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Bishop Jennifer Gosse-Vingerhoeds installed as the 11th Bishop Ordinary

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Commander (retired) the Ven. Jennifer Gosse-Vingerhoeds was ordained and consecrated as a bishop and installed as the 11th Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces at Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa on the evening of Sept. 15.

The Bishop Ordinary of the Anglican Military Ordinariate reports directly to the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and Archbishop Shane Parker was the presiding celebrant at the service on Holy Cross Day.

Bishops from across the Anglican Church in Canada attended the service and joined the Primate to lay hands on Gosse-Vingerhoeds to pray for her as she was consecrated. She is the first woman to serve as Bishop Ordinary.

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Anglicans mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation 2026

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Anglicans, as individuals and as parishes, observed the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30 and throughout the week in a variety of ways.

Several Anglicans were honoured to be among volunteers selected to help carry the memorial cloth at the ceremony on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Sept. 30.

The Memorial Cloth is a 60-metre long banner of red fabric that bears the names of more than 4,000 children who were taken away from their Indigenous families and communities to attend Indian Residential Schools across Canada and who did not return home. Some died, often of diseases such as tuberculosis related to poor health conditions in the schools. Some tried to run away and were lost or died trying. This year, organizers said that the original cloth had been reprinted anew to include more

names of children since the cloth was originally printed.

Algonquin Elder Claudette Commanda, the first Indigenous chancellor of the University of Ottawa, opened the ceremony with a prayer, thanking the Creator for the survivors of the schools and sending love to all the children who attended the schools. She prayed that September 30 would be a day of love and that all Canadians would carry that love in their hearts every day.

During the ceremony, survivors and dignitaries spoke interspersed with poetry and musical offerings from Indigenous artists. Partway into the program, volunteers gently brought the memorial cloth unfolded to its full length through the crowd to the stage where it was carefully folded and displayed prominently on the stage.

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What I carried home from the Camino

BY DEAN BETH BRETZLAFF

Before I left for my sabbatical this spring, people would often say, “You’re going to walk the whole Camino!” Each time, I made a small correction: “I’m going to *try* to walk the whole Camino.” For many years, I had imagined making this pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago, but I knew that wanting to walk 780 kilometres and being able to walk them might turn out to be different things.

They did.

I have come to think of my Camino as a pilgrimage of ice and fire. There were days of bitter cold and days of punishing heat, days when I felt fantastic and days when I was sick. Some days I felt I could walk forever; on others, my right knee told me I could go no farther. Along the way, buses, taxis and trains supplemented my journey on foot. At the very end, I took a bus into Santiago and walked the final two kilometres. That was my Camino.

We often tell pilgrimage stories in terms of distance and endurance, celebrating the perseverance that carries someone to their destination. But the story I tell about my Camino is one in which the distance covered matters less than what was uncovered along the way.

As the physical demands of the journey drew me into the essentials of each day, I discovered a deep gratitude for life itself. There was so much to receive, even when I could do very little. Thanksgiving became clearer as so much else fell away, revealing something that had been



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there all along.

As a priest, I speak often about grace: the love of God that comes to us freely, before we have earned or accomplished anything. Yet it is possible to proclaim that truth while quietly measuring ourselves by what we manage to do. The Camino gave me a very physical encounter with that grace. Listening to my body, accepting my limits and allowing the journey to unfold became part of the pilgrimage itself. God was present in the walking, the resting and the changing of plans.

As November begins, the Church

celebrates All Saints and honours All Souls, and I find myself thinking about the people whose faith has helped me recognize that grace. Among them is the Very Reverend Jack Greenhalgh, who was dean of the cathedral where I served first as curate and then as vicar. Now a dean myself, I thank him every day for all he taught me. When Jack walked the Camino in his early seventies, 17 years before my own pilgrimage, his example planted a possibility that stayed with me until this year.

Jack is part of a much larger company of people who have accompanied me, encouraged me and helped me recognize God’s presence along the way. Even the most personal pilgrimage is shaped by other lives. We carry the courage, kindness and faith of others into places they may never visit themselves.

I came home with something precious. Some days I walked; some days I needed another way forward, and every day the pilgrimage depended upon what I received: guidance, kindness, shelter, food, encouragement and the company of others. The final two kilometres into Santiago were simply the steps I could take that day, and I was grateful to take them. As so much was stripped away, I found myself returning to the core of who I am, and what I found there was thanksgiving. That is what I carried home.

Whatever journey you are on, may God’s grace enable you to discover thanksgiving along the way.

Cathedral children’s choirs creatively help fundraise for UK tour

BY CHRISTINE MCNAIR

The Christ Church Cathedral children’s choirs are busily working to raise funds for their July 2027 residency at Westminster Abbey. Along with the Rutter by Candlelight concert on Nov. 7, and their sale of traditional balsam fir wreaths, they will be holding a silent auction and selling chorister designed Christmas cards.

The Christmas cards are a co-creation with the choristers themselves, who hand coloured outlines of the Westminster Abbey rose window and Christ Church Cathedral’s west window. The cards will be professionally printed and sold in packages of five cards. The sets will cost \$20 and will be available for sale at the Christmas concert and the Cathedral Christmas Fair on Nov. 28. All sales will benefit the upcoming trip to London.

The annual balsam wreath sale began in October, and orders can still be made until just after the Nov. 7 concert. The wreaths themselves will likely be distributed at the first Sunday in Advent.



Choristers putting their artistic talents to work creating Christmas

They are beautiful, long-lasting and a beautiful symbol of the festive season and the warmth of supporting such an important

endeavour.

The children’s choirs provide no-cost musical education and choral training to choristers ages 8 to 17, preparing them for future musical and leadership opportunities. Whether at home or on tour, the Cathedral’s music program and its professional staff are dedicated to advancing excellence in sacred music and fostering a welcoming environment for singers of all ages and backgrounds.

With 65 singers travelling to London, the costs are significant. The choirs and choir families are fundraising to help make the trip more affordable and reduce the cost for individual choristers. James Calkin, the director of music at Christ Church Cathedral discussed in the September 2026 issue of Perspective what a special opportunity it is that the choirs have been invited to perform at Westminster Abbey. Any support of this venture is deeply appreciated by the choristers and their families!

For more information and to stay up to date on the fundraising initiatives, please email: james.calkin@ottawacathedral.ca.

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PARISH NEWS



Blessing the pets who bless their humans

St. Helen's Anglican Church in Orleans hosted its annual Blessing of the Animals Garden Party on the afternoon of September 26. It was a fun community event complete with face-painting and a small animal petting zoo.

PHOTOS: THE VEN, RHONDA WATERS



Christ Church Bells Corners receives WOCRC award

As the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre (WOCRC) celebrated its 40th anniversary, executive director Leigh Couture thanked Christ Church Bells Corners for 25 years of partnership. “What began with providing office space in their old rectory for our community support services team has evolved into remarkable collaborations, including the development of Hollyer House, which combines affordable housing with vital community services offered by our team and other partners, like the Famsac Food Cupboard,” she said. “Together, we have hosted fun and accessible events for the community, including a recent Indigenous Day celebration, community meals, and an annual ‘Trick or Trunk’ event coming up soon to name a few....Our collaborations have allowed us to create positive moments of connection and care for our community.”

PHOTO: LA WILLIAMS

Above— Christ Church Bells Corners wardens Val Steeves and Jennifer Hubbard and the Rev. Canon Peter John Hobbs were pleased to accept an award on behalf of the CCBC parish as an exceptional partner from the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre’s Brad Hammond (holding the certificate) and WOCRC executive director Leigh Couture (far right).



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Book study in November aims to inspire action on housing justice

BY DAVID HUMPHREYS

November is going to be reading month for Anglicans in the diocese who choose to join in a study of a provocative new book about life in an encampment community of people who are homeless.

The award-winning book is titled *Encampment: Resistance, Grace and an Unhoused Community*. It's by the Rev. Maggie Helwig, rector of St Stephen-in-the-Fields Toronto, whose churchyard has been home to an encampment for four years.

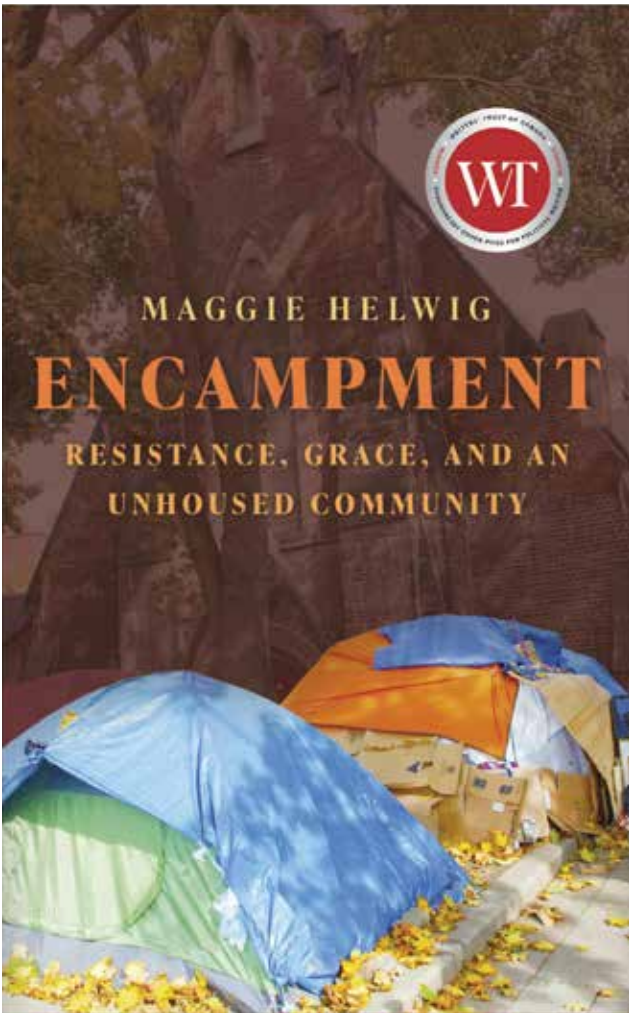
The Bishop's Panel on Housing Justice is organizing study options, culminating in a virtual Meet-the-Author night on Nov. 30 at 7 pm. Those interested may join a weekly study group hosted by members of the panel, the Ven. Brian Kauk and the Rev. Susan Lewis, form their own parish book clubs or read the book independently.

The study group will gather virtually on four Wednesdays in November at 7pm. An email link to join, along with other details, is available at the Housing Justice page on the diocesan website.

The Rev. Victoria Scott, director general of Community Ministries will be moderator for the webinar-style Meet the Author. About 30 minutes will be devoted to discussion followed by questions which may be texted to the moderator.

In the book Helwig says: "I am writing this because I want you to understand this is a world of real people, who struggle and are kind, who are often special and beautiful in ways that most of our society cannot and does not try to understand."

The book offers a vivid and insightful description of the reality of the encampment adjacent to St. Stephens. She brings to life characters in the encampment— Jeff



The Rev. Maggie Helwig's experience with those seeking shelter on her Toronto parish's property is a fascinating, and pertinent, read for the people of this diocese.

and his dog, the Artist, Douglas, Robin, Pirate.

She also recounts a credible and troubling picture of her struggles with the city hall bureaucracy. Her frustrations come through, page after page. She places her work in a Christian framework.

To this point, the panel has raised the hope that the exercise can be more than just a rehash of the book but will offer guidance as to how the churchgoer in the pew may help to make a difference.

The panel has prepared questions that readers may use for guidance. Subject to revisions, here are examples:

- The relocation deadline for Centre 454 at St Alban's

Ottawa on King Edward Ave. has highlighted how precarious spaces of refuge are for people experiencing homelessness. How does reading about the St. Stephen's encampment reframe how you view drop-in centres, shelters, and visible homelessness in your own community?

- How does the experience Maggie Helwig is describing with respect to her neighbourhood in Toronto resonate with you in your own community?
- What feelings did the book bring forth for you with respect to homelessness and the role of the Church in dealing with it?

- How do these personal experiences shape your reaction when you see unhoused neighbours in your neighborhood or parish area?
- What is something concrete your church community can do to fight for housing justice? In Ottawa, Ontario and Canada, we are seeing rising stigma and anger against visible homelessness. What is our role (as Christians, church communities, and neighbours) in combatting this?

Do you have questions or challenges you would like to raise with Maggie Helwig in discussing her book?



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COMMUNITY MINISTRY NEWS

Centre 105 gets by with a little help from its friends

PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

From its early days as a small drop-in program at Trinity Church, Centre 105 has always enjoyed a close connection and wonderful support from the community in Cornwall and surrounding areas. Now, as an Anglican Community Ministry that provides meals four mornings a week, shower and laundry facilities, as well as many other essential types of support for vulnerable people, especially a sense of community and belonging, Centre 105 is grateful for continuing support from people who give generously of their time and resources to help others.

Program manager Mélodie Cousineau shared some photos from recent months that highlight the wonderful support from friends in the Cornwall community.

In June, Centre 105 invited Kaptain MacDonald and Hayden Hamilton, also known as Two Strong Christian Boys Who Can Move Heavy Things, to a small ceremony to thank them for making Centre 105 a beneficiary of their 63-kilometre walk-a-thon. They presented a cheque for \$2,750 to Centre 105, and staff enjoyed the opportunity to meet them. The Boys spoke about their journey, the challenges they faced along the way, and how rewarding the experience was. It was a great opportunity to recognize their hard work and thank them for their support of Centre 105.

In July, the Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI), through the Cornwall Police Service, held a food drive in support of Centre 105. Their efforts resulted in several carts full of food donations, along with \$1,200 in monetary donations.

Also in July, Traction Cornwall and Commercial Truck Repair held their Annual Truck Show & Shine, and once again included Centre 105. They collected 4 full carts of food donations and \$978 in cash donations the centre.



Centre 105 staff in orange t-shirts for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Support from Two Strong Boys



support Centre 105 as part of their celebration. Instead of gifts, they asked guests to make donations to Centre 105. Thanks to their generosity and the support of their family and friends, they donated \$900 in groceries and \$5,289 in monetary donations for Centre 105.



The Youth in Policing food drive brought in cartfulls of food and raised \$1,200 in donations.



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Belong Ottawa rides again

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BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

The sun shone on Belong Ottawa’s second annual Ride for Refuge fundraiser on Oct. 3. Supporters enjoyed the warm morning and autumn colours as they biked, ran and walked through the routes mapped out in the Elmvale Acres neighbourhood near St. Aidan’s Anglican Church, which hosted the event inside the church. It was a fun, festive atmosphere with snacks, prizes, a barbecue and a live performance by the Paul Weber Band.

Belong Ottawa’s executive director Shauna-marie Young rallied and thanked all the teams who turned out and had been raising funds in support of Belong’s Centre 454 location, which has been asked by the City of Ottawa to move out from its longtime home at St. Albans Anglican Church by January 31, 2027.

Young said Belong Ottawa is “working with the City of Ottawa, the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa (which we are a branch of), partners and community to seek additional time for a thoughtful, evidence-based transition to a new location.” No new location has been found yet, and Belong Ottawa has formally asked the City for an extension of the January deadline.

“We have shared a feasibility study with the mayor and councillors, and thanks to many of you and many more, we now have over 1,200 letters of support for an extension to the timeline for 454,” Young said. “Our message is simple: we want to protect the services, preserve the relationships, and ensure that any transition is done thoughtfully—with the people who rely on Centre 454 at the centre of the conversation.”

The staff and volunteers want to avoid interruptions of the essential services Centre 454 provides to people who are precariously housed or experiencing homelessness, including meals, access to showers and laundry facilities, as well as help navigating the social support and healthcare systems.

Young shared a few striking facts that illustrate the vital role Belong Ottawa serves in downtown Ottawa:



The Two-Social-Workers-One-Purpose team was still having fun after finishing their course.



Shauna-marie Young



Belong Ottawa staff Tracy and Kevin with Emily from Ascension House.

- Since June 2025, Belong Ottawa had served more than 250,000 meals [about 10,000 each month] with about 125,000 of those being served at Centre 454.
- Following the closure of the Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS) in Sandy Hill and the Byward Market, Belong Ottawa is seeing double the need for the harm reduction supplies they distribute
- Since August 2025, when Belong Ottawa staff started work to support people in the evenings outside of the centre, the staff have engaged in 13,000 crisis interventions on the streets.

Young thanked the Rev. Rosemary Parker and the St. Aidan’s parish for hosting Belong Ottawa’s Ride for Refuge for a second year, as well as HUB International and David McNamara for sponsoring the event again. She also offered special thanks to the Rev. Michael Garner, his family and the St. Albans parish community “for their steadfast partnership of Belong Ottawa, particularly -to-Centre 454 and its day-to-day work.”

The Rev. Victoria Scott, director general of the Anglican Community Ministries, thanked everyone whose work and contributions made the

event possible. Before the bikers and walkers set off, she offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the day and “for all whose generosity, creativity and care have brought us together. Bless these bicycles, these riders, these walkers and all who cheer them on. Keep them safe, give them joy in the journey and remind us that resilient communities are built when people show up for one another.”

Belong Ottawa’s Ride for Refuge webpage showed that everyone’s collective efforts had helped them raise about 60 percent of their fundraising goal of \$25,000, with the St. Bart’s movers team led by Darlene Holden coming in as the top fundraisers with \$3,145 dollars raised. Donations are being accepted on the Ride for Refuge page until Oct. 31 at: rideforrefuge.org/location/ottawa1. And donations can always be made to Belong Ottawa directly at belongottawa.ca/

For more information on the letter-writing campaign to support Belong Ottawa’s request for an extension for the transition time for Centre 454: <https://belongottawa.ca/blog/centre454advocacy/>



And they’re off!!



Belong Ottawa’s India Bedson with Ottawa City Councillor Marty Carr



The St. Bart’s Movers were the top fundraisers.

Homelessness advocate voices support for Centre 454 during its housing crisis

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

It's 9:30 a.m on a chilly early fall morning, and the outdoor courtyard of St. Albans Church on King Edward is a busy spot with people coming and going, eating the breakfast they've just been served inside at Centre 454. It's one of three Belong Ottawa day program locations downtown run by the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, and it has been serving people in need from the church basement for most of its 72 years.

Mark MacDonald is sitting on a bench in the dappled sunlight observing the whole scene in the courtyard, waiting to begin an interview with *Perspective*. A retired senior army officer and university professor, MacDonald is now deeply engaged as an advocate for people who are experiencing homelessness and for veterans. But part of what makes him such an effective voice on housing and homelessness is the fact that not so many years ago, he experienced homelessness.

"I was living in the shelter at the Salvation Army, which is very close to Centre 454, so during that period of homelessness, I actively used the facilities here a lot," he said.

Day programs like Centre 454 are "not well understood because they provide services to homeless people who are largely invisible to the rest of the world," MacDonald explained. "They're essential, and they operate in coordination with shelters. The shelters ask the people to leave during the day."

Just having a safe place to be during the day is a much bigger challenge than many people realize. "If you sit on the sidewalk, you'll be given a hard time by the authorities... Often people are carrying a lot of their belongings because they're afraid they'll be stolen, the malls don't like that," MacDonald explains. "No facility is prepared to deal with a large number of homeless people every day, all day, every day." Day programs are critical, especially in the winter, he said, noting also that some people who come to the day programs may be housed, but they may not have enough money for food, or they come because their social or emotional needs are met.

MacDonald said he used to look forward to going to Centre 454 for a coffee as soon as he left the shelter where he stayed. "It was the mainstay of my morning.... It was nice. I felt supported. I could call people on the phone. ... I could have a shower. I could do my laundry once in a while, and these were all important things to do, and they were very difficult to do at the shelter. Here, you can book a time and it's very civilized. ... That kind of personal support for everybody makes this place kind of like an oasis," he says. And beyond those practical concrete supports, what people find at

PHOTO: LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS



Mark MacDonald

the Belong Ottawa day programs is "a sense of belonging and a place to socially, emotionally get support, to make friends, [to get] help navigating some of the complexities of homelessness."

MacDonald says he had a sense even during this difficult time that his homelessness was temporary, and fortunately it was. He now works with the Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa and works at a city policy level as a representative at the Housing and Homelessness Leadership Table, the Severe Weather Planning Table, and also the Ottawa Veterans Task Force.

His reason for revisiting Centre 454 on this day is because the place that offered him refuge is now facing a homelessness crisis of its own. The City of Ottawa has asked Centre 454 to relocate from St. Albans by January 31, 2027. Belong Ottawa has formally requested an extension of that timeline and shared a feasibility study with the City, mayor and councillors. And as of Oct. 1, more than 1,200 letters of support for an extension had

been sent to the City by concerned individuals. Executive director Shauna-marie Young said, "We want to protect the services, preserve the relationships, and ensure that any transition is done thoughtfully—with the people who rely on Centre 454 at the centre of the conversation."

MacDonald is lending his voice to that call. A January deadline makes no sense, he said. "There is dangerously cold weather.... It exposes people to great risk.... The fact that this place is open and warm every day of the week and provides a place for a lot of people to go, massively reduces the risk," he says. "Moving something like 454 to me should only be done in a much more temperate period. And you can't also take people that have nowhere to go and push them out in the snow. It'll spill over onto all the other supporting organizations, and it'll be chaotic. People will get hurt, I think, by the cold weather....We work so hard to prevent that. I think it has to stay open till, as a minimum, until it's warm."

And while Belong Ottawa is only asking for more time to transition to a new place, MacDonald believes that the best outcome would be if Centre 454 didn't have to move at all. "One reason it's so popular and so important is it sits very close to the three main shelters. ...You can walk to 454, and that's essential for people....No one will provide transportation, so you're going to have to get yourself to the new facility, if there is a new facility. And where is that going to be?" He points out that a bus ticket is \$4.15 one way, money people on the streets don't have. "You can say there's too many facilities in this small area. Well, that's why. Because they need to be. They're mutually supporting. They need to be in the same area."

"I find it very hard to advocate for any message other than don't move 454," he said. "I know many good people are working on it, trying to get this figured out geographically and from a facility point of view. But I would be concerned as well, and this is counterintuitive, as to what happens here if 454 leaves. What happens to this area of Sandy Hill and Lowertown? ...Safe injection sites have been removed...so the system is dealing with that. And if we were to lose 454, that's another loss in the system. Where are people going to go and what are they going to do?"

MacDonald says it is important to understand that anyone can become homeless. "It happened to me, and I think it can happen to anybody... It can happen very quickly...Sometimes it is one month...two months, but that's all it takes. You have no income for two months. Things start, and they cascade. It might be the loss of the apartment, might be the loss of your car, so you can't go to work so you lose your job. Everybody's got a different [experience], but we all have to help. They don't cease to be people because they're homeless. We need to be sure that we support people."

When asked how others can help, MacDonald says, "It's a city level issue, so I would strongly advise people to make their wishes known to their local councillor whichever ward it is. They're all on the council, they're all relevant."

Supporters of Belong Ottawa's request for an extension of their transition time at St. Albans can also help by joining a letter-writing campaign: <https://belongottawa.ca/blog/centre454advocacy/>

Ride for Refuge team from St. Albans on Oct. 3.



PHOTO: LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Marking the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, September 30

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Janet Allingham, a member of the diocesan All My Relations Episcopal Panel and a parishioner at St. Barnabas, helped co-ordinate applications from the small group of Anglican women who volunteered to help carry the Memorial Cloth. “I could not help but notice the extreme care and respect with which organizers handled the Memorial Cloth during rehearsals: actions that made the children present to volunteers. Later, during practices, organizers encouraged us to walk in formation to prevent wrinkles from obscuring names,” she said. “As we walked, I thought about those names. I also remembered survivors and descendants many of whom still feel profound sorrow and loss on this and many other days.... The Memorial Cloth will lengthen over time. May this and other acts of remembrance inspire even more journeys of reconciliation in our own day and beyond.”

Jennifer Parr, a parishioner at St. Albans, shared her thoughts: “The Memorial Cloth is both a visible and emotional reminder of the past, and it is part of the truth-telling. The first time I watched the Memorial Cloth go past me, it had more of an impact than anything I had read or heard. As you watch over 4,000 names go by you, and it wasn't just hearing about the impact of residential schools. It's seeing the names and imagining the people whose names are being carried on that cloth. So that, to me, to be able to carry the cloth and to carry those people in my heart as I carry the cloth, is very powerful.”

As she was waiting for the ceremony to begin, Julie Cross, a parishioner at St. Barnabas, told *Perspective* that she wanted to “challenge myself to remember what actually happened at the schools. I want to hold the Memorial Cloth and think about the names of the people that are right in front of me and think about what it meant to their families to lose them and not know where they were. And I want to listen and make a couple of new friends, so that I can participate better in the spirit of my country.”

During the ceremony, Governor-General Louise Arbour told the large crowd gathered that, “Honouring the truth is much more than remembering the past. It is how we begin to shape a different future. The right to truth is fundamental in any society seeking to come to terms with a painful past and to move forward on the path of reconciliation. But remembering is only one step. It must be accompanied by a commitment to ensure that injustices are never, ever repeated. We must build institutions, relationships, and attitudes that foster an environment where every person is treated with dignity, with equality, and respect. And we must also confront the forms of denialism, that persist despite extensive historical records and an undisputable body of evidence, including first-hand survivor testimony. ...We need to stand together to face the future with strength.”

Valerie Maier, a parishioner from Church of the Epiphany who also helped to carry the memorial cloth, said she was struck by “the size of the banner and how many people it took to hold it. And then moving with the banner made me think about how we need to work together. ...There were corners, we had to go around, so there's not an easy trail. We worked together, and that's what we have to do in the future.Remembering the past is really important, but we're moving forward as well together... people from all walks of life, and generations, as well working together to do this.”

Karen Luyendyk, from St. Paul's in Almonte, shared her thoughts on a similar theme. “As I arrived on the Hill early on the morning of Sept 30, I walked by drummers practicing on the big drum...I immediately thought, “I'm home.” I pondered why I'd had this thought as a non-Indigenous person... perhaps ‘the heartbeat’? Yes, perhaps, but I also thought of the myriad ways colonialism suppressed Indigenous ceremony and practices and how all Canadians lost so very much as a result. Later in the day, Elder Claudette Commanda invited everyone to join a dancing circle as those same drummers closed the Ceremony of Remembrance, and I heard Niigaan Sinclair say, “This is how Canada was always meant to be.” So ... as I joined in the dance, holding the hands of people I was meeting in that moment ... I was HOME!”

Seeing so many Canadians from all generations and walks of life joining in a Round Dance together offered a hopeful coda to the solemn and sombre ceremony and reflections of the day.

PHOTO: HS CANADA



Algonquin Elder Claudette Commanda, former Nunavut MLA Jeannie Ehloak, and Stephanie Scott, executive director of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation gently place the Memorial Cloth on the stage.



Staff bearers found themselves encircled by an ever-growing circle of people joining the Round Dance at the end of the ceremony.



Anglicans from various parishes came together as volunteers to help carry the Memorial Cloth. (L to R) Julie Cross from St. Barnabas; Jennifer Parr from St. Albans; Marni Crossley from Christ Church Bells Corners; Valerie Maier from Epiphany; Janet Allingham from St. Barnabas, and Leigh Anne Williams from St. John the Evangelist, Ottawa.

PHOTO: THE REV. CANON GARY VAN DER MEER



Barbara Dransch and Vicki Milnes with a survivor’s flag on the altar at St. John the Evangelist in Ottawa

PHOTO: JANE WATERSTON

Scenes from parishes intent on truth and reconciliation

Below: Kathryn Fournier, co-chair of the All My Relations Episcopal Panel had a table set up at her parish of St. Thomas the Apostle. She was showing people during coffee hour what had been growing in what the parish has named the Mino Matisi8in Healing Garden. The Algonquin philosophy of well-being known as Mino Mitasi8in is about a life of balance, resilience and harmony with self and nature, she explained.

PHOTOS: THE REV. MARIA NIGHTINGALE



Many Inuit families from St. Margaret's parish attended a remembrance and social day at the Isaruit Arts centre on St. Laurent Blvd. The stories and prayers were heartfelt, games brisk and char chowder superb.



PHOTO: THE REV. GILLIAN HOYER

Gifts of comfort in Parish of the Valley

This is the third year quilters in the Parish of the Valley have sent a shipment of their handmade work to Quilts for Survivors (QFS), an organization that gives quilts to survivors of Indian Residential Schools, as a gesture of care and reconciliation.

The Rev. Matthew Brown blesses each year's harvest of quilts in Holy Trinity Pembroke before they are packed up to be sent and distributed. This year, their gift included 40 quilt blocks, 12 quilts and 30 quilt tops.

As of October 1, QFS has shipped a total of 9,503 quilts to survivors since June of 2021. Their goal is to reach 10,000 by the end of this year.

Parish of the Valley quilters include: Helgard Hodgkinson, Maria McBride, Dianne Gale, Jean Ostrom, Karen Steinke and Marie Cheesman. They also received donations from quilting friends Jan Scheidt, Doris Collins, Sandy Hovanec, Betty Biesenthal and Jane Corbett.



Reflections on the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women as priests in the Anglican Church of Canada

The Anglican Church of Canada is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood this month. The Diocese of Islands and Inlets is hosting a gathering at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria, BC on Nov. 24 and 25.

The Rev. Gwenda Wells was one of the first women ordained as priest in the Diocese of Ottawa. Perspective asked her what it was like when she first considered ordination and when she began her ministry. She kindly shared this reflection.

BY THE REV. GWENDA WELLS

I certainly had no thoughts of ordination earlier in life, though I was inspired as a young teen by a newly ordained United Church minister who served in the ecumenical ministry in Lac St Jean, where I grew up. Original, brilliant, Phyllis Smyth opened her home to a group of youth to sit around and chat about things that mattered. She introduced us to the Jesus of the gospels, and she made us feel we belonged. She was young, urbane and completing a doctorate from a Scottish university, something to wake us all up a little in our 1960s industrial Quebec town.

In my university days in Ottawa, I made my way to St Matthew’s



The Rev. Gwenda Wells at Christ Church Cathedral's altar.

in the Glebe, all because of the music — still, after all these years, it is excellent liturgical music that

leads me best into prayer. While there, I suddenly felt drawn to the figure of the priest presiding at the altar — I’ve always described what led me to ordained ministry not so much as being called as being drawn, drawn as one is drawn into a powerful current. This sensation was something so compelling that I arranged to meet the rector, the Rev. Keith Calder, to talk about it. He mentioned that Bishop Bill Robinson was considering leading the diocese into what was then a diocese-by-diocese venture and encouraged me to arrange to meet the bishop. He then put me to work visiting seniors and attempting to offer some leadership to a very rowdy Friday evening youth group. The bishop was attentive, curious to hear about what had brought me (and apparently several other women) to his office. With no hesitation, he recommended I consider studying theology. Trinity College at the University of Toronto was the place to go at the time.

That spring, I somehow got myself out to synod to be an observer, arriving at the end of the first day of business. As I went to join several young Anglicans whom I had met through Canterbury Bookstore—a great gathering place in those days—I was surprised by what seemed a rather frosty atmosphere, then learned that Bishop Robinson had announced in his charge that he intended to go forward with the ordination of women. There was often a strange blend of strongly positive and equally opposed opinions in those days, even among my peers and friends.

As a student at Trinity that autumn, I met real live women clergy for the first time. I remember the surprising letdown I felt the

first time I attended a Eucharist celebrated by a woman: as I was walking back to my pew, I realized that I had forgotten to notice the difference!

I spent one of my summers between years of school in the Naskapi community of Kawawachikamach in the Diocese of Quebec, where the Revs. Alyson and Bruce Barnett-Cowan shared the ministry. There, I learned more than I even realised about faithful community, about rising strong through trauma, about Spirit and survival. I’d love to see more Anglicans from the south, and especially theology students, getting to have an experience like I had that summer.

It is surprising how few obstacles there were, though that didn’t stop all of us women from feeling we had to go above and beyond. Perhaps it was helpful, once I was ordained, that I didn’t have a conventional curacy, as I really just let the context determine what to do next. Though we did have a good post-ordination programme, more than anyone else it was the parishioners who trained me.

Because I was at ease in Quebec, I was sent as a deacon out to the far reaches of Clarendon deanery in Western Quebec. My obstacles were different from those of my mates in city parishes: I had to figure out how to get around the rather spread-out parish in the months before I got a driver’s licence and car. I had to consider how to offer meaningful ministry to people whose lives were rooted in farm and forest-related economies. Each weekend that first summer, I would stay overnight with a farm family in Gracefield for my first service, then hop on the bus to travel to my 11 am service in Maniwaki, run up what felt like a hundred stairs, alb tucked over my arm. The warden rang the bell and church began. I had to learn how to get people singing when a certain number were functionally illiterate. I learned to drop my notes and preach from the gut, and I learned that I’d probably do all right if the parishioners felt, each in their way, that *I belonged* to them somehow.

I guess there were times when I faced challenges as a woman priest. I remember odd things like having a bank teller say she couldn’t cash my paycheque, written out to the Reverend G. Wells. But there was so much to learn and become that I hardly knew the difference that came from being a woman. I found support from the people I served, and from my colleagues in the deanery, which was then under the leadership of Bishop Peter Coffin [who was an archdeacon at the time]. Every last one of them was terrific, and I quickly discovered that we were all in this together. We laughed a lot. And I found support from being in an absolutely beautiful piece of the earth, the Gatineau

“You have all the choices in the world”



Dean Beth Bretzlaff

When she was appointed in 2020, the Very Rev. Beth Bretzlaff was the first woman to be the Dean of the Diocese of Ottawa and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral. In an interview at the time, she shared some memories of her experiences and the atmosphere when she first considered becoming a priest. As the 50th anniversary of the priesting of women is celebrated in the Anglican Church of Canada this month, the dean gave us her permission to republish an excerpt from our 2020 iinterview:

"I was the first woman....“I was the first woman vicar/associate priest at the cathedral in Kelowna

as well, so I’ve been through this before, but back then it was a much bigger deal than it is now,” she told *Crosstalk* in an interview about the new role she stepped into in September. “I’ve met a couple of the young women of the choir and of the parish and they are thrilled. They’ve told me that. ...I’ve been a woman priest for 27 years so I kind of forget about that side of it, but they don’t.”

It was also a much bigger deal when Bretzlaff first felt called to the priesthood when she was still very young. “My first thought of it was before they ordained women,” she said. But change came while she was still a teen, and it became a real option.

Others saw potential in her too. “My parish priest at the time sensed it in me, and also my parish of St. Paul’s in Shawville. People had actually said to me ‘Have you thought of being a priest?’” Her parish priest encouraged her to talk with Bishop Edwin Lackey before she started university. Her parents were very supportive. “My mom said, “I only had three choices, to be a nurse, a teacher or get married. You have all the choices in the world.”

And so it happened that she had her first meeting with Bishop Lackey when she had just turned 17. Since she was expressing interest in ordination, it was a formal interview with a panel of several men, which she recalls as terrifying. “One of the senior canons was not in favour of women, and I was in tears very quickly into the interview. Bishop Lackey said firmly to that person, ‘You will not ask any more questions. I will take over this interview.’ He was very good with me.”

Bishop Lackey also saw something in Bretzlaff and encouraged her. “Even when I ran away out West and tried to avoid it all, he pursued me.” But, she says, “He let me go and said, ‘It’s ok, you’ll be back one day’.... Unfortunately, Bishop Lackey died the year before I was ordained.” Now, as the dean and rector of the Cathedral, she walks through the Lackey Room each day when she goes to get a cup of coffee. “So every time when I come back through with my cup of coffee there is a picture of Bishop Lackey on the wall with a twinkle in his eye smiling at me. And every time I walk through the room it’s like he’s laughing and saying, ‘I told you that you would be back.’”

The Rev. Sally Eaton, right, assisting the Rev. Peter Coffin at a wedding in the 1990s.



Hills, which I love to this day.

My next parish was a little further down the Gatineau, in Wakefield with Lascelles, as it then was. There, the support came from the extraordinary lay leaders: educators, organizers, folks with remarkable international development careers, and parents, who more than met me halfway in my attempts to try venture into creative youth ministry....

I must acknowledge my admiration for the other women clergy of those early years. Each one found a unique way into the ordination of women. I could mention so many but will name a few: The Rev. Dana Fisher for her wit, natural grace and deep spirituality. Dana introduced the liturgies of the Triduum to the several points of her parish in Combermere before most city parishes did so; the Revs. Susan Churchill-Lackey and Pat Johnson for modelling how ordained ministry could be fully integrated into family life; and of course, the Rev. Sally Eaton, who radiated such passionate commitment to clinical pastoral work and women’s causes. Sally embodied the spirit of the Christian feminists whose work I devoured: Rosemary Ruether, Elisabeth Schussler-Fiorenza, Phyllis Trible,

and the Latin American women: biblical scholar Elsa Támez and poet Julia Esquivel. Sally—I can see her still, in her natty clerical shirts and denim skirt, sweeping though the corridors of the Civic Hospital, or checking in at The Well/La Source (then in St John’s Elgin Street) where she invited us women clergy to join in creating innovative women’s liturgies, liturgies to heal and nourish women of all backgrounds. Sally knew how to make things come together. She had a strength and radiance about her that was quiet but formidable. I chanced upon her many, many years later, in Haida Gwaii: In her retirement, she had moved there *by sailboat*, loved the life but in those days found it hard to find kindred souls in the Anglican church to match her indomitable spirit.

Now, as a member of the Board of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, I am inspired by the women who have brought their leadership skills with them from countries around the globe: what strength and adaptability they bring to their education for ministry and their ministries once they are ordained. Our churches are deeply enriched by their gifts. Occasionally, I have been fortunate to meet First Nations clergy with exceptional ministries,



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women and men who often get their salaries from the work they do *beyond* the church. I remember, at a long-ago national celebration of the ordination of women, a Cree priest who was a mother, grandmother, addictions counsellor, school bus driver, archdeacon,

and accomplished traditional craftswoman. I count myself fortunate indeed to have shared in ministry with such beacons of faith and action. I am eager to see who will be drawn to ordained ministry as we move into the next 50 years.

Together For Nature song and storytelling event informed and entertained

A group of Mississippi Mills (aka Almonte) All My Relations members journeyed into Ottawa for the Together For Nature event Sept 15. We listened, learned and were deeply moved by young Land Protectors, lawyers from Legal Advocates for Natures Defence and we enjoyed, even danced in our seats (ok, some of us stood up!) to the music of Susan Aglukark and Terra Lightfoot! Here are some thoughts we shared with each other afterward...

One person in our group, said: “Hearing from the young Land Protector, Jeronimo, touched my heart and my mind. ALL the presenters truly KNEW where they were from, where their own feet have stood, where their ancestors have stood, and they described this with as deep a love, respect, and stewardship of that land as they would express for their family members.”

Another, who used to live in North, shared that “Susan Aglukark’s film took me back to the Eastern Arctic, seeing children (including mine) playing in the snow. Her story about how surprising and unsettling it must have been in the very first moments of contact got me thinking

Singer Susan Aglukark (second from left) supported the Ontario Nature three-city tour that is raising awareness and funds for the Friends of the Attawapiskat River

how, in those days, across thousands of miles of Eastern Arctic, small clusters of people (maybe about 30 in a large camp) would have been surrounded by land and water and to suddenly see a large ship and qallunaat (people of European descent) with strange languages and customs, would have been such a

shock!... And yet, Aglukark’s song, ‘O Siem’ tells us, her ancestors welcomed them! “O Siem” is a joyful expression of welcome used for family, loved ones, and respected people, it is an anthem of unity and connection reminding us, “we are all family”!!”

Some of us remember hearing on

the news the concerns of Indigenous Peoples and environmental groups about Bill C5 and the fast-tracking of approvals for large development projects. But many of us were not fully aware that treaty rights hadn’t been respected; nor were we fully aware of the significant potential harms to the environment and to Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities living nearby. This hasn’t been covered adequately in mainstream media, nor has there been a national debate about the risks and benefits of developing Canada’s vast natural resources. Indigenous rights, economic development, and environmental sustainability aren’t mutually exclusive. Carefully planned and managed projects can benefit everyone.

All were touched deeply by the evening, we pray many more hearts and minds will be touched at all the stops on their tour, and beyond.

You can support Ontario Nature and their partners create more opportunities to come together, learn from one another and work to protect nature by making a **donation**.

— Mississippi Mills All My Relations

PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church in Hawkesbury celebrates 180th anniversary

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Hawkesbury celebrated its 180th anniversary on Aug. 30.

Bishop Kathryn Otley travelled to Parish of the Lower Valley to take part in the worship service with incumbent, the Rev. Felix Longdon. Five candidates were confirmed and one adult was formally accepted as a member of the parish.

The Rev. William Byers (retired), who grew up in the parish, wrote a 200-page history of the church titled *The Church on the Hill* when it celebrated its 135th anniversary in 1981, researched with a small team of volunteers from the church. The congregation sold the books for \$9.95 each, and the proceeds funded a roof replacement for the church. At that time, there were about 120 families in the congregation.

Byers shared some highlights from Holy Trinity’s history:

When the church first opened its doors in 1846, Byers said it was



Lay readers Clive Bebbington, Gary Newman, Barbara Newman and Caroll Carkner celebrated with Bishop Kathryn Otley and the Rev. Felix Longdon

quite a plain building with wide windows, but the over the years many features were added, including buttresses and a spire. The windows were changed to lancet windows with stained glass, and the entrance

to the church was moved to one side of the building.

Many of the stained-glass windows are memorials to members of prominent families in the parish—the Hamiltons, the Higginsons, and the Byers (the author has deep roots in the diocese.)

In 1808, the Hamilton family, an Anglo-Irish family of means came to Hawkesbury and took over the fledgling mills and gradually built them up to a point where they were reputed to be the largest mills in the British Empire. The white pine of the Ottawa valley and the Laurentians was in demand and shipped abroad.

Charles Hamilton, from that prominent family, became the first Anglican bishop of Ottawa.

The Hamiltons had a very significant influence. The second priest to serve at Holy Trinity was a young Irishman by the name of John Travers Lewis. He was that Holy Trinity from 1850 to 1854. He became the first bishop of Ontario in Kingston.



PHOTO: JUDY WIESINGER

Gardeners at St. Bartholomew’s gave thanks for a bountiful harvest that allowed them to make several generous donations of produce to the food bank administered by the Rideau Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre.



PHOTO: ROBIN DUNBAR

Navan Healing Garden to be created in the spring

St. Mary’s Anglican Church in Navan is dedicating some of its property as space to create a healing garden to be constructed in the spring. And the project has been helped to move forward with recent news that the Anglican Foundation of Canada will provide a \$10,000 grant.

Catalina Clifford, who has been leading the project, says the idea for the creating the garden was a response to the Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) Report’s Calls to Action and the National Healing Forest Initiative. It is intended to honor survivors of Indian Residential Schools and their families, missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ gender diverse people.

The garden will be a space for quiet reflection, healing and ceremony, and it will be a place to

learn about medicinal plants and Indigenous teachings.

Clifford told *Perspective* that the plan for the garden is that its design will follow an Indigenous Medicine Wheel and will incorporate four boulders, one for each of the four directions and an art work by an Indigenous artist in the centre. It will include plants that are sacred in Indigenous cultures— sage tobacco, cedar, and sweetgrass.

Clifford expressed her thanks to the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health, the Rev. Nancy Best from the United Church, and Jolene Commanda from Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg for their guidance and advice.

Clifford also expressed her thanks to the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa for its contribution of a \$5,000 Future Fund grant, as well as to the Anglican Foundation of

Canada, the David Suzuki Foundation, and Waste Connections of Canada for their financial support.

Kathryn Fournier, co-chair of the diocesan All My Relations Episcopal Panel, said that “the Navan Healing Garden, as I understand it, is an initiative that comes out of consultation with Indigenous elders and knowledge-keepers and incorporates a holistic medicine wheel approach. The parish of St Mary’s in Navan has taken time to listen, learn and then act in order to establish this garden, and it could become a model for gestures of reconciliation across the Diocese. Not that every



parish should consider a healing garden, that is not the point, but rather that parishes begin to contemplate how they might move beyond the preliminary steps of land acknowledgements and book study groups to actions that build relationships, demonstrate reciprocity and invite engagement.



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The first woman to serve as the Bishop Ordinary

► Bishop Ordinary, from page 1

Bishop Samuel Rose of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador described Bishop Gosse-Vingerhoeds's early ministry and formative experiences in parishes in Labrador after she was ordained in 1997. "It was my privilege some 25 years ago to succeed her as an incumbent in the parish of Cartwright in Labrador," he said. He noted that she also served as the Archdeacon of Labrador, serving as rector in the parishes of Lake Melville and Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

(You can read the full text of his inspiring homily on the next page.)

In a subsequent interview with *Perspective*, Gosse-Vingerhoeds was asked how she was feeling about beginning her new ministry. "It's exciting and it's humbling," she said. "I get to look after the people who were my colleagues up until 10 days ago, and I know how important it is as a chaplain to have the support your bishop, of your chief pastor. And so, the fact that I get to do and be that for the chaplains who are still serving is amazing."

She was taking her position as the first woman to serve as the Bishop Ordinary in stride. "It's a first for the Anglican Military Ordinariate, but we have had female bishops for so long now [in the Anglican Church of Canada] that it just kind of seems commonplace." She added, however, that she was delighted that Bishop Victoria Matthews led her pre-consecration retreat. "She was a real pioneer for women because she was the very first female bishop in all of



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Above— Chaplain General Col. Lisa Pacarnyk (in gold cope) stands next to Bishop Jennifer Gosse-Vingehoeds, surrounded by clergy of the Anglican Military Ordinariate.

Canada and at a time when there were very, few outside of Canada as well. So, it was absolutely fantastic to have her lead my retreat and just hear a little bit about what her ministry was like."

Parish Social Media Management & Governance 101 Webinar

On Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 11:30 am to 1 pm, the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa Communications and Development department along with the Parish Development Subcommittee is holding a webinar about social media use and governance for parishes.

This practical introduction to Facebook, Instagram and managing your parish's social media accounts will cover introductory level social media use, such as how to set up and use Facebook and Instagram, as well as best practices for posting to both. It will also cover how to set up a Meta Business Portfolio to make it easy to add and remove volunteers and ensure that the ownership of parish social media accounts is properly established.

Anyone involved in social media management for a parish, from volunteers to administrators to clergy, are invited to register. You're also welcome to register if you don't fall into one of those categories and are simply interested in learning, it will just be tailored for parish social media administrators.

Register through the ADO Learning Commons or find the registration link on our social media channels.

The webinar will be recorded and made available in the ADO Learning Commons, along with practical tools and resources to help parishes strengthen their social media presence and manage their accounts effectively over time. Questions? Contact the Communications & Development team at communications@ottawa.anglican.ca.



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Meet Your Presenters

The Rev. Canon Dr. Jon Martin has had roles with multiple parishes in the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, including serving as assistant curate at Christ Church in Bells Corners (2006), incumbent of North Dundas (2008), and incumbent of South Dundas (2015) before becoming rector at St. John's, Kanata North in July 2021. He has had a minor role in helping each organization improve its social media presence. He is also the Co-Chair of the Parish Development Subcommittee and the Shape of Parish Ministry Committee.

Angela West has her own boutique consulting firm, Working Web Copy, with which she has helped numerous nonprofits and businesses establish and improve their social media presence for nearly two decades, including the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa for the past few years. Her role as a contractor with the diocese has recently expanded to include marketing support for the Hearts of Compassion Fund (HCF) and administrative support for the recent Clergy Conference.

CLERGY REFLECTION

Lift high the Cross

New Bishop Ordinary shaped by the elements and people of Newfoundland Labrador

BY THE RT. REV. SAMUEL ROSE

It is a deep honour and joy to be with you in this historic Christ Church Cathedral in the nation's capital on this Feast of the Holy Cross as we come to consecrate and install Commander the Venerable Jennifer Gosse-Vingerhoeds as the next Bishop Ordinary of the Anglican Military Ordinariate.

I bring greetings from your friends in Christ in the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

Jennifer began her ordained ministry in 1997 in the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador. It was my privilege some 25 years ago, to succeed her as an incumbent in the parish of Cartwright, in Labrador. Labrador is the northern part of our diocese. It's also called the Big Land, or the land God gave Cain. She also served as Archdeacon of Labrador in the Parish of Lake Melville in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

For those who know that vast and beautiful place that is Labrador, serving in ministry there demands resilience and a deep respect for the people who call it home. There are things that we did not learn in seminary: navigating snowmobile trails across frozen seas in the winter and black flies in the summer, chopping wood to heat the rectory. Or transporting the coffins of departed from their homes to the church for a wake with their families and the community.

In Labrador, you learn quickly to adapt to your surroundings by honouring the rhythms of life and death, and to walk gently with people who live close to the land and sea. That kind of formation—practical, humble, and rooted, in authentic community is, I believe and can attest, excellent preparation for the episcopate. Jennifer, Labrador, shaped you with a bishop's heart long before today's laying on of hands, for you are already resilient, practical, and closely attuned to the lives of those you serve.

And today, the Church calls you to a new and wider ministry of oversight and care for those who serve our country in uniform, at home, and abroad. What a marvellous thing God has done in calling you! We give thanks to God for the gift of your life, your faith, and your long obedience now offered for this new service.

The readings appointed for Holy Cross Day speak to this moment.



The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rose is Bishop of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador

In the wilderness, the people of Israel were bitten by serpents and cried out in their distress. God commanded Moses to lift up a bronze serpent on a pole, so that all who looked upon it in faith might live (Numbers 21: 4b-9). Jesus takes up this very image in our Gospel. "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up. That whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son (John 3:14-16). Not to condemn, but to save.

The cross, once an instrument of shame and death, becomes for us the ultimate side of healing and hope. Paul reminds us that "the message about the cross is foolish to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18). What the world calls weakness, God uses as wisdom, strength. ...

My friends, this is the heart of our faith and the heart of the ministry to which Jennifer is now called. Those who serve in the Canadian Armed Forces, and the chaplains who walk beside them, know something about being lifted up into places of challenge, sacrifice and uncertainty. They know the cost of service. In the midst of it all, the Church is also called to lift high the cross of Christ, not as a symbol of conquest by force, but as the place where God's love is poured out for the life of the world.

Like that bronze serpent in the wilderness, the cross stands as God's strange, yet glorious remedy. Look to it, and live. Look to the One who was lifted up for us and find healing, forgiveness and new life.

Jennifer, today, you are called to be a living sign of Christ lifted up on the cross right in the middle of the Canadian Armed Forces.

As Bishop Ordinary, you will walk alongside chaplains wherever they serve—whether on bases, here in Canada, or deployed far from home. You will oversee chaplains who serve in hierarchical, multifield, and often operational environments, supporting them as a minister amid the unique pressures of military life. You will comfort those who grieve, walk with those whose faith has

been tested, and encourage those who are tired. You will also teach the faith with clarity and guard the integrity of Anglican ministry among those who serve. You will remind every service member and their families that the cross is not a sign of abandonment, but of God drawing near in the darkest of valleys. And in a world that prizes strength, you will show a kind of strength that God makes perfect in our weakness.

That same adaptability, resilience, and deep respect for people who served well in Labrador will serve you well in this new calling. Episcopal ministry, like ministry in Labrador, often requires us to step into situations we did not study in seminary—to walk with people in their joys and sorrows, adapt to new circumstances, and point always to the One who was lifted up for the life of the world.

This ministry is not about worldly power or status. It is cruciform. It is shaped by the cross. It is the way of humble, sacrificial service that Paul describes. It is the way of love that seeks not its own but the good of those entrusted to our care. It is the way of the Risen Christ, who meets us in our storms and says, "Be not afraid, I am with you always."

But, Jennifer, the chaplains and people you will now oversee will also care for you as their bishop. Early in my own episcopacy, when I was facing a major challenge, I received a handmade card from a young boy.... And in his handwriting, it simply said, "When you feel alone, God is always with you." I keep this card on my desk in my office, and I look at it every day. It has helped lift me out of some very dark times. ... And what a beautiful reminder that in the family of the Church, and especially in the closeknit fellowship of the Military Ordinariate, we bear each other's burdens and lift each other up with the powerful truth of the Gospel.

To the chaplains, in whom the families and all gathered here, your new bishop will need your prayers, your honest counsel, and your love every bit as much as you will need hers. Do not withhold that. Bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Now, I want to say that on behalf of a whole church, indeed on behalf of our grateful country, I express our heartfelt thanks to all who serve in the Canadian Armed Forces—the women and men, the chaplains and families—who stand ready in places challenge, sacrifice, and uncertainty. Your willingness to serve, often far from home, is an immense gift to our nation....

Dear friends, as we are all too aware, this world is still marked by conflict and division. Yet the cross remains as God's victory, not a victory of might but of reconciling love. It is the victory that reaches to the ends of the earth, inviting all people to sing a new song. May we, as the people of God, join that song with courage and joy. May we lift high the cross in word and deed, so that others may look upon the One who was lifted up for us and find life.

Jennifer, the God, who called you from Labrador and formed you among the people of the Big Land, will not abandon you now. May the Holy Spirit descend upon you in power this day, granting you wisdom beyond your years and compassion that imitates the heart of Christ, and holy boldness to proclaim the foolishness of the cross in places of great strength. May the power of the cross—that strange and sacred mystery—be your strength and song. And may we all lift high the Cross in our own generation, so that many more may look upon the one who is lifted up for us, and may we find healing, hope, and eternal life. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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PARISH NEWS

St. Matthew's in the Glebe welcomes a new music director

BY MARGRET BRADY NANKIVELL

St. Matthew's Anglican Church in the Glebe's new director of music Owen Spicer has always enjoyed challenges. As a boy, he began pipe organ lessons as soon as his legs were long enough to reach the pedals. Even with his training on piano, violin and in choral music, the organ is a notoriously difficult instrument to master, but master it he did.

Now a young man, he faces the challenge of sustaining and bringing his stamp to St. Matthew's storied music program which has contributed significantly to Canada's excellence in choral music. Past choir members include world-famous bass-baritones Gerald Finley, Philippe Sly, Joel Allison, counter-tenors Daniel Taylor and Matthew White and soprano Elizabeth Bowman, former editor-in-chief of Opera Canada.

"All those incredible people," says Spicer. "It's a bit intimidating the kind of breadth of tradition here."

Spicer particularly likes St. Matthew's acoustics. "I've played and sung here a handful of times before becoming director of music, he says. "I was always struck by how the space adds its own magic to the music being created. The room has an energy and sound that musicians



respond to, and I've already had some transcendent moments in this sanctuary."

Spicer, who obtained a Master's in Organ Performance and Choral Conducting from Montreal's McGill University, has a strong interest in revitalizing the children's choirs at St. Matthew's. In his former position as music director at Cornwall's Trinity Anglican Church, he launched the Jubilate Children's Choir which provides free music education to the broader Cornwall community. He hopes to build similar community bonds here.

A versatile musician, he brings the extraordinary combination of youth, experience and an eclectic musical background to St. Matthew's. As a teenager he played in a folk band, a rock band and as a bass accompanist to a blue grass duo. (He also plays clarinet).

Raised in London, Ontario, he was an accompanist at Wesley-Knox United Church from an early age which is where he learned to play the organ under the guidance of the church's musical director Karen Schuessler. More recently, he has been an accompanist for Matthew Larkin's acclaimed Caelis Academy Ensemble in Ottawa, the St. Lawrence Choir, and the Stratford Symphony Orchestra. He was also assistant organist at Ottawa's Christ Church Cathedral.

When studying at McGill, Spicer was appointed organ scholar at Christ Church Anglican Cathedral. It was a demanding position. Although he was a student, his responsibilities were extensive, and he had to play there several times a week. But he found it inspirational.

"There's a depth in the Anglican church music that I found when playing at Christchurch Montreal," he says. "It was an immersive experience that included weekly Evensongs and three services every Sunday. I would play for two or three of them. That was like baptism by fire."

It was at Christ Church, where he was first exposed to Choral Evensong, a centuries-old contemplative service that focuses on singing Psalms, canticles and prayers. He found the language of the prayers and the rhythm of the service deeply meaningful. "Because the prayers stay the same, you can internalize the language and really memorize things. They become second nature," he says. "The music changes but the words stay the same. You find your own meaning in these texts and get the composers' take on each line. As you go through the different settings of the same text, you find what each composer chooses to find meaningful. Having a really rich text that gets turned over and over again each week is really cool."

Choral Evensong is offered at St. Matthew's on the first Sunday of most months (not during the Christmas period or the summer). Spicer hopes that the frequency can be increased to twice a month.

Spicer's parents were musicians who met in in a ceremonial military band. His father was principal trumpet for Orchestra London (Ontario) and taught at the University of Western Ontario's Faculty of Music. His mother played the euphonium and piano and studied music therapy with a focus on childhood education. She also ran Wesley Knox's primary choir (ages 4 to 7).

In 2024, Owen was awarded First Prize in the Osborne Organ Competition hosted by the Summer Institute of Church Music.

Evensongs will be the first Sunday of the month at 4pm: Nov. 1 (All Saint's Day) and from January to June, 2027.

Christmas services begin with Advent Lessons & Carols on Sun. Nov. 29, 7pm.

Other services include Nine Lessons & Carols on Sun. Dec. 20;

Christmas Eve services: Family Service with Pageant (4pm) and Midnight Mass (10pm) and Christmas morning (10am).

Margret Brady Nankivell is a parishioner at St. Matthew's and chair of the fundraising committee.

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St. Matthew’s annual online auction to support Belong Ottawa

BY MARGRET BRADY
NANKIVELL

When St. Matthew’s Anglican Church in the Glebe decided to take its popular Treasures Auction online in 2020, it was an experiment brought on by uncertain times. It built on the success of the church’s triannual live auctions that began in 2005—but going online was a leap of faith.

Not only was the first auction successful financially, it also inspired the church members, especially the volunteers. It brought the community together in a different way.

Now an annual event, this year’s auction (Nov. 12 to 22) has again attracted extraordinary donations that are rare and beautiful. Always eclectic, the items on offer range from a 1675 European map to contemporary Waterford crystal.

The Canadian art component remains strong with paintings by noted artists such as Ray Cattell, Sidney Charles Mooney, Randolph Parker, and Hal Ross Perrigard. Parishioner Lucianne Poole, whose work has been featured in local publications, has donated her witty entitled and heartwarming “Best Seat in the House”, that depicts a faithful pooch in a chair.

Perhaps the most extraordinary offerings this year are indigenous works from Canada and Africa. Inuit carvings include works by Annie Qimirpik and Molly Joanassie Naulituk and an elegant bone and antler sculpture of birds in flight



Lucianne Poole's "Best Seat in the House" is on offer.

(shown in this year’s poster). Other indigenous works of note include a Cree tamarack Canada goose and a Pacific Northwest Coast twined basketry hat. African works include a stunning early 20th century African door featuring carved animals, a tribal mask and limited-edition prints by acclaimed South African artist Ezekiel Madiba.

Unusual antiques include a 19th

century papier mâché travelling jewellery cabinet and a sewing table believed to be French, circa 1820. This year’s marvellous selection of pottery and porcelain includes works by Kingston’s Margaret Hughes and Japanese-Canadian master potter John Ikeda. Of special note is a rare and very valuable arts and crafts Marblehead art pottery vase, circa 1910-1925.

Also on offer will be jewellery and vintage Mexican sterling silver and other sterling items.

The auction includes meals, such as lunch or dinner for eight in Amica The Glebe’s private dining room. Amica, Davidson’s Jewellers and Capital Home Hardware (Glebe) are major sponsors again this year. Parishioners will also be busy baking and cooking Christmas goodies such as mincemeat tarts, cakes, cookies, and preserves. Travel certificates for seriously discounted travel to great resorts in Antigua, Barbados and Panama will be available.

Each year, St Matthew’s selects a charity to receive a portion of the auction revenues and this year’s recipient will be Belong Ottawa, an Anglican Diocese of Ottawa community ministry. The organization operates three drop-in day programs in downtown Ottawa, including St Luke’s Table. Auction funds will support the installation of much-needed accessible shower and laundry facilities at the St. Luke’s Table Bronson Centre location.

“We are honoured to be the beneficiary of St. Matthew’s 2026 Charity Auction,” says Shauna-marie Young, executive director of Belong Ottawa. “Funds raised will create greater access to essential services for those we walk alongside each day,” she says. “Together, we are fostering dignity, wellbeing, and a deeper sense of belonging in our community.”

For more information, see the ad on page 16.

Protect + Preserve Centre 454

CENTRE 454 NEEDS YOUR VOICE

For 72 years, Centre 454 has been a cornerstone of care, connection, and belonging in our community. As Belong Ottawa and the City of Ottawa work toward Centre 454's next chapter, our shared goal is to ensure this essential service continues without interruption for those who rely on it.

Recent changes to nearby health and social services have increased pressure on community supports in Sandy Hill, Lowertown, and the ByWard Market. To ensure a safe, thoughtful, and well-planned transition, Belong Ottawa is requesting an extension to the current timeline for Centre 454's relocation.

Now is the time to keep this issue front and centre with municipal decision-makers. We encourage community members to write to the Mayor and City Councillors, click the link, add your voice, and support a transition that prioritizes service continuity, participant safety, neighbourhood well-being, and long-term success.

Add your voice today. Help ensure Mayor Sutcliffe and every member of Ottawa’s City Council understands the importance of a thoughtful, collaborative, and responsible path forward for Centre 454 and the community it serves.

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Write to the Mayor and City Councillors to support a transition that prioritizes service continuity, participant safety, neighbourhood well-being, and long-term success.



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Tell the Mayor and your City Councillor why Centre 454 matters to our community



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SUPPORT THE MISSION

Your donation helps Belong Ottawa continue vital programs and services during this important transition.

Diocesan Partnerships

These partners are formally approved by Diocesan Council, have a designated partner liaison contact, and offer meaningful ways to engage with and serve God’s world:

Alongside Hope

is the Anglican Church of Canada’s agency for sustainable development and relief. Working with trusted partners in Canada and around the world, projects serve to improve health, food security and livelihoods where needs are greatest. Our diocesan working group helps to promote initiatives and events locally.

The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (Canada)

encourages and enables the ministry of prayer and seeks to be a teaching resource to help Anglicans deepen and support our collective and individual experiences of prayer. Take full advantage of AFP resources and gatherings! Invite our diocesan representative to speak about prayer in your parish.

The Anglican Foundation of Canada

provides grants for innovative and vibrant projects in five funding impact zones: Diverse Infrastructure, Community Ministries, Leadership and Education, Indigenous Ministries, and Sacred Music and Liturgical Arts. If your parish or ministry has a project that might be eligible, contact our diocesan director of Communications and Development.

The International Anglican Women's Network in Canada

communicates the work, mission, and ministry of the International Anglican Women’s Network (IAWN), a global voice of 43 million Anglican women in 165 countries and an official network of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Our Diocese is a proud supporter of Anglican women in ministry, leadership, and life. We encourage everyone to subscribe to IAWN Canada’s E-newsletter and note upcoming events and initiatives.

The Communion Forest

is a global initiative of the Anglican Communion in response to the environmental crisis. It comprises local activities of tree growing and ecosystem conservation, protection and restoration undertaken by provinces, dioceses and individual churches across the Anglican Communion to safeguard creation. Consider how you or your parish can participate by planting trees on church property, at home or at the cottage.

The Compass Rose Society

supports the programs and ministries of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican Consultative Council, providing funding for diverse development projects around the world. Parishes are encouraged to support and learn more about the Canadian Compass Rose Society as a way to learn about and connect with Anglicans across the world.

The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

comprises Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon. Many members of our Diocese have had the privilege to go on pilgrimages in the Land of the Holy One and to meet our siblings in Christ who live and serve in the Diocese of Jerusalem, which runs schools and hospitals as well as parish ministries. St. George’s College offers for retreats and continuing education. Our Diocese has helped to fundraise for their local ministries, such as the Jerusalem Princess Basma Hospital for Palestinian children with disabilities.



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Through KAIROS, 10 churches and religious organizations work together in faithful action for ecological justice and human rights, focusing on ecological justice, gender justice, Indigenous rights, migrant justice and prophetic witness. Our local chapter, KAIROS Ottawa, has a particular focus on Indigenous rights, which complements the work of the All My Relations Episcopal Panel. Parishes are encouraged to attend KAIROS Ottawa events and support their important advocacy work.

Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI)

is a coalition of more than 70 faith groups who work with local businesses, civil society and all levels of government to build affordable housing that helps fix Ottawa’s housing crisis and gets at-risk people into secure, safe homes. Parishes in Ottawa can become MHI members, attending the annual general meeting, and everyone can participate in or support MHI’s annual fundraiser, the Tulipathon.

St. Paul University in Ottawa

offers the Anglican Studies Program, which includes a Master of Divinity for those seeking ordained ministry, as well as a wider range of courses in theology, biblical studies, and conflict resolution that are open to both clergy and lay people for spiritual and theological formation. Our Diocese and the university often co-sponsor workshops and events. All are welcome to attend a weekly Anglican Eucharist service held in the university’s chapel.

Chair of Partnerships:
the Rev. Rosemary Parker
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DIOCESAN ARCHIVES

All Saints, Nepean, elevation by T. Fuller
Ottawa West Deanery

What does Napanee
have to do with the
Diocese of Ottawa?

BY GLENN J LOCKWOOD

Forty years ago, when the writer carried out research at the Anglican Diocese of Ontario Archives in Kingston, he came across this sketch. It was identified as an elevation of All Saints Church, Napanee. Sometimes researchers can be a bother to archivists. Or so it seems. On this occasion, the researcher was assured by the archivist in Kingston that it was so labelled because the architect who sketched the elevation in 1865—one Thomas Fuller—had labelled it All Saint’s, Napanee. And anyway, she followed up, why was a researcher of church architecture in the Diocese of Ottawa even looking at this? After all, what does Napanee have to do with the Diocese of Ottawa?

For two reasons, the obstreperous researcher answered back. First, there was no record of there ever being an All Saints Church in Napanee. And, second, what was actually scribbled on the bottom of the sketch was “All Saints, Napaen,” clearly a miswriting of “All Saints, Nepean” or what was the original All Saints Church, Westboro built in the neighbourhood where Thomas Fuller resided while at work designing and overseeing construction of the original Centre Block of Parliament in the early 1860s. The upshot of this correction was that this sketch was transferred to the Diocese of Ottawa Archives within a few years.

Clearly, Thomas Fuller when designing this house of worship was aware of new ideas about how churches should look. While All Saints was being built, a Hand Book to the Parliamentary and Departmental Buildings stated, “Ottawa is somewhat behind in Ecclesiastical Architecture;...from some cause or other there is no English Episcopal Church worthy of the place, nor any present prospect of so desirable an addition to Ottawa’s Ecclesiastical Buildings.” With All Saints built some five miles outside the city boundaries, Fuller in this church was making a statement about building more up-to-date churches.

Fuller’s design for All Saints, Nepean had the seated congregation facing east toward Jerusalem during devotions, a feature unprecedented in earlier Anglican churches in Ottawa.



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His sketch shows iron decorative cresting lining the ridge of the roof, with that above the chancel being more prominent and more ornate than that atop the rest of the church. Fuller also added pinnacles to the peaks of all gables and cresting atop the side gables, vestry and entrance porch.

Notably, there was no tower, the traditional expression of being an established church strongly linked to the British state. Fuller decided to add to the visual variegation or complexity of both interior and exterior by having a small number of large side windows extending up above the low side roofline into their own gables. The small timber porch seems not to have been built, as being inappropriate to Canadian winters, and an enclosed stone porch was put up instead.

The roof that Fuller placed on the bell-côte along with the roofs he designed for the vestry and entrance porch suggest the lingering influence of his design for the Centre Block of Parliament, melding Second Empire mansard roofs with pointed Gothic Revival arches. The cock atop the belfry is a symbol of vigilance (crowing for the dawn), Resurrection (as Christ rose ‘very early in the morning’) and repentance (as in Peter after denying Christ, weeping bitterly).

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.



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CALENDAR

Nov. 7

St. Bart’s Annual Bazaar

All Saints’ Westboro
(125 MacKay Street, Ottawa)
12 pm to 4 pm

Please join us for a "classic" bazaar which includes tables such as gifts, jewelry, books, toys, games, attic treasures, preserves, baking, crafts, works of art, Christmas decorations as well as our famous Tea Room! If you have any questions or items to donate, please call Linda at 613-298-9980 or Liz at 613-745-4677. Proceeds from the bazaar support St Bart’s Outreach, which usually includes our diocesan Community Ministries.

Fall Food Fair

St. Stephen’s Anglican Church
(2821 St. Stephen’s Street, Ottawa)
9:30 am to 1 pm

Enjoy coffee and muffins in the morning. Shop and stock up on frozen entrées and soups; baked goods including pies and cookies; pickles, jams, preserves and more! Then relax over lunch from 11 am to 12:30 pm.

Rutter by Candlelight

Christ Church Cathedral
(414 Sparks Street, Ottawa)
7 pm
A gala fundraiser in support of the Cathedral Choirs' Residency at Westminster Abbey in July 2027. The Boys, Girls and Lay Clerks choirs will all be performing.

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Nov. 21

Holly Days Bazaar

Christ Church Bells Corners
(3861 Old Richmond Road)
9 am to 1 pm

Start your Christmas shopping with us! You’ll find home baking, artisanal soaps, jewelry, sewing & knitting, gift baskets, Christmas décor, deli items, and more. A silent auction adds to the excitement. All are welcome! Phone: 613-829-1826; Website: www.christchurchbellscorners.ca

Nov. 28

Festive Market & Refreshments

Christ Church Cathedral
(414 Sparks Street, Ottawa)
11:30 am to 3:30 pm

There will be something for everyone, including delicious homemade baking, preserves, pies and soups, as well as knitting, jewellery, puzzles, board games and many other treasures – perfect for holiday giving or a little something special for yourself! Come for the shopping, stay for the refreshments and leave with some festive finds.

Nov. 30

Virtual Meet the Author: the Rev. Maggie Helwig

The Bishop’s Panel on Housing Justice is organizing a weekly online study and discussion of the Rev. Maggie Helwig’s award-winning book: Encampment: Resistance, Grace and an Unhoused Community each Wednesday in November at 7 pm leading up to the Nov. 30 online event with the author. (See article p. 4 for more detail.)

All Saints’ Village Fair

All Saints’ Westboro
(347 Richmond Road, Ottawa)
9 am to 2 pm
Crafts, jams, books, puzzles, silent auction, flea market, children’s secret shopping and more! Our café will be serving coffee, cake and lunch. The New-to-You Shop will be open. For more information: allsaintwestboro.com or email: bazaar@allsaintwestboro.com

Nov. 14

Celebrating Women in Leadership

Christ Church Cathedral
(414 Sparks St., Ottawa)
11 am Choral Eucharist and reception afterwards
2 pm book launch
(For more details, see p. 10)

JOURNEYING AS ALLIES
2026-2027 SEASON

Next two books...

November 15
A Short History of the Blockade
Leanne Betasamosake Simpson - Anishinaabe

Julian of Norwich.
7 Rossland Ave.

January 31 February 28
Reading the Bible on Turtle Island- Part I and II
T. Christopher Hockettubbe - Choctaw
H. Daniel Zacharias - Cree-Anishinaabe/Métis
ZOOM - TBA

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November 5	Games & Koffee Klatsch
November 12	Post Remembrance – Guests: Rob Clipperton (retired CBC Radio broadcaster and host), Garth Hampson (retired RCMP Staff Sergeant & community volunteer) and Evelyn Greenberg (well known Ottawa pianist) – sharing stories and songs from the Wartime Years Honouring the Royal Canadian Legion's 100 th anniversary
November 19	Creative Writing & Koffee Klatsch
November 26	Guests: Mike Martin (<i>Sgt. Wildflower Mysteries</i>) – Volume II of the Capitol Crime Writers short story mysteries with writers Kim Blanche and Maya Valenzuela
December 3	Getting Ready for Christmas at CCC
December 10	Christmas Stories Shared
December 17	' <i>Christmas Joy</i> ' - CCC's Traditional Singalong – led by Joy Bowerman on piano

Christmas Break until January 2027

Christ Church Cathedral presents:

A Festive Market

Saturday, November 28th, 2026
Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa, 414 Sparks Street

Market – 11.30 am to 3 pm
Shop for a wide variety of baking, preserves, soups, pies, along with knitting, jewellery, puzzles, board games & other treasures

Refreshments – Noon to 2.30 pm
Delicious soup and bun with tea or coffee and cookies
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Come for the shopping, stay for the refreshments and leave with some festive finds

Christmas music by Cathedral Carolers!



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