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PHOTOS: THE VEN. CHRIS DUNN



Flanked by Dean Beth Bretzlaff, Chancellor Canon Henry Schultz and Primate Shane Parker, Metropolitan Anne Germond introduces Ontario's newest bishop to the assembly on May 9 at Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa.

Kathryn Otley consecrated as 11th Bishop of Ottawa

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

The Ven. Kathryn Anne Otley was ordained and consecrated as a bishop and installed as the 11th Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa at Christ Church Cathedral on May 9.

About 530 people gathered for the morning Eucharist service to support and pray for the new bishop and to celebrate the beginning of her new ministry.

Lt. Col. the Rev. Mike Gibbons of the Military Ordinariate, who was Otley's clergy colleague when she was incumbent in the Parish of Christ Church Bells Corners, offered the homily.

"Being the shepherd of a community in which people ask to have God revealed to them is no small task, especially when there is also the never-ending list of tasks that must be accomplished, future planning that must be attended to, as well as the human element. How much more so for a bishop whose responsibilities stretch over 46,000 sq. kilometres?" he asked.

But he said he had chosen to highlight only one of the many tasks that bishops do.



Portrait of five Ottawa bishops: (clockwise) Shane Parker (2015-25), Kathryn Otley (2026 -), John Chapman (2007-2020), Peter Coffin (1997-2007) and John Baycroft (1993-1999).

"As a military chaplain, I have worked for many leaders over the years, and each of them has had their own philosophies and approaches to command and leadership. And any good military section of a bookstore will have copious volumes on leadership, sometimes with one approach being diametrically opposed to another approach. It's all a bit like dieting," he quipped.

"What differentiates great leaders

from those who simply occupy leadership positions, and there is a difference, is their ability to inspire their people to locate their personal stories within the wider story of the community," he said.

"Leaders tell the story of the community they serve. They engage the stories of the people who make up the community, and they tie it together," Gibbons said. "Kathryn, you are now our chief storyteller.... You are now tasked with taking the

gospel and helping us to understand who we are as followers of Christ in the Church of God, and how we are to live out our Christian response, and I know that you are up to the task. Your whole ministry has brought you to this place. You have been chosen by your people and your clergy, and that call has been confirmed by the Holy Spirit. You are a pastor, a teacher, a priest, and a strong leader, and today you become a bishop in the Church of God."

Referring back to the Gospel reading from John 14: 8-11, he added: "You join an apostolic succession, ensuring the mission and witness of the Church. You represent Philip's courage and audacity seeking to see the Father and then seeing God at work in Christ in the world." And reflecting on the fact that the service was also a commemoration of the saint Julian of Norwich, Gibbons suggested that the bishop also represents "Julian's defiant, faithful optimism that despite all the ills in the world, the suffering, the injustices and the cruelty to which we bear witness, that God is at work, and all shall be well."

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FROM OUR BISHOP

PHOTO: VEN. CHRIS DUNN



BY THE RIGHT REVEREND
KATHRYN OTLEY

A note of thanks

I begin my time of service with you as your bishop with an immense feeling of gratitude. Thank you for the many prayers, messages of support and generous gifting of time so many of you continue to give, preparing me to begin this new leadership role in our diocese.

We live in a time where the world around us clamours with words of scarcity and fear – I will lead in reminding us of our story set in the abundance of God’s reign, offering hope in place of fear. As St. Paul wrote to the Colossians: “You need to remain well established and rooted in faith and not shift away from the hope given in the good news.”

Standing firm in the grace of God we move forward on this awesome journey of hope-filled faith, alive to the challenges which are, in truth, new opportunities to share the good news of God’s love with a world that is desperately seeking hope and meaningful purpose. Together with people of faith across our country and the world, we offer messages of hope, welcome and justice for all, a heart for reconciliation, and loving service in our communities, all “rooted and grounded in the love of God through Jesus Christ” strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

I am blessed to lead and serve as your bishop, and I offer my blessing to all of you as together we embark with energy and intention on this new stage of our journey in our Anglican Diocese of Ottawa.

PHOTO: MARIAN MCGRATH



The Rev. Canon Catherine Ascah, the Rev. Dr. Sony Jabouin, the Rev. Dr. Caz Ducros and the Ven. Linda Hill.

West Quebec celebration

The Ven. Linda Hill presided at the Celebration of New Ministry for the Parish of the Holy Spirit/ Paroisse du Saint-Esprit that took place on April 12, 2026, at St Mary Magdalene Church in Chelsea.

Three former parishes in West Quebec joined together as one new parish. The Rev. Canon Catherine Ascah preached the sermon. The Rev. Dr. Caz Ducros as the Incumbent and Rev. Dr. Sony Jabouin, as the Associate Incumbent will serve the new parish.

The three parishes that have amalgamated are the parishes of West Quebec, Christ Church (Aylmer) and Chelsea-Lascelles-Wakefield. And those three parishes include the following churches: St Paul’s (Shawville), Holy Trinity (Danford Lake), St Mary Magdalene (Chelsea), Good Shepherd(Wakefield), Holy Trinity (Lascelles), St Stephen’s (Buckingham), Holy Trinity (Radford). — *Marian McGrath*



Celebratory family photo— Clergy of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, current and retired, joined the Primate Archbishop Shane Parker to surround and support Bishop Kathryn Otley immediately after her consecration and installation as the 11th bishop of Ottawa. (Keen eyes may spot two very young aspiring clergy members.)

PHOTO: DOUG MORRIS

Clergy from across the Diocese of the Arctic gather at St. Margaret's church in Vanier

PHOTO: HS CANADA

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

The Parish of St. Margaret's Vanier hosted a conference for clergy from the Diocese of the Arctic for three days in early May. The conference included a service of ordination for the Rev. Fraser Robb as a deacon, a prayer and praise worship service, and a visit with Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada.

After the evening ordination service, Bishop Alexander Pryor graciously made time for a few questions from *Perspective*.

When asked about the size of the Diocese of the Arctic, he opened up a folded road map of Canada. Dotted across the Arctic from the Yukon-Northwest Territory border all the way east to the border of Northern Quebec and Labrador and north almost to the edge of the map were marked 49 communities scattered through the vast territory.

"Everything is so much more expensive in the north than it is in the south. Travel is infinitely more difficult. Going for a confirmation is normally a four-or-five-day trek, and if you hit a blizzard, it becomes a week.... These are all fly-in communities, so it's a lot of time spent in airplanes... Many of these communities just have one flight a day. Some will have one flight every other day.

So that's what brought you all to Ottawa?

It's often easier and certainly much cheaper for us to meet anywhere in the South, really. We did our Synod last year in Edmonton, and that was wonderful, and half of the cost that it would have been. I mean, our diocesan Synod cost us almost half a million dollars. That's what it costs to do Synod. And that's doing it in the South and staying at a monastery. Had we done it within the boundaries of our own diocese, it would be at least three quarters of a million dollars if not more.

Can you meet online sometimes?

On the older Internet technology, you really couldn't have a stable video call work, but now since Starlink has spread out across the North, we're able to do a whole lot by Zoom. There are real limitations though, especially when you're working across languages and dialects and just with the different styles of storytelling, depending on people's cultures. Zoom works very well for a very linear sort of business meeting, but when we need to discuss and go back and forth and reach consensus and really check in to see if what's being communicated and what's being interpreted is what's being understood, that doesn't happen as well. Many times, we're using interpreters.



Bishop Alexander Pryor (front row, centre) and other clergy from Canada's north celebrated the ordination of a new deacon, the Rev. Fraser Robb, during their conference in Ottawa in May.

Bishop Pryor's map charts all of the 49 communities in the Diocese of the Arctic, which stretches from the Yukon border all the way east to the border with Newfoundland and Labrador. Most of the communities can only be reached by air.



That's why meeting together like this and being able to read the room and take the breaks when we need to and stretch our legs and sing a hymn and do what we need to do to make sure that we're all moving forward in the same direction and hearing each other. ... We've never done something like this before, where we've gathered for three intense days. Our diocesan synods are usually a week to 10 days long, because we only do it once every three years....

Is the Church growing in the Arctic?

Yes, though not everywhere. We have some communities that are struggling as many churches in the south are, but we are seeing a new generation coming into leadership. It's really a fascinating ... sort of thing, where they have elders in their late 70s and 80s who have

been running churches, hoping that their children would step up and be called to take those places. They've been praying faithfully, and now they're seeing their grandchildren called into leadership, which is just really, really cool.

There's one community that I visited earlier this spring where after years of the elders praying that the next generation would step up, now they have a group of people in their 20s, who said, 'We want to be on the vestry. And they voted in a vestry where the average age is under 30. And they called and said, somebody come and train us what it means to run a church. It is just so exciting to have young people who are on fire for the Lord.'

In many ways, we're running to keep up with what the Lord is doing, which is just a lot of fun. We recently replanted the church in Inuvik. It had been closed for five

years. It was one of our parishes that didn't survive COVID. They had their last service in December of 2020 and then locked the doors and the church closed down after years of the sort of decline that is typical in many churches. Thanks be to God, we were able to hold on to that building. There was no pressure to sell it.

After five years of being closed and people praying, 'Do we need a church in our community?' In the span of one week, there were three phone calls from different people who hadn't been speaking to each other from different parts of the country saying, 'I think the Lord wants the church reopened in Inuvik...' [including a woman who had previously worked with another organization doing youth ministry in Arviat and in Rankin Inlet.

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Diocese recommends ways for government to increase affordable housing in pre-budget brief

BY DAVID HUMPHREYS

The Bishop's Panel on Housing Justice is calling on the federal government to implement measures that will increase the supply of non-profit housing, remove bottlenecks slowing construction and expand benefits to those in most need.

This is one of five recommendations the panel has made to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance in a pre-budget submission. The committee invites submissions as part of its consultation process for the 2026 federal budget in the fall.

The panel used the submission to pinpoint the experience of parishes (Christ Church Bells Corners, St. Thomas the Apostle Alta Vista, St. James the Apostle Perth, St. John the Evangelist Smiths Falls) and the Diocese through Cornerstone Housing for Women and Belong Ottawa.

The pre-budget consultations are an opportunity to reach Members of Parliament of all political parties, both those on the finance committee and others.

The panel's submission urged the government to adopt the National Housing Accord, a 10-point plan drawn up by housing experts from the private and non-profit sectors to restore rental housing affordability.

The Accord's leading recommendation is to create a permanent roundtable, representative of all orders of government --- federal, provincial, municipal -- to develop a



Designing, building and filling Hollyer House gave the people of Christ Church Bells Corners and the diocese valuable experience with affordable housing projects.

coordinated plan with targets and accountability.

The permanent roundtable is seen as a means of addressing and overcoming delays and confusion that often arise, typically when two or even three orders of government are involved in the funding process.

The panel's brief draws on the experience of parishes and the diocese, creating affordable housing in consultation with Cahdo, the Ottawa non-profit developer. Cahdco has worked with several diocesan projects, including the current Ellwood House Extension. The Ellwood directors, while

acknowledging the importance of federal capital funding, reported that the funding process has been long and confusing, with many repeat requests for documentation and many legal documents that raise issues of risk.

This view is backed up by Cahdco whose finding is that the main contribution the federal government could make would be guaranteed consistency in the funding infrastructure over 10 years. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has changed the funding requirements for programs almost annually.

With the introduction of Build Canada Homes, a new agency, the brief says, "now is an ideal time for a thorough review of CMHC programs with a view to avoiding duplication, expanding funding and streamlining to incentivize developers to build more affordable homes.

While the bishop's panel mandate - advocacy, action, learning, prayer, every parish engaged - is local the issues pertain to other dioceses and faith groups that prioritize support for affordable housing. The bishop of the Diocese of British Columbia, the Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee contributed an example of costly delay.

In Victoria, the Diocese waited two years for a development permit for a building on a campus that already had an existing building, well integrated into the neighbourhood, with a long history of offering affordable housing to seniors. The delay increased the cost of the project by about \$10 million, resulting in fewer deeply affordable units being built.

In Ottawa, the brief noted, that GST and HST charges increased the cost of Hollyer House at Christ Church Bells Corners by about \$525,000. The federal government has since removed the GST and the federal component of the HST on new rental housing. Too late to benefit Hollyer, but it did it thus implement one of the National Housing Accord's recommendations.

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She was considering giving up her job down south and going full-time into youth ministry in the North and had been praying about it. She came across an article Bishop Pryor had written saying we've closed the church down but we're praying for a church planter to come and till the soil.]

So, I called my wife and said, Christine, I'm buying a ticket to Inuvik to see what the Lord is doing and flew up the next day The church had been closed and freezing and thawing for five years, and the power and heat were turned off. But by the grace of God, we managed with a little bit of help from someone at the power corporation ... to get the power reconnected for the weekend. And

with some help from those in the community reopened the church on Saturday to have a meeting and just talk about what we wanted to do. We had a service that Sunday, and 45 people showed up. At the end of that service, they said, 'This was great. What happens next week?' I said, 'I don't know. That's up to you.' They said, 'Well, we want to have church. ... And they've had church every Sunday since that Sunday 13

months ago."

They've got four or five now who take turns preaching and who take turns leading the service. And that woman who called, saying she was interested, I installed her in February as a full-time minister, lay minister, in charge of church planting that congregation in that place. ... Just amazing stuff going on."



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Video offers advice and examples from stewardship work at Parish of the Valley

PHOTOS: LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Many people find it difficult to talk about money and financial matters. And most parishes find it difficult to talk about financial stewardship. And yet, neither households nor churches can run without money or talking about how to receive and manage it.

Knowing this, the diocesan Stewardship Committee has been planning for some time to produce a video, interviewing members of a parish that has made important strides forward in terms of their approach to financial stewardship to help inspire and offer practical advice and ideas for other parishes.

This spring, those plans were realized. The Learning Commons will soon be posting a video in which Anglicans from the Parish of the Valley, particularly Holy Trinity Pembroke, share what they have learned in their efforts to deal with financial challenges and to build a healthy and effective approach to stewardship.

In April, Carole Breton, diocesan director of Communications and Development, travelled to Pembroke with a small team, including videographer Karl Chatel, to interview one of the Parish of the Valley's associate incumbents, the Rev. Gillian Hoyer, and Marie Cheesman, member of diocesan council and former chair of Holy Trinity's Ministry and Money Working Group, about their successful approaches to stewardship and the important lessons they have learned along the way.

"Jesus talked about money more than he talked about just about anything else in the recorded words that we have in the gospels," said Hoyer. "And so, I think that how we steward our money, how we steward our time, our gifts, are such an important part of what it means to be a holistic and healthy Christian and healthy Christian community.... Stewardship is a part of our life together."

Cheesman explained that the challenges Holy Trinity faced are likely very similar to those faced by many congregations.

They found that the pattern of financial offerings were very heavily weighted at the end of each year, but such uneven givings made it difficult for the church to pay its bills and expenses through the rest of the year.

The number of parishioners using pre-authorized remittance (PAR) to give regularly was dwindling as parishioners aged and new parishioners were not signing up to replace that.

A historic church building and other needs required funds to maintain and invest in the life of the congregation.



Videographer Karl Chatel filmed and edited the interviews with Marie Cheesman and the Rev. Gillian Hoyer to produce a stewardship resource for the Learning Commons page of the diocesan website.

Some of the ways they addressed these challenges were:

- Creating a Pentecost stewardship campaign to encourage giving at an earlier point in the year
- A creative person in the parish made low-cost video vignettes asking parishioners what Holy Trinity meant to them, which spurred everyone to reflect on what they love about their community.
- Using ready-made stewardship campaign resources available through the diocesan church's membership in The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) and tailoring them to suit the congregation
- Applying for government grants, which added up to \$100,000 in additional funds that have helped with renovations and purchases such as much-needed new tables and chairs for the parish hall.

Both Hoyer and Cheesman offer practical and kind advice to other parishes who may be feeling daunted and wondering where to begin to address financial needs in their congregations or parishes. Start small, they said. Hoyer said the first step for the clergy team in the Parish of the Valley was writing just one letter that went out to everyone in the parish. But the essential take-away was not to be afraid and just start.



The Rev. Gillian Hoyer says clergy in the Parish of the Valley make use of TENS stewardship resources.

Watching and discussing the 10-minute video posted as a resource on the Learning Commons page of the diocesan website will now provide another way for congregations or parishes to begin their own stewardship journeys. The video is part of a series of way to engage called "Stewardship in Action — Voices from Across the Diocese": video, social media, Learning Commons content, stories in *Perspective*. This stewardship video marks the first of the new series of content.



Resources from The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) are available to all parishes and congregations at no cost through the diocesan membership.

TENS Annual Pledge Campaign Materials

Each pledge campaign Zip file has complete resources a fall pledge campaign for the Liturgical Year and includes:

- Logos and artwork
- Seasonal Meditations on Generosity
- Sample Letters from Clergy, Wardens, Committee, and Thank-you notes
- Pledge Cards
- Formation Resources for adults and families
- Weekly Meditations to use during the campaign season
- Liturgical Resources and Prayers of the People for your campaign season

Past years' resources are also available, so parishes can choose a theme that best speaks to their community.

The password for this year is **Matthew22:4**. Please note that there are no spaces, and the password is case sensitive. You are invited to share this password widely through newsletters, websites, and social media to help your community access these tools. The password will remain active until February 2027, when the renewal period concludes.

<https://www.adolearningcommons.ca/toolkit/ado-learning-commons/topics/financial-stewardship?tab=nav-stewardship-tab>

A Timeline for Your Stewardship Campaign



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COMMUNITY MINISTRY NEWS

Belong Ottawa day program toasts its volunteers



Paul Weber



Belong staffers India and Jeremy with volunteer Assia (centre)



Shauna-marie Young is executive director of Belong Ottawa.



Volunteers Judy, Irene, and Mary with Belong staffer Hussein giving the thumb's up.



The Rev. Michael Garner is Incumbent of St. Albans church on King Edward Avenue.



Michael, Tracy, Kevin (Michael is director of operations, Tracy and Kevin are program managers)



The Rev. Jarret Carty with Belong Ottawa staffer Kylee.

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Belong Ottawa hosted a celebratory lunch to thank its team of volunteers on April 22 at St. Albans Church in downtown Ottawa.

Belong's Centre 454 location has operated in the lower level of St. Albans Church for decades, providing basic services such as meals, shower and laundry facilities, as well as equally essential social connection and care.

The Rev. Michael Garner, incumbent of St. Albans, welcomed everyone into the church. He said the staff and volunteers are “an inspiration to me personally and to this congregation. I just really want to thank you for all you do. It is not easy work. We see that.... The way that you show up with passion and

love and understanding for people who really need it in this moment is amazing.”

The Rev. Victoria Scott, the director general of Anglican Community Ministries, added her own thanks to the staff and volunteers for “the ways that you all make this a place of dignity and hope and connection. For me, it is absolutely at the centre of the gospel to walk in solidarity with those who are experiencing vulnerability and marginalization. And there's tremendous opportunity in places like this for connection in the midst of the disconnection in our world and for a way to find hope even in the darkest times. And so just know that I personally am so grateful for each and every one

of you.... and really recognize the transformative work that you do.”

Shauna-marie Young, executive director of Belong Ottawa, thanked St. Albans and Garner for hosting the celebration in the church and for the parish's hospitality and support of Belong Ottawa's work.

She also thanked Paul Weber for providing music for the celebration as well as for the concert he and his band performed at St. Albans in February with all the proceeds benefitting Belong Ottawa.

“Belong Ottawa is truly fortunate to have 31 dedicated volunteers.... You offer your time, your energy, your compassion, and in many cases, your personal resources in support of our mission. You contribute in so many meaningful ways — serving

meals, offering companionship, supporting programs, trimming hair, mending clothes, gifting donations,” Young said. “Everything you do helps Belong Ottawa create safety and belonging for every person who walks through our doors.”

Volunteers' commitment has made it possible for Belong Ottawa to serve 162,000 meals since June 2025, she said. “That number ... represents far more than food. It represents dignity, stability and community for those who need it most.... From the bottom of our Belong hearts, thank you for your generosity, your spirit, your unwavering dedication. Each of you make a difference, and that's why we wanted to honour you today.”

Christ Church Bells Corners invites the neighbours over

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

The Parish of Christ Church Bells Corners collaborates with its neighbours to host free community dinners a few times each year.

On Sunday, May 3, more than 200 guests enjoyed butter chicken and nan bread and many other culinary delights with ice cream for dessert. Not surprisingly, the dinners are a hit. Incumbent Archdeacon Monique Stone says more than 300 attended a dinner before Christmas last December.

The meals are an ecumenical and interfaith effort. Parishioners from Christ Church Bells Corners work together with volunteers from Bells Corners United Church, First United, Saint Martin des Porres Parish, and the Jami Omar Mosque to invite everyone and transport people from two nearby emergency shelters to the dinners using a rented school bus.

Alison Bridgewater, a volunteer from Bells Corners United, told *Perspective* that they sometimes say that they should rename Old Richmond Road as the 'Road to Heaven' because there are so many places of worship along it.

And they have more partners in the effort from South Nepean Community Health Centre and the City of Ottawa.

Another important partner is FAMSAC, the community food cupboard that operates on the ground floor of Hollyer House, an affordable housing project spearheaded by Christ Church Bells Corners and built on part of the church's property where the church rectory formerly stood.



PHOTOS: LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

The Rev. Canon Peter John Hobbs, Margaret Lemaire and Chris Stone enjoy the dinner and some time to chat.

There is also a full commercial kitchen, so Stone says they can cook all the food there, which helps keep the costs of the meals lower.

And in one more happy bit of symbiosis, guests were greeted at in the church hall by Joan Wright, president of the community gardens, and Cathy Séguin who helps run the program, which provides fresh vegetables to FAMSAC in the summer months. Cathy and Joan were handing out packets of seeds and small pots of soil, so guests could enjoy getting flowers or vegetables growing at home.



Joan Wright, president of the Bells Corners Community Garden, and Cathy Séguin had gifts of flower and vegetable seeds with small starter pots ready for guests.

PHOTO: MARIA NIGHTINGALE

Forest Church begins anew

It was a chilly grey evening in the first week of May, but there was an enthusiastic group of about 20 people ready to walk and worship as a new season of Forest Church began.

The initiative had a diverse group of participants last year — parishioners from Christ Church Bells Corners as well as other Anglican parishes, other denominations, and one person who said he had never attended any kind of a worship service before, Archdeacon Monique Stone said.

Those who drove to the Beaver Trail for the first walk of this year were rewarded by many early spring beauties — delicate trillium flowers and other tiny blossoms lined the trails, ferns were unfurling. Bird songs provided the music for a service of readings, prayer, contemplation and sharing the Eucharist.

Each service is adapted to the abilities of those who attend.

Forest church services are planned for the first and third Tuesday of each month until Oct. 6. A full schedule with the changing locations and other details is posted on the Christ Church Bells Corner website.

<https://christchurchbellscorners.ca/forestchurch/>

Please note services will be cancelled if The Weather Network (weathernetwork.com) has a Red Weather Alert message on the top of the screen for 'Bells Corners' as of noon on the day of the service due to rain, lightening, thunder storm, extreme heat OR if there is lightening at the time of the service starting.



The Eucharist, *plein air*



Alison Bridgewater, Archdeacon Monique Stone and the Rev. Lorrie Lowes from Bells Corners United Church



Swaati Kumar, FAMSAC program assistant and Andrea Nelson, director of client services Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre



Jessica Patterson and Wendy Boyer from the City of Ottawa

Ordination and Consecration of a Bishop



Timothy Erkloo from St. Margaret's Vanier performed an Inuit drum solo before the opening hymn, *Praise to the Lord*

► **Installation, from page 1**

During the consecration, bishops and archbishops from Ottawa and many other dioceses surrounded the bishop-elect to pray for her. Archbishop Anne Germond, the Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, anointed the bishop's hands and forehead with Chrism and presented her with a Bible.

Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, presented her with a crozier, a pastoral staff.

Helping her with the stole were sons, Derek and Benjamin, and friend Colleen McCluskey-Douse standing in for her daughter Heather (who could not attend).

Brothers Gerald, Anthony and John placed the diocesan cope on her shoulders. Her mother Carolyn presented her with an

episcopal ring, a gift from the family. Dean Beth Bretzlaff and diocesan Chancellor Canon Henry Schultz installed the bishop in the Cathedra, the official seat of the bishop in the Cathedral. Otley is the first woman to serve as bishop in the diocese of Ottawa.

Archbishop Germond presented Bishop Kathryn to the congregation. The bishop thanked all those who had gathered — family, friends, clergy colleagues from Anglican parishes and dioceses, ecumenical and interfaith friends, as well as those watching the service online.

Addressing the congregation and all of the assembled clergy, Bishop Otley said: "This is such a great honour, and I am filled with gratitude, and I know that I have been surrounded by your prayers.... The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit holds us all."

Responding to Lt. Col. Gibbons' homily, she added, "I want us to tell the story together. I will lead and tell the story that we live in a time of abundance and ... that we are established and rooted in faith... and the hope that is given in the good news that we have heard, that we know, and that we believe.

"And so, I am honoured again to lead our Diocese, to be part of leading in our ecclesiastical province of Ontario, our province of Canada, and throughout the Communion as we journey together, on a journey of welcoming, of reconciliation, of serving and loving. And we do all this in the joy of God, in the power of the Spirit, to the glory of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Following the Eucharist, the clergy processed out with loud applause of welcome for the new bishop from the crowd attending. All were invited to a festive reception in the Cathedral's Great Hall.

PHOTOS DOUG MORRIS AND THE VEN. CHRIS DUNN



Lt. Col. the Rev. Mike Gibbons delivered a lively homily.



Otley signed a declaration confirming her belief in the scriptures and promising to conform to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Anglican Church of Canada and to render due obedience to the Metropolitan of Ontario.



"I will, in the name of Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls."



Chancellor Canon Henry Schultz testified to the election of the bishop by the clergy and people of the Diocese.



Carolyn Otley gave her daughter an episcopal ring as a gift from their family.



"Send down your Holy Spirit upon your servant Kathryn for the office and work of a bishop in your Church," the bishops prayed.



The bishop was presented with a crozier by the Primate.



The recessional marked the end of a long and moving ceremony.

PHOTO: DOUG MORRIS



The Cathedral's excellent hospitality added to the festivity.



Bishop Kathryn and Archbishop Anne head into the reception.

PHOTOS: VEN. CHRIS DUNN



Sarah Dingle, Sarah Keeshan (postulant), Bishop Kathryn, Kate Jordan, Meghan Kitt (enthusiastic layperson), and Charlie Scromada (postulant)



Canon Sue Garvey and David Humphreys



Jane Waterston and the Rev. Canon Aigah Attagutsiak



The Rev. Victoria Scott, director of Anglican Community Ministries, and Anne Marie Hopkins, executive director of Cornerstone Housing for Women

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PARISH NEWS



A first for the Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa Labyrinth Guild and Julian of Norwich parish

May 2 has been World Labyrinth Day Walk for Peace for more than 10 years. We walk 'as one at one for peace' wherever we are. This year, the Cathedral Labyrinth Guild registered our event on the international website and will contribute photos from our wonderful event at Julian of Norwich in Ottawa. More than 40 people, including families and couples who had never walked a labyrinth, joined us for the unique experience of listening to singing bowls, walking the labyrinth and holding all, wherever they were, in the intentional gathering of those who live for peace. — *Gwynneth Evans*

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Below: Alexis Wlodarczyk played singing bowls.



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St. Matthews people are encouraged to use their non-fossil fuel mode of transport to come to church: bicycles, tricycles, scooters, walking shoes, bus passes...

Creation Matters at St. Matthew's in the Glebe

BY MARGARET TERRETT

Many parishioners at St. Matthew's in Ottawa are dedicated to highlighting environmental issues in the parish and the wider community.

Our Creation Matters Working Group organized a service focused on environmental issues and a celebration of Earth Day at our 10:30 Sunday service on April 26. Everyone was encouraged to use their non-fossil fuel mode of transport to get to church—bicycles, tricycles, scooters, walking shoes, and bus passes.

We have installed new bike racks to keep parishioners' bicycles and other vehicles safe while at the church.

Others have participated in the Salad Garden Project, the Cycle Fitness morning, or made crab apple jelly from foraged fruit.

There is also ongoing work to make the church building itself greener.

- Lights have been changed;
- More vegetarian meals are being served at parish events
- The parish has provided financial support to Water First, a non-profit group that helps with water issues in First Nations communities.

During the season of Advent, we had a gifting ceremony to honour and better understand our Indigenous neighbours and their cultures. Our gifting ceremony was for books. Debora and Marc Fleming, members of St. Matthew's, gave several books to the parishioners. The object of the giving was that people would read the books and pass them on to others and discuss the contents.

Our belief is that many small steps will add up to a big effect.

University of Ottawa students love St. Albans' meals on campus

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BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

As a chaplain at the University of Ottawa, the Rev. Michael Garner saw that many students were struggling financially and facing food insecurity.

He and parishioners at St. Albans, where he is the incumbent priest, were inspired to create some pilot projects on campus serving meals to students over the last few years. They began by serving meals at one of the student residences where students who didn't have meal plans lived.

Throughout this past academic year, St. Albans teamed up with the student union, moved to a central hub area on the main campus and served three lunches and a dinner each semester. The meals were cooked by St. Albans' parishioners with student volunteers on campus, and to encourage students to cook nutritious and low-cost meals for themselves, the team handed out recipes for the dishes they were serving.

Not surprisingly, the free meals have been a big hit with the students. Garner reports that they served a burrito dinner for their last meal of the semester in mid-April to 385 students. The students are grateful, and Garner says the volunteers often hear that the meal is the only one some students will eat that day.

Students have enjoyed the opportunities for social connections the meals create. Encouraged to sit down and eat and talk together, students offered feedback that the project has had a positive effect on their health. Aside from the food, they benefited from the social connections and a greater sense of belonging.

St. Albans volunteers also made efforts to take a break and sit down to eat and talk with students. Garner was pleased to hear that the students appreciated the opportunities to connect with the adults from the parish. Although, he expected that it would be most appealing to have student peers serving the food, feedback from the student union included comments that the students valued opportunities to have conversations with the adult volunteers from the parish. They appreciated having an adult ask how they were doing, how their day or semester was going, and the sense that these adults cared about them.

The St. Albans group has sought and welcomed partners from other parishes, denominations and faith groups to bolster their efforts in whatever capacity they can contribute. Even if a group can't take on providing a whole meal, contributing to part of a meal is a valuable way to get involved and support the project. For example, Garner said, a number of United Churches got together and offered



Connections between hungry students and busy parish volunteers happen as lunches and dinner are dished out in the university atrium.



uOttawa student leaders with a banner for their food security campaign.

to donate dessert for the final meal of the term in April. Initially, they estimated they could provide about 150 servings. However, their bakers participated enthusiastically, and they ended up bringing more than 500 servings. "It was this overwhelming amount of food. That just created such joy.... It was great," he recalled.

"My hope is next year to continue to cultivate relationships with churches and other groups who can provide supplemental things, like baking biscuits when we were doing soup and that sort of thing. I'm looking for all sorts of ways to lower the barrier to entry to churches and other groups," he said, suggesting that sometimes people feel overwhelmed by a big problem

like student food insecurity and feel that they can't do anything. "I think the real power of this is that there are smaller ways to ...come and be involved."

Garner acknowledges that the meals can't solve the problem of food insecurity on campus, but he was pleased to see that highlighting the problem and advocacy work seems to be spurring some action on the issue. The president of the university created an initiative to write an action plan for food security for the whole campus. Garner served on the committee with one of the deans in medicine and St. Albans was included as an external partner.

Pilot project aims to counter students' social isolation

The Rev. Michael Garner has seen that students at the University of Ottawa, like many people in the broader society, have more communication tools at their fingertips than humans have ever had, but many are socially isolated. He says that loneliness is sometimes described as an epidemic in our digitally connected society where people need more time and real connection with other people in person.

Garner has worked closely with the U of O Student Union on issues of food insecurity, and one day ran into Meredith Kerr, the executive director, in Costco. "What are we going to do about loneliness on campus?" she asked him.

He says his first thought was "I have no idea." But it was immediately followed by, "I know exactly what we are going to do." Peg Herbert, a parishioner at St. Albans had come to mind.

"She's a remarkable woman," he said. Among the many cool things she has done is starting an organization called Chosen Grandma, which pairs retired women who don't have grandchildren, or don't have grandchildren in the city, with single moms, single parent families, creating this connectedness. The idea has caught on and Chosen Grandma has been featured on the CBC news. Garner noted that Herbert is developing this charity even though there are additional legal challenges because there are minors involved, but the point is to give children a "chosen grandma." He realized that Herbert had all that valuable experience creating connections in a safe way.

So, while standing there in Costco, he thought, "We'll just take Peg's idea and apply it on campus.' And that's what we're doing," he told

Perspective.

Room Enough is a pilot project will match 10 students with 10 families or households in the next academic year. "It's really about facilitating the need of students, the desire of these households to connect ... and support each other and learn from each other," he said. The pilot for this academic year will be a test run to see how this works, see what doesn't work. They will track participants' feedback on their mental health, the connection between the students and their matched households. "If we have a positive outcome and we have some data, we'll go to the university to look at scaling it up for more people to participate in the next year.

The diocesan Future Fund awarded the project a grant of \$10,000, which Garner says will help hire a student to be a part-time co-ordinator for the program.

World Refugee Day: One family's journey to Canada

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

June 20 has been designated as World Refugee Day by the United Nations to draw attention to the plight of refugees around the globe. It honours the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.

The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa (ADO) has a long history of helping refugees from around the world and all faiths come to Canada. As a Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) under the Canadian government's Private Sponsorship of Refugees program, the Refugee Ministry Office partners with constituent groups who want to sponsor refugees. Those constituent groups include Anglican parishes and groups of other faith-based or community-based groups and can include people seeking to sponsor their family members.

As we mark World Refugee Day in 2026, *Perspective* shares one family's story.

Murtaza Ishraq was a well-known television broadcaster and commentator in Afghanistan. He was also a key spokesperson for a stability and convergence team in the 2019 presidential election. His wife, Masuma, was a law professor and writer on women's rights.

So, when the Taliban regained control of Afghanistan in August of 2021, their lives changed overnight. Masuma had to leave the university and stay home, and they were immediately threatened. An American non-governmental organization (NGO) helped them escape to Pakistan.

That got them out of immediate danger, but their situation in Pakistan was not good. Overwhelmed with people coming across the border from Afghanistan,



Murtaza Ishraq, Masuma Adbollahi and their children

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the Pakistani government was not issuing work permits or documents that would allow the refugees to stay in the country. That meant that the couple had to pay high-priced rent for a place to stay in Islamabad out of the money they brought with them with no way to earn money. The water was bad, and their baby couldn't drink it, so they eventually moved to a smaller city where the rent was less expensive, but they were still stuck in a bad situation with nowhere to go and no way to make a living.

Fortunately, that's where Patricia Wilson and the non-profit Ottawa Centre Refugee Action (OCRA), came in. OCRA was founded in 2015 to help bring Syrian refugees to Canada and had begun to focus on Afghan people. "I was reaching out to sponsorship agreement

holders in Ontario, particularly in Ottawa in 2021 and 2022," Wilson said. "We had been contacted by people trying to bring various Afghans out. Most of them had fled to Pakistan, and we were looking for help at the sponsorship agreement, holder level.

"I remember sitting here in the summer of 2022. I didn't think anyone would get back to us," Wilson said. And then she got a call from the Refugee Ministry Office, letting her know that the Diocese had accepted OCRA as a constituent group, allowing them to sponsor refugees.

Since then, ORCA has bought eight groups — 37 people, including sponsoring Murtaza and Masuma and their son, who arrived in 2023.

It's not easy starting over in a new country, but Masuma told

Perspective that she is happy to be safe in Canada and to be able to work. Murtaza is working as an Uber Eats driver in afternoons and evenings, so that he can take an English course during the day. Masuma was working as an early childhood educator until their second child was born nine months ago. Later, she hopes to return to university and study Canadian law.

After sharing their story with *Perspective*, Masuma wrote to say she would "like to sincerely thank the Anglican Church for helping our family reach Canada and find a safe place to live. We will certainly never forget their kindness and support."

Special thanks to the Refugee Ministry Office's devoted case managers Reem Abu-Afieh and Ishita Ghose for all of the work they do to make stories like this happen.

Kitchen party

St. James Perth parishioners and fundraisers extraordinaire Ray and Elaine Hook enjoy the newly renovated kitchen in the historic 1875 rectory with the Rev. Robert Camara and his partner Gabe. Major work was needed to add insulation, replace splintering floor boards and get rid of a mouse infestation.

The Hooks stepped up to the challenge of raising \$100,000 to pay for the renovation as a labour of love and a way of thanking the people in the parish who cared for them when Elaine was seriously injured in a car accident. They donated \$10,000 to get the fund started and used \$5,000 to match donations over \$100. At first, they hoped to raise \$25,000, but as Ray kept the congregation updated on their efforts, donations kept coming, and they set new targets.



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In a matter of a few months, they had raised \$102,500 through donations that mostly came from within the congregation.

(Donations are still being gratefully received for other work that needs to be done.)

Aileen Lamont's 700 km solo charity walk

Peaceful Paces, May 3-June 15, 2026 on *Il Camino de Santiago de Compostela* (The Way of Saint James) in Spain is Aileen Lamont's walk for the Refugee Sponsorship program at Trinity Anglican Church.

Any support for her on this extraordinary adventure for a refugee family would be gratefully appreciated.

Please add the note "Trinity Refugees -- Aileen's Walk" to ALL the following:

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Select: Trinity Refugee Fund and add the note.

Remembering Leslie Worden: 1949 – 2026

Family, friends and colleagues throughout the diocese are mourning the loss of Leslie Worden, who passed away peacefully at home on April 25, 2026, at the age of 76.

Leslie was the beloved wife of the late Ven. Gordon Worden, and loving mother of Rebecca Worden (Peter McCracken), Emily Worden-Kwok (Jeffrey Kwok), and Jessica Worden (former spouse Eric-Vance Bolling). She was adored by her grandchildren Zachary, Kaella, Sarah, Liam, and Kyle.

She had an adventurous life traveling and living in many places while she was growing up because her father was in the military and as an adult with her husband, who was an Anglican priest.

She was a talented musician from a very young age, and she played the piano, autoharp, accordion, and sang. She was a member of several different music groups and choirs. According to her family, "For Leslie, there was never a moment that didn't call for a familiar or improvised tune."

Her friend, the Rev. Canon Rhondda MacKay offered the homily at her celebration of life service, and recalled that "for many years, in parishes up and down the valley, Leslie's ministry had been in church schools with her trusty accordion—



Leslie Worden was a beloved member of the diocesan community.

eye to eye with the children."

Leslie studied computer technology at Western University in London, Ont. Her training served her well later in her role as information technologist at Ascension House and the Archives, and while she patiently and generously helped many people sort out computer problems.

She was a dedicated volunteer for many causes including the Girl Guides of Canada, the Anglican

Church of Canada, and the Ottawa Anglican Cursillo Movement. She was co-coordinator for the Anglican Church Women with her friend Marni Crossley.

Canon Rhondda MacKay said, "Her creative energy flowed in caring for others — in her work, in the guiding movement, and her advocacy for women in the church and beyond; as a warden, member of the altar guild and more in this church; in sharing her technical

skills wherever they were needed; recycling for a good cause, but most of all through music.

Canon MacKay said, "People have remarked to me how Leslie sparkled. Leslie's light sparkled for us as humble and caring service in all sorts of ways:

- in her devotion to her beloved family
- in the way she faced challenges with a positive spirit and hopefulness
- in her openness to learning new things
- in her gifts for and appreciation of music.

Her faith was important to her. "Leslie was a light on a hill — a positive presence," MacKay said. "She constantly shared her light. That is what we celebrate today and hold onto as a life lesson."

The family welcomes memorial contributions to The Heart of Compassion Fund (that includes Belong Ottawa, Centre 105, Cornerstone Housing for Women, Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre, and the Refugee Ministry Office).



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CLERGY REFLECTION

On activity and rest

BY THE REV. CANON KEVIN FLYNN

I have been leading a group in the practice of Christian meditation for years. Like its sister practice of centering prayer, Christian meditation asks us to let go of images and thoughts about God and instead to give God our full attention in silence. People ask sometimes how one can justify this use or non-use of one's time. With so many needs in the world, ought we not to be busy trying to meet them? A bumper sticker version of the question says humorously "Christ is coming again. Look busy!"

Our faith tradition proposes something quite different. The purpose of activity is rest. It's hard to think of anything more counter-cultural, even in the Church, than this. Activity in any form that is not harmful is seen as self-justifying and true. Has there been any time when there was so much sheer activity as there is today, yet with so little real co-ordination and unity of purpose?

Mere activity – activity for the sake of activity – is simply diabolical – noise for the sake of noise, bustle for the sake of bustle. The Vulgate translation of Psalm 91:6 describes the devil as *negotium perambulans in tenebris*, "the business that prowls around in the shadows," sheer mischief looking for a loophole by which it can make an entry. Dorothy L. Sayers wrote that "damnation is without direction or purpose. Why not? It has nothing to do, and all eternity



The Rev. Canon Kevin Flynn is a priest and educator

to do it in." George Macdonald, by contrast, described heaven as "the regions where there is only life and therefore all that is not music is silence."

It's a sad feature of our culture that so many of us have little opportunity for genuine interior repose and quiet, and we are reluctant to use it when it comes our way. Perhaps there is a fear that if we are deprived of the distractions, the noise, both literal and metaphorical, which is the condition of regular life, we might have to start paying attention to the disquieting suspicion that the very activity that so dominates life is largely pointless and self-frustrating. Noise can, in fact, make itself louder and louder in order to disguise its own futility.

The book of Genesis provides the pattern of rest. We are told that God blessed and hallowed the seventh day, because God rested

from all the work of creation. There is a real sense, of course, in which God's activity never ceases at all, since God's creative act perpetually upholds and energizes the universe. Neither is the inner being of God dead or static. It is that unfathomable energy of life and love which is the Holy Trinity. But all this involves no change in God, no alteration or vacillation of actions. God is the unchanging ground of the changing universe. In God, rest and activity are reconciled.

Nevertheless, the truth that the anthropomorphic language of Genesis expresses is that God does not, so to speak, turn away in relief from the created world. God contemplates it and rejoices in it. God is not like the wage-slave who tries to forget work during the weekend break. God is more like the hobbyist who makes things and then takes pleasure in using them, or like the painter who can enjoy looking at a picture she has made.

In the Genesis story, the story of the first creation, it was on the sixth day of the week that God made man in the divine image and gave him dominion over the lower creatures. In the Gospel story, the story of the new creation, humankind was remade by God on the sixth day of the week, the first Good Friday, when Christ, the perfect man, died on the cross. And Christ rested in the tomb on Holy Saturday – the Great Sabbath – in the enjoyment of the work of the new creation. He saw what he had made and behold, it was very good. The consummation of the new creation comes when Christ lies at rest in the tomb, happy in the fulfilment of his work and awaiting his resurrection.

In Christ we have entered into the rest of God (see Hebrews 4:1-11), a rest that is not stagnation, inertia, or boredom, but perfect and unruffled life. Our full possession of this rest awaits us after death, but its foretaste is given to us here. We have already been made "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4). Our life is hidden with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3).

So, what about meditation and other contemplative practices? In contemplative prayer, we are not strictly speaking passive but receptive. We are receptive of God's own self-contemplation, caught up into God's own life and energized by God. Thus, contemplation is the source and foundation of all truly Christian activity. Many great contemplative saints, outside their times of prayer, have been veritable volcanoes of activity. But that activity has been unified, coherent, vital, and totally concentrated on one object, the fulfilment of God's will.

Contemplation is, therefore, the source and the end of Christian action. It is the end because our final destiny is to contemplate God in heaven. It is the source, because Christian action is simply the overflow of contemplation.

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Bishops from Ottawa and across Canada gathered to attend the consecration of Bishop Kathryn Otley on May 9, 2026.

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Love Me, Love Me

BY GLENN J LOCKWOOD

There's More Here Than You Think There Is! Artist Mary Pratt was renowned for her paintings whose subject matter focused on women's work. In an interview, when asked about one painting of empty eggshells, she responded enigmatically, "Love me! Love Me! There's more here than you think there is!" In other words, look carefully.

We could say much the same about Saint Bede's Church, Nolan's Corners. It is shown here early in the 21st century, long after an addition was made a generation ago. At first glance, Saint Bede's doesn't seem to amount to much. It seems to be a very simple building. It certainly was small when built, being no larger than the red brick one room school nearby. Like it, it was built unassumingly of red brick. It was aligned with the forced road that ran past the front door, with no attempt at having its congregation face toward Jerusalem during their devotions.

There isn't even any mystery as to the age of Saint Bede's Church, as shown by the year 1886 on the date stone at the top of the narthex gable—a most unusual location, suggesting that it was altogether a last-minute notion to incorporate it. The side windows of Saint Bede's Church did not have so much as a trace of stained glass in them when this photograph was taken, and the pews inside at that time were little more than benches with a back rail. Those who perceive that this is a very functional building indeed will not be surprised to see the very large, very practical burial ground extending out behind this small rural house of worship.



But once we understand the context in which Saint Bede's was built, we see that something revolutionary was taking place with the building of this unpretentious house of worship. People from Nolan's Corners went to Saint James's Church, Franktown from the 1820s on. Saint James's was a simple auditory box, with a Palladian window over the altar, and with a tower over the front door to proclaim that this was a church of the British establishment. When a church was built at nearby Smiths Falls in 1849, if larger, it too had the same temple form as the church at Franktown, albeit with pointed windows rather than round-headed ones, but still a tower over the entrance at the front to declare that it was a church of the British establishment.

Saint Bede's was built 40 years after Saint John's, Smiths Falls, and 60 years after Saint James's, Franktown. It might as well have been 500 years. Unlike earlier churches, sharing a handful of traditional names—Christ Church, Saint James, Saint John and Saint Paul—Saint Bede's stood out with the name of a major early English churchman. Whereas the earlier churches were built expensively in stone, Saint Bede's was red brick in construction.

The towers signifying the British establishment had given way to a modest entrance porch, and the old temple form of earlier churches gave way here to steep gables and pointed windows proclaiming affinity with the mediaeval past. Where earlier churches featured a communion table on the same level

as worshippers, there was a steep flight of steps up to the altar in Saint Bede's, and the congregation looked up to a large chancel window high above the altar. The source for all this change was to be found in back issues of *The Church Builder* from 1866 to 1878 consulted by the local clergyman building Saint Bede's.

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.

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Members of the Cathedral Girls Choir contributed sublime anthems, service music and hymns in celebration of Bishop Kathryn's installation on May 9.

CALENDAR

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June 6

Tailgate Sale

St. Mary Magdalene Chelsea
 (537 Route 105, Chelsea)
 9 am to 2 pm
 30+ vendors selling treasures from the trunks of their vehicles, plus yummy home baking, plant sale, BIG book sale and much much more. Admission is Free! Vendors who register by June 3rd \$25 car / \$35 truck; Later registration \$40. Info & registration: SMMtailgatesale@gmail.com

June 13

Bells Corners Indigenous History Month Community Celebration

Christ Church Bells Corners
 (3861 Old Richmond Road)
 10 am to 1 pm
 This free event will include a performance by Madahoki Farm Dancers, a Reconciliation Rock paint station and snacks. Please come out to enjoy some time with neighbours. www.christchurchbellscorners.ca

June 14

Free Community BBQ & Arts Sale in Westboro

Cornerstone Princeton Supportive Housing Residence (373 Princeton Ave, Westboro)
 Come enjoy a free BBQ and shop one-of-a-kind handmade items created by residents who have experienced homelessness and now have a place to call home. Residents have worked alongside friends from Minwaashin Lodge to create beautiful art and handmade goods. Items available for purchase include beadwork, paintings, hand made lotions, self published poetry books, Tarot readings. Support local artists, connect with community, and celebrate the creativity and resilience of Cornerstone residents.

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June 11 Games and Koffee Klatsch

June 18 End of Season **Luncheon** hosted by the CCC Team

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