

Crosstalk

THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA | SECTION OF THE ANGLICAN JOURNAL | OCTOBER 2024

PHOTO: LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS



Clergy and lay members will focus on the path forward at the 144th Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa this autumn.

Diocesan Synod set to meet from Nov. 7 to 9

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Preparations are in full swing for the 144th Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, which will take place from Nov. 7 to 9, 2024.

Registration for Synod will be online only from Oct. 7 to 18. Parish Incumbents will be responsible for registering the Synod members from their parishes.

A pre-Synod zoom session has been tentatively scheduled for Oct. 29th, 7 p.m. It will be open to Synod members, alternate members, and to churchwardens and will review items to be addressed at the upcoming Synod.

Synod will begin with an evening Eucharist service beginning at 7 p.m. on Nov. 7 at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks Street, Ottawa). Bishop Shane Parker will

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



Dr. Dawn Davis from Huron University will be this year's Synod Responder.

deliver his charge to the Synod as a part of the service.

Synod will continue on Nov. 8 and 9 at the St. Elias Banquet Centre (750 Ridgewood Ave, Ottawa).

Onsite check-in for Synod begins at 8 a.m. on Nov. 8. An orientation meeting for new Synod members begins at 8:30 a.m. Synod business will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude by 4 p.m., resuming with a worship service at starting 9 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Archbishop Hosam Naoum of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem is sending a recorded message to Synod.

The Rev. Dr. Dawn Davis, assistant professor of Contextual Learning at Huron University, has been invited to be a Synod Responder, offering reflections periodically on the Synod's operations and considering how she sees the Holy Spirit at work at the Synod.

Davis is an Anglican priest with a professional human resources certification, specializing in training and development and organizational behaviour. She also has a doctorate in ministry in spiritual formation. Davis developed the international Revive Program to help parishes grow in spiritual vitality. Lay leaders join the ordained minister in small groups to pray, study and discuss scripture and develop their sense of call. She currently serves as an honorary assistant at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, Ont. and as the faith formation director, advising and assisting the rector in offering opportunities for spiritual growth. Davis recently co-edited a book with Matthew Floding titled *Experience: Spiritual Formation in Theological Education*.

FROM OUR BISHOP

Marking the Season of Creation

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



BY THE RIGHT REVEREND SHANE PARKER

In the appointment agreement I provide to the Incumbents and Associate Incumbents of our parishes, expectations concerning worship are clearly laid out in these words: “clergy are required to adhere to the provisions contained in the Bishop of Ottawa’s directive entitled *On Liturgical Texts* and any subsequent directives that may be issued by the Bishop.”

The *On Liturgical Texts* directive says this: “Our liturgy both shapes and reflects who we are as Christians, and, as such, it is desirable that it reflect the common features of our Anglican identity. Consistency in liturgy across our diocese, particularly on Sunday mornings, roots us firmly in a shared spiritual tradition. Such consistency provides a solid foundation from which to seek ongoing liturgical renewal.”

In addition to providing clear direction concerning the wide scope of liturgical resources authorized for use in our diocesan church, *Liturgical Notes* are produced to provide further guidance and options for each season of the church year. Anyone can read *On Liturgical Texts* and the seasonal Liturgical Notes in the “For Parishes” section of our wonderful diocesan website.

In the long season after Pentecost,



The mighty, massive force of Creator’s power.

there are many special days, themes, and events. Clergy are encouraged to be judicious when choosing which ones to recognize and how to do that without losing focus on the central purpose of Sunday worship, which is to commemorate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In recent years, the Anglican Church of Canada has joined a growing ecumenical movement to mark a time of prayer, education and action called the Season of Creation during September and early October. A recently issued *Liturgical Notes on the Season after Pentecost* talks about how this might be approached by parishes who choose to mark the season. It guides clergy

to observe the Season of Creation with “a lightness of touch and sense of flexibility” and to ground the observance in what is being done by the parish (study or advocacy concerning the environment) and the wider community (celebrating the crops of local farmers or the greening of urban spaces).

The *Liturgical Notes* also say that images used for printed or projected materials during the Season of Creation “do not need to be limited to pumpkins and apples. NASA’s famous view of earth from space can orient people to the grandeur of God’s creation, as can images of flora, fauna and places of natural beauty from around the globe as well as locally.”

Last summer, I spent time on the gorgeous Bonavista Peninsula in Newfoundland, enjoying offerings of the Rising Tide Theatre in Trinity, watching hearty little puffins on a large sea stack near Elliston, and hiking along clifftops on the rugged coastline. Cape Bonavista is at the northernmost tip of the peninsula, and a trail traces the edge of it, eventually leading to a sturdy lighthouse. Along the way you can see craggy sea stacks, arches and caves—as well as dozens of noisy sea birds.

The accompanying photograph was taken along that trail, looking across a deep, narrow chasm onto a sea stack that shows the tremendous upheaval of the

seafloor during the early, ancient days of creation. It was a striking taste of the mighty, massive force of Creator’s power. I was drawn into deep contemplation of the magnificent, free movement of creation, and the sheer, eternal strength of Creator’s hand—and how every human being is made from that same, powerful love and held in one communion with one Creator of all.

I was drawn from this contemplation when my eye fell on a small inukshuk that someone had made on the top of the stack (see if you can find it in the photograph). Someone had taken the time to somehow cross the chasm, scale the face of the sea stack and build a monument for all to see. At first, I felt annoyed by the spoiling of a natural place and the vanity of the person that built it. Then I laughed at the juxtaposition of that puny human effort against the stupendous monument Creator had made in the upheaval of gargantuan layers of rock.

If you choose to mark the Season of Creation, remember to think of what God has done and is doing in creation and celebrate that glorious, awesome and strong love over our own mixed human efforts to shape the environment we share with every creature.

CLERGY AND STAFF NEWS

The Rev. Karen McBride will be ordained in November, and Bishop Shane Parker has announced his intention, God willing, to appoint her as Incumbent of the Parish of Julian of Norwich, effective Dec. 1, 2024.

Shauna Young has been appointed as the executive director of Belong Ottawa, effective Sept. 9, 2024. Shauna has a background in nursing, mediation, direct service, and organization development. Her years of experience have focused on the areas of mental health, community service, and program development. Shauna will be succeeding Rachel Robinson, who will continue to serve as outgoing executive director until her retirement on Sept. 30.

Diocese to set new affordable housing goals at Synod

BY DAVID HUMPHREYS

The Homelessness and Affordable Housing Working Group (HAHWG) is developing a new plan within the framework of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa's three-year strategic priorities.

The time is right. The Diocese has over-achieved its goal under HAHWG's original mandate of creating 125 new affordable housing units. As of this summer, 157 units were completed in four projects.

Sufficient progress has been made on three more projects to ensure that approximately 125 more units will be completed, probably by the end of 2026. That would double the original goal.

As these projects move forward and as the need continues, what is the appropriate shape and function of the Diocese's affordable housing ministry? The current working group is preparing proposals for consideration at Synod in November.

In addition to supporting the creation of new units, the original HAHWG mandate in 2015 encouraged advocacy, prayer and learning, all of which continue unabated.

The Diocese has encouraged politicians from all orders of government to respond effectively as homelessness and housing shortages have escalated throughout the country.

The wait list on the Ottawa housing registry continues to hover around 12,000. In Lanark County, covering the towns of Smiths Falls, Perth, Almonte and Carleton Place, it is about 460. Renfrew County,

including Pembroke, Renfrew town and Barry's Bay runs to 1,500. Cornwall and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry wait lists are about 450.

The Diocese was among 70 organizations Canada-wide that endorsed the National Housing Accord, a multi-sector approach to addressing what has become a national rental housing crisis.

The federal government has responded with significantly increased funding for a range of support programs that have benefitted projects like the Ellwood House Extension led by St. Thomas the Apostle in Ottawa and 44 Chambers Street in Smiths Falls, supported by St. John the Evangelist.

Sue Garvey, chair of the working group and member, the Ven. Kathryn Otley, will be representing the Diocese as well as the Anglican Church of Canada at the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH) conference on Oct. 29 to 31.

The conference will be focusing on issues at the heart of the working group's mandate: women's, Indigenous and rural homelessness as well as health care issues and advocacy.

The alliance plans to advocate for parts of the National Housing Accord, not yet implemented, notably a Homelessness Prevention and Housing benefit that would offer relief to households at imminent risk of homelessness. Looking ahead, advocacy will try to ensure that these issues are in every party platform for the federal election expected next fall.

Three causes for celebration ...

Parishes in the diocese rejoiced this summer as three projects in which they played a pivotal role were completed and ready to welcome tenants.

Hollyer House (Christ Church Bells Corners)



Hollyer is in the process of renting its 38 units, and was expected to reach full occupancy by the end of September. The parish has created a Community Relations

and Development Committee, and all partners (including the FAMSAC food bank and Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre with space on the ground floor) are part of the team. "We expect the committee to be ongoing and that our lives will be intertwined at all times," says Archdeacon Monique Stone, rector of CCBC.

Eccles Street Residence (Cornerstone Community Ministry)



Cornerstone Housing for Women's Eccles Street residence officially opened in May, was fully occupied within weeks. Staff held a community barbeque which included friends, neighbours, supporters, staff and residents.

Carebridge, 44 Chambers Street (St John the Evangelist, Smiths Falls)

St. John the Evangelist played a critical role in generating community support for the project as well as making a game-changing \$500,000 donation. By summer's end the 34-unit residence was fully occupied. The St. John's congregation is discussing ways in which members may remain involved in a voluntary capacity, an initiative that is welcomed by Carebridge Community Support, owner and operator of the building and seven other residences in Lanark County.



PERSPECTIVE
ADO online newspaper

SUBSCRIBE

Perspective is ADO's new online newspaper.
Enjoy *Crosstalk* featured news and updates plus more – read it anytime and from anywhere in the world.

Don't miss out **Sign up today!**
ottawa.anglican.ca/subscribe





Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

Ottawa.Anglican.ca
Read ADO Perspective → ottawa.anglicannews.ca



**Ottawa Pastoral
Counselling Centre**

An Anglican
Community Ministry



Individuals, Couples, & Family
Life Transitions
Personal Crisis
Grief & Bereavement
Stress & Depression

CONNECT WITH US

613-235-2516 connect@theopc.ca
209-211 Bronson Ave, Ottawa, ON K1R 6H5

New Website

www.theopc.ca

Centre 105 begins opening four days per week

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Centre 105, in partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa and Trinity Anglican Church, is expanding its services to run its day program an additional day per week.

Centre 105 had been offering residents of Cornwall, Ont., breakfasts, a safe social space and other services three days a week, but starting on Sept. 12, they began operating four days a week, from Tuesday to Friday.

This increase in service was made possible by a generous grant from the United Way/Centraide of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, said Centre 105 executive director Taylor Seguin, thanking the organization for being Centre 105's strongest financial supporter.

"Centre 105 participants have already let us know how excited they are that 105 will be open for an extra day each week," Seguin told *Crosstalk*. "Along with the meals, folks are happy to be able to have a place to hang out, for an additional morning each week."

Earlier this year, Centre 105 also added a shower facility to its space.



Centre 105 director Taylor Séguin says news of the program's additional morning is adding some excitement at the centre.

(Below, left) Community volunteers regularly turn up to help out.

(Below, centre) Melodie Cousineau is a social support worker at Centre 105. She is managing the laundry and shower programs, supporting participants, and helping out with social media.

(Below, right) Donor Christopher Leclair surveys the wall of tiles for the shower fundraiser.

"We are so proud of opening the first public shower program in our community," said Seguin. "We would have loved to offer these services at an earlier time, but funding was always difficult to obtain. Thankfully, through a capital construction grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, we were able to secure the funds to build the shower program."

Centre 105 has been running a Sponsor a Shower Tile Fundraising event, inviting individuals and businesses to sponsor a shower tile with a \$100 donation. About \$4000 has been raised so far to help with costs associated with this new service.

"There continues to be a large amount of need in our community. Food insecurity and homelessness are two very significant social issues in Cornwall," said Seguin. "We hope that with the addition of a shower program, as well as an additional day of meals / safe social space, Centre 105 will be able to do our part to help our community."

Centre 105 also provides laundry facilities and hosts a mobile health clinic once a week.



Crosstalk

A publication of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa
www.ottawa.anglican.ca

The Rt. Rev. Shane Parker
Bishop of Ottawa
Publisher

Leigh Anne Williams
Editor

Jane Waterston
Production

Crosstalk is published 10 times a year (September to June) and mailed as a section of the *Anglican Journal*. It is printed and mailed by Webnews Printing Inc., North York.

Crosstalk is a member of the Canadian Christian Communicators Association and the Anglican Editors Association.

Subscriptions

For new or changed subscriptions, please contact your parish administrator or visit: www.anglicanjournal.com
Suggested annual donation: \$25

Advertising

Crosstalk welcomes advertising from parishes, agencies and enterprises wanting to support our mission and reach our readers. Publication does not

imply endorsement by the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa (ADO) or any of its principals, and *Crosstalk* reserves the right to decline advertisements.

Advertising enquiries should be directed to: advertising@ottawa.anglican.ca

Submit a story

Editorial enquiries and letters to the editor should be directed to: crosstalk@ottawa.anglican.ca

Leigh Anne Williams,
Crosstalk
71 Bronson Ave.
Ottawa, Ontario K1R 6G6
613 232-7124

Please contact the editor for submission deadlines.



Crosstalk acknowledges that we publish on traditional Anishinàbeg Algonquin territory. We recognize the Algonquins as the customary keepers and defenders of the Ottawa River Watershed and its tributaries.

Cathedral vicar supports Ottawa police outreach to 2SLGBTQQIA+ community

PHOTO LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Part of Christ Church Cathedral's mission is to be a meeting place for the community in the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa. In recent years, it has served as a space where representatives of various groups in 2SLGBTQQIA+ (Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex and asexual) community have met to talk together. They even met with members of the Ottawa Police Service (OPS), an organization with which the community has had a troubled history.

The Rev. Canon Doug Richards, vicar of the cathedral and a member of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community, has been an important part of bringing people together for these conversations. "For a long time, we were, as a group, meeting here about every three months, because it was this safe, neutral space," noting that there are many different groups within the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community, and so it is challenging to express their views on situations and issues.

Soon after Chief Eric Stubbs began his work as the new head of the OPS, the cathedral hosted a morning meeting between representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community and members of the OPS, including Chief Stubbs. "It was a really good day where the community got the chief's ear for the morning," recalls Richards. They met in the cathedral's Great Hall, but the cathedral itself was open and available for participants if they felt stressed and wanted to take a break from the meeting. "We started the day actually with going into the cathedral and spending some quiet time in there with everybody....It's just a beautiful sacred space," he said. As vicar of the cathedral and someone who isn't connected to any of the other groups in the room, Richards said he was in a good position to sum up the truths that were said during the meeting.

Such meetings and discussions are important because of a mistrust of police in the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community going back to the history of police raids of gay bars and bath houses in the 1980s and in the decades before. And any negative encounter can contribute to mistrust in the present. "As soon as you come across a police officer who is, in the heat of the moment, is not respectful of an individual, then that compounds, that gets out into the community quicker than if a person has a wonderful relationship," Richards said.



The Rev. Canon Doug Richards, vicar of Christ Church Cathedral and Cst. Amanda Williams have worked together to help improve relations between the Ottawa Police Service and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community.

From his conversations with the chief, Richards says he has the sense that "he really wants to make the relationship between the community and the Ottawa Police Services better."

Constable Amanda Williams plays an important part in that effort. In 2020, the OPS began a pilot project with the aim of building relationships and strengthening communications between the OPS and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community. Williams, who is a member of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ herself, set out to get to know people. She asked to meet Richards for coffee and they have been meeting to talk regularly ever since. She has gotten to know many other leaders in the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community in similar ways, and she helped gather leaders for the meeting at the cathedral.

Williams says she has been working to give all of the police services a human face. "It's developing relationships with individuals and communities."

Richards noted that now if there has been a problem, people in the 2SLGBTQQIA+ will call Williams to discuss the issue. "They phone

up Amanda and they talk to her about what's going on," and she can contact the appropriate people in the department to get involved if necessary.

If a protest or event is planned, Williams can introduce the leaders of the group to officers that will be managing the crowds.

Getting to know Williams also helps people in the community who want to report an experience to the police. "I think folks now have a hard time distinguishing hate crimes versus hate incidents." She explains that the criminal code is the only thing that police can use to identify a hate crime. "If it's not in the code, it's important that the police at least reach out and explain why something is an incident and allow the person reporting it to ask questions." She adds that she encourages people to continue to report incidents, so that they are recorded. "We need to know those incidents because if they escalate into crimes, we are able to go back into the history to help the Solicitor General and the Crown attorneys to be able to decide whether hate crime charges are laid." She added that charges can also be

laid for hate-related crimes, such as mischief, property damage and assault.

When asked if the number of hate crimes is rising or if people are now reporting more, Williams says it is both. "Are hate crimes on the rise? Absolutely, you're seeing Stats Canada providing these stats, but that means people are reporting."

Williams adds that she tracks what's going on in the community, locally and provincially. "And I sit on a national liaison board, so we get a better pulse of what's going on."

She mentions another important community outreach — the annual Human Rights Learning Forum. The event on Dec. 5, 2024, will be the ninth year the OPS has organized and hosted the forum, which brings speakers and members of the community and the police service together to learn and discuss human rights issues.

Williams will be on leave in the coming year, but another officer will continue the outreach work with some support from Canon Richards. "It's great work, and I see progress being made," he says.

Library exhibit showcases Belong Ottawa artists' talent

PHOTOS COURTESY OF BELONG OTTAWA/ INDIA BEDSON

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Artists from Belong Ottawa's Creative Expressions program exhibited their art works at the Ottawa Public Library's Main Branch in August.

Launching the 6th annual exhibit with a celebratory vernissage on Aug. 14, Belong Ottawa's community development manager Liz deMelo said, "It's such a pleasure to be able to highlight the talent that exists in our community."

She thanked the library and its staff for their support of the artists and Belong Ottawa.

"It's just been such a wonderful relationship with the Ottawa Public Library. I know a lot of our folks spend a lot of time coming to the library," she said, noting that it is a safe place where they can read and research. "They've made a lot of friends with a lot of the staff here because they're compassionate and welcoming, so we're grateful for that relationship that you have with a lot of our community members as well."

Librarian Emily Porter said that the library was "thrilled to be collaborating again with our community partner and neighbour, Belong Ottawa. It's a privilege to host this annual exhibit and to celebrate the artists... I want to thank all the artists for sharing your art and your talent and your story with us. Without you, this wouldn't be happening."

DeMelo introduced the artists in attendance. "Donna has such enthusiasm, and the minute last year's exhibit was over she started producing work already for this year. And so I'm always excited to see the pieces that she produces and how her work has developed....It's beautiful and so intricate.

Donna described the three brightly coloured paintings that were in front of the gathered guests and then thanked the other participating artists with special thanks reserved for deMelo. "If it wasn't for Liz we wouldn't have this. ...You are wonderful."

George spoke about the very



Aimee facilitates the evening art classes.

personal meaning of his art. "My partner passed away 13 years ago and this is one of the memories of him. I'm really glad I can do art for him," he said.

Introducing Aimee, deMelo thanked her for "enriching the programming at our Belong at the Well site. She facilitates art classes for the participants that come there in the evening, who would otherwise probably not really have a lot to do besides having a safe place to be. It's also nice to be engaged in meaningful activities. She has a steady following of about 10 to 12 people each evening, so thank you for that."

Aimee showed the guests two

ink drawings of wolves that had been her pets, noting that wolves are much maligned and she would have wolves as pets again "in a heartbeat." She explained that she does art in many other styles and does not want to be limited by categories. "I have no boundaries," she said. "I just do what I want to do and see what comes out, so some days there's abstract and that's fine, and other days it's realism. This is more portraiture, but I encourage the people at The Well to just express themselves. Everybody says, 'Oh I can't draw, I can't join your group, I'm not an artist.' Ah, ah ah.... Every one of you is an artist," she reassured those in attendance.



Donna had three bright designs in the show.



Belong Ottawa's Liz DeMelo (centre) with exhibiting artists Darlene and James.



Librarian Emily Porter thanked the artists.

(Right) George started to make art in memory of his partner.



COMMUNITY REFLECTION

We are put here to bloom, to blossom



There's an added beauty

There's an added beauty in flower, herb or tree,
that grows where it isn't "supposed" to be —
a resistor to small-minded norm uniformity,
a rebel against the well-worn default conformity;
an outlier, a maverick, a defier of convention,
nature's stand against man's interference, man's intervention.

Pansies flowering between cobblestones,
In lone stance displaying their vibrant tones;
Siberian elms growing from cracks in cement,
and in their expansion, pushing aside, buckling the pavement:
or in spring, Monarch's soul food or other things thought weeds,
bursting through asphalt in a fresh vital vigour of green.

Manitoba, Ashleaf Maples enveloping chain-link fences,
mismanaged and thought the weed of trees,
they still have their defences;
Rock Elms rocking out between stones and concrete—
Though I've given you examples, it's far from complete.

Even the moss I find engrossingly sublime,
and, with the lichens, are markers of "slow time."

And, lest I forget, my most favourite of all,
sunflowers, sprouting from curbs, or between
sidewalk and beginning of bridge over river that I know
is certainly a sight to value, and for me does enthral,
when in final flower they make their lovely show.

There's an added beauty in flower, herb or tree,
that grows where it isn't "supposed" to be,
that grows where it "doesn't belong" —

It's the power of life, growing free —
the power to sing its own song.

— James Andriulaitis
james.andriulaitis@allpoetry.com



BY JAMES ANDRIULAITIS

James Andriulaitis was among the Belong Ottawa artists sharing his work—poetry and photography—at the Ottawa Public Library art exhibit. This is an excerpt from his remarks at the event:

I wish the goal of this to be the lifting up and acknowledgment of people who all too often have fallen victim to the very identities "assigned" to them. What do I mean by this? Well, I'm talking about people who usually are not allowed to make a contribution to society...What I mean is the all too present problem of people's worth being judged on their labels, the identity tags we slap on people every day of their lives. We judge people based on their most noticeable, or salient, characteristics. This is a short cut, a heuristic we employ all the time, for speed and efficiency. Unfortunately, however, its accuracy is extremely unreliable at best, and flat-out dead wrong at worst. For our most salient characteristics are rarely, if ever, our most important ones.

Think about it for a second. If you saw someone with a bad haircut, looking dishevelled with dirty clothes, and acting weird, would the first thought that came to your mind, or even the second or third, or umpteenth, be, 'Hmmm, I wonder, could this person be a gifted piano player? Or artist? Or poet? Or anything thought

distinguished, wonderful or "worthy"? My guess is no. That's just what we do. And the way we think has effects, effects that are far-reaching.

So, I'd like to think that we have a chance here, an opportunity to put aside our prejudices and limiting mindsets, to allow ourselves to judge not only artistic creations, which often speak for themselves, but even more importantly ideas, based solely on the merit of the idea itself, and not on the social status, appearance, fashion sense or popularity of the idea's creator.

I know. This is hard. It is very easy to say but to implement? Not so much. The only thing I can say is that we have the opportunity to do so, both here and in the society as a whole. Too often people end up getting marginalized, getting pushed to the fringes of society. Too often we forget that for everyone, life should be about more than just eating, more than just getting the basic essentials of survival. [American psychologist Abraham] Maslow knew it—and so do I. We're not put on this beautiful earth simply to mark time, simply to get through another meaningless day. We were put here to bloom—to blossom—to sing. Kudos to anyone who in any way helps make this possible for another. You are great—and you are blessed.

James Andriulaitis is an Ottawa-based poet.



Anglican Diocese of Ottawa



TODAY 4 TOMORROW
ADO COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Together we can make a hope a reality for so many people by giving through Today 4 Tomorrow

ADO Community Ministries  An Anglican Community Ministry



Belong Ottawa



Centre 105



Cornerstone
Housing for Women



Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre



Refugee Ministry Office

Individually and together, the five Community Ministries serve the most vulnerable people throughout the Ottawa region.

DONATE NOW



How To Give
 Donate: ottawa.anglican.ca/community-ministries-giving
 Call: 613-232-7124, ext.222
 Mail: Send a cheque to:
 Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, 71 Bronson Ave Ottawa ON K1R 6G6
 Charity No: 108084658 RR0030

www.ottawa.anglican.ca

Belong Ottawa's Rachel Robinson retires

PHOTO THE VEN. CHRIS DUNN

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Rachel Robinson, executive director of Belong Ottawa, retired on Oct. 1 with thanks, praise and well-wishes from leaders, colleagues, staff and participants in the Anglican Community Ministries.

Bishop Shane Parker thanked her for 14 years of service with the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, initially as senior manager with Cornerstone Housing for Women, followed by 10 years with the day programs (Centre 454, The Well, St Luke's Table), which were amalgamated into Belong Ottawa in 2022. "We wish her every blessing for this new chapter of her life," he wrote.

The Rev. Canon Dr. PJ Hobbs, director general of the Anglican Community Ministries, praised her as a "transformative leader in our Community Ministries, leading a process that saw the merger of our three Ottawa day programs into one ministry. While such a feat speaks of Rachel's organizational abilities, what I will always value most about Rachel is her vision and passion for supporting the most vulnerable in our midst. Her participant/client centred focus is rooted in compassion, thoughtfulness, and research—an inspiration and good reminder to us all."

Belong Ottawa board chair Lorraine Tell said that a key area of Robinson's impact has been "her presence and participation in the local social services network and advocacy agencies where she tirelessly offers her experience and works to be the voice for those who are in need and need support for their voices to be heard."

Tell added that the staff and participants in the programs "feel Rachel's impact every day; her focus on participants and her championing of the staff at Belong Ottawa are what make our programs so effective and what makes Belong Ottawa an organization that attracts the best staff in sector."

Robinson grew up in Birmingham in the West Midlands in England and studied literature and drama at the University of Wales in Aberystwyth before earning a Masters of Science degree in psychology. In



an interview with *Crosstalk*, she said didn't know exactly what she wanted for her career, "but I always knew I wanted to try and make an impact ... a difference."

Her father had been a civil servant and her grandfather a police officer and following on that path, she knew she wanted to work in the public sector.

She began working with the British National Health Services as a management trainee at a time when they were closing psychiatric hospitals with the idea that people should live and be cared for in their communities. "At the time everyone believed community care was the answer," she said, noting that the same policies were followed here

in Canada. "There were bad things about those asylums, very bad things, but one of the functions that they did fulfill was that they housed people. Now, probably many of the people that live in shelters, downtown, would have lived in the psychiatric hospital previously.... There's a shortage of good, supportive housing so now we've got a crisis downtown of 200 people every night sleeping outside."

Robinson moved to Ottawa with her family because her husband worked with Nortel. She started her work in Canada as a frontline worker with Ottawa family shelters and the Elizabeth Fry Society before being hired by Cornerstone Housing for Women to help open its Booth

Street residence in 2011.

Four years later, she took on a role as interim executive director at The Well, which became permanent. In 2018, she became executive director of St. Luke's Table also.

In March 2020, the executive director of Centre 454 left, and Canon Hobbs asked her to fill in while they hired a new director. But then the pandemic hit and suddenly she was in charge of all three ministries while they figured out how to continue to provide service in the midst of lockdowns.

"Rachel's work to stabilize the three-sites day programs during the pandemic isolation period was instrumental to our participants who were suddenly without the basic services that were keeping them alive and connected during that difficult time," Tell told *Crosstalk*.

They got a van and began delivering food to the people who used to come to all three locations, which also helped to mitigate loneliness and isolation.

"It was that feeling of all hands on deck. The team really pulled together. Everyone did what was needed in the moment," Robinson recalls.

The pandemic was the biggest challenge she and the staff faced, but she says that now sees it as a highlight of their work together as well. "It was really difficult and a struggle and tiring..., but also there was a satisfaction of knowing that we were keeping the services going. We stayed open when other programs closed. So, for me, there's a sense of pride and reward... You can learn and become stronger and grow from adversity."

She said another highlight was renovating the St. Luke's Table location, but the satisfaction of seeing that project completed was dashed soon after when a fire devastated St. Luke's Anglican Church and St. Luke's Table facilities in the basement. The satisfaction of seeing that restoration, which is still ongoing, will be for her successor, she says.

Robinson mentions her relationships with Belong Ottawa participants as another highlight.

"I'm still very on the ground and connected to participants...Having relationships with such a wide range of people ... is really meaningful."

In her retirement, she is looking forward to spending more time in the U.K. with her family, but she says she will take some time to just decompress. "I'm really just going to wait and see how I feel before I decide what I might do with my time next," she says.

Congratulations and best wishes, Rachel!

GREAT WATERWAY HEARING

Locally Owned and Operated

Call for a FREE Hearing Test

Janica Roberts HIS
Thomas Pilla HIS
Debbie Boehm HIS

613 718 0708
613 704 2532
613 209 0187

Smiths Falls Clinic
1A Main St. E. Smiths Falls
Brockville Clinic
163 U Ormond St. Brockville
Morrisburg Clinic
133 Main St. Morrisburg

www.greatwaterwayhearing.com

Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

www.ottawa.anglican.ca

Pride March 2024 full of love, spirit and Anglicans

PHOTOS LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS



(Left) The Belong Ottawa booth and banners from Trinity Church and St Albans.
(Centre) Clergy showing their colours: Rev. Michael Garner, Archdeacon Monique Stone and the Rev. Mary Cate Garden, Archdeacon Mark Whittall and the Rev. Tim Kehoe
(Right) St. John the Evangelist parishioner Sherrie Dagg knit positive messages while on the march.



Anglicans of many colours and stripes joined the annual Pride parade in downtown Ottawa on Aug. 25, 2024.



It is time to talk about your wishes.

Beechwood Cemetery, we are always here to help get the conversation started. Contact us today, for your no-obligation appointment.

280 Beechwood, Ottawa - 613-741-9530 - www.beechwoodottawa.ca
Owned by the Beechwood Cemetery Foundation and operated by The Beechwood Cemetery Company.



Sharing news from the National Cursillo Triennial meeting

BY MARNI CROSSLEY

It was my privilege to attend the National Triennial Meeting of the Anglican Cursillo Movement, which was held at St. Philip, Cedar, in Nanaimo, B.C. in June. Every three years, this meeting brings together all the active diocesan secretariats and representatives from across Canada to attend the Annual General Meeting and be able to share in a weekend of worship and fellowship Cursillo style! The weekend was hosted and catered by the Cursillo community in Nanaimo and was done to perfection.

At the present time, there are only a few dioceses with active secretariats who meet regularly and have an annual Cursillo weekend. The dioceses of Calgary, Edmonton, Huron, Islands and Inlets (formerly the Diocese of British Columbia), Niagara, The Northern Lights (formerly Rupert's Land) and Ottawa were represented at this year's meeting. Sadly, the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island had just voted to close Cursillo before the triennial meeting.

The weekend was structured in an Ultreya model with opportunities for worship and continuous music in the chapel. There was a choice

of two workshops—one on Pastoral Listening and the other on reimagining the future of Cursillo. Lots of active conversation ensued. We also had a wonderful presentation from retired Bishop Logan McMenamie, formerly the Bishop of the Diocese of Islands and Inlets, who shared reflections on his lenten walk from Alert Bay to Victoria in the spring of 2016. As he journeyed, he sought permission to enter each Indigenous community as an act of contrition and repentance for the Anglican church's role in colonizing the land and the Indian residential school system. An insightful discussion followed with many more stories shared.

We were also privileged to have the Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls, share in our fellowship. She joined us on the Saturday to give the keynote address, celebrate at our worship service and take part in the installation of the national executive for the next three years.

The whole weekend was one of connecting with old friends and making so many new friendships Hats off with thanks and a grateful heart to our gracious hosts, the Cursillo community in Nanaimo for a wonderful weekend.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



Archbishop Linda Nicholls joined those gathered for the Cursillo triennial meeting in Nanaimo, B.C. She led the Eucharist service with St. Philip Incumbent the Rev. Leslie Flynn.

PWRDF
World of Gifts

Can you be-leaf it?

Every gift is matched up to \$110,000, thanks to an anonymous donor!

Find your copy of PWRDF's annual gift guide in this issue
Order your gift today before the match runs out!

pwrdf.org/worldofgifts

PARISH NEWS

St. John the Apostle, Vankleek Hill celebrates its 170th anniversary

PHOTOS NAOMI MAHON AND CAROLL CARKNER

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

BY NAOMI MAHON

St. John the Apostle Anglican Church in Vankleek Hill began its 170th anniversary celebrations by hosting a wine & cheese fellowship afternoon on Aug. 31, 2024. The first service in St. John's church was held in August of 1854. Parishioners, family members and friends joined us during the afternoon in our church hall to enjoy the fellowship and the historical memorabilia and artifacts on display. Our rector, the Rev. Bob Albert, read a congratulatory letter from retired Bishop John Chapman, who spent his formative years here in Vankleek Hill. His father, the Rev. Donald Chapman, was our rector from 1963 to 1970, and his son attended public school and high school at Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute. In his letter, Bishop Chapman credited the people of Vankleek Hill parish; "for forming me well so that I too was able to become deeply rooted in faith, hold a desire for good works and a longing to exercise the ministry of Jesus."

St. John's has been blessed with 170 years of God's faithfulness.



St. John's clergy and churchwardens on their big day.



The Rev. Bob and Tracy Albert pose for a family portrait.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

PHOTO BRIAN GLENN/ DIOCESAN ARCHIVES



Parishioners and guests enjoyed wine and cheese and other culinary delights.



The lovely, venerable church in Vankleek Hill.

St. Bartholomew's bazaar benefits Belong Ottawa and Cornerstone

BY LINDA ASSAD-BUTCHER AND LIZ HEATHERINGTON

The St. Bart's Bazaar is one of the most popular events of the fall. Not only is it a great place to meet friends, enjoy tea together and see your neighbours, it also presents great tables of bargains including antiques, gifts, jewellery, books, preserves, attic treasures, toys, games, crafts, knitting, Christmas decorations and a superb bake table.

You will enjoy great shopping knowing that you are helping many important causes.

The event not only supports the work of the church, but also the food bank at the Rideau Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre, Cornerstone Housing for Women and Belong Ottawa at Centre 454 and at The Well/La Source (day programs which provide food, social supports as well as showers and



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Some 19th century lithographs — treasures abound at church bazaars.

laundry facilities).

In the past, our bazaar has always been a success, and it is mainly due to YOU! We are only as good as the donations we receive! So, we respectfully ask that should you be downsizing or wanting to dispose of items in your home, please consider donating to our bazaar. We always need unique souvenirs, classic tea sets, glass, costume jewellery, books, attic treasures, toys, games and any special hand-made items. Closer to the date we would also appreciate home baking and preserves!

If you have any questions at all, please call either Liz 613-745-4677 or Linda 613-298-9980. We would be happy to pick up boxes from you and thank you in advance for considering St Bart's.

Looking forward to seeing you on Nov. 2 at 125 MacKay Street, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Doctors at the Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza operate on a patient's leg.

PWRDF health care and education support benefitting people in Gaza and the West Bank

BY JACQUELINE TINGLE

The current conflict in the Holy Land began on Oct. 7, 2023, when Hamas launched attacks in Israel. In response to the ensuing violence, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) provided \$30,000 in emergency funding to Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza, a long standing partner of PWRDF. Shortly afterwards, PWRDF and the Anglican Alliance began consulting with the Diocese of Jerusalem on ways to support communities affected by the ongoing conflict. From February to July 2024, PWRDF contributed \$175,000 to the first phase of the project, enhancing access to healthcare and education. Building on the project's success, PWRDF is now allocating an additional \$100,000 to continue from August 2024 to January 2025.

Restrictions on aid delivery and movement of people in Gaza have caused shortages of essential supplies, including food and medical care. Poor sanitary conditions have led to disease outbreaks, which have been increasing the need for medical services and straining medical staff. According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, an estimated 40,000

Palestinians have died and 1.9 million have been displaced.

With this ongoing violence, displacement, supply shortages, and loss of livelihoods affecting communities in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, the Diocese of Jerusalem (which encompasses all of Israel, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon) identified five of its pre-existing ministries that were well positioned to make a difference. In addition to supporting health services at Al-Ahli Arab Hospital, this project also enabled people in the West Bank to access healthcare at St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus and Penman Clinic in Jenin, along with maintaining access to school for children at the National Kindergarten in Nablus and St. George's School in East Jerusalem.

The project supported 1,502 at-risk families and successfully reduced mortality rates through early detection and intervention and provided quality education for 125 children.

Support of Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza has made it possible for medical staff to provide critical care to those in need. The Diocese of Jerusalem shares the story of Ahmed, 35, one of the many patients who was injured during an Israel Defence Force

military operation in Gaza. Ahmed underwent urgent surgery at Al-Ahli Hospital, where the medical team made every effort to save his leg. Thanks to their expertise and dedication, the operation was a success, and Ahmed received the necessary physical therapy to recover. The hospital provided all treatment and care, free of charge.

Yaser, a father of five, struggled to provide for his family after losing his job due to the war. When his youngest son, Saed, fell ill with a severe respiratory condition, the family turned to St. Luke's Hospital. The hospital provided Saed with necessary treatment, including medication and respiratory therapy, at no cost. Saed recovered, and Yaser, grateful for the hospital's care, offered his time and skills to help with repairs and maintenance of the hospital building.

The National Kindergarten in Nablus provides early childhood education and care to local families. Despite the challenges posed by the war, the kindergarten has continued to operate, offering a safe environment for young children. Recently, the kindergarten welcomed Mustafa and Malak, four-year-old twins who needed a supportive and stimulating environment. With the help of

the kindergarten, the twins have begun to thrive, and their family has expressed gratitude for the support and care they have received during this time.

Besides supporting the Diocese of Jerusalem, PWRDF has allocated \$100,000 from its equity in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to a food assistance project in Gaza, led by the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). This project is a result of the Humanitarian Coalition's fundraising campaign in the fall of 2023 and has already begun distributing essential food packages to those in need.

How you can help

Please continue to pray for the people affected by this conflict. You can also donate to PWRDF's Gaza and West Bank Emergency Appeal found on our Give Today page. You can also donate by phone at 416-822-9083 (or leave a message toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and PWRDF staff will return your call) or by mail. Send your cheque to PWRDF, 80 Hayden Street, 3rd Floor, Toronto, ON, Canada, M4Y 3G2. Please indicate "Gaza and West Bank" in the memo.

Photo and article courtesy of PWRDF.

In memory of the Rev. Thomas Herbert O’Driscoll

BY PAUL DUMBRILLE

We have recently learned of the death of the Rev. Herb O’Driscoll. I first encountered Herb in Ottawa in the mid 1960s when the Sunday worship services from St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Elgin Street, were broadcast on the radio. I remember, even now, that Irish lilt in his voice and how what he said made sense to me when lots of things about the church didn’t. From Ottawa, he moved to the West Coast, becoming the rector at the cathedral in Vancouver. He lived in B.C. for the rest of his life.

I next encountered Herb when I became involved with the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (AFP) in 1990s, and through his association with Bishop Barry Curtis, another priest who moved west to Calgary from Ottawa and who was the National Director of AFP for a time before retiring and coming back to Ottawa. From that time right up to the present time, Herb and I became “pen pals,” firstly by written letters and then by email. Over the years, Herb wrote many articles on prayer for the AFP Newsletter and others. He also produced several audio CDs, one of which, *Prayer Among Friends: an Audio Journey into the World of Prayer*, has been converted and is available on the AFP website at <https://anglicanprayer.org/index.php/hov/>.



Herb’s life was marked by unwavering dedication to his faith, tireless service to his community and a boundless spirit that touched the lives of all who knew him. His ministry was not confined to the walls of a church; it extended to the streets, homes, and hearts of everyone he encountered. With a gentle voice and a warm smile, he brought comfort to the weary, hope to the downtrodden, and joy to the sorrowful. Whether he was delivering a powerful sermon, visiting the sick, or lending a listening ear, his presence was a testament to God’s love in action. He taught us the true meaning of grace, humility, and selflessness, always putting others before himself. He was an inspiration to all who knew him,

His spirit lives on in the countless lives he touched, the lessons he imparted, and the love he shared so freely. We give thanks for the gift of his presence among us. His earthly journey may have come to an end, but his light will continue to shine brightly in our memories and in our hearts. May we honor his legacy by living with the same compassion, faith, and dedication that he exemplified every day of his life. Rest in peace, Reverend Thomas Herbert O’Driscoll. Your spirit will forever be with us, guiding us, comforting us, and reminding us of the power of prayer and a life lived in service to others.

PHOTO ANGLICAN JOURNAL



WARM UP AT AMICA THE GLEBE

If you or a loved one are concerned about spending the colder months at home, consider a winter stay at Amica The Glebe. Here, you won’t have to worry about the challenges that come with winter. Instead, you’ll enjoy the comfort and connection of a caring community of seniors, while staying in a private suite with access to premium amenities and professional, personalized care.

Who knows, you may just warm up to winter after all.

To learn more about a winter stay or to book a private tour, call LA or Luisa at 613-233-6363

AMICA

THE GLEBE

33 MONK STREET • AMICA.CA/THEGLEBE

DIOCESAN ARCHIVES

A Smoking Gun

BY GLENN J LOCKWOOD

One of the most plaintive inquiries ever received at the Diocesan Archives is for a photograph of the brand, spanking new frame Christ Church, Bells Corners that was burned to the ground by the great Carleton County Fire of 1870. Alas, no such picture exists. One is forced to conclude that churches, when they are built, are expected to last forever, and there need be no hurry in taking a photograph. For many early churches, the photographer was summoned only at the last minute before demolition crews began their work of destruction, to capture some sense of the first house of worship before a new one replaced it.

Christ Church, Bells Corners, by no stretch of the imagination, is one of the earliest Anglican churches or parishes in the region. Indeed, worship services started out for local Anglicans as part of a stone Union Church shared with local Methodists and Presbyterians on land provided by a local Anglican tavernkeeper, Hugh Bell in the 1860s. No sooner had local Anglicans exerted themselves to build the frame Christ Church in 1870 than it unoblingly burned down in the huge conflagration blowing across rural Carleton County. And so, a quarter

Christ Church, Bells Corners Deanery of West Ottawa



DIOCESAN ARCHIVES 51 B2 7

of a century before the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa was carved out of the eastern and northern sections of the Diocese of Ontario in 1896, Anglicans at Bells Corners found themselves at work building their third house of worship—this time in non-flammable brick.

Here we see that third house of worship at Bells Corners as photographed a century later as incorporated into a parish complex that shows the peak of the fourth Christ Church rising above the finishing touches being placed on

the landscaping circa 1970.

The brick construction of the third Christ Church may have been a reflexive response to the Carleton County fire, in hopes that should another fire happen along, the brick walls of the new house of worship might prove more resistant to the devouring element than the frame house of worship had been.

It is possible that the design of the third church, although built in brick, was based almost exactly on that of the church that burned. The construction material may be

different, but the corbel windows and the unambitious scale both suggest that its design was intended for a frame house of worship.

There are two curious aspects to the 1871 church. The first is the mansard roof on the belfry, a choice suggesting that the designs (the same design?) of the 1870 and 1871 church were both influenced by Thomas Fuller who mixed English Gothic Revival and French Second Empire in the Centre Block of parliament to express the bicultural make-up of Canada. The second, curious aspect is the unusual stick style design of the bargeboard of the upper gable, deliberately designed to echo the corbel arches of the windows, yet incorporating a Saint Andrew's cross and two smaller crosses.

A century later, the 1871 church was incorporated into a larger new complex designed to show how modern the church could appear, yet still be conscious of its heritage. What did not show, at least not at first, was that most of the new complex was below grade.

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

66% of Canadian families haven't discussed their final wishes*

Choosing funeral and cemetery plans can be overwhelming to a grieving spouse. Plan the details now. Together.

Get started today. Scan the QR code to visit us online or call for a FREE 87 Decisions, Choices, and Things to Do™ brochure.

Kelly Funeral Homes
by Arbor Memorial

Carling 2313 Carling Ave. 613-828-2313	Orléans 2370 St. Joseph Blvd. 613-837-2370	Somerset 585 Somerset St. W. 613-235-6712
Kanata 580 Eagleson Rd. 613-591-6580	Barrhaven 3000 Woodroffe Ave. 613-823-4747	Walkley 1255 Walkley Rd. 613-731-1255

*Research conducted by Willful and Arbor Memorial Inc. in a 2020 survey.

Arbor Memorial Inc.

Journeying as Allies

Join us to read and discuss books by Indigenous authors. All welcome!

October 6, 2024
Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults by Robin Wall Kimmerer and Monique Gray Smith

November 17, 2024
Becoming a Matriarch by Helen Knott

February 23, 2025
The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters
Zoom discussion

March 30, 2025
Eagle Drums by Nasugraq Rainey Hopson

Meeting times are 2pm-4pm at Julian of Norwich Anglican Church, 7 Rossland Avenue (at Merivale Road).
Join our mailing list to receive updates before the book discussions.
Contact All My Relations: allmyrelations@ottawa.anglican.ca

CALENDAR

Oct. 6

St. Mark's 75th Anniversary Celebration

St. Mark's Anglican Church (1606 Fisher Ave., Ottawa) 10 am
Eucharist service with Bishop Shane Parker preaching and lunch to follow.

Oct. 18-27

St. Aidan's Online Auction

St. Aidan's online auction is back! This virtual portion of our Yuletide Bazaar will feature an array of household and gift items, gift cards and more. Log onto www.staidansottawa.com from Oct. 18-27 to link and place your bids. Winners can pick up their items on Sat., Nov. 2, during St. Aidan's in-person bazaar, 934 Hamlet Rd. Alternate arrangements for pick-up may be made.

Oct. 19

ADYouth Meet and Greet

10am - 2pm
Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks Street)

Come and meet youth from around our diocese and be warmly greeted by our Cathedral! There will be a tour of the Cathedral (including all the interesting parts people don't usually see), worship and singing, and lunch. This event is for 12 to 17 year olds, youth leaders, and clergy.

Oct. 20

Solemn Evensong and Benediction

7pm
Church of St. Barnabas (70 James Street, Ottawa)
stbarnabasottawa.com
parishoffice@primus.ca
613-232-6992

Oct. 20-21

Annual Theology Conference: What if? Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice

Bells Corners United Church
Speakers will be the Rev. Jennifer Henry and Bishop Bruce Myers of the Anglican Diocese of Quebec. See: annualconference.ca

PHOTO: LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS



Nov. 2

St. Aidan's In-person Yuletide Bazaar

10 am to 2 pm at St. Aidan's Anglican Church (934 Hamlet Rd., Ottawa)
Please join us for our annual Yuletide Bazaar. This year's bazaar will feature home baking, jams and jellies, The Boutique (jewellery and accessory items for men and women), books, puzzles and a silent auction. Enjoy a snack or light lunch at our Celtic Café. All are welcome! Visit www.staidansottawa.com for further details.

All Saints' Westboro Village Fair/Bazaar

9 am - 2 pm
All Saints' Westboro (347 Richmond Road, Ottawa)

Crafts, knitting, used books, vintage collectibles, jams, preserves, baking, coffee and treats, a delicious lunch and more. The New-to-You shop will be open. Watch our website for updates www.allsaintswestboro.com
For more information contact bazaar@allsaintswestboro.com

Church of St. Bartholomew Annual Bazaar

12 noon - 4 pm
Church of St. Bartholomew (125 MacKay Street, Ottawa)
See article on p. 11

Nov. 16

Christ Church Bells Corners Holly Days Bazaar

Start your Christmas shopping with us! Find sewing & knitting, home baking, gift baskets, jewelry, artisanal soaps, candy, deli items, and more. There will be something special for everyone on your list. Phone: 613-829-1826; Website: www.christchurchbellscorners.ca

Nov. 23

St. John's Christmas Market

10 am to 5 pm at St. John the Evangelist, (corner of Elgin and Somerset, Ottawa)
Get ready for the festive season at St. John's European-style Christmas market. The newly-renovated Nave will be full of artwork and Christmas craft offerings by 30 Ottawa artists and artisans. There will be hot drinks, snacks and baked goods for you to enjoy as you browse the artists' tables. This is a great chance to pick up artworks, hand-made gifts and Christmas ornaments for your loved ones or yourself!

St. Barnabas Annual Christmas Bazaar

10am - 2pm
Church of St. Barnabas (70 James Street, Ottawa)
For more information: stbarnabasottawa.com
parishoffice@primus.ca 613-232-6992

WE ARE BACK! THURSDAYS AT 10AM UP-COMING ACTIVITIES

- October 3** Bridge or casual Coffee & Conversation
- October 10** *Jean-Francois Pinsonnault* – on Aging in YOUR Own Home a well-known speaker and author, former mediator and organizational consultant
- October 17** Bridge or Coffee & Conversation
- October 24** *Sean Devine*, Ward 9 (Knoxdale/Merivale) municipal councillor speaking on city affairs and municipal politics
- October 31** *Hallowe'en Hijinks* – a CCC tradition with a costume contest and fun activities
- November 7** Pre Remembrance Day Morning - remembering in song with *Aged in Harmony* the male choral group
- November 14** Creative Writing group and Bridge/Games – or Koffee Klatsch
- November 28** *"Show & Share" Part II* – CCCers Show off their talents & Share their hobbies, interests, and skills
- December 5** Bridge & Games – or Koffee Klatsch
- December 12** Creative Writing or Coffee & Conversation
- December 19** *Christmas Joy* – with Joy Bowerman on piano and leading a Christmas Singalong

PWRDF Education Focus Year Three
Healthy Planet, Healthy People
Learning Module 3.1

As the Season of Creation unfolds (Sept. 1 to Oct. 4), PWRDF invites you to consider Learning Modules that have been produced as part of Creation Care: Climate Action education focus. In this third and final year, we examine the intersections of climate change and health; how planetary and ecosystem health—or lack thereof—directly affect human health.

Learning Module 3.1 focuses on the Communion Forest initiative of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We explore the importance of trees and reforestation by learning from partners, reflecting biblically and considering opportunities for action and giving.

Join the launch webinar Oct. 3, 1 pm
<https://pwrdf.org/climate-action-and-health/>



Unparalleled Retirement Lifestyle in the Capital



The VISTA ON SPARKS
Retirement *by Signature*

Building tours available by appointment
at 412 Sparks Street

Full Kitchens | In-Suite Washer & Dryer | 3 Dining Experiences
Contact us for more information or to book a tour.

info@thevistaonsparks.com | 613-809-2212 | To learn more, visit thevistaonsparks.com