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National Conference on Ending Homelessness

Executive Director of Cornerstone Housing for Women speaks at the fourth annual Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness national conference on ending homelessness

BY MOIRA DAVIS,
Homelessness and Affordable Housing Group Member

Sue Garvey, Executive Director of Cornerstone Housing for Women, recently presented at a national conference on how faith communities can be mobilized to create affordable housing and end homelessness.

The Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness held its fourth national conference on ending homelessness in November in London, Ontario. Nearly 1000 policy makers, front-line workers, funders, community leaders and researchers gathered together to share information and tools in order to work towards ending homelessness. Leaders in the field presented on innovative practices that are working in their communities. Sue Garvey was invited to present about her work with the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa. She presented with Linda Kauffmann, an episcopal priest from Washington DC who works with Community Solutions.

Sue and Linda spoke about the traditional role of faith communities in serving



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Sue Garvey, Executive Director of Cornerstone Housing for Women, recently presented at the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness' fourth national conference on ending homelessness.

the poor – using the image of ‘cots in a church basement’ as an example of the charity model often used. But Sue posed an important question:

“...how do you move from these one-off efforts that require a lot of time, resources and learning each time you do it to a movement within your church that has the capacity to do more faster, better and bring with it all the values and quality of life commitments that I believe we have to offer in a powerful way as faith communities?”

Sue used the example of what's going on in the Diocese of Ottawa to answer this complex question. Explaining that in 2015, the diocese created the Homelessness and Affordable Housing Working Group which adopted a mandate to have every parish engaged in creating affordable housing units.

When Sue told the crowd that the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa has a goal of creating 125 units of affordable housing by 2021, there was an audible reaction from the audience. People seemed shocked and excited by the work that is being done in Ottawa.

She spoke about the unique role that the church can play in addressing the need for affordable housing. Although the landscape of the church in Canada is changing, churches have assets, property, and outward looking congregants who are seeking to help those beyond their doors. This is an opportunity that can be used to help communities, in particular, when it comes to addressing the affordable housing shortage.

The Ten Commandments

JACQUIE SURGES

Seventeen Voyces is launching into 2017 with a musical screening of Cecil B. DeMille's 1923 silent epic, *The Ten Commandments*. Kevin Reeves, the founder and director of the chamber choir, has made it a signature of the group to accompany silent films with carefully selected musical programs. For *The Ten Commandments*, Reeves has chosen excerpts from Handel's oratorio 'Israel in Egypt.'

The show will run for two nights – February 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. – at St. Matthew's in the Glebe; where Reeves started his musical career as a chorister in the boys' choir. *Seventeen Voy-*

ces will be accompanied by the Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys and acclaimed Ottawa organist Matthew Larkin, who serves as the music director of Christ Church Cathedral. This year marks the 20th anniversary for *Seventeen Voyces*, making it the longest-running chamber choir in the city.

The Ten Commandments was the first in DeMille's biblical trilogy of films. It opens with the story of Moses and the Exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt. The second part jumps to two brothers in the modern day and shows their contrasting lives as they differ in their adherence to the Ten Commandments.

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Messy Church

**Another Take on
Traditional Services**

**BY KRISTA HUM, Diocesan
Youth Intern; Communica-
tions**

In December, Kiersten from Trinity Anglican Church and Ashley from Ascension teamed up to bring the children in their communities something called Messy Church. Parents from both parishes attended the event and their kids got the unique opportunity to partake in a service designed just for them. This month's service was Christmas themed and told the well known Christmas story. The service started on the altar of the church with the children crowded around a small nativity scene listening intently as the story

was told and placing their figurines with extreme care as they were asked to. Together, they recreated the Christmas story with knitted shepherds and sheep.

After a round of singing, the children headed downstairs to start the next part of their service. There were five stations set up to represent the five different meanings of the advent candles that they had learned about just moments before. There was a station for gingerbread cookie decorating which brought out the joy within children and parents alike. Ashley helped the kids make small seed ornaments to hang outside for birds to demonstrate their love for creation. Ev-

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FROM THE BISHOP

The Season of Epiphany

By The Rt. Rev. John Chapman

Today, at time of writing, it is Epiphany. As I think about this wonderful, and might I add, one of my favourite feasts, it could be said that this celebration or “Jesus event” could very well be a symbol or event that symbolizes this year of 2017. On this holiest of days, God calls the mighty, the powerful and learned, anointed kings to kneel before one of their own kind, a king, except to find his bed is straw and his parents peasants. The irony is overwhelming. Think about it for a moment. Imagine our Queen or members of our government journeying to a farm in the far reaches of our diocese to genuflect before a child born of poor parents in a ramshackled barn and call him king of kings.

This is what our diocese is called to live and to witness. If we are one of those blessed with wealth and position we are called to kneel before the poor and disenfranchised offering gifts of warmth, comfort, food and shelter. If we are poor or not “of means,” we are called to share our love and our compassion as we together struggle to live life with dignity embracing the fullness of God. At the New Year’s liturgy at our Cathe-

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dral, I said to the people of the diocese,

In the midst of the great wonder and beauty our [Canadian] nations enjoy, the global community is in crisis; many global leaders are not behaving as they ought, tens of thousands of Christians murdered, climate change, terrorism and war. We must not be spectators, commentators or passive critics of a time we wish was otherwise. There is a clarion call that has always been voiced by the prophets, Jesus the Christ, and the prophetic voices of contemporary society. They resound today even louder! It is the call of God to deep prayer, compassionate outreach amongst the marginalized and disenfranchised; to seek peace; faithful adherence to the Truth and Reconciliation directives; and sensible, thoughtful and articulate teaching that reflects not just our longing and work toward a civil society, but more important, the mission of God. Today, my friends, the call is even more urgent.

We, the people of God, the baptized, are not kings.

There was once a day I think we thought that we were, in a way, members of the elite in our society, special people, chosen by God to be the example of how one is to live and work in civil society – kings if you will. When I was a child, I always assumed that the kings that appeared at our family crèche scene were the “good guys” generously giving of themselves to the baby Jesus. They were powerful people with heart and kindness. I was taught to think fondly of them as they gazed upon the infant Jesus. While this may very well be true, what I didn’t understand was that “my people” were those shivering in the barn with little to sustain them. Gold and frankincense and myrrh, are really transitory and fleeting. It’s nice of them to bring gifts, but really? We never hear of them again. Did one of them attempt to set up Joseph and Mary with a “living”? Did they call for a physician to attend Mary in her time of need? Did they offer to purchase sheep from the local shepherds? Maybe they did all these things but the passage we are called to pray upon does not tell us these stories. Rather, they leave us with the image of three important people dropping by with outrageous gifts, genuflect to what their astrologers said was a king and then went on their way.



Sound familiar?

If we are to be people of the crèche, people of the barn, people called to live in community, which of course is the only way that we might survive, dropping by with impressive gifts and then promptly leaving is not the story into which we were baptised. “We must not be spectators, commentators or passive critics of a time we wish was otherwise”. We are called to the work of

the Lord. That work which people in the barn know very well; the work that sustains lives, gives hope, guards the weak and calls authority to justice and peace. May our Epiphanytide be filled with our longing to exercise the mission of God within our borders and beyond our borders.

+ John: Ottawa



NEWS

PWRDF and Partner to Retrofit 20 More Homes in Pikangikum, Ontario

By Anglican Journal

Work to retrofit at least 20 more homes in the beleaguered Indigenous community of Pikangikum, Ont. is set to begin this spring, partly as a result of efforts by the Anglican Church of Canada's relief and development arm.

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) will be partnering with Habitat for Humanity Manitoba, non-profit organization that provides homes for people who would be otherwise unable to afford them, to install water facilities and retrofit homes in the community early next year. The work involves, among other things, installing water holding tanks, water heaters, pumps and fixtures for bathrooms and kitchen sinks. In addition, seven young people in the community will receive training in plumbing and electricity.

The work is the second phase of a project begun by PWRDF in 2012; the first

saw 10 homes retrofitted with new water facilities and the training of six community members as full-time plumbers and electricians.

Pikangikum made national news headlines in 2008 after a series of youth suicides. Within two years, 16 people in the community between the ages of 10 and 19 committed suicide. In 2011, a group of volunteers was formed to provide help to the community, which also suffers from poor access to clean water. Most homes have had to rely on outdoor taps for water and outhouses instead of indoor toilets.

The federal government estimated it would cost \$180,000 to supply each home with water, but the Anglican-supported Pikangikum First Nation Working Group has been able to retrofit homes at a cost of \$20,000 each.

PWRDF has raised \$400,000 for this and other work in Pikangikum.

The Messenger

Canada's First Female Archdeacon Mourned as 'Pioneering Saint'

By Anglican Journal

The Rev. Betty Garrett, a Saskatchewan priest recognized as a trailblazer for female Anglican clergy in Canada, died Nov. 17 at a hospital in Moosomin, Sask. She was 87.

"Betty Garrett will be remembered as one of the pioneering saints of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle," said Bishop Rob Hardwick, at a funeral for Garrett held in Moosomin Nov. 25. Hardwick was quoting Archbishop David Ashdown, former metropolitan of Rupert's Land.

"The way she patterned ministry has prepared the way for women in the church."

Garrett was ordained a deacon in 1975, then became the diocese of Qu'Appelle's first female priest in 1979. In 1992, she became the first female archdeacon in Canada.

Garrett was born Betty

Maud Hawkins in rural Saskatchewan, and grew up on a small family farm. She is said to have preached to her dolls and chickens as a child. She attended high school in Moose Jaw and Edmonton. In 1949, she began studies in theology at the Anglican Women's Training College in Toronto. Garrett also studied at Wycliffe College, University of Toronto, but was unable to earn a degree because she was a woman.

She moved back to Saskatchewan, where she met and married Bob Garrett, a rancher and church warden. The couple had five children, two of whom died before reaching adulthood.

Garrett was made an honorary fellow of Saskatoon's College of Emmanuel and St. Chad in 1993. She retired in 1994, but remained active in the church.

Saskatchewan Anglican

Diocese of Toronto Proceeds with Same-Sex Marriages

By Anglican Journal

The diocese of Toronto has joined the dioceses of Ottawa and Niagara in deciding to allow same-sex marriages before the final vote on the matter in 2019.

On Nov. 10, Archbishop Colin Johnson released "pastoral guidelines" for the marriages of same-sex couples in the diocese. The marriages are to be performed only by selected priests in authorized parishes.

A resolution to change the Anglican Church of Canada's marriage canon to permit same-sex marriages passed its necessary first reading at General Synod this summer. Before it becomes

church law, the resolution needs to be passed at the next General Synod in 2019. But the dioceses of Ottawa and Niagara have announced they'll proceed with same-sex marriages immediately regardless of this requirement.

In a letter to priests accompanying the guidelines, Johnson acknowledged the resolution had not been finalized. Nevertheless, he wrote, "as an interim pastoral response, as Bishop of Toronto, responsible for the pastoral care and oversight of this diocese, I will permit selected priests, licensed to the cure of souls in a community, to preside in their parish at the marriage of a same-sex

couple in certain specific instances. Both priest and congregation must concur that this ministry will be offered.

"Neither parishes nor individual clergy will be required to celebrate marriages contrary to their convictions," he added.

The guidelines state that churches wishing to hold same-sex marriages must get permission from the diocesan bishop, and, among other things, they must show that they have undertaken "a process of prayer, education, consultation, discernment and consensus" in which the parish has been widely engaged.

The Anglican

New Brunswick Anglican Couple Asks for Prayers for Toddler Son

By Anglican Journal

A New Brunswick priest and his wife are asking for prayers after brain surgery on their three-year-old son this fall delivered mixed results.

Surgeons operating on Colin Ranson Nov. 18 at Texas Children's Hospital were unable to completely remove a tumor in his brain. However, he did seem to experience a lessening in the frequency of seizures associated with the tumour, according to his family. The family is now waiting to see whether Colin's seizures return, in which case he will need more surgery.

Colin had flown to Texas accompanied by his brother, his sister and his parents, Kimberly and the Rev. Paul Ranson, rector at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church in Fredericton. The hospi-

tal is considered a centre of excellence in the treatment of Pallister-Hall Syndrome, a rare condition from which Colin suffers, which has led to the growth of the tumour and the seizures.

Colin had already undergone surgery for the tumour in March, when doctors succeeded in removing part of it. Both trips were funded partly by a gift of \$170,000 from the diocese, the result of a fundraising campaign for Colin. The money helped with the cost of the surgery as well as accommodation, meals and time off work. The New Brunswick government also paid some medical costs.

The Ransons are asking for continued prayers for Colin.

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Messy Church...

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Everyone took turns signing Christmas cards for individuals in their community who weren't well enough to come out and attend mass anymore, it was a kind gesture meant to give hope and the children loved decorating and signing each and every card. The kids made dove ornaments out of tissue paper and cut out pictures of doves to hang on the tree standing in the church, all of them hung up their token of peace once they were done.

After all the crafts, dinner was served and the kids and parents chatted amongst themselves while sharing a simple yet delicious meal. At the end of the event everyone was full and happy, kids left with their parents and without necessarily realizing had learned the meaning of the four advent candles in their own special way throughout the evening.

Clergy News and Updates

Rev. Jonathan Askwith

has been appointed Incumbent of Maberly-Lanark (Diocese of Ottawa) and Parham-Sharbot (Diocese of Ontario); effective January 11, 2017.

Rev. Deacon Peter Cazaly

has been appointed the Program Director at Trinity Anglican Church, Cornwall; effective January 01, 2017, until June 30, 2017.

Rev. Robert (Bob) K. Leopold

has been appointed the Incumbent of the Parish of St. Luke's, Ottawa; effective January 01, 2017.

PARISH NEWS

Games Night at St. James Manotick

By Krista Hum, Diocesan Youth Intern; Communications

On December 9th, St. James, Manotick, had their monthly games night in their basement. Thirty-six youth from different parishes around the diocese arrived ready to take part in playing board games with friends. A hotdog dinner was supplied for the youth and they spent the night in each other's company. It's at these events that youth leaders find it easy to reach out and connect with their youth groups to continue and develop personal relationships with each teen. A wide prayer was sent out with each person stating what they wished to thank God for that day. The event was ended with their own version of the Mannequin challenge which

can be viewed on their Facebook page called, #Limitless, St James Youth.

These games nights give youth from around Ottawa the unique opportunity to meet up with other teens their age. This is especially great for teens with small youth groups, they can come to a welcoming space and take part in activities with a wonderful community of youth. These nights are valuable to help keep friendships made during the summer CLAY (Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth) Conference alive and strong.

The next games night at St. James will be held on Friday January 27th with Kiersten Jensen speaking to the youth about her trip to Jerusalem for the Women's Conference with the Epis-

copal Diocese of Jerusalem. She will provide an interesting account of her travels, which the St. James parish is looking forward to. All youth aged twelve to seventeen are welcome to attend this games night. Pizza will be provided, as always a free will offering will be accepted, as well as drinks, snacks and board games. Don't hesitate to come out and have a fun filled evening with other youth from the diocese.



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REFLECTIONS

Invitation to Become More Engaged, Deepen Relationship

By Rev. Canon Stewart Murray

The decorations and music of the Christmas celebrations have only just begun to fade away when we are once again invited into the annual journey of Lent. The Christmas and Epiphany colours of gold and white are replaced with the somber purple of Lent and the joyful singing of Alleluias is put aside until Holy Saturday and the triumph of the Resurrection. But we must not let the joy of Christmas leave us as we enter the 40 days of Lent. To fully understand the wonder of Christmas and the incarnation of Jesus Christ, we need to see them in the light of the events of Holy Week and Good Friday. For the Incarnation of the living God in human form is the first step in the plan of a loving Father who seeks to bring healing, love and mercy into our troubled world. The events of Christmas were God's response to the prayers and the cries of our hearts in the midst of the brokenness of our lives.



Philippians 2:7, gives us an insight into the plan of salvation.

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

In Jesus' life and the manner of His death and resurrection we encounter a deeper understanding of the nature of God and of the

depth of His love for us. In His incarnation we are able to grasp on a human level what love is. We see in Jesus' public ministry His desire to heal, to feed the body and the soul, to lift up the human heart and imagination. In Jesus, we see love in action in the midst of life, in times of joy, sorrow and trouble. In the everyday scenes of the scriptures we see Jesus responding to the needs of others at the wedding at Cana, at the funeral bier of a young man and in his many encounters with the sick and suffering.

Lent gives us an opportunity to reflect on the times in our journey when the love of Christ has touched our lives; the times when the hope of the Gospel has given us courage, strength and peace. The theme of God reaching out to us in Jesus sees its ultimate expression in the drama of Holy Week and His death on the cross. For in the cross Jesus embraced the brokenness, fear, darkness and death caused by our estrangement from God, and rose again.

Christmas, Lent and Easter are not merely times of

"Let us take up the challenge and share in the work of the Gospel..."

looking back on some interesting historical events, but rather are opportunities to see our life experience in a larger context. We are invited to enter into the events celebrated in order to become more engaged in what matters in life and to deepen our relationship with God in Christ. Our Parish communities are places of encounter with Christ, where together we seek to respond to the invitation of Christ proclaimed in word and deed at Easter. Let us take up the challenge and share in the work of the Gospel and in the Risen life of Christ. As Jesus proclaims to all who desire a richer life -"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10.



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STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Café Conversations

By Elizabeth Reicker, Member of the Stewardship Subcommittee

During a lively 45 minutes on Saturday afternoon, October 22, 2016, Synod members talked to their neighbours about many aspects of Stewardship. Organized by the Diocesan Stewardship Subcommittee, the session built on Stewardship Cafés held at St. James, Carleton Place, and Church of the Epiphany in 2016, and the work and resources provided by Jane Scanlon, Diocesan Stewardship Development Officer. These resources are available at: <http://bit.ly/2jf6cDI>

Synod members chose from nine topics ranging from Embracing God's Future to Pledge Campaigns. The most popular subjects were Volunteers (7 tables) and Rural and Small Congregations (7 tables). Other topics included Pledge Campaigns (1 table), Legacy Giving (1 table), Embracing God's Future (1 table), Donor Fatigue (3 tables), Children and Youth (3 tables), Hospitality and Welcoming (3 tables) and Ways of Giving (1 table).

Synod members were highly engaged with their chosen topics. The buzz in the room was audible, and it took some effort to end the conversations in order to stay within the allocated time. Members of the Subcommittee were very pleased to hear the conversations and to read the notes that were recorded at each table.

We hope you too will take the opportunity to talk to your neighbour at one of two Cafés coming up on February 11, 2017, or on September 30, 2017.

During the Synod conversations, several themes emerged. Here are some highlights.

People, Hospitality and Welcoming

Recommendations from these conversations indicated that parishes would benefit from:

- identifying people who may feel left out and asking them to participate
- asking ourselves to pretend to be newcomers and per-



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A way of life

haps new without church experience

- extending sincere greetings to newcomers on Sunday with appropriate follow up in order to encourage return or regular participation
- building relationships with newcomers before assigning jobs
- listening and remembering that short-term volunteer commitments are a good way to start
- seeking to raise the profile of the Church in the community
- asking if the percentage of participation has increased when church attendance has dropped
- ensuring accessibility and easy (mobile) ways to give
- paying attention to signage, parking, Wi-Fi and technology
- sharing newcomer packages, newsletters and information about events

Mission and Ministry

It is important for parishes to:

- be viable in the community and the Diocese
- focus on mission and ministry, be more evangelical and include a focus on social justice
- link with Embracing God's Future, our diocesan roadmap (This is helpful for setting priorities and involving parishes in the broader picture.)
- ask the question, "Is the spirit inspiring us?"
- address the dilemma between focusing on buildings or outreach

Leadership

The Diocese has many resources for leadership development; including workshops, deanery connections, diocesan website, and helpful events.

Clergy and lay education

must address:

- needs for specialized ministries (rural, inner city)
- communication (tell the story, give thanks)
- empowerment (mentoring, facilitating change)

Stewardship Activities

The following stewardship activities were listed as being important for parishes:

- identification of priorities for ministry, remembering that people are passionate about outreach
- communication through bulletins, narrative budgets, newsletters and events
- asking for support – both volunteer and financial through pledges, planned giving and sharing of time and talents (More information and education about pledge campaigns is required.)
- provide up-to-date information about how to give: legacy, mobile and automated giving
- integrate Stewardship with parish activities and worship on a year-round basis
- emphasize whole life as well as financial stewardship

Stewardship Subcommittee is offering two Stewardship Cafés in 2017:

- February 11, 9:30am – 2pm, at St James, Manotick
- September 30, 9:30am – 2pm, at Christ Church, Seaway

In our evaluation feedback from previous Cafés, one participant said, "thank you for a great opportunity to participate in conversations about Stewardship. It is always valuable to spend time discussing and learning with colleagues and educators."

Please register for one of these Cafés by sending an email to Jane Scanlon at: jane-scanlon@ottawa.anglican.ca

These Cafés are offered free of charge, and refreshments and lunch are provided.

LIFELONG FORMATION

Malcolm Tychie

By Krista Hum, Diocesan Youth Intern; Communications

Malcolm Tychie, a grade twelve at Nepean High School, is one of the students taking part in the Youth Internship Program with St. James, Manotick. Malcolm attends All Saints Westboro and is hoping to study mechanical engineering in university next year. He is the Community Engagement Coordinator at Trinity Anglican Church, meaning a large portion of his work is done on social media, platforms such as Facebook and Twitter. He writes news and reminders for the parishioners to access through social media in the hopes of informing people of the events going on in their church.

Another one of his roles is writing a monthly newsletter telling people about volunteer opportunities coming up or highlighting an outstanding volunteer and celebrating the work that they do. Malcolm is also involved in planning two events, one is a training session. The goal of this session is to not only

recruit more people to help volunteer but to let them know what they would be doing and how to handle situations as they arise. The other event is a day to celebrate the amazing volunteers they have already, this day is all about recognizing their hard work and commending them for their commitment.

Malcolm finds that throughout his placement he is learning new skills such as proper work etiquette and email response periods. As always, he is learning how to interact with others in a professional setting and knowing how to set professional boundaries with colleagues, other interns and supervisors. With all of these important workplace skills comes a much more meaningful achievement as well, Malcolm has gotten the opportunity to go to a different church and therefore has met a multitude of new people. He is learning new perspectives and beginning to appreciate stepping out of his comfort zone to interact with others and continue learning.

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PARISH NEWS

The Ten Commandments...

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At the time of its release, it was the most expensive film ever made. The epic required the construction of the grandiose City of the Pharaoh in the deserts of California. When the film wrapped up, the set was lost to the sand dunes only to be recovered in 2012 by a team of archaeologists tipped off to its existence by DeMille's posthumously published autobiography. In the famous 'parting of the Red Sea' scene, a close up of two bricks of blue gelatin melting is used to give the effect of the water parting then closing in on the Pharaoh and his men.

The screening of The Ten Commandments will be the most recent in a series of memorable movie

events that have come to be known as the calling card for Seventeen Voyces. Last year, the choir appeared as guests of the Ottawa Choral Society to perform Carl Orff's Carmina Burana alongside the 1925 historical classic, Ben Hur. Reeves master-minded the show and acted as a guest conductor for the performance. The two-night run sold out.

The Ten Commandments is the second in the choir's three-part subscription series for the 2016-17 season. It opened on December 3 with a Welcome Yule that featured Marc-Antoine Charpentier's "Messe de Minuit" and 20th century English Christmas music. The final part in the series will be a performance of Venus and

Adonis, a short opera written by baroque composer John Blow. The 1683 work is the earliest surviving English opera and was the precursor to the better-known Dido and Aeneas by Henry Purcell.

Venus and Adonis will be performed on May 26 and 27 at Southminster United Church in Old Ottawa South. Soprano Bronwyn Thies-Thompson will play Venus with baritone Joel Allison assuming the role of Adonis. The choir will be accompanied by the Ottawa Baroque Consort and Makin' Moves Dance Studio, an Ottawa children's dance theatre.

For more information on Seventeen Voyces or how to purchase tickets, visit: seventeenoyces.ca

Share Table

By Lisbeth Mousseau

Every summer parishioners bring surplus vegetables from their garden to share with others. Donations for the veggies are sent to Cambodia to buy wells. This year the generous gifts bought two wells, which will enable multiple families to get clean drinking water, improve their health, grow vegetables and tend to animals. Their lives turn around for the better, from dire poverty to three meals a day, children going to school, money for a little extra. Here is a picture of one of the wells with the proud farmer and one of his



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One of the wells installed through donations by Good Shepherd, Barrhaven.

children. Notice the lush field in the back and the name of our church on the board. Thanks to all who contributed to this Blessing.



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Treasures Auction a Triumph

By Margret Brady Nankivell, Auction Committee

Held on Oct. 29, St. Matthew's Treasures Auction was lively and elegant. Involving about 135 volunteers in many capacities, the event raised \$60,000, including some post-auction sales. Over the next few months a few remaining auction items will be sold.

On Sunday, Dec. 11, St. Matthew's presented a certificate for \$15,500 to Dr. Robert Fourney, parishioner at St. Giles Presbyterian Church, in support of FACES (First Avenue Churches and Community Embracing sponsorship) refugee program. Dr. Fourney is St. Giles's committee representative on the FACES committee. The program has already supported two refugee families – one from Syria and one from Iraq -- and the money raised by the auction will pay more than half the costs of sponsoring a third



PHOTO: GORD METCALFE

Members of St. Matthew's Girls' Choir assisted auction convener Peggy Nankivell during the live auction

family.

Entertainment at the well-attended event included superb harp playing by the Acacia Harp Duo (Susan

Sweeney Herman and Janine Dudding), piano and organ music by St. Matthew's music director Kirkland Adsett, and a cappella singing by the

Glebelles, directed by Maeve Weddle. The live auctions were signalled by trumpet fanfares by Josh Campbell of St. Matthew's boys' choir.

The food was ample and scrumptious. The wine and beverage service was excellent.

The live auction, with auctioneers Andrew Campbell and Jamie Tomlinson, was animated and highly competitive, especially the vigorous bidding for the St. Matthew's church birdhouse, the perfect retreat for Christian birds. Rev. Gregor Sneddon's encouragement to the bidders to "bid often" and "bid high" was noticeably effective.

The auction committee is very grateful for the support from parishioners who were generous in their donations and purchases and who volunteered so much time. We are also most appreciative of the impressive community support. Businesses and other musical and theatrical groups contributed items, tickets, food, time, advertising and sponsorships.

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PARISH NEWS

The Kid Comes to St. Matthew's

By Kirkland Adsett

On Saturday, February 18 at 7pm, St. Matthew's Boys' and Girls' Choirs, together with their director Kirkland Adsett, will present musical accompaniment to Charlie Chaplin's silent film *The Kid*. The presentation will be approximately one hour long and will appeal to children and adults alike. First shown in 1921, this comedy-drama was Chaplin's first full-length film as a director. In addition to starring in the picture, Chaplin also wrote the script, produced the film and later in life, wrote a full musical score to accompany it. During silent films, a pianist, theatre organist, or in large cities, even a small orchestra would often play music to accompany the films. Pianists and organists would either play from sheet music or improvise; an orchestra would play from sheet music. St. Matthew's children's choir will sing a number of songs written by Chaplin himself for use in his films including *Smile* which was written for the film *Modern Times*. This

song has been performed by many singers, including Nat King Cole and Michael Jackson. Additional "period" musical accompaniment to the film will be played on the organ and piano.

Chaplin viewed the end of the silent era warily, but wrote in his autobiography that "one happy thing about sound was that I could control the music, so I composed my own." He explained that he wanted "elegant and romantic music" to contrast with his Tramp character. Chaplin, who was reared in English music halls and played several instruments by ear but could not read music, composed the music for his films, beginning with *City Lights* (1931), relying on musical assistants to help him translate his ideas into scores and then soundtracks. Chaplin, who knew many leading musical figures of his day — his autobiography is peppered with accounts of his meetings with Stravinsky, Caruso, Casals and others — made no grand claims for his music. He wrote of meet-

ing the composer Arnold Schoenberg, whose work he admired. "After seeing my film *Modern Times*, he told me that he enjoyed the comedy but my music was very bad — and I had to partly agree with him," Chaplin wrote.

Widely considered one of the greatest films of the silent era, *The Kid* was selected for preservation by the Library of Congress in 2011 as being "culturally, historically, and aesthetically significant." *The Kid* is most notable for combining comedy and drama as the opening title states: "a picture with a smile-and perhaps, a tear." Please join us for a memorable evening at St. Matthew's Church, 217 First Avenue, on February 18 at 7pm. No tickets are required but donations to defray expenses are welcome

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A group of female clergy from the Diocese of Ottawa who were present at Christ Church Cathedral on November 30 for the Eucharist to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the ordination of women in the Anglican Church of Canada.

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NEWS

Linda Nicholls Installed as Bishop of Huron

By Anglican Journal

Linda Nicholls, elected coadjutor bishop of the diocese of Huron last February, was enthroned as diocesan bishop at a ceremony in London, Ont. Nov. 26.

Nicholls is not only the diocese's first female bishop; she is also the first bishop in the diocese to be enthroned in a non-Anglican church. Only nine days before the ceremony was to take place, the sanctuary of St. Paul's Cathedral in London was declared unsafe and temporarily closed. Metropolitan United Church offered its space instead, and the bishop and diocese accepted the invitation.

In an address at the end of the ceremony, Nicholls said she saw the gesture as a sign of future collaboration between the two churches.

"It is no accident, I think, that we are here today. For we are in the midst of challeng-

ing times as God's Church in which we are being called to work together," she said. "I actually think this is a mark and a sign of my episcopacy that we will move on together."

In another ecumenical gesture, Nicholls made the customary bang on the church door at the beginning of the service using a crozier presented to Bruce Howe, a former bishop of the diocese, by Bishop Ron Fabbro of the Roman Catholic diocese of London, in 2007.

The ceremony featured an address by Archbishop Fred Hiltz, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and was attended by hundreds of parishioners and clergy, including Archbishop Colin Johnson of the diocese of Toronto and Bishop Bob Bennett, Nicholls' predecessor as bishop of Huron, who retired Nov. 1.

Huron Church News

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Considering if God is Blessing our Church.

Defining this articles context of "Blessing"?

For the purpose of this article "Blessings" means: Earning favoured status with God and being rewarded with prosperity and success, where the blessing serves as a guide and motivation to pursue a course of life which follows God's wishes and laws.

An example would be Caleb and Joshua, who received "Blessings" because they followed God (while the others did not).

Surely none... shall see the land of which I swore to Abraham..., because they have not wholly followed Me, except Caleb... and Joshua... for they have wholly followed the LORD (Numbers 32 11-15). "Blessings" were not given to those who did not obey and in fact, they all perished in the wilderness.

What would a Church that God is Blessing look like?

A Blessed Church would continually experience prosperity and success. It's con-

gregation would be robust and growing, in spirituality as well as numbers.

It would be experiencing strong growth and likely would be successfully planting (opening) new Churches.

It would have a congregation that was excited, confident and forward looking. People who were weak in spirit would be helped and motivated by the strong in spirit. The weak would grow strong and rather than leave the Church they would invite new people in and help grow the Church!

A Blessed Church would prosper financially as well. From nothing more than the congregations offerings and donations it would self-finance capital improvements and Church missions without government money (or conditions).

A Blessed Church would have a multi generational congregation with the average age close to 45. Young married couple with babies and toddlers would be common.

In each point above, we can take out the word "would" because there actually are Churches that follow God and receive His Blessing! Today! The above are merely observations of such Churches rather than a hypothetical creation.

Can our Church become one which God will Bless?

Of course it can! God wants to "Bless" all Churches! And we have a perfect place to start – The Mission of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa: "to enable people to know Jesus Christ, to live and share the good News, to grow in faith and to serve God's world."

Fulfilling our mission is a stepping stone into a much bigger mission of following God and as we learned above (Numbers 32 11-15), earning His "Blessings".

If we follow God, we will come to know Jesus Christ intimately ourselves and be ideally prepared, through our own experience, to fulfill the 1st part of our mission "To enable people to know Jesus

Christ". That intimacy will teach us how to live within Gods wishes and laws making us better examples as we go forth and fulfill the 2nd part, "to live and share the good news". By following God and living as he wishes us to, we will already have fulfilled the 3rd part, "to grow in faith and to serve God's world".

Our mission points us in the right direction - Towards God, and gives us built in "checks and balances". To ensure we are in fact going in the right direction we need to simply ask ourselves. "Is what I'm doing enabling people to know Jesus Christ? Am I living and sharing the good News? And am I growing in faith and serving God's world?"

What purpose does any Church serve if it does not promote God and affirm his laws and lifestyle?

This question may seem strange but, a Church which does not obey and follow God cannot serve God. A Church which does not serve God simply has no purpose except to be a place for social

gatherings.

As explained above a Church which follows GOD will receive His "Blessings" and will grow. Contrarily a Church that does not follow God will not receive GODS "Blessings" and rather than grow it likely will shrink, thus confirming that a Church that does not follow God has no purpose!

What about the congregation?

The congregation is WHY there is a Church. All that is written above is for the congregation but it needs the proper leadership, without which the Church will not be able to earn Gods "Blessings".

"Blessings" help us measure Gods approval and we should consider them when evaluating the success of our Churches.

Note: Prayer is important and Paul Dumbrille gives excellent advice on prayer. Please be sure to read "Prayer Matters" in each Crosstalk

–Sean Watson

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Christ Church Cathedral

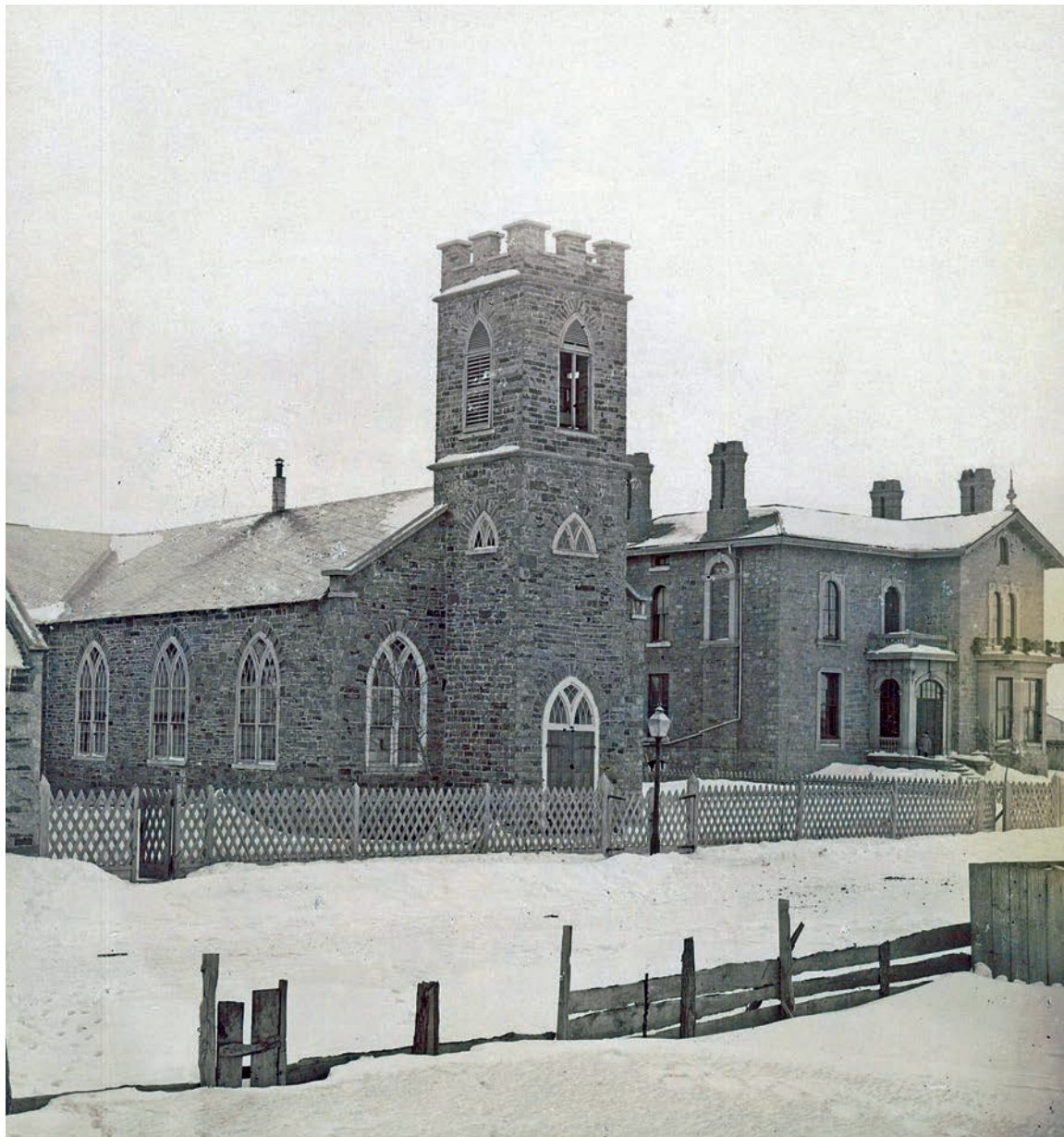
Lighting with Gas

By Glenn J Lockwood

Even by pioneer standards, Ottawa was unremarkable when it started out in 1826 as Bytown, a Rideau Canal construction camp. At the time, life at the confluence of the Rideau, Gatineau and Ottawa rivers was focussed on Philemon Wright's Columbia Falls Village, later Hull, and now downtown Gatineau, which was founded in 1800. It was there the first Anglican house of worship in the region, Saint James's Church, Hull, opened its doors in 1824.

In 1821, Nicholas Sparks paddled across the Ottawa River to carve a homestead out of the woods on the south side. Just five years later, Colonel John By and his engineers arrived to start the canal. Upon building Sappers Bridge to cross the canal taking shape, and Union Bridge across the Ottawa River, connecting the south shore to Saint James's Church, Hull, a church in Bytown was thought by some to be unnecessary. But once the canal began turning the shantytown into a centre of commerce, local Anglicans wanted a church of their own.

In April 1832, plans were made to build "an Episcopal Church in Bytown," fifty feet by thirty on a site donated by Nicholas Sparks. Just over a year later, Richard Thomas put up a sturdy stone Re-



gency Gothic Revival house of worship. It was a plain little building at first. Christ's Church members worshipped between unplastered walls, with no ceiling; there were seats of rough plank rather than pews and just one stove to heat the cold stone space. In August 1833, the congregation implored Lieu-

tenant-Governor Colborne at Toronto for another stove with "necessary pipes and cordwood" or they would be compelled to shut up the Church for the winter."

The new parish got off to a shaky start as far as clergy were concerned too. Its first clergyman, Adam Hood Burwell, who served from 1833

to 1837, ran off to join the Irvingites, a Scottish protestant sect that gloomily anticipated the imminent end of the world.

The parish did better with its next rector, the Reverend Samuel Strong, who served it from 1837 to 1857. He efficiently moved to raise funds for a font, pulpit and desk as

well as panels bearing the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments and the Creed. Very quickly he moved to enlarge the church and under his guidance, transepts, a chancel, a tower and a tin roof were added by 1841.

After the Reverend John Strutt Lauder arrived as rector in 1857, the church women of Ottawa raised funds to build the Tuscan-style stone rectory we see here on the west side of Christ's Church. The lamp post out front reminds us that from the 1850s, Christ's Church was lighted by gas. Here we see Christ's Church, Bytown (later Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa) just before demolition at the time the last Christmas services were being held within its walls. The latticework fence in front of the church and rectory was meant to prevent livestock wandering the streets from taking liberties with the church property. Dog owners, take notice!

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Christmas Support

By Jennifer Hache, Development Officer; Community Ministries of Ottawa

The people of the Diocese of Ottawa have given of themselves to create a celebration of Christmas for our Community Ministries. Financial gifts, food, time, and energy shared by so many of you ensured that the participants and families of Centre 454, The Well, St. Luke's Table, Cornerstone Housing for Women and the Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre were able to experience some of the joy of the



Christmas season. My heart was full of gladness when I witnessed the gatherings that brought together so many participants and volunteers and the gratitude expressed when participants received a Christmas parcel was something that I won't forget.

The Community Ministries, offer support and encouragement, and qualities too often in short supply on our streets — respect, dignity, a sense of belonging, and the assurance that somebody cares. Thank you for being that somebody.

For more information about the Community Ministries of Ottawa, please visit: communityministries.ca

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REFLECTIONS

The Church, A Bureaucracy?

By PJ Hobbs

I take comfort in the fact that the Church is here to stay. A friend recently pointed out that after the military, the Church is the oldest bureaucracy in the world. That rings true. I do cringe though at the Church being described as a bureaucracy. The Church takes many forms and we refer to it in many ways (e.g. family, household of faith, People of God, Body of Christ). The Messianic Community, one of my favourite descriptors of the Church, dates back to the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit breathed new life into the beleaguered disciples in Jerusalem.

Among other manifestations, the Messianic Community – in the world, but not of the world – does take on institutional forms that incorporate both the best and worst behaviours of other earthy organizations – even bureaucracies. While we should take care not to limit our understanding of the Church to its institutional forms, we need to be faithful stewards when it does. At the risk of stating the obvious, the Church in our context is experiencing a crisis much like other organizations.

I cannot remember a conversation when someone asserted the Church does not need to change, in fact, quite the opposite. The realities of our demographics, finances, and relevancy within a rapidly shifting culture are all too evident. Our governance structures, shape of ministries, use of real property, stewardship of finances are all under scrutiny as we look to change in order to engage the ministry begun by Jesus.

To do so, along with responding to the promptings of the Spirit, we avail ourselves of the insights of organizational behaviour. In my view it would be bad stewardship not to.

Ronald Heifetz of Harvard University offers a theoretical framework to assist organizations in change (try a search on Google or Amazon). Heifetz and his colleagues make the distinction between technical problems and adaptive challenges. A technical problem in something we know how to fix; the knowledge, resources, and skills exist to do so. A light bulb that burns out is a technical problem; we know how to fix it. Even an intricate surgery is a technical problem; the knowledge to do so exists.

An adaptive challenge, on the other hand, requires new skills, insights, and competencies to effect change. Adaptive challenges emerge when there is a gap between our aspirations and our collective ability to make change. Addressing climate change, achieving truth and reconciliation, or reforming health care are examples of adaptive challenges. If they were technical problems, we would fix them quickly. Rather they call for the development of new approaches, knowledge, skills, and collective competencies. I would contend that the Church in our context is facing adaptive challenges more than technical problems.

An adaptive challenge calls for collaboration, courageous risk taking, and experimentation even at the risk of failure. This moves within an iterative cycle of observation, interpretation, and interven-

tion, requiring humility, naming our place in the mix and displaying our incompetency. At times we need to admit, “I don’t know and I don’t have the solution”. Adaptive challenges require vulnerability.

Heifetz cautions that even when adaptive challenges are named, organizations can fall into practices that sabotage change. We externalize the challenges by blaming others: the surrounding culture, sports on Sunday, consumerism, secularism, etc. Or, we delegate the responsibility to others unable to do anything; working groups with no authority. Or, we reduce the challenge to manageable bits that appear as quick technical fixes, tweaks like rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic.

All this can seem far too familiar to the realities of the Church today. We are naming the challenges of the institutional form of the Messianic Community. At times I fear we blame others or reduce the challenge to a quick fix. Yet more than a bureaucracy, we are the Body of Christ. As followers of Jesus we know what it means to be humble, vulnerable, take risks, and work together. And we know that even what seems a dreadful failure (consider the Cross), can lead to new life. So, I take comfort in the fact that the Church is here to stay.

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Prayer Matters

Pilgrimage and Prayer

By Paul Dumbrille, Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Representative

What is a Pilgrimage?

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey and it is the spiritual content that differentiates it from any other kind of tour, expedition or trip. A pilgrim is not a tourist. It is a way of getting yourself out of the way. While I was walking on the Camino de Santiago in Spain several years ago, I crafted my own definition of a pilgrim: A Pilgrim is a person who is on an inward spiritual journey of learning and growth that involves some element of loss or pain, and which most often coincides with a physical journey from place to place. Most often the physical destination is a sacred place that has spiritual and religious meaning.

Why go on a Pilgrimage?

People go on pilgrimages for as many reasons as there



are pilgrims. A pilgrimage provides the opportunity to step out of the non-stop busyness of our lives, to seek a time of quiet and reflection. It is an opportunity to pray in our own way, and gives us the chance to 'walk through' those issues that we have on our minds, whatever they might be. In prayer, it offers the chance to re-energise mentally, physical and spiritually. It allows us to connect with God and the natural world—as well as to refresh our faith or seek spiritual direction.

The reasons for going on a

pilgrimage might be:

- To set aside time for God and feel closer to him
- To discern his will and guidance at times of transition or difficulty
- To be strengthened in faith
- To feel inspired by the communion of saints who have gone before us

Often, people go on a pilgrimage when they are at a crossroads in their lives - when undergoing a change in their life's direction or relationships. Others may be in search of a deeper spirituality, healing and forgiveness. Or it may be that pilgrimage marks a special birthday, retirement or other occasion for giving thanks. I experienced pilgrimage walking on the Camino de Santiago in Spain at the time I "retired" from paid employment in the high tech industry. It gave me an opportunity to look inside and refocus my life.

The joy of Pilgrimage

A pilgrimage can be a life-

changing, transformational experience. A time of letting go of the old to let the new come in. Pilgrims don't merely visit a place as tourists, they come away inspired and changed by it in some way. Going on a pilgrimage may give us a new sense of awareness and wonder. Or result in a greater sense of our life's purpose. Pilgrimage helps to illuminate the journey of life by helping us to focus on 'what really matters' and to rediscover the joy of giving and generosity. We receive a greater appreciation for life's gifts and God's gifts.

Getting more out of Pilgrimage

Before going, it is best to think through the reasons why you are going on pilgrimage. What is your purpose? What do you want to get out of it? Can you be praying for others as you walk? If there are spiritually significant places on route, plan to visit and spend time at them. BY the same token, be attentive as you travel to the messages

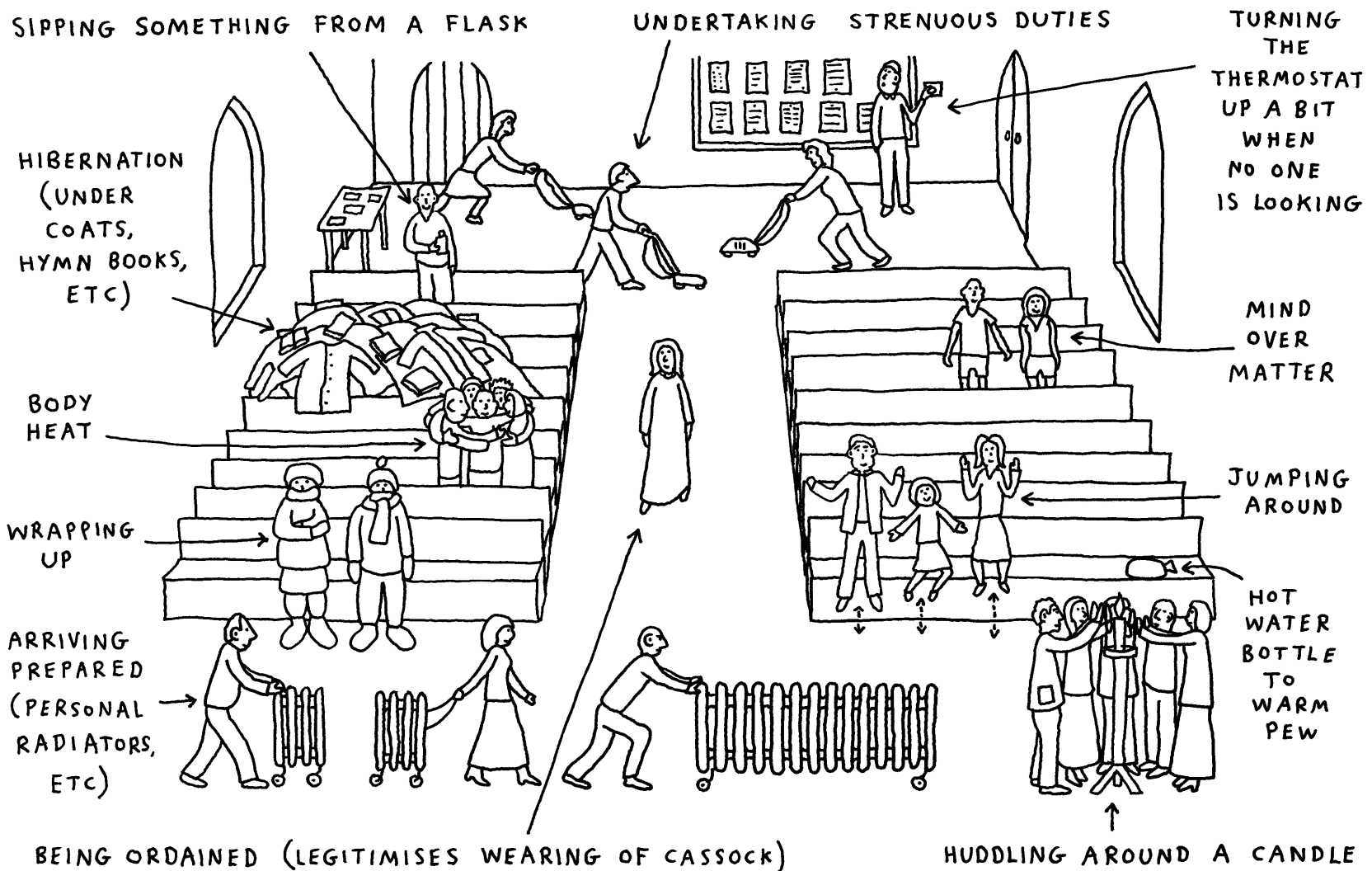
you may receive, and insights you gain from the unexpected sights sounds and people you encounter. Be open to those you meet and be prepared to help one another. And mark your journey in some way—perhaps by keeping a journal, taking photos, sketching or writing poetry. Learning to be adaptable is the mark of a real pilgrim—it's when the best things often happen. Accept that adversity is as much a part of pilgrimage as the joy and gladness that comes from reaching your destination.

Results

A pilgrimage will not leave you untouched. The result depends on you how you will treat yourself, your faith and people you meet along the way. Challenging little things like pain of tired feet or heavy backpack, or lack of food will set me free. It can be a liberating experience that sets you free from misconceptions, fears or uncertainties, and bring back proper proportions to your life.

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January 29

Ascension Jazz Series: At 7pm at Church of the Ascension (253 Echo Dr). Betty Ann Bryanton & Pierre Monfils; Two artists who share a love of jazz standards and abundant laughter marry a warm, clear voice with gorgeous guitar. Info: churchoftheascension.ca

St. Luke's Concert

Series: At 7:30pm at St. Luke's (760 Somerset St W). Schubert's Die Winterreise: Come and join baritone Jean-Sébastien Kennedy and pianist Nadia Boucher on Schubert's Winter Journey, an emotional journey of the heart, mind and soul. Admission by donation. Info: 613-235-3416 music@stlukesottawa.ca stlukesottawa.ca/connect/recital-series

January 30

Youth Mental Health Presentation: From 11-2pm at St. James, Carleton Place (225 Edmund St). A Youth Mental Health Presentation by Royal Ottawa facilitator; for youth and their parents or parish leaders/volunteers. Free event, registration not required. Lunch provided. Info: http://bit.ly/2ikuRHO



February 01

Ordination: At 7pm at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St). God willing, Rev'ds Ryan Boivin, Mary-Catherine Gardner, and Victoria Scott will be ordained to the Priesthood. Clergy are invited to robe and the liturgical colour is white. The Master of Ceremonies is The Rev. Canon Catherine Ascah, assisted by The Rev. Gregor Sneddon, and The Rev. Canon Catherine Acah will preach. Please keep the ordinands in your prayers.

Reel Faith: At 6pm at St. Margaret's (206 Montreal Rd). Finding God at the Movies: Chocolat. A simple supper followed by viewing and discussion of movies with a spiritual dimension.

All are welcome. No charge to attend but free will donations gratefully accepted to cover food costs. Free parking available in the lot on the east side of the church. Info: 613-746-8815 strmargaretsvanier.ca

February 02

Candlemas: At 7pm at St. Matthew's (2147 First Ave). Info: 613-234-4024 stmatthewsanglicanchurch@bellnet.ca stmatthewsottawa.ca

February 03

Labyrinth Walk: At 7pm at St. Luke's (760 Somerset St W). Introduction and labyrinth walk. Note: last walker entering into labyrinth is at 8:15pm Refreshments 8:30 - 9pm Suggested donation \$10-\$20 or best offer is most appreciated. Info: 613-235-3416 stlukesottawa.ca

February 04

DYC Service Event: From 10am-3pm at Christ Church, Bells Corners (3861 Old Richmond Rd). Youth and leaders or parish volunteers can join the Affordable Housing Task Force for a day of engagement and service. Free lunch, no registration required! A great way to connect with friends from Diocesan Youth Conference before the event in May! Info: http://bit.ly/2jw0WKy

February 05

Choral Evensong: At 4pm at St. Matthew's (2147 First Ave). Info: 613-234-4024 stmatthewsanglicanchurch@bellnet.ca stmatthewsottawa.ca

February 11

Stewardship Café: From 9:30am - 2pm at St. James, Manotick (1138 Bridge St). The Café will provide opportunities to learn more about stewardship, to gather new ideas and to have peer-to-peer conversations. Tools and resources for parish stewardship ministries will be available. Lunch is provided. Info: 613-232-7124 x.225 jane-scanlon@ottawa.anglican.ca

Valentine Concert: At 7pm at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St). The Cathedral Girls Choir presents Vivaldi's Gloria along with a light selection celebrating Valentine's Day. Info: 613-236-9149

CALENDAR

February 12

St. Luke's Concert Series: At 7:30pm at St. Luke's (760 Somerset St W). Feat. Aditi Magdalena (violin) with John Gallienne (piano). Not quite Baroque feat. ironic and neo-Baroque aesthetic twists in duo repertoire by Stravinsky, Fritz Kreisler, Healey Willan, Arvo Pärt and others. Admission by donation. Info: 613-235-3416 music@stlukesottawa.ca stlukesottawa.ca/connect/recital-series

February 15

Restorative Retreats: From 1-3pm at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St). Gather with like-minded colleagues, find refreshment and sanctuary. Participate in the guided practice of walking meditation in the labyrinth. Take time for renewal and return to work with increased capacity. Tea and snacks provided. Info: 613-818-1754 christine@deaconchristine.ca

February 18

Charlie Chaplin's The Kid: At 7pm at St. Matthew's (217 First Ave). St. Matthew's Boys' and Girls' Choirs, together with their director Kirkland Adsett, will present musical accompaniment to Charlie Chaplin's silent film The Kid. No tickets are required but donations to defray the expenses are welcome. Info: 613-234-4024 stmatthewsanglicanchurch@bellnet.ca stmatthewsottawa.ca

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February 20

Registration for Diocesan-Wide Canoe Trip: Registration open today for a five-day canoe trip in Algonquin Park for youth 14-18. Everyone is welcome, no experience needed. Info: http://bit.ly/2iVAD1f

February 26

St. Luke's Concert Series: At 7:30pm at St. Luke's (760 Somerset St W). Broadway Brass: the Centretown Brass Quintet takes you on a legacy tour of Broadway. Feat. Peter

Crouch & Cameron Walker (trumpets), Michael Lavasseur (french horn), Paul Adjelejian (trombone), and Corey Rempel (tuba). Admission by donation. Info: 613-235-3416 music@stlukesottawa.ca stlukesottawa.ca/connect/recital-series

February 28

Ascension's Shrovetide Organic Pancake Supper: From 4-7pm at Church of the Ascension (253 Echo Dr). This annual benefit for the Centretown Emergency Food Bank serves from-scratch organic pancakes and real maple syrup, with sausages. (We're close enough to the canal for a skate before or after supper). Nonperishable food items will be collected for the food bank. Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$5 Children under 14; or pay what you can.

St. Mark's Annual Pancake Supper: From 5-7pm at St. Mark's (1606 Fisher Ave). Continuous sittings from 5-7pm; serving whole wheat and regular pancakes,

and sausages. Tickets: \$8 Adults Children under 12 are free Info: 613-224-7431 stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca stmarksottawa.ca



May 07

Congregational Resource Day: At St. Helen's (1234 Prestone Dr). This year's theme is "Worship That Works". More information will be available shortly.

May 18

Bishop's Gala: At the Hampton Inn and Conference Centre (200 Coventry Rd). The Bishop's Gala, formerly the Friends of the Bishop Dinner, will begin with cocktails, followed by dinner and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.



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