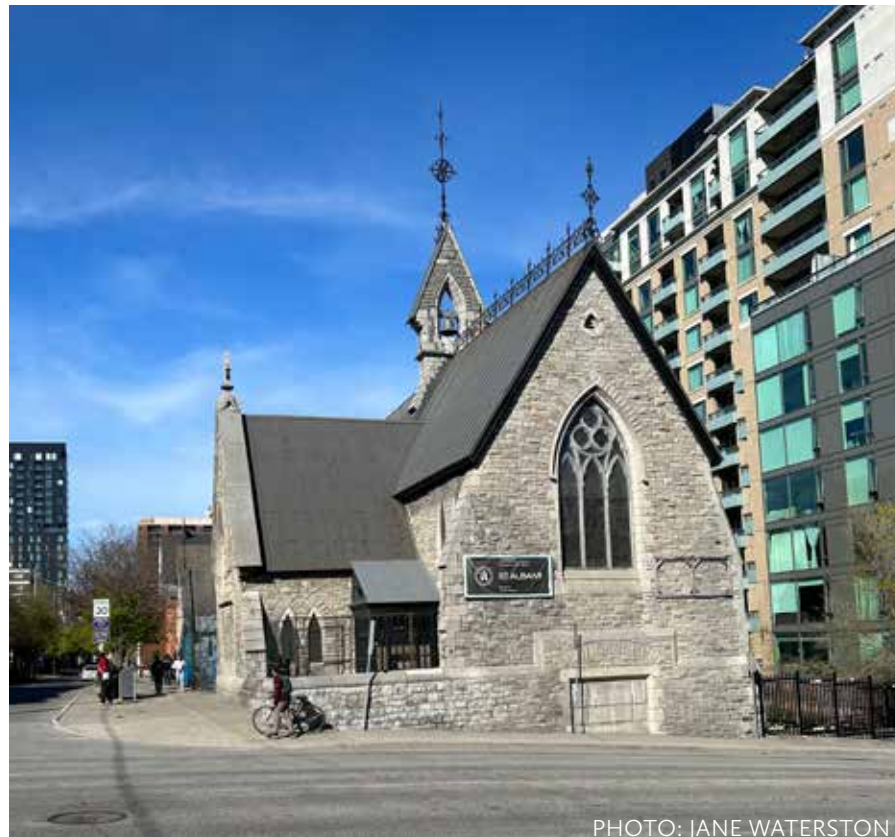


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The lovely limestone church near the University of Ottawa is in need of repointing after more than a century of service.

community across diversity, conviction, and identity; one that can be a spiritual home to many, says St. Albans’ rector Rev.

Michael Garner. “Our building is an emerging community hub for the arts, two communities of worship, and Belong Ottawa (Centre 454).

This masonry project will shore up our building and enable a thriving Anglican presence in Sandy Hill and Lowertown for the coming decades.”

“St. Albans is downtown Ottawa’s oldest surviving church building and one of its most historic. Located in the downtown neighbourhood of Sandy Hill, the church’s original architecture was designed by Thomas Fuller, the architect of Canada’s original Parliament... The church’s construction began in 1867 and was completed in 1877. It has been the church home of many of Canada’s political leaders, including our first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald.” (<https://stalbanchurch.ca/about/history/>)

St. Albans has also been purchasing offsets and looking at how to reduce the carbon footprint of the building and parish. *Crosstalk* readers interested in contributing to the St. Albans masonry fundraising campaign can find out more at <https://stalbanchurch.ca/donate/>, with charitable tax receipts issued for donations.

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Hollyer House provides model of successful fundraising

BY DAVID HUMPHREYS

As it prepares to open, Hollyer House, the Christ Church Bells Corners affordable housing and community hub project, stands as a massive tribute to parishes, partners and individuals throughout the diocese who made it happen with support from the City of Ottawa and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The 35-unit building, also housing a community centre and a food bank, will be receiving first tenants during the summer. An official opening ceremony will take place later in the year.

There will be a lot to celebrate including selfless giving, multi-partnerships and success in the learning experience of fundraising.

It began with the Homelessness and Affordable Housing Working Group (HAHWG) putting out a checklist of ways in which parishes could help. Christ Church considered the potential of its rectory property. Talks began with the rectory tenant at the time, the West Ottawa Community Resource Centre, with positive results for what was to become a community-focused project.

At the time devoted parishioner John Hollyer left his modest trailer home to the parish in his will. It sold for about \$70,000, providing seed money for an initial feasibility study.

Once the study was carried out—by Cahdco, the non-profit affordable housing developer—the parish had to decide whether it would make a commitment to proceed.

A full partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa was the key to success. “We couldn’t do it without them and they couldn’t do it without us,” Archdeacon Kathryn Otley, CCBC rector, said. “It really is a great message. It’s a true partnership in every way.”

A special vestry meeting with record attendance voted to proceed, unanimously but for one 101-year-old dissenter who said hearing loss made it impossible to judge the project.

But Archdeacon Otley doubts the vestry would have committed without knowing the Diocese was on board with an equity contribution. “I don’t think it would have passed if they thought they had to raise \$1.6 million on their own.”

Immediately after the vestry approval, the fundraising specialist, Hussey Philanthropic Consulting was hired, a step that Archdeacon Otley considers essential.

The equity required for the project was set at \$1.2 million. Another \$350,000 was added for a contribution to the fit-up costs of the non-profit tenants—the West



This Christ Church Bells Corners affordable housing and community hub project stands as a massive tribute to parishes and partners.

PHOTOS: PETER HUNT



An accessible kitchen awaits a resident ready to do some cooking.

Ottawa Community Resource Centre and the FAMSAC Food Cupboard.

The rationale was two-fold. The inclusion of the service partners was vital to the success of the project as community hub. That aspect proved to be one of the most powerful aspects in fundraising, opening doors to donations that otherwise might not have been offered. A second consideration was to avoid having the parish as well as the tenants all soliciting donations at the same time.

As a result, the fundraising target was raised to the \$1.6 million that remains in place today. The fundraising team, with representatives of the parish and the Diocese, adopted a two-track approach. They reached out to every parish in the diocese for help. And with Hussey’s expertise they began soliciting corporate and foundational donations.

Many parishes asked for a presentation. Some gave without

a presentation. Others fundraised specifically for Hollyer House. Still others contributed out of their existing budget.

“There’s been a variety of response,” Archdeacon Otley says. “The \$30,000 that we’ve raised in the last few months has all been from parishes in the diocese.”

The Hussey organization has been essential. “They didn’t just tell us how to do it, they also gave us their connections,” she said. Those connections resulted in an anonymous \$250,000 donation.

At their first meeting with potential donors the presenters never ask for money. They simply tell their story and ask whether the cause aligns with the principles of the audience. “No one hears the story of John Hollyer without being moved.”

In later follow-up, a donation may or may not be forthcoming. Sometimes there is no donation but a useful connection to another potential giver.

The campaign is closing in on \$1 million, and every effort is underway to hit the target by year’s end. “We have a lot of irons in the fire,” Archdeacon Otley said. That includes outreach to corporations, financial institutions, service clubs and foundations.

The project is a community hub. Cornerstone Housing is the rental managing partner. While the project is spearheaded by a parish and significant diocesan support, rentals are not based on faith. Candidates for rentals must be on the Ottawa Housing Registry which numbers more than 12,000. This opens the door to financial institutions whose support is expected to run close to \$250,000.

It also allows the project to benefit from pledges and legacy giving. Some potential supporters aren’t in a position to make a lump-sum gift but are open to small monthly donations over a period of years.

The project is financed by the Diocese’s equity share of \$1 million, a \$5.6 million CMHC mortgage loan, as well as a CMHC grant of \$1,250,000 and capital grants from the City of Ottawa of \$6.5 million. The latter includes waiving of charges such as development fees. The CMHC mortgage is repayable over time through receipts from rentals. The Diocese’s equity contribution comes from the current fundraising campaign.



More information on the project is available via this QR code.

Archdeacon Peter Crosby retires after 38 years

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Archdeacon Peter Crosby is retiring this month. Born, raised and ordained in Ottawa, and having served as a priest of here for 38 years, he has deep roots in the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa.

He retires as the Incumbent of the Area Parish of the St. Lawrence, but in the course of his career he has also served as Incumbent at St. Thomas the Apostle, Alta Vista (2011-2020), Church of the Resurrection in Ottawa (2005 to 2011); Christ Church Aylmer (2002 – 2005), Christ Church, Long Sault (1997-2002, Stafford (1993-1997), Metcalfe-Greely-Vernon (1989-1993) St. Michael and All Angels, Maxville; (1987 - 1989) and as Assistant Curate at Trinity, Cornwall (1985 - 1987).

Over the years, he also served the Diocese as Archdeacon of Stormont, Ottawa Centre, West Quebec and Pembroke, as well as Regional Dean of Ottawa Centre and Stormont.

When asked how he first felt called to ministry, he told *Crosstalk* that he hadn't been asked that in a long time.

"It's a question that parishioners are very interested in when they meet students because that's a person in process. It's almost like if they look very closely, they might see the Holy Spirit because there's something happening right there. When you arrive after a few incumbencies, and you obviously have a few miles on you no one asks that question. ... You just arrive like an Amazon package at the parish door.... no assembly required."

In Crosby's case, after graduating from McGill, he began his career working for a personnel agency. "I was most interested in the stories of the employees.... What were they trying to accomplish in applying for this job that I was facilitating them getting?" As a young man, he was also trying to chart his own path. As he moved into a mature adult faith, he found himself asking, "How can



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I best serve this church that I was beginning to love more and more... seeing its importance to me and to the world." So, when Archdeacon Pat Playfair asked him out of the blue what he wanted to do with his life, his answer was, "I think I want to do what you do." Playfair set up a meeting with the bishop, but Crosby said he still questioned if he "was up to what I could see were the many varied and almost endless demands on parish priests.... For me, it was a big stepping out in faith.... I still struggled inwardly [until] I literally heard a voice saying trust me, and so I went with it."

Working with people in the midst of transitions, liminal times, is a theme that continued throughout

his work, he observed. "I really enjoyed coordinating the summer internship program, which I did for more than 20 years... It just was a sense of the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of people who were answering God's call," as well as organizing the internship, working with the priest and lay team. Later as an archdeacon, he said he also enjoyed being involved in the appointment process for clergy—seeing the clergy and parishes through those transitions.

He has served the Diocese in many capacities—on the Parish and Diocesan Services Committee, Diocesan Executive Committee, Synod Management, Stewardship Council, Governance Task Force and

Diocesan Financial Initiative Case Development Working Group.

Highlights in his work have "come week by week and month by month," he said, "just the immense privilege of someone placing such trust in you that they just bare their soul about the struggles that they're dealing with and because they trust in your absolute confidentiality that you will receive what they're saying with a sense of mercy and kindness and walk with them in that and not try to fix them."

Although he respects the argument that wearing a clergy collar in public attracts unwarranted attention or gets in the way of conversations, Crosby has made it his habit. "I found it a rich conversation opener of very random conversations in grocery stores, on the street, in a coffee shop where people will just start talking to you," he said. "I am the church wherever I am, as are all Christian people, but they may not be immediately identified as such." Witnessing the decline of the church especially in the later part of his 38-year career has been difficult, he says, but he is encouraged by "the kind of church we are now, our capacity to minister pastorally to those would otherwise have been excluded," such as people in the LGBTQ community who had to hide their identity. "Now our church is so very different in that regard. A church that was completely complicit in residential schools, the church of my childhood, is now active in working around, being honest and seeking reconciliation.... I'm hoping as we go forward that in some sense our decline can create greater openness to taking things like ecumenism seriously especially in our smaller rural communities."

In his retirement, Crosby is looking forward to coming back himself and having more time for reading, poetry, photography, doing yoga, biking, birding and going for nature walks with his wife Maria and their Labrador Retriever Ringo.

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Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre executive director Sharon York retires

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Sharon York is retiring from her role as the executive director of the Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre (OPC) end of June.

“Sharon has served with this community ministry of our diocese for over 35 years, as a skilled psychotherapist and counsellor, and as a dynamic and highly respected leader,” Bishop Shane Parker said. “Building on the work of previous executive directors, Sharon has made the OPC into a solid, reputable counselling service that serves a wide range of people across the whole geographic area of our diocese. Her greatest contribution, however, is the support she has given to countless individuals, couples, and families as they have faced difficult issues.”

The Rev. Canon PJ Hobbs, director general of Anglican Community Ministries, added, “Our diocese has been immeasurably blessed by the ministry and presence of Sharon York.”

York was named executive director in 2012. The Centre has undergone transformational growth during her tenure, and rose to the challenge of surviving and thriving during the pandemic.

York first connected with the OPC in 1988 as a student at Saint Paul University doing her master’s degree in pastoral studies. She asked if she could do her clinical placement at the OPC.

York started under the supervision of long-time director Mary Hugessen, who offered her a contract position. York later also worked at Carleton University, but kept her private practice at the OPC.

In 1999, the OPC hired a clinical psychologist to supervise and guide its pastoral counsellors. This helped ensure that the Centre could



offer a high caliber of service and professional accountability.

When Hugessen retired in 2000, the director of Community Ministries, the Rev. Bill Prentice, took on responsibility for governance, finances, and the administrative direction of the OPC.

York was appointed as the lead counsellor.

In 2002, the OPC moved from its offices in the Cathedral to the Bronson Centre. Once there, the number of people coming for counselling increased significantly and began to include people from outside the Anglican Church.

York’s role grew again in 2008 when she was appointed clinical coordinator. In 2012, she became the executive director. That same year a \$6,000 grant from the diocesan

GIFT campaign allowed the OPC to establish a Counselling and Art Therapy program. The following year, OPC received another \$6,000 GIFT grant to establish a satellite office in Carleton Place to help make counselling services more accessible to those living in the western part of the diocese. Later, a second office was set up in Manotick.

When York was appointed as the executive director in 2012, she began to shape the OPC to be a more substantial ministry with an improved organizational structure, enhanced delivery of services, and regulated college membership. In 2015, she guided the OPC psychotherapists towards membership in the College of Regulated Psychotherapists of Ontario.

York then turned her attention to expanding who the OPC could serve. Meeting with the Community Ministries Committee, she pitched her dream for a trust fund that could gather donations and would allow OPC to offer services at a reduced cost to those who could not afford the usual fees for psychological services.

That was how the Counselling Support Fund began in 2014, and within three years, it had grown to a \$100,000 fund. How? York laughs and says they used to joke that her name was Sharon York-Counselling Support Fund, “because I just lived and breathed the promotion of this fund.” She spoke at churches throughout the diocese explaining how parishioners could help others

who need counselling support and ensure they are not left struggling on their own. “We sent letters and we did fundraising,” she recalls. The need resonated with many people. “We have received some generous donations,” she said, “but that fund grew \$50 at a time. It was somebody who knew that their family member came to the OPC, and then suddenly we’d get a \$150 donation cheque.”

As she prepares to retire, York’s passion for the Counselling Support Fund is still a bright spark in her love for the OPC, and she continues to stress the importance of being able to offer counselling to those in need who can’t afford the cost. “Sometimes people just break down over the phone. They can’t believe that they can actually get the services. Even if it’s only eight or 10 sessions, they can get a certain amount of help, and it won’t be like six months from now. It’ll be a month later or two weeks later or, for some cases, immediately.”

York has seen OPC through the challenges of the pandemic and the shift to offering online counselling. This shift increased accessibility for people who couldn’t come into the OPC offices in person.

Looking back, she says her work as executive director has been a great joy for her. “But probably the most profound experience I’ve had in the last 35 years is really the day-to-day working with ... the families and the couples and the individuals. Some people come in because of crisis, others come looking for personal growth, and I get to accompany them in very deep and profound ways and walk with them on their journey. Through the decades, there are countless people that have come through the door that I’ve had the privilege of having counselling relationships with. This is a very meaningful and life-giving experience.”

York will continue in her role as a psychotherapist after she retires from the executive director position. She will still be doing some counselling through the OPC, but she will have more time for pursuing other passions, many of them outdoors —cycling, kayaking, gardening, and enjoying nature.

She is also a poet and is working on a novel. It’s not as big a leap as one might think, she said. “Story is really what the psychotherapy relationship is about. This person is telling us their story and we’re helping them find meaning and put structure in it and find new options.”

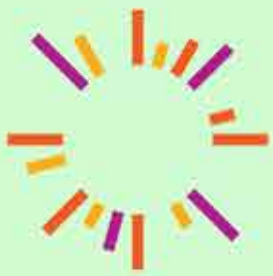
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Church leaders gather in Ottawa to advocate for peace and justice

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

On April 26, Ascension House hosted an ecumenical gathering of leaders from four churches as they prepared for meetings to urge the Canadian government to strengthen its advocacy for a just and lasting peace in Palestine and Israel.

Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; the Rev. Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; the Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator of The United Church of Canada; and the Rev. Dr. Dorcas Gordon, Principal Emerita, Knox College, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met with members of Parliament to commend some actions the government has taken and to make several requests for further action regarding the treatment of Palestinian children and human rights abuses in the conflict, including;

- Appointing a special envoy to promote, monitor and report on the human rights of Palestinian children living in occupied Palestinian territories;
- Taking steps to promote greater respect for human rights and increase protection of Palestinian children
- Holding Israeli military authorities accountable under international human rights and humanitarian laws.

The leaders encouraged the Canadian government to publicly condemn the Israeli government's



(L to R) The Rev. Dr. Dorcas Gordon, principal emerita, Knox College of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; Wendy Gichuru and the Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator, of the United Church of Canada; the Rev. Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC); Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; Paul Gehrs of the ELCIC; and Ryan Weston, lead animator, Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice, for the Anglican Church of Canada. PHOTO: LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

attack on Palestinian human rights and civil society organizations, including a partner of The United Church of Canada, the Defense for Children International-Palestine. Other policy requests involved agreement on the status of Jerusalem as a shared and open city for two peoples and three faiths, and to promote the right to self-determination for both Palestinians

and Israelis. They also requested caucus members of each party sign an open letter on Palestinian child detainees, who have no right to a lawyer while being detained by the Israeli military.

On the evening of Apr. 27, the leaders participated in a panel discussion organized by the faculty of theology at St. Paul University, which also included Jonathan

Kuttab, executive director of the Friends of Sabeel North America; Jane Thirikwa, global partnerships coordinator of Kairos Canada; and professor Michaël Séguin from Saint Paul University together share their insights on “New developments in Israel-Palestine and the role of the churches.”

Manotick (St. James), May 5 • Cursillo Re-imagining

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Bishop Shane Parker joined the Cursillo community at St. James, Manotick for a visioning day with the Rev. Kerri Brennan.

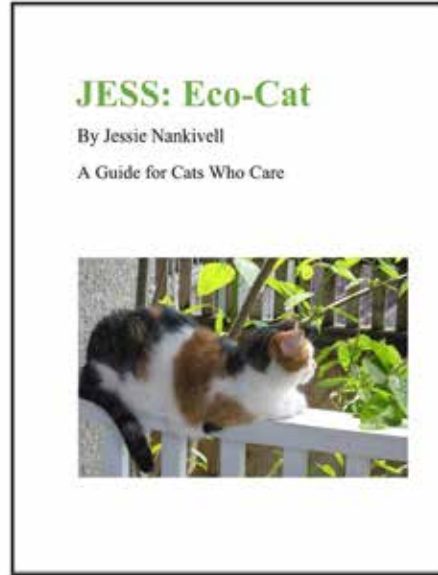
“Eco-Cat” booklet sales surge in St. Matthew’s boutique

BY MARGRET BRADY NANKIVELL

An interview on CBC national radio of Miss Jessie, a feline member of St. Matthew’s Anglican Church in the Glebe, has boosted sales of her eco-cat advice booklet “*A Guide for Cats Who Care*.”

At \$10 each, the revenues help fund St. Matthew’s Green Team initiatives and she has raised enough money to buy and install a reverse-osmosis water treatment system for St. Thomas Anglican Church in Moose Factory, Ontario. The new system, ordered for the parish hall of St. Matthew’s partner church, will save on the use of plastic bottles there.

The 18-year old calico and accomplished feline writer (yes, she does need help with a human



keyboard), was nominated as a climate champion on the popular CBC radio show on environmental issues: “What on Earth with Laura Lynch”.

Jessie was interviewed by the show’s producer Rachel Sanders in a final segment of the one-hour program and she meowed on cue very nicely.

Jessie says she enjoyed the experience, especially because before the interview she was given a pinch of locally sourced cat-nip to steady her nerves.

Copies of the booklet are sold through St. Matthew’s online Treasures Boutique and were on display at the church’s recent Earth Day celebration and lunch. Their sales have already topped \$600.

Jessie hopes the publication will inspire eco-cat activism across Canada and is pleased that she has several new “paw pals”. These include Callie in Courtenay, BC (who suggested the term paw pals), Haddie in Chateaugay, Quebec, and Pickles

in Kitchener, Ontario.

The booklet includes a dozen tips for ways cats can help conserve the environment such as drinking from natural water sources such as rain puddles, avoiding car travel, and reducing food waste. Dogs can learn some lessons from the booklet too.

Her other publications include “*Cat Tips in Covid Times*”, “*A Cat’s Christmas in Covid Times*” and “*Jessie’s Favourite Recipes*” with sales going to St. Matthew’s outreach projects.

The success of her eco-cat booklet has been a big breakthrough for her, though. As one reader emailed, it has been “a CATegorical success.”

Footnote: Jessie has been blessed several times at St. Matthew’s Blessing of the Animals service, including when she was just a little kitten.

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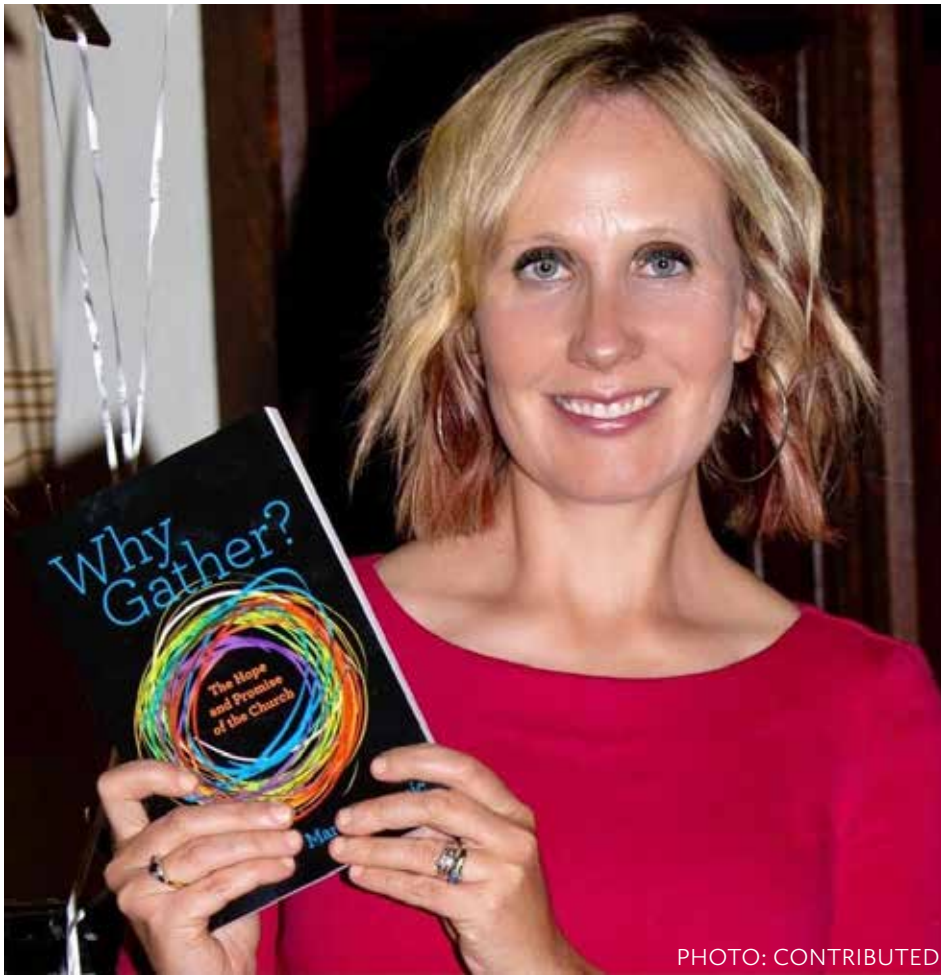


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An appeal to gather anew by Canon Martha Tatarnic

BY THE RT. REV. PETER COFFIN

Church membership in Canada has been in decline for decades, and COVID has further contributed to this trend as well as hurting our communal life in so many other ways. Places of worship were closed and then opened with limited numbers and now fully so, albeit with restrictions. It is encouraging that a number of people are still with us online, in zoom events and with continued financial support, but nothing replaces in person gatherings and hopefully the day may come when we can see full faces again. If we are to be totally honest it just looks grim. It is in this context and for such a time as this and in sharing the struggles with her own vocation and a prevailing sense that sometimes nothing seems to be working anymore that Canon Martha Tatarnic, Rector of Saint George's, Saint Catherines (Diocese of Niagara), has written, hopefully and helpfully, *Why Gather?*

This is not a 'state of the church' nor a how to save the institution book but an appeal not to acquiesce to what seems to be the case but to stay tuned to what is still a living breathing truth. In her words -'Ultrarealism.' In her words again: "The last thing that the church needs right now, or that the church needs out of this book, is permission to give up." She then encourages us to gather again or anew and makes a case for why it matters, personally and to the credibility of the Gospel's witness as to who we really are. In

a time of separation, literally, as in social distancing, and so many other ways there is still truth in that a community of faith is connected. It is that connectedness that we have lost and so badly need to recover.

She says something that is certainly true for me and I am sure for others. "The great thing about being a parish priest is the way that my faith gets strengthened by the faith of the people I get to hang out with." So, as a gifted storyteller and with great sensitivity, she makes the case for gathering by telling stories of people doing so, and she reflects on these encounters theologically as a "reasonable, religious and holy hope" to quote a traditional Anglican prayer. And that is what this book provides in an accessible and delightful read which leaves much to ponder. To help with that each chapter ends with potential discussion questions and already it seems that people are availing themselves of opportunities to gather for such conversation.

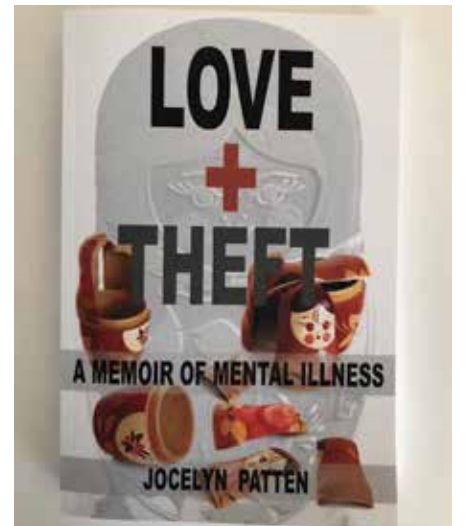
This is not my usual reading fare but I was intrigued as it was written by someone living and ministering in my context as a Canadian Anglican. Her book took hold of me by its content and style leaving me hopeful and encouraged.

Why Gather?, by Martha Tatarnic
Church Publishing, NY, 2022

Love + Theft by Jocelyn Patten

"I am adding my voice to the growing movement to tear down the stigma of mental illness," Ottawa author Jocelyn Patten writes in the introduction of her memoir *Love + Theft*. She lists books that have already helped to illuminate understanding of the lives of people who suffer through depression, bipolar disorder and schizophrenia in recent years. "Serious mental illness can hit any one of us, and we need these books to record the truth and show the rest of the world what it is like to have your life demolished right in front of you. And then to be able to pick up the pieces and move on."

Her own book achieves that, as she skillfully and eloquently takes readers into her experience. "Mine is the story of a progression of an illness, what so many people have faced. From its roots in major depression and then manic depression, to the terror of a schizoaffective disorder, my illness grew over the first six or seven years into what it is now. Many of you will recognize that terror, whether it is personally or through the eyes of a family member or friend. We are all touched by mental illness in one way or another."



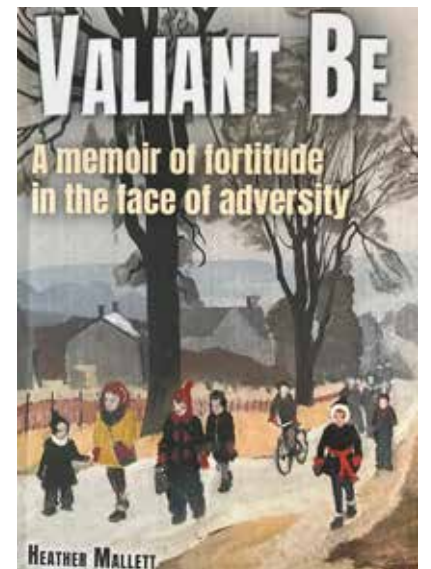
While the memoir is unflinchingly honest and real, there is also hope. "My illness is serious..., and has knocked me down countless times over the years. But *Love and Theft* also documents how I fought back, how I struggled to reclaim my life," she writes on her website, thanking her family, particularly her mother, Canon Monica Patten, for unwavering support. "Maybe this book will surprise you with its nuggets of joy and flowers that bloom, despite the crossroads I'm standing at."

Patten is currently working on a novel which features a heroine with bipolar disorder. — Staff

Love + Theft, by Jocelyn Patten
Wolffcat Press, 2022

Valiant Be by Heather Mallett

Some readers may know Heather Mallett through her calligraphy or as a fellow parishioner and artist who periodically led Art of the Heart creativity days with Susan Kehoe at St. Luke's Anglican Church in Ottawa. The two recently held a workshop at St. Thomas the Apostle for the first time. Art of the Heart used short, inclusive liturgies, along with music, journaling, poetry, collage, labyrinth walks, and a variety of visual arts to encourage participants to explore their own creativity. Mallett and Kehoe drew inspiration and instruction from the book *The Artist's Rule* by Christine Valters Paintner, a spiritual director and Benedictine oblate. Now Mallett shares her own creative explorations in a memoir written in the form of about 70 short stories or vignettes, titled *Valiant Be*. The title comes from the hymn written by John Bunyan in 1684 that begins "He who would valiant be/ against all disaster...." — now "who would turn



valour..." The reason that hymn resonated for Mallett becomes clearer as she described her childhood and family for *Crosstalk*.

Her earliest memories are of a gristmill that her parents bought and refurbished outside of Toronto, but there were a lot of tensions in their home. "I was the daughter of two very wonderful people, who had both been brought up by Victorian/British parents. My mother and father were severely lacking in understanding of the nature of

► *Valiant Be*, to page 13



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Parents offer advice for supporting transgender kids

BY KAREN LUYENDYK AND SARAH KING

If you're an adult in the life of a transgender trans) kid, the most loving thing you can do is to believe them when they tell you who they are, support them in finding their path, and connect them with LGBTQ+ positive communities.

We are both parents of trans kids (one of whom is all grown up now). Our kids have had very different journeys, and our stories as parents differ widely, but there are some important things we both have in common as we think about supporting trans kids.

In its daily rhythms, and at its best, parenting is a dance. There is give and take, leading and following, push and pull as you find the path that best supports the child or teenager you love to be themselves. It's not always easy, and sometimes you step on one another's toes (by accident or on purpose), but when you get it right there is much joy and grace.

As parents of trans kids there are some steps in this dance we believe (and the evidence tells us) will help your child thrive and their relationship with you grow.

► *Valiant Be*, from page 12

children," Mallett explained. "My dad was an artist, and my mother was severely depressed. They did the very best they could, but I ended up with chronic, complex PTSD, due to maternal deprivation and emotional neglect," she said. This is not explicitly described but is implied in some of the early stories, she said.

When she was four years old, she suffered a traumatic experience that changed her forever.

She spent 15 years in therapy to heal from these experiences,

Believe your kid – turn towards them and let them tell you who they are, and what is important to them. There is no one way to be trans, there are as many ways to be trans as there are people and as many paths to transition. And what matters to your kid will change over time, just as it does for every kid.

Support them to get what they need. Trans kids are still children, and they need our active support in finding affirming communities, affirming healthcare, and in navigating healthy relationships—especially because people trans kids love dearly may not love trans kids in return. We can't prevent trans kids from encountering hate, but we can help them find love and joy and empower them to be themselves.

Find queer community. Use the affirming resources our community has to offer—you can start at transhealthottawa.org, pflag.ca, or borrow a book or two from the Ottawa Trans Library (ottawatranslibrary.ca). And help the child in your life find their own community, in-person or online, through places like Kind Space and Ten Oaks Project.

but valiantly persevered through school and university, marriage, mothering, teaching, and working as a calligrapher.

Several of the stories focus on faith and spiritual awakenings. The stories in this book, written and edited between 2018 and 2022, trace her artist journey and brave life. — *Staff*

Valiant Be, by Heather Mallett
Friesen Press, 2023

Advocate for gender affirming healthcare from your *current* health care provider because health care professionals need to do their own learning too. Trans health is NOT specialized care; it's simply another context for healthcare that your physician or nurse practitioner is already familiar with. Really! It's unlikely your kid is their only trans patient; trans patients come in all ages, and they feel safer to seek transition related care when they see some cues from their family physician or nurse practitioner that they understand trans health, or, that they are willing to learn. Ask your provider if they've done their learning and, if not, you can connect them to online courses and mentorship from Rainbow Health Ontario here <https://www.rainbowhealthontario.ca/education-training/>.

Take responsibility for your own learning. For one of us, "When my kid first expressed her identity years ago, I didn't know anything! I believed her, I supported her, but I didn't understand."

Our kids have enough to deal with, it's certainly not their job to teach us. It's on us to do our own work. So, ask questions of experts, read, learn. You can start here: <https://transhealthottawa.org/> and the resource *Families in Transition* is super helpful; download it here: <https://ctys.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/CTYS-FIT-Guide-2020-English-1.pdf>

Let joy overtake any confusion or grief. There's no greater joy than to see your kid find their authentic path and to have the privilege of walking alongside them. To watch a young person begin to *sparkle* when their identity is validated, to be a part of the joy they feel from

being themselves in the world, is amazing. And having trusted adults who participate in their joy, who recognize it and amplify it, is so important to every young person.

What could this mean in practice? Say, for example, you are an adult in the life of a trans young person, and you know that other adults in their life are not fully supportive of them. How should you handle this?

Well, *turn towards your kid* – ask them what they think you should do, and what matters most to them in this situation. *Believe them* and their answer, believe that they're telling you what they know is right for them in the best way they can.

Help them to imagine what the implications of this are for them and to explore possible scenarios and how you (or they) might handle them.

And look to *queer community* to help you imagine possible paths forward—talk to someone, read a book, listen to a podcast. Whatever you and your trans kid are facing, there's someone else who has been there. Hearing how others found their way can be profoundly empowering for your kid and for you.

Learn to *introduce yourself with your own pronouns*—at meetings, at functions on your name tag, anytime you're introducing yourself for the first time. Doing this makes space for your kid and others to share their pronouns with you.

Finally, *be ready for things to change*. As kids grow and develop what is important to them matters. How they want to handle things and what is important will change as they grow. Show the trans kid in your life that you trust them, believe in them, and will support them in getting what they need, and you'll be building a relationship that can support you both through changes ahead.

CLERGY REFLECTION

To be a pilgrim

*Ye who would valiant be, 'gainst all disaster,
let ye in constancy, follow the Master.
There's no discouragement,
shall make ye once relent.
Your first avowed intent, to be a pilgrim.*
—John Bunyan



Archdeacon Kathryn Otley is Incumbent of Christ Church Bells Corners

Recently I participated in a pilgrimage to the Land of the Holy One. In prayer and preparation before I left on the journey, I reflected on being a pilgrim: on the difference between being a pilgrim on a pilgrimage and being a tourist touring a region.

As tourists we travel away from our homes to seek new experiences of a different culture and people. We observe their customs, taste their culinary fare, and experience the sights, landscapes and sounds which differ from our own.

Saint Augustine wrote that we “go abroad to admire the heights of mountains, the mighty waves of the sea, the broad tide of rivers, the vast compass of the ocean, the circular motion of the stars, and yet pass over the mystery of ourselves without a thought.”

As pilgrims we also travel away from our homes, but our purpose is to explore the mystery of ourselves. A pilgrimage is not the seeking of another culture - it is the seeking of the Divine.

“What most distinguishes the sacred art of pilgrimage from a tourist trip or hiking expedition, as beneficial as these are, is the characteristic inward journey, a turning of one’s heart to the Divine, with the expectation of transformation on every level of being along the way.” (Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook – *Pilgrimage – The Sacred Art*)

While there are always preparations to be made for any journey, a pilgrimage adds a prayerful dimension to these actions. There is a need to be in right relationship, forgiving and forgiven, at peace with leaving that we might devote ourselves fully,

with open heart and peaceful mind, to the task of being a pilgrim.

On the pilgrimage, walking, slowing our usual, frenetic pace, allows the time and space to listen for God. “The embodied movement of pilgrimage is an opportunity to step outside our habitual rhythms with God... the soul is moving toward God, revealed in signs or shrines or saints or surroundings. The pilgrim’s walking body holds incarnate this inner journey of the soul. (Wes Granberg-Michaelson – *Extroverted Mysticism*)



PHOTOS: ARCHDEACON KATHRYN OTLEY

A pilgrim layers the journey with prayer, music, and worship. We can spend time in silence, journaling, sketching, or in some other way responding to this transformative experience of the Divine.

Lent is a natural season for pilgrimage with the disciplines of self-examination, penitence, and meditating on scripture. However, any time of the year is appropriate. Preparing for a pilgrimage in Ordinary time, during the summer, is often the easiest for people. And just as we can arrange pilgrimages in any season, they can also take place closer to home: “A pilgrimage need not take place in an exotic, faraway locale. It need not take a whole week or two. It can take place in our backyards, in our neighbourhoods, around our churches and retreat centers. One doesn’t need to be wealthy to be a pilgrim. One simply needs to have a purpose and place in mind where one can go in order to experience the Holy.” (Brett Webb-Mitchell – *Practicing Pilgrimage*)

I know that there are trips I have made as a tourist and amidst the snapping of photographs and the purchasing of souvenirs I experienced being a pilgrim too. There were moments of grace and transformation. We can experience both being a tourist and a pilgrim on a single journey. On a pilgrimage, however, there are not simply ‘accidental’ moments of encounter with God. Space and time are set apart to foster inner transformation and growth. Over and over, we encounter God on a pilgrimage and occasionally we snap a picture or buy a souvenir.

Being a pilgrim does not cease the moment we return home and settle back into our familiar routine. We will ‘unpack’ over time our individual and shared experiences—the liminal spaces and our spiritual renewal. The pilgrimage enters a new complexion and continues to affect and transform us as the days, months and years go on.

“The truth is the places you go do not change; what changes are the people who take the journey.” (Timothy Egan - *The Mystery of Ourselves*)

Jesus invites the disciples to “Follow me” and they rise up and leave their familiar lives. We share in that invitation and can choose to move from our comfortable territory to meet the challenge of the unknown landscape—to become pilgrims.

But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find God if you look with all your heart and with all your soul. (Deuteronomy 4:29)

I invite you this summer, in Ordinary time, to take an extraordinary step and explore the invitation to be a pilgrim.

*God of amazing compassion,
lover of our wayward race,
you bring to birth a Pilgrim people,
and call us to explore the mystery of
ourselves and you.*

*We pray for grace to take your generous gift
and step with courage on this holy path,
confident in the radiant life that is your
plan for us,
made known and given in Jesus Christ our
risen Lord.*

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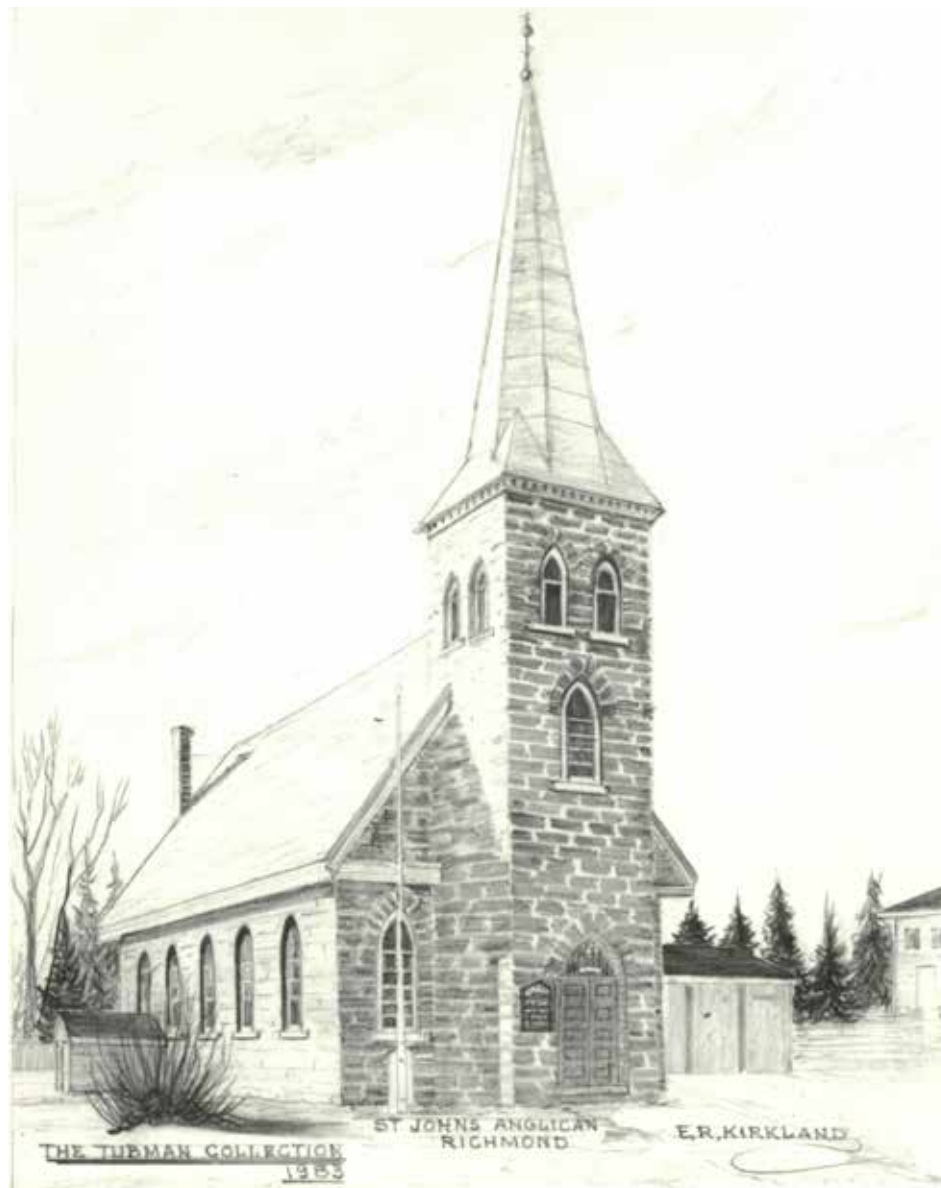
BY GLENN J LOCKWOOD

Exactly 200 years ago Anglicans at Richmond built a church. Alas, no record survives of that early house of worship—the first Anglican church to be built in the national capital region. There is no painting, no sketch, no photograph of it, or indeed much of any record to show that it once existed. The absence of such a record might prompt the cynical among us to wonder if it even existed. And yet we can be definite in asserting that it did. The proof? The cornerstone of the 1823 house of worship was incorporated inside the successor church when it was built in 1860. It can be seen there to this very day.

Richmond itself, as a military settlement, had been founded just five years earlier in 1818. When Governor General Dalhousie visited Richmond in 1820, he observed: “This is already a good large village, altho’ not two years begun. Several excellent houses with good large gardens. The Inn kept by one Hill is very comfortable, the streets are laid off at right angles & fronting on the river, a deep & dull stream. Major Burke & a Capt. Bradley here with those I have already mentioned greatly promote the settlement.”

Dalhousie continued, “With a view to encourage it, I have also taken for myself two lots of 10 acres each, on which I see some magnificent timber. I have given orders to sow grass seeds, and preserving the full grown timber, I shall leave it hereafter a grove and public walk for the town. All the wood around will be smoothed away in a few years & this grove alone will remain to offer shade.” What a hope in a

Saint John the Baptist, Richmond Carleton Deanery



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region filled with timber pirates and jobbers.

We cannot be sure what happened to this park envisaged by the viceregal visitor. Still, we can be certain that the “magnificent timbers” on it were not raided by local Anglicans when they began building Saint John’s Church three

years later. As Dalhousie was a member of the Church of Scotland (not to be confused with the Church in Scotland), any such raids would have been reported to His Lordship by members of Saint Andrew’s Presbyterian Church at Richmond.

In those days of denominational rivalry, it was not just local

Presbyterians who were keeping tabs on the Church of England. Within the ranks of Saint John’s Church itself, it likely was Captain George Thew Burke—a Roman Catholic who nominally converted to the Church of England to advance his military career—who reported to the Catholic Bishop at Kingston in 1839 that divine service was performed in Saint John’s Church at Richmond “by a clergyman of the established church, while an Orange banner was flying over his head.” This was shocking news, as Orangeism officially had been banned both in Britain and in Upper Canada as well.

The ban was still very much in place when the second Saint John’s began building at Richmond, (as shown by the Prince of Wales refusing to enter Kingston because Orangemen were at the dock waiting to greet him. The new church, as admirably sketched here by E.R. Kirkland in 1983, begs a number of questions. Was it built on the foundation of the 1823 house of worship, thus accounting for the traditional configuration of the symmetrical tower and front gable, and being built square with the “streets laid off at right angles?” Or, did its design betray the first stirrings of the ecclesiastical Gothic Revival promoted by the Tractarians as revealed by the separate wing for the chancel, the broach spire, and the open timbers in the ceiling?

The Diocesan Archives collects parish registers, vestry reports, service registers, minutes of groups and committees, financial documents, property records (including cemeteries and architectural plans), insurance policies, letters, pew bulletins, photographs and paintings, scrapbooks, parish newsletters and unusual documents.



Left — Charity Cornwall-style...

Centre 105, an Anglican community ministry, executive director Taylor Seguin and the Rev. Peter Cazaly thank Chantal Vachon and Edward Tanguay as they present a cheque for a \$2,000 donation to the Centre from Walker ClimateCare, Cornwall. They presented their donation as a part of a dinner fundraiser organized by the Legion Riders on April 30, which raised an additional \$3,000. Centre 105 provides nutritious breakfasts three mornings a week as well as many other services to anyone in need from their location at Trinity Church, Cornwall.

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June 4

RAISE THE ROOF: Diocesan Hymn Sing at Christ Church Cathedral
(see notice below)

Mary Oliver Night — LGBTQ+ Community

7 pm to 8:30 pm at Julian of Norwich (8 Withrow Ave., Nepean)
LGBTQ+ members of faith communities are invited to an evening of poetry, creativity and kindness. Please print out a favourite poem in the spirit of the wonderfully wise observer of life Mary Oliver. Any poem that is insightful, hopeful, healing, witty, sassy, or draws us into a sense of ourselves on a journey is welcome. More info: <https://julianofnorwichottawa.ca/>

June 12

BBQ Chicken Dinner

5 pm to 6:30 pm at St. Aidan's (934 Hamlet Rd., Ottawa)
Dinner will be served from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. To purchase tickets call the church office at 613-733-0102. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$12 for children 14 and under and free for children under 6. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

June 18

National Aboriginal Day Parade

Opening ceremonies for the 10th annual celebration at 1:30 pm, parade at 2 pm in the Garden of the Provinces and Territories, 400 Sparks St. All are welcome!

June 24-25

St. John's Richmond - 200th anniversary celebrations

Special celebrations are scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 11 am
On Sunday, June 25, Bishop Shane will preside at our Sunday Eucharist and Confirmation at 10 am.



Cornerstone's Purple Tie Gala is back in October

Start your fall off the right way – at a fresh and funky gala at the National Arts Centre! This is an indoor event, but we have two beautiful terraces available for you to enjoy outdoors throughout the night.

Get your best purple attire on and get ready to join us for a special night of music, connecting with old and new friends, delicious food, and hopeful celebration. We came back in person last year and were able to raise over \$143,000! We are excited to celebrate with you in person on **Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 5:30 pm to 10 pm.** More details coming soon!

Youth Ministry news

Monthly Zoom call open to all young people

People involved in or interested in Children's/Youth and Young Adult Ministry are welcome to join our monthly zoom call to be supported, to discuss what is happening in the diocese and your faith community. Please email donna-rourke@ottawa.anglican.ca for the date, time and zoom link.

Another mapping event ia in the works in Ottawa's west end

The diocese is hosting a **youth event on Sept. 23, 2023.** PWRDF's 'Mapping the Ground We Stand On' <https://pwrdf.org/mapping-exercise/> at Julian of Norwich Anglican Church from 12 pm to 4:30 pm . This is for youth and young adults 13-25 years of age. For more information and to register, please email donna-rourke@ottawa.anglican.ca Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Marriage Preparation now online

To provide maximum flexibility for couples and clergy, the Diocese recommends an online Marriage Preparation webinar provided by HumanCare Marriage Prep at <https://www.marriageprep.com/>

All couples are welcome and participation is not limited by gender, age, or previous marital status. For more information, please contact: mmurray@marriageprep.com

RAISE THE ROOF: Diocesan Hymn Sing

There are few things better for the body and soul than singing together. Unfortunately, during the last few years opportunities to gather and sing hymns have been rather less than most would have liked, but Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa has a solution—a diocesan hymn sing at 4 pm on Sunday, June 4th!

The Cathedral Boys Choir and Lay Clerks will lead an hour of favourite hymns from *Common Praise* followed by some well-earned refreshments. The Cathedral's director of music James Calkin will accompany on the organ and the associate music director Andrew McAnerney

will provide brief insights about the words, music, writers and composers. Hymns will include: *How great thou art, Tell out my soul, Praise my soul the King of heaven, Love divine* and a favourite selected by vote in late May.

To participate, please register by visiting <https://rsvp.church/r/2bdfOuYg> so that we may prepare adequately for the refreshments afterwards. Everybody is welcome, no experience is necessary, and it is suitable for the whole family. Come join us to sing or listen as we raise the roof of our Cathedral!

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